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James S. Evans

James S. Evans, you came to Lawrence as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry in 1966 after earning your Ph.D. from Princeton in the same year. Before completing your Ph.D., you received an MA degree, also from Princeton, in 1964 and a BS degree from Bates College in 1962. You established yourself as an intelligent, active researcher and teacher, with interests in proteins, protein fragments, and peptides. You achieved tenure in 1971 and promotion to Professor in 1985. While on the faculty you developed a strong interest in the emerging area of computer science, particularly in the areas of computer architecture and organization. In 1979 you become Director of the Computer Center where you provided leadership in bringing the power of computing into both the academic and administrative areas of the University. You continued as Director until 1997. As part of your interest in computing you have taught courses in hardware organization, computer architecture, and operating systems. Among your many professional accomplishments are the publication of two books, “Itanium Architecture for Programmers”, and “Alpha RISC Architecture for Programmers.” You are also the author of over 28 articles in refereed journals, with titles such as “Negative-Parity Levels in Even-Even Isotopes”, and “Verification of the Form of the Nernet Equation.” Your contributions to two major areas of professional work have established you as a distinctive member of Lawrence’s faculty.

For all of your wonderful achievements as a member of the Faculty of Lawrence University, I am pleased to confer upon you the honorary degree of Master of Arts on the occasion of your retirement.