The 2017 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching – Mark Hartman

Dr. Mark Hartman, Professor of Trombone with The Crane School of Music, is an extraordinary pedagogue and cares deeply for his students. A profound knowledge of the subject matter permeates his instruction in private trombone studio, brass techniques, trombone choir and chamber music coaching. He is patient and nurturing, allowing the student to process the material thoroughly. Mark's students display a solid knowledge of repertoire, accurate execution of technique, and possess a professionalism that can only come through a consistent model and quality instruction.

Mark's course evaluations are positive and include comments from students praising his knowledge, experience, patience, empathy, and compassion. His evaluations have included such comments as "makes me love doing what I do" and "best professor ever." In 2015, Mark received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition to his extremely successful teaching career, Mark remains an active performer. He plays principal trombone in the Orchestra of Northern New York and Northern Symphonic Winds, has been a member of the Potsdam Brass Quintet since 1985, and performs solo recitals regularly.

Mark consistently displays an uncanny ability to attract, engage, retain, and develop a body of students that ultimately bear the hallmarks of excellent leadership and preparation. His interest in student successes begins before students even enroll at The Crane School of Music; he recruits and cultivates future students carefully and thoughtfully, seeking them out and working with them in advance of their auditions. Once here, he carefully and generously guides their progress through the challenges of the daily college life, showing concern for their academic, musical and personal success.

In recognition of his outstanding teaching and dedication to students, The State University of New York presents Dr. Mark Hartman the 2017 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.