

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** **Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested:** **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Patricia Van Volkinburg, M.S.**, clinical associate professor of kinesiology in the School of Kinesiology, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2015.

Professor Van Volkinburg received her B.S. degree from Western Michigan University in 1970 and her M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1985. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a visiting lecturer in 1985, and was promoted to lecturer in 1986, instructor in 1988, clinical assistant professor in 1998, and clinical associate professor in 2008. She served as the School of Kinesiology's chair of the Department of Physical Education (1992-2013), assistant dean for academic programs (2010-12), and associate dean for academic programs (2012-15).

Professor Van Volkinburg is a leader in the field of physical education teacher preparation. She played an instrumental role in the revision of the physical education curriculum and the creation of the athletic training major, the health & fitness major, and the health education minor. These innovative programs have enabled students to pursue careers in the burgeoning fields of personal, corporate, and community fitness and wellness. She was actively involved in the development and management of the School's successful summer program, KidSport, for school-aged children and the professional development workshop, Things You Can Use on Monday, for teachers and coaches. She was actively involved in a number of professional associations, including the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; the National Association for Sport and Physical Education; and the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She is an extraordinarily gifted teacher and tireless advocate for students—a role model of fairness, equity, integrity, and dedication.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **Patricia Van Volkinburg, clinical associate professor emerita of kinesiology**.

**Requested by:**

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