William Wendell Schultz, Ph.D., professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2022.

Professor Schultz received his B.S.M.E. degree with cooperative industrial experience and his M.S.M.E. degree from Purdue University in 1974 and 1977, respectively. He then received his Ph.D. degree in applied mathematics and engineering sciences from Northwestern University in 1982. Professor Schultz worked as an engineer for FMC Corporation’s Environmental Equipment Division from 1971-74. He went on to hold research engineer positions at Purdue University and Northwestern University. Professor Schultz held fellowship appointments at ASEE/ONR, Universität Hamburg in Germany, and Cambridge University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1985, and was promoted to associate professor in 1991, and professor in 2000.

Professor Schultz’s expertise lies in contact lines, flows in material processing of glass, paper, and metals, arc welding, and fluid mechanics education. He is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), a fellow of the American Physical Society (APS), and a member of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE). He received several awards, including the APS Division of Fluid Mechanics Extraordinary Service Award in 2009, the University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Governance Award in 2004, the University of Michigan Departmental Teaching Award in 2000 and 2002, and the ONR Young Investigator Award in 1987. Professor Schultz published over 100 articles in journals and conferences and holds three patents.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming William W. Schultz, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering.

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