

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death
Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **David J. Alvarez, D.O.**, clinical assistant professor of family medicine and clinical assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery in the Medical School. Dr. Alvarez died on January 13, 2022.

Dr. Alvarez completed his B.S. degree in pharmacy at the College of Pharmacy at Butler University, while serving as vice president of his fraternity Phi Kappa Psi. He worked for three years as a hospital pharmacist at Community Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana before starting medical school at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1985. He received his D.O. degree in 1989. Dr. Alvarez joined the United States Navy and completed his medical internship at Balboa Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California before undergoing flight surgery avian medicine training in Pensacola, Florida and serving as a flight surgeon at the Norfolk Naval Station in Norfolk, Virginia. One of his proudest achievements in the military was his solo flight in a U.S. Navy helicopter. After completing his family medicine residency and sports medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan, he joined the University of Michigan Medical School faculty as a clinical instructor in the Department of Family Medicine on August 1, 1996, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor on September 1, 2001. Dr. Alvarez was awarded a joint appointment in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery on February 1, 2004. He was a beloved family physician, teacher, mentor, and sports medicine physician to thousands of patients and hundreds of friends and colleagues over the years.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Pamela G. Rockwell, D.O., his son, Theodore, his daughter, Christina, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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