

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mark Fitzgerald, D.D.S., M.S., professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2026.

Dr. Fitzgerald received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1980, and his M.S. degree in 1983. He joined the University of Michigan as an instructor in 1980. He became an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1994 and professor with tenure in 2023. He was the associate chair for the Department of Cariology, Restorative Sciences and Endodontics from 2001 to 2017, associate dean for community-based collaborative care and education from 2017 to 2024 and senior associate dean from 2023 to 2025.

Dr. Fitzgerald served for more than 4 decades at the University of Michigan with a commitment to dental education, enhancing the reputation of the School of Dentistry, promoting interprofessional education and care, and serving underserved populations across the state of Michigan. During those years his contributions to dental and health-science education were recognized by one international, three national, one state, seven University of Michigan and eight School of Dentistry teaching excellence and innovation awards. Two of the University of Michigan awards were Provost's Teaching Innovation Prizes in 2015 and 2022 and one was the 2025 inaugural Frank Ascione Award for Distinguished Leadership in Interprofessional Education. In 2001, Dr. Fitzgerald was appointed associate chair of the Department of Cariology, Restorative Sciences and Endodontics and served in that position until 2017 when he became the associate dean for community-based collaborative care and education (CBCE) at the School of Dentistry. During his seven years as associate dean for CBCE, Dr. Fitzgerald expanded a program providing over 900 dental students with extended opportunities to provide care to over 130,000 socio-economic disadvantaged patients in clinics throughout the state of Michigan. Dr. Fitzgerald was one of the founding members of the University of Michigan's Center for Interprofessional Education and has served on its executive board, curriculum committee and other advisory committees since its inception in 2014. From 2023 through 2025, Dr. Fitzgerald served as the senior associate dean for the School of Dentistry.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Mark Fitzgerald, professor emeritus of dentistry.**

Requested by:

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Jon Kinsey

Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2026