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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

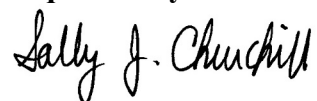
Lawrence M. Ashman, D.D.S., clinical assistant professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2021.

Dr. Ashman received his B.S. (1970) degree from the University of Michigan and his D.D.S. (1973) degree from the University of Detroit. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical assistant professor in 2007, at which time he initiated and became the director of the University of Michigan Orofacial Pain Clinic. In 2017, he set on the path to initiate a two-year CODA-accredited advanced dental education program in orofacial pain. In 2018, with Dr. Ashman as program director, the residency program was accepted to become one of thirteen accredited programs in the country and gained full accreditation in 2021.

Dr. Ashman limited his general dental practice in 1979 to exclusively manage patients with orofacial pain. He worked closely, since that time, with colleagues in medicine and across other health professions to provide his patients optimal care. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and has been on their Education Committee since 2008. He is board-certified in orofacial pain and a diplomat of the American Board of Orofacial Pain. He is a member of multiple other dental and medical organizations, including the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, the American Academy of Craniofacial Pain, the International Association of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology, the American Headache Society, and the American Dental Education Association. As a testament to the program and legacy of Dr. Ashman's many years of experience and expertise, the *Journal of the American Dental Association's* December 2020 cover manuscript was the "Use of Low Dose Naltrexone in the Management of Chronic Pain Disorders." Dr. Ashman and his colleagues authored the article. His love for his work, colleagues, trainees, and the training program is noteworthy. His humor and ability to put vulnerable patients at ease is incomparable. Most notable during his career was his teaching effort to expose students and residents to the significance of orofacial pain, temporomandibular disorders, and sleep dentistry education with respect to their patient care by sparking an awareness of the importance of dentistry's professional contributions to this important component of oral and systemic health promotion.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Lawrence M. Ashman, clinical assistant professor emeritus of dentistry.**

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