

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Kenneth B. May, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2021.

Professor May received his B.S. (1978) degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and his D.D.S. (1988) and M.S. (1990) degrees from the University of Michigan. Professor May joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1988, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1991, and associate professor in 1999. Professor May has been integral in his role as the outreach and recruitment director for the Office of the Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the School of Dentistry.

Central to his academic career are Professor May's contributions to the advancement of diversity and the improvement of climate for work, learning, research, and patient care. He served as co-chair and member of the Multicultural Affairs Committee since 1998, facilitated university-wide Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities, served as a member of the Diversity Council for the university, and endeavored to recruit dental students through the pre-health careers programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions. He received numerous honors and professional awards, including certificates of appreciation for 10-years serving Native Americans at the Wind River Service Unit Arapahoe, Wyoming, recognition for outstanding clinical instruction from the National Dental Association, the Hispanic Community in Oakland County, as well as a Blanket Award from the Society of American Indian Dentists. He served as a course director at the pre-doctoral and graduate levels in both didactic and clinical instruction. He was a valued mentor and highly impacted students at all educational levels. His research interests include prosthodontic rehabilitation related to esthetics and denture materials, color, strength, and aging. He was a highly sought-after clinician and was active in treating patients in the Dental Faculty Associates clinic. As a recognized leader, he participated in multiple professional and research societies, including the Academy of Prosthodontics, the National Dental Association, the Hispanic Dental Association, the Society of American Indian Dentists, the American Dental Education Association, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the American Association of Dental Research, and the International Association of Dental Research.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Kenneth B. May, associate professor emeritus of dentistry**.

Requested by:



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