

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Marilyn W. Woolfolk, M.S., D.D.S., M.P.H.**, professor of dentistry and assistant dean for student services in the School of Dentistry, will retire from active faculty status on July 31, 2014.

Professor Woolfolk received her B.A. degree from Cornell University (1971) and her M.S. (1972), D.D.S. (1978), and M.P.H. (1982) degrees from the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 1978, and was promoted to instructor in 1981, assistant professor in 1982, associate professor in 1990, and professor in 2002. She held an additional appointment as assistant professor of community health programs in the School of Public Health from 1983-98. Professor Woolfolk served as director of the Migrant Worker Program (1982-90), director of student affairs (1990-97), and assistant dean for student services (1997-2013) in the School of Dentistry.

An exceptional dentist, teacher, and administrator, Professor Woolfolk is a leader in the fields of public health dentistry, diversity in dentistry education, and access to dental care for underserved populations. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed articles, abstracts, and book chapters in the leading scholarly publications. Professor Woolfolk organized clinical care for migrant families using mobile dental units to serve more than 4,800 patients at outreach sites across northern Michigan. As assistant dean for student services, Professor Woolfolk played an instrumental role in the development of best practices to improve the recruitment, retention, and mentorship of women and minority students within the School of Dentistry and the University. She received the University's Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award in 2002, the National Dental Association Foundation/Colgate-Palmolive Faculty Recognition Award in 2004, the American Dental Education Association Presidential Citation in 2012, and was elected a fellow of the American College of Dentists in 2006.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar, educator, dentist, and administrator for her dedicated service by naming **Marilyn W. Woolfolk professor emerita of dentistry and assistant dean emerita for student services**.

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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