

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

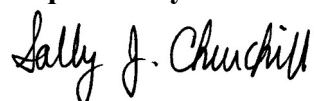
Dale A. Ulrich, Ph.D., professor of applied exercise science and movement science in the School of Kinesiology, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2021.

Professor Ulrich received his B.S. (1972) and M.Ed. (1977) degrees from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and his Ph.D. (1981) degree from Michigan State University. He was appointed an assistant professor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1981. In 1985, he was appointed as an assistant professor at Indiana University and was promoted to associate professor in 1991. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1999, and was promoted to professor in 2003.

Professor Ulrich contributed to kinesiology through the Center on Physical Activity & Health in Pediatric Disabilities. Under his leadership, the center's team conducted research to improve the health and functioning of infants and children with Down syndrome and autism spectrum disorders. For over two decades, Professor Ulrich's team touched hundreds of children across Michigan and beyond. His research brought physical activity into the homes of children who faced severe developmental delays thus enhancing their physical capabilities, and cognitive and emotional development. Significantly, Professor Ulrich was known worldwide for the creation of the Test of Gross Motor Development that is used by thousands of elementary schools across the United States and abroad. Professor Ulrich published research in more than 70 articles in peer-reviewed journals and presented on adapted physical activity at more than 150 national and international conferences and seminars. He mentored doctoral and post-doctoral students in pediatric physical and occupational therapy throughout his career through funding from the U.S. Department of Special Education Programs. This mentorship has yielded many new faculty in the field across the country. Overall, Professor Ulrich's accomplishments in research, teaching, and service have served the University of Michigan with distinction.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Dale A. Ulrich, professor emeritus of applied exercise science and movement science**.

Requested by:



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