THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Caroline R. Richardson, M.D., Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professor of Family Medicine and professor of family medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 22, 2022.

Dr. Richardson completed her undergraduate (B.S. degree in theoretical mathematics in August 1986) work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her medical training (M.D. degree in June 1994) at Harvard University Medical School. Following completion of her family medicine residency training, she joined the University of Michigan in 1998 as a Clinical Lecturer in the Department of Family Medicine. In 1999 she was accepted as a Clinical Scholar in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program. Following completion of the RWJ Clinical Scholars Program, Dr. Richardson returned to the faculty in family medicine and was appointed as an Assistant Professor in June 2003. She was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure in September 2009 and to Professor in 2016. She has had a distinguished and highly lauded career at the University of Michigan for twenty-four years, maintaining an active family medicine clinical practice and successful research career.

Dr. Richardson has served the department with distinction with several Director level appointments (RWJ Clinical Scholars Program, National Clinical Scholars Program, VHA Diabetes Quality Enhancement Research Initiative, etc.) and most recently as the Associate Chair for Research Programs, beginning in 2016. In this role, she held the Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professorship as well. As outlined in her curriculum vitae, she has been honored with several awards, including the MICHR Distinguished Clinical and Translational Research Mentor Award and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Curtis G. Hames Research Award. Dr. Richardson’s clinical and scholarly areas of expertise center around physical activity, diabetes prevention and internet-mediated physical activity interventions. She has over 200 publications and has had over 70 active grants. At the professional level, Dr. Richardson has served on several institutional, regional and national committees.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Caroline R. Richardson, professor emerita of family medicine.

Requested by:

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