

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Darlene M. Jones, RDH., M.P.A., clinical instructor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2024.

Ms. Jones completed her Master of Public Administration degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2002. She taught at Wayne County Community College from 2005-2014, and began service at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry as an adjunct lecturer in 2011. She became a clinical lecturer in December 2014 and was appointed as a clinical instructor in September 2021, and served as interim director of the Dental Hygiene Program (2022-2023). She was the supervisor of the Michigan Health and Human Services Public Act 161 Dental Preventative Program, a mobile service for nine Head Starts schools in Washtenaw County. In this role, she secured grants, and expanded the program to include rotations of fourth-year dental hygiene students. She assumed the course director role for all three classes in the dental hygiene community thread, special patient needs courses, and instated dental hygiene students into rotations in the Integrated Special Care Clinic, Pediatric Clinic, Oral Surgery Clinics, and into several outreach facilities in the State of Michigan. She supervised continuing education courses and created new profitable offerings.

Ms. Jones has published articles on treating patient with special needs. She has served as chair on dental hygiene master's thesis committees since 2017. Her accomplishments while serving as the interim director of the Dental Hygiene Program include successful leadership of 2024 Commission on Dental Accreditation, development of effort allocation breakdown for dental hygiene faculty, and enabled the purchase of ten American Board of Dental Examiners manikins for student use (prepare for boards and the Mock Exam), which led to successful student exam outcomes in 2023. She initiated a learning session during the orientation of new incoming classes, terminology guide and speakers from Academic Support and Access Partnership. She originated an onboarding program for all new dental hygiene employees that consisted of calibration, faculty Canvas site, and dedicated faculty instructors to train new faculty in clinics and at outreach sites.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Darlene M. Jones, clinical instructor emerita of dentistry.**

Requested by:



Jon Kinsey
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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