

The University of Michigan

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Janet S. Barnfather, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing in the School of Health Professions and Studies, University of Michigan-Flint, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2008.

Professor Barnfather received her B.S.N. and M.S.N. degrees from Wayne State University in 1971 and 1975, respectively, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1987. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in the School of Nursing in 1987 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1988. She was promoted to associate professor and joined the University of Michigan-Flint faculty in 1995.

A highly respected investigator, Professor Barnfather has shared her expertise with members of the health care community and has made a difference in the health, well-being, and lives of others through her studies of individuals, families, groups, and communities. Her passion for research has inspired students, faculty colleagues, and community leaders. Throughout her distinguished academic career, Professor Barnfather gained a well-deserved reputation as a scholar who holds both herself and her students to the highest and most rigorous standards.

Professor Barnfather has distinguished herself as an exceptionally competent, loyal, and dedicated advocate for high quality education, scholarship, and community and professional service. In April 2008, the Pi Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International recognized her with its Nursing Excellence Award. She also has been recognized regionally and nationally for her significant contributions toward improving research in nursing and health care. Professor Barnfather's legacy will continue through the Barnfather Endowed Research Award, which will be used to support the dissemination of student research findings by funding travel to national and international conferences.

The Regents now salute this distinguished educator for her dedicated service by naming **Janet S. Barnfather associate professor emerita of nursing**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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