The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

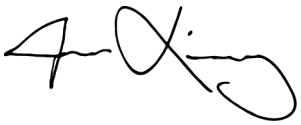
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **Joseph L. Musial, III, Ph.D.,** lecturer II in psychology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn. Professor Musial died on September 15, 2026.

Professor Musial received his doctorate in educational evaluation and research from Wayne State University. During more than two decades of service to our university, Professor Musial distinguished himself through exceptional teaching, innovative educational practices, and an unwavering commitment to student success. His excellence in teaching was recognized with the Collegiate Lecturer Award in 2026.

Professor Musial also served as a highly respected assessment consultant at Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), where he evaluated numerous K–12 interventions and conducted funded research for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the U.S. Department of Education. Professor Musial also served as vice president of the Michigan Educational Research Association and contributed to the scholarly literature through more than 30 years of peer-reviewed publications.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Nicole, his son Jonah, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Respectfully submitted:



Jon Kinsey
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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