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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

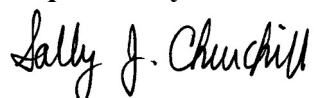
**Frank J. Ascione, Ph.D.**, professor of pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy, retired from active faculty status on January 2, 2024.

Professor Ascione received all of his academic degrees from the University of Michigan: B.S. in pharmacy (1969), Pharm.D. (1973), M.P.H. (1977), and Ph.D. in health behavior/health education (1981). He began his career at the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) in 1973 as the assistant director of the Drug Interactions Evaluation Program and was promoted to director in 1974. He joined the University of Michigan in 1977 as clinical assistant professor, College of Pharmacy, and assistant research scientist at the Institute of Gerontology. His faculty appointment in the College of Pharmacy was converted to assistant professor of pharmacy administration in 1981. He was promoted to associate professor in 1987 and professor in 2001. He was appointed the associate dean for academic affairs (1996-2004) and then dean of the College of Pharmacy (2004-2014). He served as the founding director of the U-M Center for Interprofessional Education 2015-2021.

Professor Ascione has been an exemplary leader and educator throughout his career. His research, scholarship, and teaching focused on evaluating models of medication therapy management, consumer medication-taking behavior, the use of technology in pharmacy practice, issues related to drug policy and the FDA regulatory process, decision-making abilities of healthcare institutions, and the impact of direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical advertising. In his leadership role, Professor Ascione implemented major curriculum revisions and teaching innovations; strengthened data-driven approaches to faculty performance assessment and productivity; implemented new academic departments and restructuring; strengthened the college's ties with the U-M Health System, including pioneering approaches in ambulatory care pharmacy within the patient-centered medical home, support of the pharmacy residency program, and shared space for faculty clinicians; granted governance status to clinical faculty; provided leadership for interprofessional education among the health science schools on campus; and provided strong advocacy for a new College of Pharmacy building. He received several honors, including the Computerworld Smithsonian Award for Innovation in Education and Academia; the Michigan Pharmacists Association's Pharmacist of the Year; the U-M College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award; the American International Health Collaborative Interprofessional Educator and Mentor Award, and the U-M Center for Interprofessional Education Distinguished Leadership Award.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Frank J. Ascione, dean emeritus of the College of Pharmacy and professor emeritus of pharmacy.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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