

In Memory of Dr. Mari Alschuler, Professor, Department of Social Work, Youngstown State University

Whereas, Dr. Mari Alschuler faithfully served as a Professor in the Department of Social Work since 2013, dedicating herself to educating students; and was a recognized professional expert, serving as a licensed therapist and supervisor; and

Whereas, Dr. Alschuler demonstrated a deep commitment to service and professional excellence through her involvement as a regular Board Member for the National Social Workers Association, Ohio Chapter, for which she provided over 33 years of service, culminating in the receipt of the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023; and

Whereas, her passionate advocacy for veterans and the LGBTQ community contributed to her receipt of Youngstown State University's Diversity Award for Campus Leadership in 2015; and

Whereas, she shared her passion for the arts with the broader campus community through her volunteer work within YSU's English Festival and by providing many talks on meditation, spirituality, or poetry; and

Whereas, Dr. Alschuler integrated her passions into specialized expertise in poetry therapy, gaining recognition as an international expert with the International Federation for Biblio/Poetry Therapy; and

Whereas, the loss of Dr. Mari, as she was known to students, on Saturday, September 20th, following a hard-fought battle with cancer, is deeply felt across the Department of Social Work and the entire YSU community, who are grateful her years of dedicated and passionate service;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Youngstown State University, through this Proclamation, honors the life, dedicated service, and enduring memory of Dr. Mari Alschuler, expressing our deepest appreciation for her significant contributions and our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who were touched by her presence; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the members of the Academic Senate pledge to uphold the standards and values of dedicated service, compassionate advocacy, and professional excellence that Dr. Alschuler so diligently championed in her work.

Youngstown State University Academic Senate