

WILLIAM & MARY  
RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL F. DI PAOLA  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Michael F. DiPaola received his undergraduate degree in Secondary Education from William & Mary, a master's in Environmental Education from Montclair State University, a master's in Educational Administration from William Paterson University, and a doctorate in Educational Administration from Rutgers University. Professor DiPaola has been working in the field of education for 51 years; for the last 22 years has been teaching courses in the School of Education at the graduate level and directing doctoral dissertations in Educational Policy, Planning, and Leadership. He also served as Program Director of the Reves Center's Florence Study Abroad Program over six different years and during this time worked with undergraduates on-site and taught a Leadership course.

Professor DiPaola has served in a variety of leadership roles during his tenure, including the executive committee of the faculty assembly, department chairperson, and area coordinator. He served for a decade as the School's representative on the plenum of the University Council for Educational Administration and Advisory Board of the School University Research Network. Dr. DiPaola initiated long-standing university partnerships with local school divisions to assist them in training and developing leadership. He was awarded multiple grants, over a six-year period, from the State Council of Higher Education and the Virginia Department of Education, which targeted building capacity and leadership in schools around the Commonwealth.

Professor DiPaola's research focused on school and district leadership, social processes with school organizations, and the evaluation of school leaders. He authored or co-authored five books, seven edited volumes, a dozen book chapters, and numerous articles in referred journals. His record of scholarly presentations includes local, state, national, and international audiences. In 2016, Professor DiPaola received the Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence. He was named Chancellor Professor of Education in 2008 and received the Dean's Award for Collaboration in 2004.

During his tenure Professor DiPaola has served on over 160 doctoral committees, chairing or co-chairing approximately 57. He was instrumental in the creation of the Educational Policy, Planning and Leadership Executive Ed.D. Program, as well as the development of hybrid and on-line courses that provided opportunities to serve doctoral students nationwide. Professor DiPaola co-organized the on-line doctoral program for the Miami-Dade School District, developing strategies for program delivery, course sequences, and course development. His work on developing leadership in school districts continues into his retirement.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Michael F. DiPaola; expresses its appreciation for his many contributions to William & Mary; and approves, with deep gratitude for his 22 years of service, a change in status from Professor of Education to Professor of Education, Emeritus.

BE IT FURTHIS RESOLVED, That the resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy of the same be delivered to Professor DiPaola with best wishes for continuing and creative work in the years ahead.