

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Professor of English Lucy Zimmerman announces retirement from Glen Oaks Community College**



**CENTREVILLE---**After three decades of outstanding teaching, Professor Lucy Zimmerman decided to retire effective September 1, 2010. She joined Glen Oaks full-time in 1987 after teaching at Kellogg Community College, Coldwater, Leslie, and Edwardsburg Schools. She has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Bethel College and a Master of Arts in Teaching English from Michigan State University.

Professor Zimmerman said she, “Worked at Glen Oaks with four Presidents, five Deans of Instruction/Deans of the College, countless personnel, and thousands of students, and I will be taking with me a strong sense of the history of the college and many memories. In addition, I will leave with great love for teaching and learning, for the students and personnel of the college, and for the institution itself.”

Professor Zimmerman’s strong organizational skills and leadership were evident on the College Council and she helped Glen Oaks achieve Accreditation, most recently through the Academic Quality

Improvement Program (AQIP), with the Higher Learning Commission. She was awarded the E.J. Shaheen Chair for Teaching Excellence Award (1990). Professor Zimmerman helped introduce the Associate of Arts Degree at Glen Oaks, sponsored Phi Theta Kappa, introduced honors and awards programs, and served as faculty coordinator for arts/sciences. A gifted musician, Professor Zimmerman played piano for choral events and awards programs.

“Composition teachers get to see that part of the student that few other instructors get to see,” Zimmerman once said. “We see them wrestle with issues, personal identity and goals they set for

themselves.” When graduates are asked “Which faculty member most influenced you?” At the top of the list is generally Professor Lucy Zimmerman.