



## **DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

# **David Gordon, M.D.**

David Gordon is the University of Akron's Dean of the College of Health Professions. Prior to this he served as the Dean of the University of Michigan-Flint's School of Health Professions and Studies, while also serving as a Professor of Pathology, with tenure, in the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Gordon received his B.A. degree in chemistry from Amherst College in 1973, and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1979. While at Harvard, he completed a vascular biology research fellowship and went on to complete an internal medicine internship at the University of Massachusetts (Worcester, MA) before training in anatomic pathology at the University of Washington in Seattle. There he joined the faculty and was eventually promoted to associate professor with tenure. Dr. Gordon served the University of Washington as a human diagnostic and experimental cardiovascular pathologist where he earned tenure and led an NIH-funded translational research laboratory. He was also the Director of Autopsy Services for their University Hospital.

In 1991 he joined the University of Michigan as an associate professor of pathology. His research and clinical interests were in the areas of human atherosclerosis biology and gene therapy for vascular diseases and he again led an NIH-funded translational research laboratory plus later served as Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs for the Medical School. In 1997 Dr. Gordon left academia to work for Pfizer Inc. in their Cardiovascular Therapeutics' pre-clinical division where his group did further work on gene therapy for therapeutic angiogenesis.

Dr. Gordon was recruited back to the Univ. of Michigan Medical School in 2001 as a professor of pathology, and also as the Assistant Dean (later Associate Dean) for Diversity and Career Development. He created and led the Medical School's Diversity and Career Development Office, working closely with Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs and other Medical School departments and units. Finally in 2011 he was recruited to the Univ. of Michigan's Flint campus to serve as Dean of their School of Health Professions and Studies. In addition to these administrative duties, he has continued to teach in the

Medical School curriculum and to supervise autopsies for the University Hospital as a cardiovascular pathologist.

Dr. Gordon started as Dean of The University of Akron College of Health Professions in November, 2014. This College comprises the following schools: Allied Health, Counseling, Nursing, Nutrition & Dietetics, Social Work, Speech/Language Pathology & Audiology, and Sport Science & Wellness Education. We are dedicated to promoting interprofessional education among the health professions, with a particular focus on health improvement for underserved and disadvantaged populations.