

University of Delaware Honorary Degree

**MARIE E.
PINIZZOTTO**
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
honoris causa

Passionate advocate for women's health, you earned your medical degree at Jefferson Medical University's Sidney Kimmel School of Medicine, completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Christiana Care, and practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Delaware for a decade. You then switched your focus from individual practice to areas in which you could have an even greater impact on health, particularly on the health of women and the vulnerable.

You led the women's health care division at Wyeth Pharmaceutical's Global Safety and Surveillance Department. You are the named Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Christiana Care and a trustee of Christiana Care Hospital, where you are a member of both the finance committee and the quality and safety committee.

You are a founding member of the Massachusetts General Hospital Leadership Council for Psychiatry and a champion of leading-edge research and treatment for women's mental health through the Ammon-Pinizzotto Center for Women's Health.

As executive director and CEO of the Carol A. Ammon Foundation, you lead an organization focused on health care, education, and children with disabilities.

Global health leader, you were Senior Director of the Global Safety and Pharmacovigilance department at Endo Pharmaceuticals. You founded and were president of Drug Safety Solutions, a company that worked closely with the FDA and various pharmaceutical companies to develop risk management plans and assess risk profiles of drugs.

You are a board member at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, California, as well as the named Chair of Academic Affairs. In addition, you are director of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and sit on the foundation's scientific advisory committee.

Devoted Blue Hen, you earned an MBA from the University of Delaware. Long committed to UD, you have served on the President's Leadership Council and the College of Health Sciences Advisory Council. Together with Carol Ammon, you gave a significant gift in 2013 to support the College of Health Sciences complex, which is part of UD's Science, Technology, and Advanced Research (STAR) campus.

You and Ms. Ammon followed that up two years ago with an unprecedented gift to the University in support of the construction of the biopharmaceutical innovation building, a key initiative of the University's Delaware First campaign to help ensure that UD leads in the critical areas of health, medicine, and pharmaceutical manufacturing. In recognition of your generosity, the trustees of the University have resolved to name the building the Ammon Pinizzotto Biopharmaceutical Center.

Kahlil Gibran once said, "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

Dr. Pinizzotto, whether in your professional or philanthropic work, you have always given of yourself and committed to making real differences in the health and lives of others.

Therefore, under the authority of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware, I have the pleasure and honor of conferring upon you, Marie E. Pinizzotto, the degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* and do declare you entitled to all the rights, honors, and privileges to that degree appertaining throughout the world. In testimony thereof, I am pleased to present to you this diploma.

John R. Cochran, Chair
June 1, 2019