

HONORARY DEGREE CITATION

Bonnie Harbison Anderson

Doctor of Science (Sc.D.)

Distinguished alumna of IUP, businesswoman, leader in transformative and strategic global healthcare, consultant, and volunteer with a career spanning more than 40 years in regulated diagnostics and life science markets, she has demonstrated amazing achievements in the business field despite not having a degree in business. From managing her own start-up molecular diagnostics company, she conquered new worlds as a co-founder and chief executive officer of Veracyte, a molecular diagnostics company that helps with early cancer diagnosis and the reduction of expensive and unnecessary procedures.

After graduating from IUP in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in medical technology, Ms. Anderson worked for four years in hospital laboratories before being recruited into diagnostic equipment sales, where she built an impressive career in healthcare diagnostics and life science markets. She has directed both early-stage businesses, as well as mature, global enterprises.

After spending 18 years in executive leadership positions at Beckman Coulter, a global leader in healthcare she led the company's market-leading cellular analysis franchise in hematology and flow cytometry, and, as vice president of the intrapreneurial start-up Immunomics Operations, she successfully positioned the company's novel tetramer technology as a vehicle for drug and vaccine developers to monitor immune response.

As a former member of the Board of Trustees of Keck Graduate Institute of Applied Life Sciences, Ms. Anderson contributed to the education of future life sciences leaders for the industry for more than 10 years. The titles she has held and the awards she has received speak volumes about her commitment to helping others and her devotion to making our world a better place.

The roads she has taken as a woman, a leader, and a citizen of the world are a testament that anything is possible for those that aspire to learn, serve and lead at the highest levels. She has always led by example, showing grace under pressure, of compassion, of integrity, and of honor. We are grateful for her continued passion for and commitment to her alma mater and her dedication to lead transformative change in the world.