

Charles Addison Sanders
Doctor of Science

Charles Sanders has served the medical profession, the pharmaceutical industry, the state of North Carolina and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in multiple capacities. His service to Carolina includes membership on the board of trustees (1993–2001), the board of directors of the University of North Carolina Foundation (1990–1994), chair of the board of directors of the UNC Health Care System (2001–present) and chair of the most recent search for dean of the UNC School of Medicine and CEO of the UNC Health Care System. Sanders' contributions to academic medicine are varied and extensive. As CEO of the Massachusetts General Hospital, he oversaw one of the nation's largest and most respected institutions of medical research, teaching and tertiary care. As a senior executive at Squibb and later as CEO of Glaxo, he led vigorous research and development programs. Sanders has served as a senior advisor to the United States government on a wide range of health issues. Closer to home, he has served on boards at Meredith College, Durham Technical Community College and the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University. His service to medicine includes not only clinical service, hospital leadership and a 30-year membership in the Institute of Medicine, but also leadership on boards of more than a dozen companies committed to the development of new pharmaceuticals and emerging technologies. Sanders' commitment to humanitarian projects is illustrated by service on the boards of the Commonwealth Fund, the North Carolina Healthy Start Foundation and Project HOPE. His service to North Carolina includes the role of first chair of the North Carolina Education Lottery Commission (2005-2006), a post that called for a person of unquestioned integrity, judgment and reputation. Currently, he is a member of Governor Beverly Perdue's Budget Reform and Accountability Commission. A native of Texas, Sanders received his doctor of medicine degree from Southwestern Medical College of the University of Texas in 1955. His honors include the 1999 Civic Honor Award from the City of Durham for community service and civic leadership, the 2006 North Carolina Award, and honorary degrees from Pennsylvania State University, Suffolk University and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

For outstanding accomplishments in the fields of medical science, business, and public service, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to confer on Charles Addison Sanders the degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causi*.