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Savannah woman awarded honorary doctorate

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Louise S. Kaufman of Savannah was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters last Friday, May 18, by Wagner College, her alma mater. Kaufman, president emerita of Wagner College's National Alumni Association Board of Directors, is the first woman to have chaired the college's board of trustees.

Louise Kaufman graduated from Wagner College with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1975, and a master's degree in microbiology in 1978. She continued her studies at St. John's University where she earned an MBA in executive management.

Kaufman is a senior executive whose career has included positions in Fortune 200 pharmaceutical companies including Merck & Co, Warner-Lambert Co., Pfizer Inc. and Schering-Plough Corp. With over 25 years in the pharmaceutical industry, she has held executive positions relating to compliance and governance, government affairs, and regulatory affairs. She continues consulting in these key areas to investment capital firms, consulting firms and other organizations.

In addition to serving on the Wagner College board, Kaufman has been a director on the foundation board of the prestigious International Women's Forum. In Savannah, she provides consulting services as a volunteer for the Center for Clinical Research, St. Joseph/Candler Hospital.

CUTLINE: (L2R) Wagner College President Richard Guarasci, trustee Jack Irving, Louise Kaufman and trustee Aletta Diamond at the presentation of Kaufman's honorary doctorate last Friday at Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y. (Photo by Nick Romanenko)