



## 2021 *Woman of Distinction* Education

**Kathy W. Humphrey, PhD**

*Senior Vice Chancellor for  
Engagement and Secretary to the  
Board, University of Pittsburgh*

Dr. Kathy Humphrey serves as the University of Pittsburgh's senior vice chancellor for engagement and secretary of the board of trustees. In these roles, she oversees the university's internal and external relations, focusing on facilitating business engagement, strategic initiatives and partnerships, and government interaction at all levels. She has earned numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career, including the YWCA Tribute to Women Leadership Award, 2016 Nellie Leadership Award, distinction as one of the New Pittsburgh Courier's "50 Women of Excellence," and the 2019 Onyx Woman Leadership Award for her contribution to the community and support of other women. She also earned the Pitt African American Alumni Council's Sankofa Award, which honors community members who have offered outstanding education support to students of African descent.

Outside the university, Dr. Humphrey serves on the board of directors of Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, Leadership Pittsburgh Inc, Gwen's Girls and Blood Science Foundation. She also serves on the executive committee of the International Women's Forum of Pittsburgh and is chair of The Forbes Funds. In 2013, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation appointed Dr. Humphrey to the Advisory Council for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy where she served for four years.

Dr. Humphrey earned a bachelor of science at Central Missouri State University (now the University of Central Missouri), a master of arts at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and a doctorate in educational leadership at Saint Louis University. She also maintains a faculty appointment in the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education.

