

Honorary Degrees

- Doctor of Science, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Doctor of Humane Letters, State University of New York, Cortland, New York
- Doctorate, Slovak Agricultural University, Nitra, Slovak Republic
- Doctor of Science, Pine Manor College, Boston, Massachusetts
- Doctor of Humane Letters, American University of Rome, Italy
- Doctor of Public Service, John Cabot University, Rome Italy
- Doctor of Humane Letters, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois
- Doctor of Humane Letters, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota
- Doctor of Humane Letters, University of South Carolina, Spartanburg, SC
- Doctor of Humane Letters, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York

Awards

- 2003 World Food Prize Laureate
- The Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy
- World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts: World Citizen Award
- Association of African Journalists: Prize of Excellence
- Gene White Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Nutrition
- Chicago Council on Foreign Relations: Global Leadership Award
- National Association of WIC (Women Infants and Children): Leadership Award
- National Academy of Pediatrics: Excellence in Public Service
- American Public Welfare Association: Leadership in Human Services Award
- Medallion of the University at Albany – highest award given by the university
- Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama: Quality of Life Award