

University of Delaware Honorary Degree

**DONALD J.
PUGLISI**
DOCTOR OF HUMANITIES

Respected scholar, professor, and mentor, you earned your Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from Michigan State University and your Doctor of Business Administration degree from Indiana University. You joined the faculty of the University of Delaware in 1971 and taught undergraduate and graduate students about securities analysis, portfolio management, management of financial institutions, and corporate finance. You were named MBNA America Professor of Business in the Department of Finance in 1992.

During your more than 30 years as a faculty member, you were honored six times for your teaching, receiving the College of Business and Economics Outstanding Teaching Award an impressive four times, as well as the Excellence in MBA Teaching Award and the University's Excellence in Teaching Award. You have published extensively in your areas of scholarship. You were recognized for your many accomplishments with two of the University's highest honors: the Medal of Distinction in 1996 and emeritus status upon your retirement in 2002.

Financial servant of your state and country, as a UD Public Service Fellow, you consulted for the Office of the Treasurer for the State of Delaware. You served for seven years on the state's Public Service Commission, which regulates investor-owned utilities providing services for public use. For your contributions to your state, you were honored in 2000 by then Governor Thomas R. Carper with the Order of the First State Award. In addition, you were a visiting research scholar in the Office of Policy and Economic Research of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C., which recognized your work with two Outstanding Service Awards.

Astute businessman, in 1973 you started your own business, Puglisi & Associates, to provide financial and administrative services to a variety of Delaware-based holding companies, including many that are subsidiaries of major U.S.- and foreign-based corporations. You continue with that highly successful venture today.

Generous benefactor, you have long been a financial supporter of the University. In honor of your beloved parents, John and Josephine, you established the Puglisi Scholarship at the University's College of Business and Economics. The University boasts its Puglisi Orchestra Hall due to another gift in honor of your parents. Just over a year ago, you gave a donation for which we are most grateful, a \$1 million commitment to create the Donald J. Puglisi Music Enrichment Fund to provide such enhancements to the Department of Music as undergraduate scholarships, student ensembles, visiting professors, guest artists, and instruments.

Winston Churchill famously said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Throughout your adult life, Don, you have always given of yourself, through your teaching and mentoring, your service, and your philanthropy.

Therefore, under the authority of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware, I have the pleasure and honor of conferring upon you, Donald J. Puglisi, the degree of Doctor of Humanities and do declare you entitled to all the rights, honors, and privileges to that degree appertaining throughout the world. In testimony thereof, I am pleased to present to you this diploma.

A. Gilchrist Sparks III
May 26, 2012