

# University of Delaware Honorary Degree

**DAVID G. DEWALT**  
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE  
*honoris causa*

**Internationally known authority on cyber security**, you are Chief Executive Officer and Board Chairman of FireEye, a company at the leading edge of cyber security, which is surely one of the most complex and dangerous problems facing our technology-dependent world.

As cyber attacks and cyber espionage become more advanced and the stakes ever higher, companies such as FireEye serve a vital role in preventing, detecting, analyzing, and responding to cyber threats. At last count, FireEye had some 3,000 customers across 67 countries, including more than 200 Fortune 500 companies. It was just recently announced that FireEye had earned top industry awards in the categories of “Advance Threat Detection” and “Threat Intelligence.”

Prior to your now three-year tenure at FireEye, you served for four years as President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of antivirus software company McAfee Inc. During your time at McAfee you took the company from disarray to unprecedented strength before selling it to Intel Corporation.

**Skilled and insightful business leader**, before you began to focus on cyber security, you spent more than 20 years in a series of leadership positions in the technology industry, helping to build some of field’s most successful companies.

Fresh out of the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science, you began your career as a telemarketer for Oracle, making 500 cold calls per week. But you had much greater aspirations, and you set about achieving them through talent and hard work.

You began to climb the corporate ladder and went on to hold a variety of executive positions at Oracle, Quest Software, and Seque. You were a founding principal of Eventus Software and later became president and CEO of content management company Documentum. You led the company through nine consecutive quarters of growth and four successful acquisitions. You then joined EMC Corp. and were promoted three times while there, eventually becoming president of software, sales, and service.

During this period, you had become nationally respected in the field of mergers and acquisitions, having acquired more than 50 companies over the course of your career. You were named one of the 25 most influential executives in high technology by CRN, the top news source for the IT industry. You have been a frequent guest on international business broadcast programs, including Bloomberg TV, CNBC, CNN, and Fox Business.

**Valued expert resource**, you were appointed by President Barack Obama to the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Council. You spoke at the World Economic Forum on the subject of cyber security and you are a member of the World Economic Forum IT and Telecom Industry Board of Governors. You also serve on the boards of Delta Airlines and Five9 and were previously on the boards of Jive Software and Polycom.

As a champion collegiate wrestler—the first-ever named to the UD Athletic Hall of Fame—you will appreciate these words of that great coach, Vince Lombardi, who said, “Leaders aren’t born; they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work.” Throughout your life you have worked hard, led the way, and achieved much. You truly are a leader.

Therefore, under the authority of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware, I have the pleasure and honor of conferring upon you, David G. DeWalt, the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, 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*  
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