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Dr. Katrina Avery '82, '91 (MD)

Dr. Katrina Avery grew up in Sanford, North Carolina, in a family where education was paramount. She was drawn to Carolina at an early age. As an undergraduate, Katrina rigorously pursued majors in biology and chemistry and was a member of the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Black Student Movement.

She returned to Carolina for medical school, where her passion for medicine, particularly obstetrics and gynecology, solidified during her clinical rotations. Her career is distinguished by many leadership roles, including serving as the division chief of her practice, Harris & Smith OB-GYN in the Duke Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and on the Duke Regional Board of Trustees. She retired in July 2023 but remains active in volunteer work with her church, sorority, Links chapter and community. She continues to mentor medical students, residents and early career physicians.

"Volunteerism is what makes the world go around and is the small price we pay for living together on this earth,"

Katrina asserted. She and her husband, Elbert Avery '82, are generous volunteers and benefactors to the University, as UNC Health and the University have touched their family deeply through education, health care and even the birth of their son, Jonathan. Together, they have supported initiatives and programming, including the Morehead-Cain Alumni Fund, the Chancellor's Global Education Fund, the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black History and Culture, the UNC School of Medicine and UNC Health. They have directly supported 12 medical students since 2005 through the Howard Avery National Loyalty Fund, named in honor of their parents.

Dr. Avery is a former member of the UNC Board of Visitors, the Carolina Alumni Board, the UNC Health Board of Directors and UNC Health Foundation Campaign Steering Committee, and she was president of the Medical Alumni Association. Her service on the Alumni Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity and the Carolina Women's Leadership Council remain paramount. In her retirement, she will continue to serve at the "hands-on level" to advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion on campus and role model community service for younger generations.



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