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The Fifth Annual Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Woman Award

Christine E. Haycock, MD, FACS

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How much can one gifted woman achieve in a lifetime? If every life is ultimately defined by a question, this question helps us to understand and appreciate the remarkable life of Dr. Christine Haycock. Dr. Haycock is a pioneering female surgeon, a gifted photographer, an authority on women's health, a mentor to scores of women in healthcare, a former Olympic athlete, and a co-founder of the Association of Women Surgeons.

Dr. Haycock's early commitment to medicine was shaped by two family tragedies. Her beloved father, John Haycock, had always dreamed of being a physician. During his last year of medical school, an accident cost Mr. Haycock his hearing----and ended his medical career before it really begun. One of Dr. Haycock's earliest memories was seeing her father's medical books scattered about the house. Her desire to cure disease and ease human suffering was reinforced when her grandmother endured a long battle with cancer. Years later, as a dedicated medical professional, she devoted decades of service to the American Cancer Society.

After graduating from high school, the New Jersey native studied nursing at the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Newark while serving as a member of the fabled Cadet Nurse Corps. She later supported herself by working as a nurse during three years of College (the University of Chicago) and four years of medical school (SUNY-Downstate). She continued to serve as an Army Reserve Officer and became the first female intern at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1952. Surgery was largely a male preserve during this period and Dr. Haycock often felt the sting of being tolerated rather than welcomed. After receiving additional medical training at three New York institutions, she launched a solo practice in 1959. In 1968, she began a 25 year association with what was then known as the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She became President of the National Women's Medical Association in 1980.

Dr. Haycock is best known for her work to eradicate uterine cancer and the leadership she provided in the successful effort to establish a trauma center at University Hospital in Newark. She has been a major influence on the evolution of sports medicine for women. Perhaps Dr. Haycock's life and career are best summarized by a line from the poet Delmore Schwartz. He wrote: "In dreams begin responsibilities."

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