

Attachment A

Candidate for Honorary Degree

Yvette Kanouff **Doctor of Science**

Yvette Kanouff was nominated for a Doctor of Science and received unanimous approval from the University's Commencement, Convocations, and Recognitions Committee. With the endorsement of the faculty, President Cartwright requests approval of the honorary degree of Doctoral of Science for Yvette Kanouff.

Yvette Kanouff is an award-winning technology innovator and a Partner at JC2 Ventures, a venture firm founded by John Chambers, the former CEO and Chairman of Cisco. Yvette has held pivotal roles across major companies, including her tenure as General Manager and SVP of Cisco's \$7 billion service provider business. She has been instrumental in shaping groundbreaking technologies such as video streaming, app stores, and content delivery networks (CDNs). Her expertise has left an indelible mark on the tech industry, and she is considered a major contributor to the technology sector.

Throughout her career, Yvette has been recognized with numerous prestigious accolades, including being the first woman to win a Lifetime Achievement Emmy® in Television Science for her lifelong technical innovation in the media industry. She was also honored with the National Cable and Television Association's Vanguard Award for Leadership in Science and Technology and has consistently been ranked among the most influential figures in the media and tech industries. Her contributions have earned her titles such as Industry Pioneer, Woman in Technology, and one of the 11 most influential women in television industry.

Yvette holds several patents and her technical contributions span a wide spectrum of innovation. She played a key role in evolving the MPEG-1 standard to MPEG-2, laying the groundwork for modern video delivery systems. Her collaboration with Warner Brothers on encoding standards helped establish the technical foundation of DVDs. Yvette also contributed to the creation of the first app store in the 1990s, designed initially for televisions. Her groundbreaking work in video-on-demand not only earned an Emmy, but also paved the way for the first streaming platforms, revolutionizing how content is consumed worldwide.

Beyond her technical prowess, Yvette is a staunch advocate for diversity and mentorship in the tech sector. She has championed initiatives like Cisco's Multiplier Effect minority program and co-founded the WICT/SCTE Tech-Connect mentoring program. Her leadership and advocacy have garnered recognition, such as the Silicon Valley YWCA Tribute to Women Award and the HITEC 100 Award. Moreover, she supports educational advancement through the Yvette Kanouff Industrial Mathematics Scholarship at the University of Central Florida, where she also serves on the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Sciences.

Yvette holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from UCF and is a 2011 recipient of the UCF Distinguished Alumni Award.