Ann Randolph Flipse, MD ’59, HS ’61, associate professor emerita at the University of Miami School of Medicine, is honored for her leadership in medical education, compassion as a pediatrician, and devotion to Washington University School of Medicine and its graduating class of 1959.

A Renaissance woman, Flipse looks for creative ways to share her knowledge and engage students in insightful conversations. At the University of Miami, she helped develop The Doctoring Course to teach about the art and science of medicine. In the following years, she fostered the idea that many areas of knowledge could be incorporated into traditional science-based curricula, touching thousands of lives through her innovative approach to medical education.

Flipse’s contributions to Washington University are significant. She was one of four women in the entering class of eighty-six. She has been active in her class’ alumni affairs since graduation. She established and maintains a newsletter to communicate with all living alumni of the ’59 class. She has connected with Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship recipients, meeting them annually at the Scholarship and Donor Recognition Dinner. Additionally, she has served as a Reunion volunteer, organizing and hosting special events for classmates.

Nationally, Flipse was active in the Association of American Medical Colleges and chaired committees for the Southern Group on Educational Affairs. For the Association of Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education, she served as a board member and president.

Flipse earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas in 1954 and a medical degree from Washington University in 1959. After an internship and residency at St. Louis Children’s Hospital, she was chief resident at Variety Children’s Hospital in Miami from 1961–62. After 13 years in private pediatric practice, she became the first female president of the medical staff at North Shore Medical Center from 1973–74. She chaired the committee that prepared the hospital for Joint Commission certification. She volunteered at the University of Miami School of Medicine from 1985–86, and was an associate professor until 2005. Since retiring that year, Flipse has been a community leader at the University of North Florida, serving on several councils, educating students about medical training and physician practice, and supporting students with disabilities.

The Washington University Medical Center Alumni Association is pleased to present its Alumni Achievement Award to Dr. Flipse.