

# PADMA CHEBROLU

## University of Cincinnati Alumni Association Marian A. Spencer Mosaic Award

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Good evening, everyone, I am deeply honored to stand before you tonight and receive this extraordinary recognition. To have my name mentioned in the same context as Marian Spencer is both humbling and inspiring. She was a force of courage and conviction, someone who did not simply speak of change, but embodied it. Her legacy reminds us that true leadership is steady, compassionate, and committed to building a better future for generations to come.

I begin by thanking my parents. They gave me my foundation of discipline, resilience, and an unshakable belief that success only has meaning when it uplifts others. To both my children, they keep me grounded in what truly matters. My deepest hope is that our future generations will live in a world that is kinder, happier, and greener. That hope is my guiding light and my legacy.

Thank you to UC's College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology, who saw potential in a 20-year-old graduate student and opened the doors I never imagined possible. To my professors, advisors, mentors, scholarship supporters, alumni, and the campus community, thank you. Living and learning on the campus shaped not just my education, but my entire worldview. UC did more than prepare me for a career, it prepared me for life.

That foundation led me across two worlds I love deeply: the arts and technology as they shaped who I am today. With the support of the Ohio Arts Council and arts education organizations, I was able to grow as an artist and storyteller. At the same time, I spent 30 years in the global technology and business world at Procter & Gamble, and I continue that journey today at Amend company, both companies deeply rooted in Cincinnati and committed to improving lives and igniting economic growth.

Cincinnati, this city holds my heart. This community believed in me and trusted me. It embraced my community work in heritage arts, environmental storytelling, river restoration, tree planting, and filmmaking. And it never said, "That's interesting." It said, "How can we help, and we love your art and storytelling. That spirit of encouragement is very powerful as it changes lives.

I am deeply grateful to the Greater Cincinnati community and State of Ohio. This is a place where world-class education, thriving careers, amazing arts, sports, and community life can all exist together. I thank our Governors, the Ohio Arts Council, and all who have supported my artistic and civic journey.

People often ask me the secret to success and purpose of life. My answer is simple: be kind to others. Live your dream life. And help others live their dream life too.

My deepest thank you to our remarkable UC alumni community for carrying forward a legacy of generosity and excellence to UC, to continue to be the best in education and research. Our alumni make a real difference in students' lives every single day with scholarships, internships, co-op opportunities, job offers, mentoring and much more.

Thank you to our university President, Dr. Pinto, the Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association, and everyone behind this award, thank you for this incredible honor. Your commitment to excellence and community impact reflects the very best of the University of Cincinnati. I promise to continue serving this wonderful community and beyond.

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