

Rosalyn C. King '59
Biography



During her 50-year career, Rosalyn C. King has worked as a pharmacist and an author, professor, consultant and advisor in global health. She entered the Sisters of Charity as a postulant in 1957, two years after enrolling at Seton Hill, but then embarked on a different path. She holds a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Duquesne University, a master's in public health from the University of California at Los Angeles and her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California. In 1967, Rosalyn became the first African-American pharmacist to work for the American Pharmacists Association in Washington, D.C. Her work has spanned several continents. At the United States Agency for International Development, she headed guidance on pharmaceuticals for health care assistance and led a team of pharmacists in crafting a key component of the president's AIDS relief project. As a program manager in Howard University's Office of International Programs for nearly two decades, she collaborated with more than 2,500 pharmacists and managers worldwide to enhance their skills. Rosalyn also served as director of the International Health Institute at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles.

In 2022, Seton Hill University named Rosalyn C. King a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Leadership Award.