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In 2018, the Garden City (New York) Chamber of Commerce honored Dr. Riordan as Businessperson of the Year, and she was honored by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education magazine as one of 25 Top Women in Higher Education Who Are Making a Difference. In 2019, the Long Island Herald honored Dr. Riordan with its Premier Business Woman of Long Island Award. She is a recipient of the Advancement for Commerce, Industry & Technology (ACIT) Monsignor Hartman Humanitarian Award for Commitment to Leadership in the Field of Education. In 2017, she was named a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction and was awarded the Excellence in Service Award by the Islamic Center of Long Island for her efforts to promote diversity and inclusion. Dr. Riordan was named one of Georgia State University’s Distinguished Alumni in 2019.

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