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Dr. Kennedy earned the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco and completed an American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists accredited residency in Pharmacy Practice at the University of California Hospitals and Clinics. She completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education in 2004 and the Leadership Fellows Program with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in 2006. In 2004, Dr. Kennedy received the Malcolm Ellington Professor of Health Disparities Research Endowed Professorship and was appointed Director of the Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education (CMHDRE) where she served until January of 2009. As the Director of the Center, she provided leadership in the development of the research infrastructure necessary to support health disparities research, education and training in the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Kennedy's research has been in the area of behavior modification and cultural competence and as such she led the incorporation of cultural competency training in the Pharmacy curriculum.

Dr. Kennedy served as the Co-Principal Investigator for the Tulane-Xavier NCI Cancer Health Disparities grant where her research focus was on developing a national set of competencies on cultural competence for medical and pharmacy school students preparing for health profession careers. In 2007, she organized the first national health disparities conference for mid-level health care professionals to address the successful translation of research into effective models of practice to impact policy and change behaviors in the broader community. This conference continues annually. In July 2011, she and two of her colleagues received the highest award presented by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (the Rufus A. Lyman award) for a publication on the use of an instrument to assess the perceived level of cultural competence of students in order to guide curriculum development. Her research continues in the area of Community Engagement and Community-Based Participatory Research. She served as the Co-Director of the Community Engagement and Outreach Core for the Louisiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Center from 2012-2018.

In May 2015, Dr. Kennedy was selected as a recipient of the University of California 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alumni Excellence Award. In April of 2018, she was selected to receive the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award from the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy.

Dr. Kennedy was appointed Dean of the College of Pharmacy in May 2010. Currently she serves as the Board Chair of several non-profit organizations including the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the American Heart Association, the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Forward Together New Orleans and the Louisiana Public Health Institute. In 2020 she was appointed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Health Equity Task Force by Governor John Bel Edwards. She is an active member of Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.