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Dr. Charlotte Maguire, right, at the 2010 medical school graduation ceremony.

Take two, Dr. Maguire

The ever-lengthening list of awards that Dr. Charlotte Maguire has received has grown by two in recent months.

In May, during the College of Medicine's commencement ceremony, she learned that a mentorship program in the newly established Resident Division of the American Medical Women's Association had been named for her. As one of Florida's first female pediatricians, and as a key benefactor to Florida State University in general and the College of Medicine in particular, her influence as a role model is immeasurable.

In July, at a Tallahassee community program marking the 20-year anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act, Maguire was recognized for her years of both treating and advocating for children with disabilities. The award came from a group that knows all too well the challenges of living with disabilities: the Capital Polio Association. Said Mark Ravenscraft, the association's president, "She was there in the trenches during the polio wars."