



Daneris Fernández is currently the CEO & President at DGF Consulting Group, a business development and regulatory compliance consulting firm focused in the growth and development of Latin America based companies in the US market. She is a recognized leader by PR Pharmaceutical and Industrial community and by not-for-profit organizations.

Mrs. Fernandez was Vice President of PR Operations and Latin America Operations for Merck & Co. a high-profile executive position accountable for strategic and operational aspects of business and of the execution of business plans to increase profitability, market share and market growth within the Puerto Rico and Latin America territory.

Mrs. Fernandez served as President of the Board for the Pharmaceutical Industry Association of Puerto Rico, PR Pharma Cluster, Center of Excellence of Advanced Technology” , Barceloneta Waste Water Regional Treatment Corporation, Partnership for Pure Water”, and Fundación Niños para Niños, and as board member for SUAGM Board of Trustees, UPR Research and Development Center, PR Economic and Fiscal Restructuring Board (CAREF) , PRMA, PR Chamber of Commerce, United Way, American Heart Association .

Mrs. Fernandez is currently Vice President of the Board of Directors of Invest PR, Board member of Foundation for PR and Honorary Consul of Costa Rica in Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Fernandez has been recipient of many awards including SUAGM “Presidential Medal”, PRMA “ Manufacturer of the Year”, Caribbean Business “Top Ten Business Leaders in PR”, SME “Top Management Award”, University of PR “Colegial Ilustre” , “Businessperson of the Year” from the Alianza Internacional de Hombres y Mujeres de Negocio, and several recognitions from the Senate and House of Representatives for her contributions to the Island.

Mrs. Fernandez holds a Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus .

\REFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Invest PR
 - Vice President, Board of Directors, 2017 to present
- Foundtaion of PR
 - Board of Directors – 2017 to Present
- Pharmaceutical Industry Association of Puerto Rico,
 - President, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, 2008 to 2011
 - Vice President, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, 2007-2008
 - Treasurer, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, 2006-2007
 - Board of Directors, Executive Committee, 2004-2005
- CAREF- Comité Asesor de Reconstrucción Económica y Fiscal para PR, Member Appointed by the Governor of PR, Honorable Luis Fortuño, 2008 – 2009;
- Comité Asesor de Educación de PR Co-chairperson, 2011-2012, Appointed by the Governor of PR, Honorable Luis Fortuño – Chairperson;
- Sistema Universitario Ana G Méndez,
 - Board of Trustees 2007- 2011;
- PR Chamber of Commerce,
 - Board of Directors, 2006-2008;
- University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Research and Development Center,
 - Board of Directors, 2006-2009;
- Partnership for Pure Water,
 - Chairperson 2002-2006,
 - Vice chair person 2009-2010;
- Barceloneta Waste Water Regional Treatment Plant Corporation,
 - Board of Directors President, 2001-2003,
 - Vice President 2004-2006;
- Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association (PRMA),
 - Director, Pharmaceutical and Biotech Sectors 2005- 2007;
 - Regional Director North Region, 2001- 2004;
- PR Pharma Cluster,
 - President, Board of Directors 2005- 2006;
- Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology,
 - Chairman, Board of Directors, 2005-2009;
- American Heart Association,
 - Community Board Member, 2005 to 2009;
 - Chairperson Northern Region Fund Raising Campaign for the American Heart Association;

- "Fundación Niños para Niños", Founder and Chairperson, 2005-2012.
- United Way Puerto Rico
 - Board Member (1989-1991);
- Fund Raising Gala Chairperson of the Museo de Arte de Ponce (2007-2008, 2009-2010).
- Alliance for PR Without Drugs
 - Board of Directors, 2007-2008

HONOS AND AWARDS:

- Safety Health and the Environment VP Award, Merck, 2010
- Merck Lean Six Sigma Award- Best use of LSS methodology for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient Capacity Increase, Merck, 2008
- MMD Operational Excellence Award -For the Implementation of Lean Manufacturing Systems in Merck , 2006
- Best Teamwork Award - Implementation of Lean Six Sigma Pilot for Merck Manufacturing Division, , Merck, 2006
- Green Chemistry Award to Merck & Co, Environmental Protection Agency, 2006
- Chairman Safety Award - Best use of OE Methodology and Best teamwork for the implementation of LSS at Arecibo Site, Merck, 2005
- MMD Presidential Safety award - For achieving 5 million hours without lost time accidents, Merck & Co, 2004
- Environmental Excellence Award, Environmental Quality Board, 2004
- EPA National Industry Award for Best Educational Program, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region II, 2003
- Chairman Safety Award - For achieving 5 million hours without lost time accidents,; Merck & Co, 1999.
- University of Turabo, Ana G. Méndez University System,
 - Presidential Medal, June 2008
- The San Juan Star, Puerto Rico Local news paper
 - Puerto Rico Women in Leadership-Hall of Fame, 2008
 - Puerto Rico Women in Leadership, 2006
- Caribbean Business, Puerto Rico Local Newspaper
 - Top 10 Business Leader of Puerto Rico, 2007
 - Women Who Rule, 2007
 - Top Business Woman of the Year, Caribbean Business, 2006
 - Puerto Rico Most Powerful Women Award, 2004
- Puerto Rico International Alliance for Businessmen and Businesswomen,
 - Businesswoman of the year, 2006
- Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
 - Manufacturer of the Year, 2001
- Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
 - Safety Leadership Award, 2007
 - Safety Leadership Award, 2006
 - Safety Leadership Award, 2005
 - Safety Leadership Award, 2004

- Safety Leadership Award, 2003
 - Safety Leadership Award, 1994
- Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
 - Environmental Leadership Award, 2005
- American Heart Association
 - Crystal Heart Award, 2003
- Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Magazine
 - Gold Award, 2006.
- "Imagen" Puerto Rico Local Magazine,
 - Top 20 Distinguished Women in Puerto Rico ,2010
 - Pillars of our Economy Award ,2006
- Puerto Rico Supplier Development Council,
 - Minority Suppliers Award, 2005
- Puerto Rico Sales & Marketing (SME) Association,
 - Top Management Award Manufacturing Sector ,2005
- Puerto Rico House of Representatives,
 - Recognition for SME Top Management Award ,2005
- Environmental Quality Board,
 - Environmental Excellence Award to Puerto Rico Operations (2003-2004)
- Senate of Puerto Rico,
 - Recognition for Champions of the Environment Program ,2003
 - Recognition for University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, Distinguished Alumni Award ,2001
- Barceloneta Municipality
 - Recognition for Support during Hurricanes George
- Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company,
 - Recognition Scholarship Program ,2003
- U.S. Environmental protection Agency Region II,
 - National Industry Award for Best Educational Program ,2003
- University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus,
 - Recognition for supporting educational symposiums ,2003
 - Distinguished Alumni Award ,2001("Colegial Ilustre")
- Puerto Rico College of Engineers and land Surveyors,
 - Best Project Award to Barceloneta plant site for RUBIX project ,2006
- United Way
 - Silver and Gold Sponsors Awards (1998-2005)
- Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority,
 - "La Gota" Award to Barceloneta plant site ,2000