



Bald Head Island Academy

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aktaPD's Sheree Vaickus Cited as Woman to KNOW in 2023 Magazine

(Raleigh, NC) Sheree Vaickus, a C-suite executive with akta Pharmaceutical Development® (aktaPD) and co-founder of Bald Head Island Academy™ (BHIA™), was recently recognized for her entrepreneurial spirit and creative leadership in the 2023 issue of KNOW Magazine. A global integrated marketing strategist, Vaickus is Chief Operating Sales and Marketing Officer of aktaPD, an international pharmaceutical development company that provides partner-clients with experts to help design, develop, and commercialize treatments for diseases, including medical tools, devices, cell therapies, diagnostics, foods, beneficial bacteria, and medicines. In 2022, she co-founded Bald Head Island Academy, the first school on Bald Head Island, NC. "I am honored to be featured with forty-five powerful, self-made North Carolina women from diverse walks of life, industries, and backgrounds who are dedicated to achieving business success while also improving their communities," Vaickus said. "We have an awesome responsibility to help pave the way for the next generation of leaders and we can only do that by jumping in with sound educational solutions. I've been mentored by the best, so now I feel I have an obligation to pay it forward." In the KNOW magazine feature story, she shares her story, as well as insights on women's empowerment and good advice for the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Bald Head Island Academy exemplifies Vaickus's commitment to leader development, and is a natural offshoot of the science-based pharma business she runs with her husband. The K through eighth grade tuition-based school provides its students with a rich, credentialed, on-island education emphasizing earth sciences and maritime ecosystems. With a focus on intentional, whole-child learning, it is designed to foster future leaders and implant a culture of good environmental stewardship.

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Established in 2017, KNOW is a global media company and community designed to amplify the voices of and provide greater visibility to female movers and shakers. The annual magazine supports the organization's mission to help women become known for their hard work and achievements, lifting up the current generation of creators to inspire the next generation. To date, KNOW has connected 10,000 women across the US and Canada.

To learn more about Sheree Vaickus, visit aktaPD.com and bhiacademy.org.

About aktaPD

akta Pharmaceutical Development (aktaPD®) is an international company engaged in the design, development, and commercialization of the treatments for diseases. An open-architecture business consortium, the company partners with and provides biopharmaceutical companies, private investment firms, and academic and government clients with experts to help facilitate the development of meaningful products, including new chemical entities (NCEs), biosimilars, biologicals, cell therapies, beneficial bacteria, foods, diagnostics, medical tools, and devices. Areas of expertise include preclinical and clinical development, leadership, operations, CRO governance, regulatory affairs, manufacturing, knowledge transfer, technology, and marketing. For details, visit <https://aktapd.com/>.

About Bald Head Island Academy™

BHI Academy™ (BHIA™) is a K through eighth grade tuition-based school providing a rich, credentialed, best-in-class, on-island education that goes beyond just meeting federal and North Carolina standards. It breaks barriers and teaches children how to learn for life. With a unique emphasis on earth sciences, maritime sustainability, and island ecosystem preservation and a mission to embed respect for self, others, and the environment for generations to come, the Academy is open to all students, regardless of financial means. To accomplish its purpose, the BHI Academy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that ensures education equity and access to children ages five to fifteen, provides guidance on and raises funds for sponsorship of programs for building growth, scholarships, summer programs, extracurricular activities, life skills courses, transportation to off-island programs, meals, and childcare. For details, visit bhiacademy.org.



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