

Sheree Vaickus cited as Woman to KNOW in 2023 Magazine

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Sheree Vaickus, a C-suite executive with akta Pharmaceutical Development® (aktaPD) and co-founder of Bald 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 STEAM on Bald Head Island.

"I am honored to be featured with 45 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.

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.



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Sheree Vaickus, COSMO of akta Pharmaceutical Development and co-founder of Bald Head Island Academy, was recently honored with a spotlight in the annual NC KNOW Magazine issue featuring female leaders and entrepreneurs.