

Pro-Chancellor,

Michael Dooley is a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist whose expertise in women's health has led him to work with professional athletes and to advise The International Olympic Committee on Recreational and Elite Athletes during Pregnancy and Postpartum.

Michael was set on a career in medicine from an early age, encouraged by his father who had worked alongside Alexander Fleming to administer the first injections of penicillin for Bacterial Endocarditis.

He trained at the University of London, did further training at The University of Galway and Oxford and was a Research Fellow at King's College Hospital before becoming Senior Registrar at St Thomas' Hospital London. He became a Consultant Gynaecologist at Dorset County Hospital in 1992 and went on to become Clinical Tutor. He is the founder of The Poundbury Clinic in Dorchester and also works in several hospitals in London, providing an integrated approach to women's health care having written several books on the subject. He is also Surgeon Gynaecologist to Her Majesty The Queen.

Away from his medical training, Michael has always had a love of horses. In 1995 he combined these passions when he was appointed Director of Sports Medicine and Science for the British Equestrian Federation and was team doctor at the Atlanta and Sydney Olympic Games. He went on to be Lead Gynaecologist at the London 2020 Games. Michael has since provided guidance for athletes and their employers across other sports, most recently for the English Cricket Board.

Michael is an ambassador for the communities he serves. He is Lord-Lieutenant\* of Dorset, has served as High Sheriff for the county, and is an active fundraiser who has organised team challenges raising more than £200,000 for good causes. He is also a strong supporter of Bournemouth University, sharing his experiences and expertise with staff and students as a Visiting Professor, mentoring PhD students and organising an annual conference at the university to help local charities build connections.

Michael's advice to today's graduates is to seize opportunities, which he says are much easier to grab onto as they approach than when they have passed by, and to surround yourself with loved ones with whom you can share the ups and downs of life.

Pro-Chancellor, I have the honour to present Michael Dooley, and I ask you to confer upon him an Honorary Doctorate of Science.

***\*Lieutenant is pronounced left-tenant***