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## Giorgio Armani granted honorary doctoral degree from hometown university

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Universit Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Rector Franco Anelli presented Italian designer Giorgio Armani with academic credentials at a ceremony on May 11. Image credit: Giorgio Armani

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Italian fashion house Giorgio Armani is celebrating the academic achievements of its founder.



This month, the CEO received an honorary doctorate in global business management from Italy's Universit Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. During Mr. Armani's degree ceremony, his global business successes were applauded as the college pointed to a strong work ethic and solid corporate reputation as sources backing the conferment.

## Made in Italy

Speakers recounted the 88-year-old's personal history and professional heights during the Thursday affair.

In addition to the executive's international status, those representing the university expressed an appreciation for Mr. Armani's commitment to home over the course of his career, joining in on a sense of national pride by citing the leader's continued prioritization of local production.

Anna Maria Fellegara, faculty dean of economics and law at Universit Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, spoke to his contributions to Italy and credited him with putting it on the global luxury map.

Mr Armani with his Honorary Degree in Global Business Management conferred by the Universit Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Piacenza, his native city. Mr Armani pictured during the ceremony with Franco Anelli, Rector of the Universit Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and Anna Maria pic.twitter.com/mwPD5OnK6s

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Speakers' praises aside, the creative director's latest credential is inherently intimate.

The ceremony took place at The City Theater of Piacenza, located in the town where Mr. Armani was born and

raised. In 2015, the chairman penned a memoir of his foundational years spent in Piacenza, offering a personal look at the face behind one of the most popular luxury fashion brands in the world (see story).

Addressing his fondness for the Italian expanse in an acceptance speech, Mr. Armani stated that his surroundings served as the source of much fascination as a child, in recognition of the full circle moment.

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