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Earlier in his career, he served as Senior Vice President, Development, and as a director of Glaxo Inc., a subsidiary of Glaxo Holdings plc.

In 2008 the UNC School of Pharmacy was renamed in honor of Fred Eshelman, a member of the Class of 1972, in recognition of the extensive financial support he has provided to the school.