

Bio **Nancy M. Cappello, Ph.D.**

Nancy M. Cappello, Ph.D., is Director and Founder of [Are You Dense, Inc.](#), and [Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc.](#), with a mission to educate the public about the risks and screening challenges of dense breast tissue to prevent missed, delayed, and advanced-stage cancer, thus reducing mortality. She is the inspiration behind Connecticut's first-in-the-nation density reporting law passed in 2009, making the state a global leader in density reporting, adjunct screening, and the density reporting grassroots movement.

[Thirty-five](#) states have since enacted density reporting laws and a federal bill is pending. Dr. Cappello has presented her inspiring story of patient-turned-advocate across the United States and internationally, including Canada, Rome, Tokyo, Paris, Puerto Rico and Brisbane Australia. [Nancy's Chalkboard](#), Dr. Cappello's popular blog has been published by the *Huffington Post* and other media outlets. She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including being named a Health Hero by *Parade Magazine*, honored by the *Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame*, and selected for the national Americanism award by *UNICO*.

Dr. Cappello holds a B.A. and an M.S. in Elementary and Special Education from Central Connecticut State University, a Sixth-Year Degree in Administration and Supervision from Southern Connecticut State University, and a Ph.D. in Education Administration from the University of Connecticut. When her Mission is finished, she looks forward to rescuing a dog, learning Italian, and taking golf lessons.



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