

2022 Dickson Awardee: Barbara Sawrey

Barbara retired in 2017 as Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Education, and Distinguished Teaching Professor in Chemistry and Biochemistry. As a professor, she taught exceptionally well-reviewed undergraduate courses, served as co-director of the Doctoral Program in Mathematics and Science Education and Co-Principal Investigator of the Howard Hughes Undergraduate Science Enrichment



Program. As Dean, she continued to improve the support of students in their academic and co-curricular pursuits.

After retirement, she has continued a trajectory of exceptional engagement with academic institutions, her professional organization, and community organizations, some with an international scope. In the American Chemical Society, where she first joined in 1989, she served on the Board of Directors from 2012-2021; she remains a member today. She serves as one of the six UC trustees for the American University of Armenia where she plays a key role in building the overseas academic institution. She also serves as a mentor in Revelle College for chemistry majors, is an active member of the Leadership Advisory Panel that mentors new department chairs at the University, and is continuing her career efforts to promote women by serving on the Board of Directors of the Women's Empowerment International. Her service extends her UC San Diego record of efficacious leadership advocating for academic excellence, professional development, advancement of women, and effective institutional problem-solving.