

2012 Dickson Awardee: Marjorie Caserio

Marjorie C. Caserio is a London-born scientist and educator who joined UC San Diego in 1990, having previously served as founding member of the UC Irvine faculty and chair of the Department of Chemistry. At UC San Diego, Caserio was vice chancellor of Academic Affairs and interim chancellor. She also headed efforts to establish an undergraduate major in connection with UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, a new major in women's studies, a new doctorate program in mathematics/science education, and the Department of Ethnic Studies. Caserio authored four textbooks in her field, including Basic Principles of Organic Chemistry, which was the most widely used undergraduate organic chemistry textbook in the nation during the 1960s and 1970s. She remains an active participant in the Emeriti Mentor Program and has received the American Chemical Society's Service Through Chemistry award and Francis P. Garvan–John M. Olin Medal. Since her retirement in 1997, Marjorie has remained a valuable contributor to UCSD and the UC system. Between 1999 and 2007, she served as Web Manager, Vice President, and President of the [UCSD Emeriti Association](#). Additionally, she also served as Treasurer and Web Manager of the [Council of UC Emeriti Associations](#) (CUCEA) and Editor of the Council's [newsletter](#). From 2007 to 2008, she was Interim Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Marjorie has also been an active mentor in the UCSD Emeriti Mentor program, and an active member of the American Chemical Society and she helped to form and oversee the ACS's first Graduate Education Office. Her advice and persistence were critical to helping the ACS understand that it needed to make graduate education a priority alongside K-12 and undergraduate education.

