

Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt

Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt is the President of the American Chemical Society. She holds a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. She received a M.S. from the University of Tennessee, and a B. A. in chemistry from the University of Tennessee--Chattanooga. Immediately after finishing her Ph.D., she joined the Procter & Gamble Company (P&G), where she played key roles in Tide®, Head & Shoulders®, Pert Plus® and Safeguard®. Diane served as Section Head with responsibility for safety and regulatory affairs before retiring in 2014. She is currently an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at the University of Cincinnati.

Diane has been a member of ACS since her first days in graduate school. She is a past Chair of the Cincinnati local section, and has held leadership positions at the regional and national level as well. She is a past Chair of the Division of Professional Relations and the Division of Chemical Health and Safety. Diane served three consecutive terms on the ACS Board of Directors as the Director from District II from 2002 to 2010. While on the Board her service included Chair of the Board Committee on Professional & Member Relations, Chair of the Board Committee on Public Affairs & Public Relations, member of the Board Executive Committee, and Chair of several task forces and working groups.

Diane's honors include selection as an ACS Fellow, the Henry Hill Award sponsored by the national ACS Division of Professional Relations, Distinguished Scientist of Cincinnati by Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati (the first woman ever selected for this honor), Distinguished Alum of the University of Cincinnati - McMicken College of Arts & Sciences, Distinguished Alum of the University of Tennessee - Chattanooga, and many other honors.

Diane's research interests include carbohydrate chemistry, heterocyclic chemistry, polymers, separations technology, controlled release/delivery systems and chemistry as applied to consumer products. At P&G she developed and evaluated technologies for a variety of consumer products, and became a Certified Chemical Hygiene Officer. She holds multiple U. S. patents and corresponding applications and filings internationally. She has authored scientific publications and technical presentations.