At the University of California, San Diego, we constantly push boundaries and challenge expectations. Established in 1960, UC San Diego has been shaped by exceptional scholars who aren't afraid to take risks and redefine the future of science and education.

Research and Education

We are home to some of the world's leading researchers in fields such as biochemistry, chemistry, and biochemical sciences through transformative research and impactful educational programs. Our commitment to excellence in teaching and learning is reflected in our role as faculty of the Material Science and Engineering Program at UC San Diego. John received his B.S. in chemistry from the University of Illinois, Urbana, in 1979 and his Ph.D. from UC San Diego. John is currently a Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Student Spotlights

We celebrate the professional contributions and outstanding research and academic achievements of our students. Recently, we congratulate Mark Flanagan on his outstanding research and academic contributions. Mark's Q&A is available for reading.

Commitment to Inclusion

In our inaugural student spotlight, we introduce Vicki Grassian, Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Vicki’s work focuses on the development of novel characterization techniques to study the formation, structure, and properties of materials.

Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

The event is the key platform for recognizing the academic, professional, and personal achievements of our undergraduate majors in the chemical sciences. This year, the symposium was held virtually as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank You

We are extremely proud and in awe of how our department pulled together through the unprecedented challenges posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. We look forward to celebrating the continued growth and successes of our department.

Message from Chair Vicki Grassian

Dear Students and Staff,

As we conclude another academic year, I am immensely proud of the progress and achievements of our faculty, students, and staff. Despite the challenges posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic, our department has continued to thrive and evolve.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. We look forward to celebrating the continued growth and successes of our department.

Vicki Grassian
Distinguished Professor and Chair
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Stay safe and healthy,

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