

# FORMER MERCED COLLEGE PROFESSOR ELECTED TO PRESTIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Janan M. Hayes, Ph.D., retired chemistry faculty member and administrator at Merced College, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society. She began a three-year term on January 1 as director-at-large. Dr. Hayes currently resides in Sacramento.

Dr. Hayes received her bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in 1964 and her master's degree in 1965. She received her doctorate degree in 1971 from Brigham Young University. She was at Merced College from 1989 until her retirement in 2005 where she served as Dean of Instruction and Vice President of Instruction. She then completed her career as a faculty member in Chemistry and Physical Science. She also was co-director of Project Inclusion, a project that attempted to bring meaning and relevance to the teaching of physical sciences by featuring the contributions of different peoples, times and places that are meaningful to students.

An ACS member since 1969, Dr. Hayes has served on more than a dozen national Society committees and task forces. She also has been active at the local level, where she has been chair of the ACS Sacramento Section, served as a councilor for the section and has worked on numerous committees. Her honors include the ACS Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society; Shirley B. Radding Award, Santa Clara Valley Section, ACS; American Women in Science and Outstanding Young Women in America.

“The future of chemistry has never been brighter,” according to Hayes. “Chemists are creating new materials, new medicines and new energy sources that will transform our lives and improve our world. We need talented young people from all backgrounds to pursue careers in science and join in the discovery. We also need strong support from Congress for the chemical research that will keep our country competitive in a global market.”

The American Chemical Society — the world's largest scientific professional society — is a

nonprofit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress and a global leader in providing access to chemistry-related research through its multiple databases, peer-reviewed journals and scientific conferences. Its main offices are in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.