Stephen K. Doberstein '52M has used his knowledge and management skills to benefit the state of Delaware’s chemical industry, academics and nonprofit organizations.

Following graduation, Stephen went to work for the DuPont Company. Over time, he moved up the ranks to become research manager for the firm, and retired from the company after more than three decades in the field.

From there, he transitioned to academia and taught chemistry at Delaware Technical Community College. Committed to educating the next generation of chemical leaders, he stayed in the position from 1987 to 1992.

Since 1992, he has been the director of the Crystal Trust Foundation, a Delaware nonprofit organization in Delaware that was established by the DuPont family in 1947. As the head of the organization, Stephen oversees the company’s philanthropic efforts to the state’s secondary and higher education, social and family services, arts and cultural programs, health and hospitals, conservation programs and historical preservation.

He has also been a member of American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) for over 60 years and received the Golden Anniversary Award for his longtime membership.