

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Richard E. Emmert '52M, '54PhD is a chemical engineer whose service and expertise in chemical reaction technology and mass transfer have been invaluable to the scientific community. He began his career at the DuPont Company and remained with the firm for 34 years before retiring as Vice-President of Electronics.

Prior to his last role at DuPont, he served in various management positions within the company, including vice-president of corporate plans; general manager of textile fibers; director of instrument products; director of R&D in pigments; manager of engineering technology and materials research; research engineer; as well as numerous manufacturing positions.

After retirement from DuPont Dick spent nine years as executive director of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). While there, he provided advice to government entities on topics such as engineering education, commercialization, international competitiveness, safety, the environment and energy.

Outside of his primary career, Richard has played a key role in enhancing education, and previously served as president of the University of Delaware Research Foundation and as vice-chairman of the Stanton, DE school board. He has also served on advisory boards at the University of California-Berkeley, Villanova University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Delaware and University of Iowa.

For his outstanding accomplishments, Dick was elected into the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in 1985, and since then has served on numerous NAE committees. He also received the Medal of Distinction from University of Delaware and the Hancher-Finkbine Medal from the University of Iowa, in addition to an honorary doctorate of science degree from Manhattan College. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from University of Iowa in 1951.

In other activities, Dick has been a trustee of the Christiana Care Health System and previously served on the boards of the Chemical Heritage Foundation, the United Engineering Foundation, and the American Association of Engineering Societies. He is also an active tennis player, having held rankings as high as #4 nationally in his age division, and was inducted into the Delaware Tennis Hall of Fame.