2019 HONOREES

Extraordinary Innovation

Martin Brudermueller
Chairman and CTO, BASF SE

Outstanding Global Growth

Bob Patel
CEO, LyondellBasell

KEYNOTE

James Green
Chief Scientist, NASA

Wayne Smith
Member of the Board of Executive Directors, BASF SE

Duane Dickson
Vice Chairman, Deloitte

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December 10, 2019 • 11:30 am – 2:30 pm Metropolitan Club
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The distinguished STEM Leadership Awards event is a fundraiser to help advance STEM programs focused on chemistry and industry.

ANNUAL STEM AWARDS

December 10, 2019
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Metropolitan Club
1 E 60th St, New York, NY 10022

Schedule
11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Registration
12 pm - 1 pm
Luncheon
1 pm – 2:30 pm
Awards Presentation

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CME Host – George Rodriguez
Young Chemist – Chris Hillenbrand
Keynote – Jim Green

CME Co-Chair – Steve Barnett
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LEADERSHIP
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OUTSTANDING GLOBAL GROWTH

Bob Patel – CEO of LyondellBasell. In 2018, LyondellBasell, one of the largest plastics, chemicals and refining companies in the world, completed the acquisition of A. Schulman, Inc. expanding the company’s reach into additional high-growth, high-margin end markets; broke ground on the world’s largest propylene oxide and tertiary butyl alcohol (PO/TBA) plant; and plans to start up the world’s first Hyperzone PE plant in 2019. Mr. Patel assumed the position of CEO in January 2015 after having served as executive vice president, Olefins and Polyolefins and previously senior vice president. Mr. Patel joined LyondellBasell in March 2010 and as executive vice president successfully led the restructuring of key company’s O&P and Technology segments, focusing on achieving best-in-class operational and commercial excellence.

Mr. Patel was responsible for LyondellBasell’s manufacturing facilities and commercial operations. In 2011, he led the effort to reposition the business, increasing overall competitiveness, efficiency and earnings. As CEO, Mr. Patel has focused on leading the next phase of the company’s long-term growth strategy. Under Mr. Patel’s leadership, LyondellBasell was named to Fortune Magazine’s list of “World’s Most Admired Companies” in 2018 and 2019.

Previously, Mr. Patel held positions at Chevron for more than 20 years. Mr. Patel is a member of the Business Council and The Business Roundtable. He previously served as the 2018 chairman of the American Chemistry Council. Mr. Patel serves on the board of Union Pacific Corporation. He earned a Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from The Ohio State University and holds a Master of Business Administration from Temple University.
EXTRAORDINARY INNOVATION

Martin Brudermüller – Chairman and Chief Technology Officer of BASF SE. Having lived in three continents and established an impeccable reputation as an innovation leader in various fields of chemistry, Brudermüller brings an exceptional global business and technology perspective to the chemical industry. As artificial intelligence plays an even larger role, Brudermüller’s commitment to industry leadership is exemplified by the deployment of the most powerful computer in the chemical industry. At 1.75 quadrillion calculations per second, QURIOSITY – the new BASF super computer – accelerates discovery, makes manufacturing processes more efficient, optimizes logistics faster than ever before and supports completely new digital business models.

Brudermüller was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1961. He received his degree in Chemistry at the University of Karlsruhe, Germany, in 1985. After earning his doctorate in Karlsruhe in 1987, he did a postdoc at the University of California, Berkeley.

He joined BASF in 1988 as a research scientist in the Ammonia Laboratory. Subsequently, he had various positions in business, production and strategic planning until he became president of the Functional Polymers division in 2003. Brudermüller has been a member of the Board of Executive Directors since 2006. From 2011 he assumed the position of the Vice Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors of BASF SE and since 2015 additionally Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

In May 2018 Brudermüller became Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors and Chief Technology Officer (CTO). He is member of various institutions and academies, including the Senate Committees of the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science and the German National Academy of Science and Engineering.
KEYNOTE

James Green – As Chief Scientist at the world's premier space agency, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Dr. Green focuses on strategic science objectives and contributions to the science communities worldwide. He was the director of the Planetary Science Division at NASA Headquarters since 2006. For 12 years he managed numerous successful missions from Mercury to Pluto that have ushered in a golden age of planetary exploration. These missions include: the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter; Mars rovers Spirit, Opportunity and Curiosity; and the New Horizons mission to Pluto and beyond just to mention a few. Dr. Green received his PhD in Space Physics from the University of Iowa in 1979.

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Duane Dickson – is a Vice Chairman and principal in Deloitte Consulting LLP’s Energy Resources & Industrials Industry group, as well as the US Oil, Gas & Chemicals Sector Leader and the Global Oil, Gas & Chemicals Consulting leader. Duane served as a World Economic Forum's Chemical Community Lead, Chemistry and Advanced Materials. He focuses on growth strategies; acquisitions, divestitures, and carve-outs; and management.

Wayne Smith – Member of the Board of Executive Directors of BASF SE, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BASF Corporation, responsible for Monomers, Performance Materials, Process Research & Chemical Engineering, Market & Business Development, Site & Verbund Management North America, as well as Regional Functions & Country Platforms North America. B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Syracuse University and an MBA from the Wharton School, UPenn.
OUTSTANDING CME STUDENT

Christopher Hillenbrand – Bachelor in Science of Chemistry and Physics at MIT, Chris was the 2012 USA Gold Medalist at the International Chemistry Olympiads. At 15 he was the youngest USA high school student to achieve a Gold Medal at IChO. CME was the first professional group to honor him in 2012.

CME CO-CHAIR

Steve Barnett – Health, Safety and Environment Partner at Connell Foley LLP. Licensed Professional Engineer, Certified Industrial Hygienist and Master of Science in Public Health, Industrial Hygiene Emphasis. He proudly served as Captain, United States Air Force, Bioenvironmental Engineer.

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CME Past Chair and Host

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Jon Huntsman, 2013 honoree, granddaughter Kate and son Paul.
2015 honoree Roy Vagelos and wife Diana

Sonneborn and Peroxichem executives celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of CME.
2012 Chemistry Olympiad US Gold Medalist Chris Hillenbrand (center left)

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