

Biography

Dr. Catherine T. "*Katie*" Hunt received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of California, Davis in 1981 with Professor Alan Balch.

Katie is the President of the American Chemical Society, the largest scientific society in the world with over 163,000 members and headquartered in Washington, DC.

Katie is also the Leader for Technology Partnerships at the Rohm and Haas Company, an \$8 billion dollar specialty materials company headquartered in Philadelphia, PA. In her current role she works to accelerate the pace of innovation by fostering collaboration across industry, academia, and national labs in partnership with foundations and government agencies. This is a role she created for herself and has successfully secured multi-million dollar grants since creating the unit in 2002.

Dr. Hunt began her career as a senior scientist at Rohm and Haas Company after completing an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale University. For nearly 25 years, she has held positions of increasing responsibility, from research scientist to plant laboratory manager to Director of Worldwide Analytical Competency Networks and Technology Development.

Over her professional career, Dr. Hunt has received many awards, including being selected in 2007 as one of Pennsylvania's "**50 Best Women in Business**" by Governor Rendell, being named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and being awarded the Smith Medal from the Board of Trustees.

Katie currently lives in Upper Dublin, PA with her husband, Wes, and their son, James. In her spare time, she enjoys yoga, judging science fairs and serving on her local library board.