

2008 Vanguard Award

The Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF) honored Patrick J. Marantette, President of the E.T. Horn Company, located in La Mirada, CA, with the Vanguard Award in a ceremony held on April 7 in Arlington, VA. The award honors individuals whose leadership, commitment, and outreach efforts have helped advance the Foundation's mission of fostering a greater understanding of chemistry, the benefits of chemicals, and the importance of chemical safety awareness.



Marantette was honored for his long-time involvement in CEF activities. Most notably, he was a member of the Board of Trustees, serving as President for two years. During that time, he also served as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, where he worked to establish a sustainable model of growth for the CEF. He also served as the Funding Committee Chairman where he was instrumental in increasing contributions to the Foundation. Marantette has also continuously promoted the importance of the CEF mission among industry members, securing the participation of key executives on the CEF Board of Trustees.



In addition to his work with the CEF Board of Trustees, Marantette has also distributed CEF's *You Be The Chemist* kit a teaching aid, and additional educational resources to customers, educators and community members in the La Mirada area.

"Mr. Marantette's leadership, enthusiasm, and genuine interest in chemistry education have proven to be the foundation for the growth and success that CEF has seen in recent years," stated John Rice, Executive Director of CEF. "It is only fitting that we honor his outstanding efforts and dedication by presenting Mr.

Marantette with the Vanguard Award," he added.

The Vanguard Award presentation was held at the Hotel Palomar in Arlington, VA. The evening started with a 6:00 pm reception and 7:00 pm dinner and award ceremony. In addition to honoring the valuable work of Marantette, the event also proved to be an excellent opportunity for members of the chemical industry to interact with one another. Attendees included representatives from the chemical distribution and manufacturing industries, as well as affiliated organizations.



For more information, please visit the [Vanguard Award](#) page of the CEF Web site or contact the CEF staff. CEF will begin accepting nominations for the 2009 Vanguard Award in the fall of 2008.

(See page 2 for a brief biography on Patrick J. Marantette.)

2008 Vanguard Award Winner - Patrick J. Marantette

Patrick (Pat) J. Marantette is President of E.T. Horn Company, a La Mirada, California, based chemical distributor. A graduate of California State University, Long Beach, Marantette joined the company in 1975 as the Senior Account Manager, Industrial Sales. He went on to serve as the Vice President, Sales, Founder of Food Division, and Executive Vice President prior to his appointment as President.



Mr. Marantette has long been involved with the activities of the Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF). He was a member of the CEF Board of Trustees, serving as President for two years. During that time he also served on the Long Range Planning and Funding & Investment committees. Today, he continues to promote the importance of the CEF mission in his local community and among his chemical industry peers.

Mr. Marantette has also been an active participant in the National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD) since 1980. He has served on several committees, as a regional Director at Large, and most notably as Chairman of the Board of Directors. In 2002, he was awarded with NACD's Distributor of the Year Award.

In addition to his work with CEF and NACD, Mr. Marantette is a member of various organizations, including the Southern California Paint & Coatings Association, Los Angeles Society for Coatings Technology, Institute of Food Technologies, Pacific Technology Exchange, California Industrial Chemical Council, and the Council for Responsible Nutrition

He and his wife Linda have three children, Jacqueline, Karin, and Stephen and six grandchildren.