A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends of UT Chemistry,

I recently had the privilege of introducing one of our outstanding faculty members, Jonathan Sessler, as UT Austin's Inventor of the Year. Dr. Sessler's innovative contributions have spanned several decades on this campus. A cancer survivor himself, he developed a class of molecules, texaphyrins, that hold promise to treat future cancer patients. Together with the doctor who helped him recover from lymphoma, Dr. Sessler co-founded a company, Pharmacyclics, which later was responsible for a new blockbuster drug for blood cancer.

To me, Dr. Sessler is an excellent example of the entrepreneurial spirit and world-changing abilities of our UT Austin chemists. That spirit, I believe, is one reason that The University of Texas at Austin ranked 13th worldwide for Chemistry in U.S. News and World Report's most recent Best Global Universities rankings. I hope you enjoy watching the video below about Dr. Sessler and reading more about his work, and other news of the department.

Thank you for your support in making us a science education leader and a hub for discovery and innovation that changes the world.

Dave Thirumalai
Chair, Department of Chemistry
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