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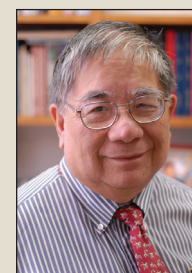
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In Memoriam

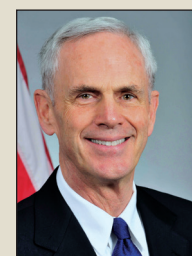
To learn more about their lives and work, visit magazine.caltech.edu/post/in-memoriam.



Sunney Chan (1936–2025)

Chan, Caltech's George Grant Hoag Professor of Biophysical Chemistry, Emeritus, passed away on May 5, 2025, at age 88. He began his Caltech career as an assistant professor of chemical physics in 1963. He received tenure in 1968 and was named the George Grant Hoag Professor in 1992.

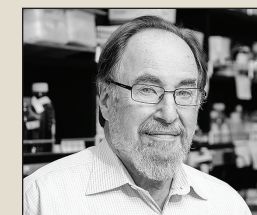
Chan's research evolved from fundamental studies in chemical physics to the investigation of biological molecules, including the base stacking of nucleic acids, the dynamic structures of membranes, and the function of membrane proteins. His work made extensive use of nuclear magnetic resonance, a noninvasive, highly sensitive method that exploits the magnetic properties of atomic nuclei. Chan also served as executive officer for chemistry from 1978 to 1980 and again from 1989 to 1994. He was master of student houses from 1980 to 1983.



John E. Bryson (1943–2025)

Bryson, former United States secretary of commerce, environmental advocate, and a life member of the Caltech community, passed away on May 13, 2025, at age 81. Bryson was named to the Caltech Board of Trustees in 2005 and served until 2011, when he was confirmed as secretary of

commerce. He was reelected to the board in 2013, became a senior trustee in 2015, and a life member of the Caltech community in 2017. During his Board tenure, Bryson chaired the Audit and Compliance Committee, served as vice chair of the Nominating Committee, and was a member of the Executive Committee, the Institute and Alumni Relations Committee, and numerous other committees supporting the campus and its community. He and his wife, Louise Bryson, established the John E. Bryson Fellowship Fund to support graduate students, with an emphasis on those studying alternative energy sources and sustainability.



David Baltimore (1938–2025)

Baltimore, President Emeritus and the Judge Shirley Hufstedler Professor of Biology at Caltech and a co-recipient of the 1975 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, passed

away on September 6, 2025, at age 87. Baltimore was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery that the genetic material of tumor viruses could make DNA from their RNA genome, changing the widely held perception that genetic information could only be transferred in one direction, from DNA to RNA. Baltimore's research contributed to the understanding of the molecular basis of the immune response and shaped advances in biotechnology and the development of national science policy regarding recombinant DNA research and the AIDS epidemic. Baltimore served as Caltech's seventh president from 1997 to 2006, a tenure marked by the completion of a fundraising initiative for the biological sciences, the construction and dedication of the Broad Center for the Biological Sciences, and the launch of a \$1.4 billion capital campaign. After retiring as president in 2006, Baltimore remained on the Institute faculty and went on to establish a new methodology to help fight cancer, develop a new highly effective gene therapy to prevent HIV from infecting individual cells in the immune system, and create a new methodology for producing transgenic mice. He also joined with others in pursuing a global effort to create an HIV vaccine.

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