

Dr. Manuel Ponce Soriaga

1970s Alumnus

Manuel “Manny (Lingling)” P. Soriaga was a California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Research Professor and a Texas A&M University (TAMU) Professor Emeritus of Chemistry. He came to the U.S. in 1970 from his native Cebu City, Philippines, as an East-West Center scholar to pursue his Ph.D. in Chemistry. In 1985 he joined the faculty at TAMU where for 31 years he taught thousands of undergraduate students and mentored 33 graduate students from around the globe. His research investigations in electrochemistry and surface science found relevance in several technological areas such as renewable energy sources, heterogeneous catalysis, corrosion inhibition, materials science, microelectronics, electroanalysis and sensors.

In 2012 Manny was asked to head a research division at the Joint Center of Artificial Photosynthesis (JCAP) at Caltech where he was appointed Research Professor of Applied Physics and Materials Science in 2016. He continued to be actively engaged in research at Caltech until his unexpected death on July 17, 2018 at age 69. He is remembered fondly for his extraordinary humor, his jovial and generous spirit, for his devotion to his family, to his teaching and to superior scientific research.



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