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Dr. Patrick Cassidy was educated at the University of Illinois (B.S. in Chemistry with Honors), the University of Iowa (M.S. and Ph.D. in Chemistry) and the University of Arizona (Post-doctoral Fellow with C. S. Marvel). Following seven years as an industrial chemist and cofounding of Texas Research Institute, a private contract R&D company, he came to Texas State University as a faculty member and subsequently served for 15 years as Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and is now an Emeritus Professor in the Chemistry Department.

During his tenure at Texas State, he initiated the polymer science program, which has grown to a major initiative in the department, and created and directed four centers and institutes, including the Polymer Science Center and the Institute for Environmental and Industrial Science. Dr. Cassidy visited and established cooperative agreements with several US and foreign companies and universities. Several graduate students and international exchange researchers have spent many years in his research laboratories at Texas State resulting in numerous patents and publications. As a member of the American Chemical Society for over 50 years, he has served in local and national offices and Divisions.