Biography of Andrew Hamilton

Andrew Hamilton was named the 16th president of New York University—one of the largest and foremost private universities in the US—in March 2015, officially taking up his duties on January 1, 2016.

Dr. Hamilton served as the vice chancellor of Oxford University from 2009 to 2015. His tenure as vice chancellor was distinguished by significant improvements in university governance and faculty relations; the launch of a new School of Government and the expansion of the business school; the enhancement of interdisciplinary research and teaching; a significant increase in fundraising, with a focus on raising student financial aid to diversify Oxford's student body, among other initiatives.

Before being named as Oxford's vice chancellor, Dr. Hamilton served as provost (2004–08) of Yale University; he had previously been Yale's deputy provost for science and technology.

In addition to his record as an academic leader, Dr. Hamilton is a noted, award-winning, widely published chemist, and he has continued to maintain his scholarly work—including an active research laboratory—while holding leadership positions. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the recipient of the Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award from the American Chemical Society, and the winner of the International Izatt-Christiansen Award for Macrocyclic Chemistry.

At Yale—where he joined the faculty in 1997—he was the Benjamin Silliman Professor of Chemistry and professor of molecular biophysics and biochemistry. Prior to joining Yale's faculty, he was a tenured professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry department at the University of Pittsburgh, and an assistant professor of chemistry at Princeton University.

He received a first class BSc from the University of Exeter, his master's degree from the University of British Columbia, and his doctorate from the University of Cambridge. He is the recipient of honorary doctorates from the University of Surrey, Tsinghua University, and the University of Exeter, among others.

President Hamilton and his wife, Jennie, have three adult children.