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Henry T. Yang has served as the chancellor of the University of California, Santa Barbara since 1994. He is also a professor of mechanical engineering, and teaches an undergraduate engineering course in finite element structural analysis each year. During his tenure at UC Santa Barbara, the university has received numerous top rankings and global recognitions, including six faculty members winning Nobel Prizes since 1998.

Dr. Yang was formerly the Neil A. Armstrong Distinguished Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University, where he also served as the dean of engineering for ten years. He is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and Academia Sinica, and a foreign member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and the Russian Academy of Engineering. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the American Society for Engineering Education, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He has authored or co-authored more than 180 articles for scientific journals, as well as a widely used textbook on finite element structural analysis. He is a popular teacher and graduate advisor, and has won thirteen best teaching awards in the course of his career, including a 2007 honorary distinguished teaching award from UC Santa Barbara's Academic Senate.

He has received a number of other recognitions for his research, teaching, and public service, including honorary doctorates from Purdue University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Taiwan University, City University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, West Virginia University, and Hong Kong Polytechnic University; the Benjamin Garver Lamme medal from the American Society for Engineering Education; and the 2008 Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials Award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Dr. Yang has served on scientific advisory boards for various government agencies. He currently chairs the Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory, and serves on the Kavli Foundation Board. He is a past chair of the Association of American Universities and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, and served two terms as a presidential appointee to the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

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