

Silver and Gold Award 2019 Bio

Dr. Ramesh Kumar '82

Through his inventive thinking and exceptional research, Ramesh Kumar, Ph.D. has impacted the lives of many through everyday items. Kumar earned his doctorate in chemistry from the College of Science in 1982. After serving in a faculty role at Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio, he has worked for 3M, a business leader in manufacturing, for over 30 years and currently serves as Corporate Scientist at 3M. As an inventor, Kumar holds 55 U.S. patents including the adhesive/release materials in Post-it® notes and Scotch Tape®.

In 2009 he was admitted to the 3M Carlton Society, which “honors the very best among 3M scientific community.” He was lauded for vision and leadership in the development of new materials and his mentorship and coaching of national and international company employees.

Vandals are known for their volunteerism and Kumar upholds that value by participating in the American Chemical Society (ACS) nationally and locally. He joins U of I Professor Malcolm Renfrew and Distinguished Professor Jean'ne Shreeve as a Fellows of the American Chemical Society.

For his successes in innovation, the University of Idaho Alumni Association honors him with the Silver and Gold award recognizing alumni who have a distinguished record of achievement and service.