

**INTRODUCING ERIC HAUBER, PH.D.
SUA VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
AND PROFESSOR OF CELL BIOLOGY**

Eric Hauber came to Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey, where he was an associate vice president for academic affairs and an associate professor for 15 years. Eric was also a faculty member of the School of Medicine at State University of New York at Stony Brook from 1973–1981, where he received a number of excellence in teaching awards.

“Coming to Soka is for me the culmination of 18 years of both Buddhist practice and academic work,” he says. “I’ve always thought that the best hope for the future is to help raise young people, to nurture, encourage and inspire...so it was natural for me to choose education as a profession. It was even more natural to choose Soka.”

Eric has served as SUA, AV’s vice president for academic affairs since 1995, when he was appointed to head up the establishment of the new private liberal arts campus in south Orange County. “When I came we had 103 acres of bare land and one small office without a desk,” laughs Eric. “I’ve had the privilege of watching our staff and faculty grow to a group of dynamic, committed individuals who are excited about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a truly unique student-centered university founded on the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life.”

Eric is responsible for the academic development of SUA’s liberal arts curriculum. “Our great vision is for students to graduate from SUA to become truly humanistic leaders within society, in their home countries and in their professions,” Eric says. “SUA students will be able to put their heart and wisdom into action in the area in which they live.”

“The great philosopher-teachers throughout history have always put the concerns of their students first,” he adds. “We have an opportunity here to create an educational experience that encompasses our core values of love for humankind, development of character and realization of peace through education—and to make it real. We’re very excited about the outstanding faculty and staff we have recruited who share these values.

“I believe we are at a point today where many young people are looking for a college experience like SUA. Students are looking for a place where the individual is celebrated, where the value of others is taken seriously and education is not just the development of the mind but the whole person as well. That’s SUA.”