



2024 Woman of Distinction Science



Diana Kelley
Senior Research and Development
Scientist, *Covestro LLC*

Diana Kelley is a senior research and development scientist at Covestro LLC. Diana supports polymer manufacturing with a focus on manufacturing sustainably through emissions testing of products and production processes. She is globally recognized throughout Covestro as a scientist whose work in emissions testing contributes significantly to navigating and managing climate change. Her emission testing and research ensures that products comply with and improve indoor air and vehicle interior air requirements. Her support of emission quality control for product formulations has led to expanded partnerships with key customers, yielding increased sales. Diana's critical environmental studies have enabled specific Covestro production facilities to operate safely and in compliance with state and federal regulations. She received the Manufacturing Institute's Women Make Award in 2023.

Diana serves as a leader in Covestro

Toastmasters, helping to teach public speaking and leadership skills to fellow professionals in a safe learning environment. She serves as a role model through the Greenlight for Girls program, where she performs science demonstrations to get girls interested and involved in STEM. Within her Pittsburgh community, Diana volunteers through the Covestro i3STEM program, performing science demonstrations at the Carnegie Science Center, elementary schools, and during the Lending Hearts 4th Annual Kites Take Flight for Childhood Cancer event.

Diana resides in Penn Township with her 15-year-old son, Brady. Her son plays the tuba for the Penn-Trafford High School marching band, and she spends time volunteering for the Penn-Trafford High School Band Parent Booster Club in the summer, fall, and winter. Diana graduated in 1995 from the Saint Vincent College Chemistry Department with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry.