

Chemical Engineering Leadership Seminar Series

MY LIFE AS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER

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Lecture: 2:30-3:30 p.m., PAA A110

Reception at 3:30 p.m. in Benson Lobby

Abstract

Richard discusses how becoming a Chemical Engineer has influenced and shaped him, and some key learnings from his life's experience in the fluoropolymer industry. He wishes to communicate and demonstrate the wide variety of things, which a chemical engineer can accomplish. His personal growth throughout his career and how each step contributed to that growth is a central theme.

Speaker Biography

Richard is a Chemical Engineer who graduated from the University of Washington in 1980. His life's work has been in the fluoropolymer industry, where he has worked for: DuPont, Gore, Shamrock, Delaware Specialty Distribution and has now started Baillie Advanced Materials, a distributor of fluoropolymers and other specialty polymers. Richard has worked in R&D, Sales and Marketing, Procurement, Manufacturing Leadership and Business Leadership. He is a past chairman of the Fluoropolymer's Division of the Society of the Plastics industry and is still active as a member of their executive committee. He has served as a board member for two companies in China and Europe. He is an innovator with 9 U.S. Patents who believes that achieving business success requires the pursuit of excellence and teamwork. His work has taken him around the world and he enjoys learning about and doing business with people with different cultural backgrounds. He has numerous hobbies, which are mostly outdoor oriented, and includes: flying his airplane, snow skiing, whitewater kayaking, hiking, sailing, snorkeling, golf and mountain biking.