Department of Chemical Engineering

University of Washington

**LEADERSHIP SEMINAR SERIES**

2:30-3:20 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Physics Astronomy Building (PAA) Room A102

*Refreshments to follow in Benson Hall lobby.*

**"What the hell happened? From Chem E to making fortune cookies”**

Camillo Cheng BS ’76

Owner, Golden Pheasant Foods, LLC

**Abstract:**

This is the story about a foreign student who came to the US, got a degree from Benson Hall, found out in his senior year that he really didn't want to be an engineer, went into chemical sales and worked his way into the CEO suite.  Then at the peak of his career, he made a course change and bought an Asian Food manufacturing and distribution company.

Woven into the above story, Camillo shares how his experience at UW helped him, not only in business, but in life; how the various disciplines help to shape his thinking, decision making, team work and interaction with people.

What are some of the things you can do to help distinguish you from the rest of the pack when you graduate? And once you get that job, how do you excel?

**Brief Bio:**

Camillo Cheng bleeds purple and gold.  A proud Husky, Camillo graduated from UW with a BS in Chemical Engineering, 1976 and a UW MBA, 1978. Camillo spent 20 years in the Specialty Chemical industry, rising to the CEO and minority owner of a privately held, regional, specialty chemical company.  After helping to sell this company, Camillo embarked on a wholly different career—Golden Pheasant Foods, a manufacturer and importer of Asian Foods.

Camillo lives in Sammamish with Sarah, his wife of 31 years.  They have three adult children.