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One Person's Journey from a Nebraska Farm to a Career in Academic Dentistry

Presenter: Dr. Kenneth L. Kalkwarf

Friday, April 22

12 - 1 p.m.

Dixon Auditorium & Zoom

This presentation tracks the journey of a Nebraska farm boy that led to a career in academic health care. It discusses the environmental, social, economic and personal factors that led to decisions along the course – some planned – some not – some good – some mistakes.

The roles of passion, one's "comfort zone" and LUCK are explored along with their relationship to addressing challenges and identifying opportunities.

Successes, failures and lessons learned are dissected, and the importance of mentors, networking and life balance are delineated.

About the presenter: Dr. Kenneth L. Kalkwarf received his DDS and certificate in periodontics from the UNMC College of Dentistry. He served the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSCSA) from 1986 - 2013, 24 years as dean of the School of Dentistry and two years as president ad interim of the university. Prior to his roles at UTHSCSA, Dr. Kalkwarf held faculty positions at the University of Nebraska and the University of Oklahoma. He has presented more than 270 lectures throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Southeast Asia. Dr. Kalkwarf was the founding chair of the American Association of Dental School (ADEA) Commission on Change and Innovation in Dental Education. He received the American Dental Association Distinguished Service Award in 2009 and the ADEA Distinguished Service Award in 2014.

D1 & D2 attendance is required.