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THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT LECTURE

A Special Edition of The Sidney E. Fuchs Seminar Series

3:30pm, Thursday, April 19, 2018
Roy O. Martin Auditorium (1100 PFTH)

For this Baton Rouge native, the road from a contract laborer position at the Baton Rouge Refinery to president of the ExxonMobil's global Refining & Supply Company was loaded with challenges and opportunities. Jerry will take us through the highlights and lowlights of that journey and share personal and professional lessons learned along the way.



A Four Decade Journey Challenges and Lessons Learned about Life and Leadership

by

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Mr. D. G. (Jerry) Wascom graduated from LSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering (1978). He joined Exxon Co., U.S.A. as an employee at the Baton Rouge Refinery in 1979 progressing through various engineering and supervisory positions. From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Wascom held staff positions in Exxon Co., U.S.A.'s HQ in Houston. He transferred to the Baytown Refinery (1990) as head of routine maintenance and turnarounds and subsequently was assigned as Technical Manager and then Process Manager there. In 1996, he transferred to Exxon Corporate HQ in Dallas to serve as a Sr. Environmental and Safety Advisor and then as Corporate Planning Consultant. After serving as Asia Pacific Refining Executive in Singapore, he returned as Beaumont Refinery Manager (2000). In 2004, he relocated to Fairfax, VA where he served as the Global Logistics and Optimization Manager in the Supply organization. A year later, he became Vice President of the Industrial and Wholesale organization in the Fuels Marketing business. In 2006, Mr. Wascom moved to Tokyo as President and CEO of ExxonMobil Japanese companies and Refining Director of Asia Pacific with responsibility for managing refining operations in Asia Pacific. In April 2009, he returned to Fairfax as Director, Refining Americas, ExxonMobil Refining & Supply, overseeing refining operations in North and Central/South America. In July 2013, he was appointed Director, Refining North America, ExxonMobil Refining & Supply, overseeing 10 refineries in the USA and Canada. In August 2014, Mr. Wascom was appointed President, Refining and Supply, and in January of 2018, he transitioned to his current position.

Jerry and his wife Debbie, both natives of Baton Rouge, started dating while attending LSU together. They have two children. Lauren, who also graduated from LSU in 2015, is pursuing her Master's degree at George Mason University. Michael is a senior in Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M. The entire family has a great love for the outdoors cherishing their time together pursuing photography, wildlife management, hunting, and fishing on recreational properties in Montana and South Texas.

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