

Departmental Colloquium Electrical and Computer Engineering

Exceptional Leadership: Be the Uncommon Leader!

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Olin 125

> Reception to follow 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Olin 204



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ABSTRACT: Learn crucial attributes that always identify future leaders in an organization while also refining them to their maximum potential. These key qualities will be more important as the world continues to change with AI. Learn that leveraging skills in management, math, & tech will also be key to success in an evolving AI future. Rich Niemiec will show what mattered as an Inc. 500 CEO and National E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year.

This talk will focus on the attributes that the leader must have from a character perspective to combine with a technical prowess. To be a leader that builds a truly great organization, you must build into the team: Integrity, Moral Courage, Physical Courage, Tact, Loyalty, Unselfishness, Initiative, Enthusiasm, Knowledge, Respect, Self Control and Humility. The result will be the Fortitude of an organization to handle any and all challenges. This presentation will teach you how to refine attributes of character and become an Uncommon Leader.

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Rich Niemiec graduated with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University in 1987. His experience in data processing ranges from teaching to consulting, with an emphasis in database administration, performance tuning, project management, and technical education. Rich is one of six originally honored, worldwide Oracle Certified Masters. In 2017, he authored "Oracle12c Performance Tuning Tips & Techniques," an update of his previous four best sellers; Oracle8i, 9i, 10g, and 11i Performance Tuning. Rich has been honored by the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at Purdue University an Outstanding Alumni (2007); he served as CEO of an Inc. 500 company (TUSC); and was named as an Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year.