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A: I can't claim any great plan for the decision to become a chemical engineer. One day friends and I were discussing what we were going to do when we finished high school and were going off to University. The idea of studying chemical engineering just popped into my head and that's what I said I'd do. I've now been working as a chemical engineer for over 40 years and think that it's been a great career.

A: The University of Tulsa (TU) was down the street from where I lived. Staying at home was by far the cheapest thing to do. TU also had a good chemical engineering program so it made a great fit. At that time Wilbur Nelson (author of Petroleum Refinery Engineering) was there as well as the book's co-author Paul Buthod. I never had a class with Nelson, he passed away the year I started. But I did take heat transfer and also design project classes from Buthod. Later I took MBA classes at the University of Louisiana in Baton Rouge. This effort was abandoned as being the wrong thing at the wrong time. 1982-1984 weren't good years for chemical engineers in the U.S.

A: Jobs have covered the range: operating companies (Exxon), vendors (Glitsch), consultants (PCS, independent, Advisian), and E&C (VECO, CH2MHill). This covers the range from the largest companies to startups. Sometimes I've moved and sometimes the company moved (buyouts and mergers).

They've covered overseas assignments and most of the United States. Not all of them have been great, but I've learned and profited from every one.

A: For the last 17 years I've been in Bellingham, WA, just south of the Canadian border. The plan is to stay here.

A: There used to be a Puget Sound section, but it faded away. All the Puget Sound members got folded into the VLS.

A: You've got to call AIChE participation a hobby. You certainly don't get paid for the time you put in. This year I'm the Separations/Distillation programming chair and running for a director position in Fuels & Petrochemicals.

The AIChE hosts technical conferences around the world. Check www.aiche.org/conferences for registration and presentation information for this year's events.

Dates	Event
Mar 4	What is Safe Discharge?
Mar 11 – 12	12 th AIChE Midwest Regional Conference
Mar 11	Modeling Corrosion and Corrosion Protection Live Webinar
Mar 18 – 19	5 th Europe Regional TSC Meeting. Basel, Switzerland
Mar 25	Simulation-driven Engineering for the Modern Chemical Engineer
Mar 26 – 29	2020 Southern Student Regional Conference
Mar 27 – 29	2020 Southwest Student Regional Conference
Mar 29 – Apr 2	2020 AIChE Spring Meeting and 16 th GCPS
Mar 29 – Apr 2	RAPID@Spring 2020
Mar 29	Intersection Between Process Safety and Process Intensification: An Interactive RAPID/CCP1euC08.55 29.28 reW*hBT/F1 12 Tf1 0 0 1 160.58 288.29 Tm0 g0 G[RA†

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