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E1 The Last Lecture

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After attending this presentation, attendees will gain insights relating to life and work from fellow Academy members.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by providing personal insights into the speakers' journeys throughout their personal and professional lives.

Many times, professors are asked to give "last lectures" to provide guidance and advice to their students while inspiring them to achieve their dreams and take risks in both their personal and professional lives. Members of the Academy have been asked to share what they believe matters most in living a full and rewarding life, both personally and professionally.

In 2007, Randy Pausch famously presented "The Last Lecture" as the first in a lecture series entitled "Journeys." In these lectures, members of the Carnegie Melon University community shared "their reflections and insights on their personal and professional journeys." Dying of pancreatic cancer, Randy Pausch brought down the house with his talk, "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." This lecture has become infamous for the inspiration it instilled in everyone who has heard it.

In the spirit of this legacy, members of the Academy have been asked to share what they believe matters most in living a full and rewarding life, both personally and professionally, including their childhood dreams and inspirations, taking risks, overcoming obstacles, and the adventures and lessons learned along their journeys. The speakers reflect varying experiences and different walks of life. Share and learn from their joys, challenges, integrity, and recognition during this entertaining and educational session.

Jan Garvaglia, MD, is the retired chief medical examiner for the District Nine Medical Examiner Office in Orlando, FL. She is best known as the reality TV star "Dr. G" on the Discovery Network. The show, "*Dr. G: Medical Examiner*," won an International Health and Medical Media Award for "Best Health Series" in 2008. Dr. G will share her personal story about the trials of being a forensic pathologist along with the pearls of the profession, while highlighting interesting cases and discussing how the reality-based TV series has impacted her life.

John Lentini, BA, is one of a handful of people certified to conduct both fire scene investigations and fire debris analysis. He has personally conducted more than 2,000 fire scene inspections and has appeared as an expert witness on more than 200 occasions. Mr. Lentini is an independent consultant, working with both prosecution and defense in pending cases and in cases involving the wrongfully convicted.

Ken Melson, JD, has had a long and lively career within the forensic community, serving as a federal prosecutor for more than 20 years. As Director of the Office for United States Attorneys, he was responsible for the oversight of

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the 94 United States Attorney's Offices. He is a past president of the AAFS and has served on numerous committees. In April 2009, Mr. Melson was named Acting Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) by President Obama, where he served until August 2011. Prior to retiring from the United States Department of Justice in 2012, Mr. Melson was the Senior Advisor on Forensic Science in the Office of Legal Policy and served as co-chair on the Subcommittee on Forensic Science within the Executive Office of the President.

Katherine Ramsland, PhD, is the Director of the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Program at DeSales University. She also teaches forensic psychology. Dr. Ramsland is a prolific writer, with most of her attention focused on crime, forensics, and serial killers. She recently completed *Confession of a Serial Killer: The Untold Story of Dennis Rader, the BTK Killer*. However, she also authors such inspiring works as *Snap: Seizing your Aha! Moments*, focusing on "the latest neuroscience findings on spontaneous thought processes, or "snaps."" Dr. Ramsland "describes how everyone—not just geniuses—can learn to improve the likelihood of their own "eureka" moments by adopting certain rewarding attitudes and habits."

Douglas Ubelaker, PhD, is a curator and senior scientist at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC, where he serves as a consultant in forensic anthropology. Dr. Ubelaker has published extensively and has served on editorial boards of leading scientific journals. Dr. Ubelaker is regarded as one of the world's leading anthropologists, receiving many international and national honors and awards throughout his esteemed career in the analysis of human skeletal remains with an emphasis on forensic applications. Dr. Ubelaker served as the AAFS President from 2011-12. Dr. Ubelaker works tirelessly on behalf of human rights internationally. He currently serves as Chair of the AAFS Human & Humanitarian Rights Resource Center, which promotes forensic science principles and applications to global projects requiring special assistance.

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