## My life pursuing excellence in physics education

Cancer has cut short my career, but I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to share some ideas that have guided me throughout my life – enabling my impacts on physics education. From my experiences in journalism, radio, museum work, course design, physics education research, and finally program assessment, I have amassed several life lessons. Ultimately, I will argue that we should pursue excellence in our work because it matters to others, and to you. I hope you find my journey informative, inspiring, and challenging as you consider your next choices in your professional and personal life. There are mistakes too, and a few regrets, but it has been a fabulous ride and I hope to share a little of that excitement. I hope you will join me!