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Tell us a little about the work you've done throughout your career at Emory.

In 1986, I began in the Vice President for Finance area, managing Accounts Payable and Payroll. I was privileged to serve as a member of the implementation teams for Emory's first enterprise systems in accounting, payroll, purchasing, and accounts payable. In 1993, I was asked to join the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Office in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center as Director of Projects. From that time, I was fortunate to receive a number of promotions that have resulted in my current role of Vice President.

What are some of your favorite memories of your time at Emory?

I have loved working with so many great people all across Emory. I have taken great pride in watching Emory grow into the internationally recognized leader it is today in education, research, and clinical care. There are many very fond memories, from the old Lullwater Days when we had a hot-air balloon on-site to the Staff Days where the Quad was filled with so much energy.

What are some of the most significant changes you have witnessed over the course of your career?

Emory has grown tremendously in every measure. The campus has added many outstanding buildings and programs. We have moved from regional status to national and even international status. The Woodruff Health Sciences Center has been the leader in much of the progress, and I am particularly proud of that.

Is there anything you miss from "back in the day"?

I do miss being able to see and speak with colleagues like we did years ago. It is due to a combination of using electronic communications, being too busy to spend quality time, and of course COVID-19 that has moved from the old in-person discussions to Zoom.

What do you hope for the future of Emory?

I hope that we always recognize and remember those giants upon whose shoulders we are able to stand. So many outstanding people at every level of the organization have enabled Emory to grow and advance.

Anything else you would like to share?

It has been a tremendous privilege to work at Emory for over 35 years. I was born at EUH Midtown, as were all six of our grandchildren. Both my parents received outstanding end-of-life care at Emory Healthcare. Both of our sons are Emory graduates, as are both of our daughters-in-law. Emory has been very special and beneficial to me.