

Ming Tien (2016)



Vice President – 2019-2020

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Jan 11, 2017: OMG-GMO

*June 13, 2018: Drug Addiction: Sociological-Biochemical-Personal
Accounts*

June 12, 2024: Wolf vs Dog – Genetics and Biochemistry

Ming immigrated to the United States at age eight from Taiwan. His story is that of the American Dream. His father TY Tien (after escaping China during the communist revolution) received a fellowship from Penn State University which enabled him to earn a PhD in material science. His wife CK and the four kids remained in Taiwan during his graduate studies. Upon graduation, he was hired by Westinghouse Lab in Pittsburgh, which enable the family to be reunited after separation for four years. Ming spent three years in Pittsburgh and one in State College before moving to Ann Arbor, MI where his father join the faculty at Univ. of Michigan. Ming career is not a model for anyone; his BA is in anthropology from UM; PhD in biochemistry from Michigan State and was a postdoctorate fellow at U. Wisc. in forest products. Ming joined the faculty at Penn State in biochemistry researching bioenergy-related areas. After a career lasting 36 years at Penn State, Ming retired in 2021. Along the way, he got married and divorced and became a father to son Leland Tien, who just like grandfather, received his PhD in engineering from Penn State. In his retirement, Ming spends his free time as a volunteer tennis coach. He also is busy playing tennis, doing all sorts of projects (renovations, car restoration, gardening) and has two weekly groups of ROMEOS (Really Old Men Eating Out).

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