

# SUTER SCIENCE SEMINARS 2022-23

## Count Up: My Reflections on Science, Industry, and Life...

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*In this presentation, we will “count” through different moments of my life, both professional, and personal, while driving hopefully meaningful connections between science, “the pure, and the everyday,” and the biopharmaceutical industry – past, present, and future – ultimately attempting to demonstrate how everything comes together in support of servant leadership.*

Raul E. Diaz-Lugo is Global Quality Lead for Merck’s Animal Health North America network of operations since 2021. Prior to this role, he was Operations Director at Merck, Sharp & Dohme’s (MSD) Animal Health Bio-Pharmaceutical operations in Montes Claros, Brazil, and earlier he led MSD’s Xochimilco, Human Health Pharmaceutical Operations, outside of Mexico City. Before Mexico, he was plant manager at Merck’s Bio-Pharmaceutical campus in Elkton, VA. His career with Merck, encompassing numerous leadership roles in various contexts, extends more than 30 years. He first joined the company in 1992 at the company’s Puerto Rico Operations, as a Microbiologist in the Quality Organization. Raul’s areas of expertise include the manufacture and regulation of sterile pharmaceuticals and the control of biological contamination, in addition to strategic planning, development and execution. He is a biochemist with degrees from the University of Puerto Rico, and certificates from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Rutgers University and the University of South Carolina’s School of Pharmacy. He’s currently working towards an Executive MBA on “Dynamics of Human Resources Development,” from the ASPECTUM/VitalSmarts Institute in Brazil. Originally from Puerto Rico, Raul currently lives in Penn Laird, VA with his wife of 34 years. They have three sons, all of them working professionals within our community. In his spare time, Raul enjoys cooking, rocketry, and collecting toys.



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