



HAROLD L. FINCH

Education

Bachelors Degree, Engineering, University of Kansas, 1956
Masters Degree, Engineering Thermodynamics, Ohio State University, 1961
Doctorate, Education Administration, University of Kansas, 1971
Distinguished Engineering Service Award, University of Kansas School of Engineering's highest honor, 2013

Military

Captain, U.S. Air Force, Air Technical Intelligence

Professional

Project Director, NASA, Thermal Control, lunar Apollo Spacecraft missions
Principal Scientist, Midwest Research Institute (youngest Principal in the history of MRI)
Executive Producer, theatrically-released movie, *Unlimited*
Research Engineer, Shell Oil Company
Research Engineer, U.S. Air Force Advanced Systems Division
Founding Dean; Chief Administrator, Johnson County Community College
Board member: various businesses, hospitals, schools, universities and museums
Authored 25 professional journal articles and books

Business

Founder and Owner, Padgett-Thompson. Trained 400,000 owners, CEOs and managers in a single year.
Two-time recipient INC 500 award. Sold to international corporation.
Founder and Owner, CottageCare (INC 500; one of 200 recipients of The United States Chamber of Commerce Blue Chip Award). Sold to private investors.

Seminar Speaker

Business: conducted 265 seminars throughout the U.S. via his company, Padgett-Thompson
Retirement: conducted more than 750 seminars for universities and professional organizations in over 100 cities throughout the world on the subject of Discovering the Keys to Great Success.

Addressed:

- The Federal Congress of Ecuador
- Soweto, South Africa Town Hall
- 1,200 businessmen, Lee's Summit, MO
- Supreme Court, Costa Rica
- Volkswagen
- World Congress of Astronautics
- Braunschweig University, Germany
- 700 other worldwide organizations

Church and Ministry

Member, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention
President, Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists
Founder, Wellspring Foundation. Sponsored and coordinated 1,200 mission volunteers on 80+ mission trips to over 30 countries
Active in local church and currently serves as deacon and department director

Personal

Born, raised and lives in Greater Kansas City.
Married 59 years to Peggy Thompson Finch, blessed with three great children with three wonderful spouses and six grandchildren.