

ZINK CENTER FOR COMPETITIVE INNOVATION

The Zink Center Leadership Seminar Series

Expanding on a Legacy: The Challenges of a Young President and CEO



Darton Zink

Darton Zink graduated from OSU in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Following graduation, Zink started his career at his father's firm, Zeeco, a manufacturer of custom-engineered industrial pollution control equipment located in the Tulsa area. After holding various roles, Zink became President and CEO in 2000. Under his leadership, Zeeco has become the world leader in its industry, with more than 2,500 employees in 30+ locations worldwide.

OSU has honored Zink and Zeeco with its Cowboy100 and Blazing10 awards, recognizing the fastest-growing and highest revenue-generating businesses owned or led by OSU graduates. In 2022, Zink was named to the OSU Foundation Board of Directors and was inducted into the OSU School of Accounting Hall of Fame.

In 2023, Zink and OSU unveiled The Zink Center for Competitive Innovation as part of the renovation of OSU's Engineering South building. The mission of the Zink Center is to encourage excellence in future leaders through action, innovation, grit, hard work, and the competitive spirit to win, which are all attributes that resonate within the Zink family. Zink was also recognized as a distinguished alumnus in 2023. The award recognizes Cowboy family members who have distinguished themselves through their field of profession and the betterment of their community.

Zink and his wife, Jamie, both serve as trustees of the Zink Family Foundation as well as the John Zink Foundation. He oversees operations at the Zink Ranch, which is used by thousands of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, parents, and volunteers annually. Zink also serves on the boards of the Indian Nations Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma, and is chairman of the Tulsa River Parks Foundation.

The Zinks have been married for 22 years and reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They have two sons, Reed and Keller.

Zink is a life member of the OSU Alumni Association

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Engineering South

Reception 5:00pm - 5:45pm (ES 133)

Seminar 6:00pm - 7:00pm (ES 140)



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