Beloved colleague Daniel Jensen passed away on Sunday, Dec. 5. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Governmental Affairs at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth (HSC) joined the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1984 as its governmental affairs lead. Throughout the next 37 years, Jensen’s voice carried the HSC story into offices, hallways and meeting rooms across Fort Worth, Austin and Washington D.C. As an advocate for the HSC, he authored a number of books, including “The Power of the People,” which chronicles the history of the HSC, its accomplishments and its impact on the community.

Jensen’s passion was government relations. He was deeply committed to the HSC’s mission to improve health through research and education. He was an expert on state and local policies and their impact on the health sciences. Jensen was a trusted advisor to the HSC leadership and a respected advocate for the university’s goals.

Jensen was a mentor to many and a friend to all. He was known for his warm smile, his kind words and his unwavering commitment to the HSC. He will be missed by all who knew him.

In recognition of his extensive body of work throughout an esteemed career, and the international impact of that work on others, the UNT System Board of Regents represents one of the highest levels of recognition at HSC for outstanding teaching, research and service to the profession. After spending 36 years with the FBI, he joined the HSC, becoming one of the most published faculty members and helping to transform the HSC into one of the world’s preeminent forensic laboratories. Congratulations, Dr. Bruce Budowle!

The podcast focuses on leadership, innovation, compassion, ideas and the human experience. It is produced in collaboration with the University of North Texas System and hosted by UNT System Chief Communications Officer Dr. Sid O’Bryant. The first season will feature 14 episodes and run from February through August 2022. To learn more about opening a Consumer Directed Healthselect HSA or HSAs are portable. If you change to a new employer, you can take your HSA with you. You can use funds from your HSA to pay for qualified medical expenses.

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Are North Texas and UNT Director of Athletics Wanda Boyd (pictured) is refashioning its approach both internally and externally, allowing it to be more nimble. Boyd has been integral to the advancement and development of UNT Athletics and its student-athletes. Her role as Associate Director encompasses many human resources functions that include people, culture and processes.

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