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Len grew up in Queens, New York, in a middle-class family, with parents and teachers who inspired his passion for science and entrepreneurship. Len's high school math teacher encouraged him to submit a project to the Westinghouse Science Talent Search in 1970, helping to launch him on the path to his current position.

He earned his MD and PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Virginia and became a licensed physician certified in neurology. While working as a practicing neurologist and professor at Cornell

Medical School, Len became frustrated with the lack of effective treatments for his patients with serious neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. He wondered if new "biotechnology" could be harnessed to potentially make an impact for these patients, and many others.

Len founded Regeneron in 1988, with the vision of creating a company built entirely on science, where scientists are the heroes and everyone works towards the common goal of helping patients. He knew he needed a top-notch team and immediately recruited three Nobel Laureates to the Board and recruited George Yancopoulos, MD, PhD, a top scientist from Columbia University, to serve as the company's Founding Scientist. Thirty years later, Len's dream is a reality, and the Regeneron team is using their scientific prowess to consistently and repeatedly bring new medicines to people in need.

Len has always aimed to "pay it forward" by creating a legacy of scientific mentorship and empowerment. Regeneron has a long-standing and deep commitment to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and fostering the future of biomedicine. Through immersive programs, Regeneron strives to support the next generation of groundbreaking minds that will continue to change the world through scientific discovery.

Len is so proud that the world's preeminent science competition for high school students will now be known as the Regeneron Science Talent Search.