



**Dr. Joseph Kennedy**

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Dr. Joseph Kennedy, fleeing his native Hungary to seek refuge from communist rule, arrived at The University of Akron in 1970 and played a key role in the development of the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering. The distinguished professor of polymer science and chemistry has since become one of the most respected and prolific academic inventors in the country, having garnered more than 120 patents for his inventions, which include lifesaving materials and technologies.

Several of his inventions have achieved commercial success, including a polymer coating used in Boston

Scientific's most popular drug-eluting coronary stent, which has been implanted in more than six million patients.