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EMBA 2019 and 2020,

We are excited to welcome the EMBA Class of 2020 to the Berkeley MBA for Executives Program and to continue with our amazing Class of 2019.

This student directory is meant to help you connect with fellow EMBA’s, with whom you will build strong personal and professional relationships over the next months and years. You will find profiles of students in both the Class of 2019 and 2020 in the following pages.

Enjoy your time together here at Haas.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Dean
MBA Programs for Working Professionals
Jason Atwater

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**Employment Information**
Title: Digital Marketing Manager, Emerging Businesses
Company: Ancestry
Industry: Consumer Products

**Personal Statement**
Jason graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a BS in Materials Science Engineering. He worked in the electronics and semiconductor industries for 10 years, first as a metrology engineer, before making the jump into high tech sales. He moved into digital marketing with a focus on SEO and SEM in 2008 working for AT&T, Salesforce, and Zendesk. Currently, he is Digital Marketing Manager for Ancestry.com, focusing on performance marketing from paid search, affiliate partners, and social media channels. In his spare time, Jason is an avid family genealogist, amateur baker, and tennis fan. He also volunteers time with charities such as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and San Francisco AIDS Foundation. He lives in San Leandro with his partner of eight years, Tadd, and their spunky French Bulldog, Gigi.

Jon-Paul (JP) Barbier

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**Employment Information**
Title: COO
Company: Knighted Ventures
Industry: Entertainment

**Personal Statement**
After completing his BS in Statistics at UC Berkeley, JP’s passion for statistics led him to the casino industry, where he joined the Network Management Group in 2006. Throughout his career, he has worked in various capacities in over 30 casinos, ranging from Gaming Associate to Head of Internal Control. Now COO of Knighted Ventures, JP directly oversees the senior management team for 21 portfolio casinos. He is responsible for profit and loss, operations management, resource allocation, and human capital strategies. In his spare time, he enjoys going to concerts, learning musical instruments, exercising, and spending time with his family. He lives in Oakland with his wife of 8 years and their two children.
Michiel Bekker

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Employment Information
Title: Vito Subsea Team Lead
Company: Shell Oil Company
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement
Michiel Bekker graduated in 2003 from Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands with a master’s degree in Civil Engineering. He worked on various international assignments in the United Kingdom, Russia, and Brazil. In these assignments, he learned the deeply technical skill set required to build and operate oil and gas projects in harsh environments, as well as executing international projects with different business cultures. In 2012, Michiel moved to Houston, Texas with Shell Oil. Since then, he has held positions as systems manager and project manager for various projects. He is currently responsible for delivery of Shell’s groundbreaking Vito project, which aims to reduce the cost of oil production in the Gulf of Mexico by 50%. Michiel lives in Houston with his wife and two young kids. In his spare time, he enjoys running, road and mountain biking, skiing, and field hockey.

Paresh Bharkhada

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MS Applied Science, University of Windsor
MS Engineering, RMIT University

Employment Information
Title: Engineering Manager
Company: Intel
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Paresh grew up in Mumbai, India. Upon graduating with his bachelors, he left for Australia, which he credits for making him into who he is today. He eventually moved to Canada, where he lived for several years. Paresh decided to move to the US in 2012 in order to be closer to family. He now lives in Milpitas with his beautiful wife and their two adorable children. He has been riding motorcycles for more than 20 years, and also enjoys squash and skiing. In his spare time, he likes to travel and spend evenings with friends and beer (preferably Guinness).
Jenna Bilinski

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Education: BS Nursing, Clemson University

**Employment Information**
Title: Director, Kaizen Promotion Office
Company: Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital
Industry: Health Services

**Personal Statement**
Jenna has a passion for public health and is dedicated to improving healthcare delivery for the underserved patient population. She practiced as an ER nurse while participating in a leadership development program through UCSF. She went on to manage critical care, inpatient care, and outpatient care units. Following this experience, she became the Director of the Kaizen Promotion Office at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, applying Lean methodology to improve care for patients. In her spare time, Jenna enjoys party planning, spending time with family, and cooking. She lives in San Francisco with her husband of 10 years, one vivacious daughter, a big brown Newfoundland dog, and two cats.

Lydia Butterfield

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**Employment Information**
Title: Senior Manager, FP&A
Company: Autodesk
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement**
Lydia is a native of St. Louis, MO. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Finance. She spent the first 12 years of her career with The Kohler Company. During that time, she held progressive accounting and finance roles supporting the plumbing, power generation, and interior divisions in Wisconsin, France, Oregon, and California. Lydia currently works for Autodesk, leading a team responsible for managing the operating expenses of the company. In her spare time, she loves to travel and explore new places both near and far. She can also be found at a Giants game, cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals when they’re in town.
Howard (Nando) Cooke

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    MS Dentistry, University of Texas at Houston, School of Dentistry
    Residency Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Texas Health Sciences
    Center at Houston

Employment Information
Title: Oral/Maxillofacial Surgeon
Company: Metroplex Surgical Arts, PA
Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement
Dr. Howard Cooke, known as Nando to his friends and family, was born in Jamaica. He
won a full academic scholarship at age 18 to pursue Dentistry in St. Petersburg, Russia, and
graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree in 1992. He completed
his specialty training in Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science
Center in Houston. Dr. Cooke is affiliated with the Methodist Hospitals of Dallas and has been
the owner of a multi-office surgical practice for 20 years. In addition to practicing facial
reconstructive surgery in Dallas, he is involved in various international medical missions. Nando
enjoys spending time with his partner, friends, and family, both at home and abroad. One will
often find him zooming to the airport on a Friday afternoon in his scrubs on his way to the next
exciting destination!

Trevor Croghan

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Employment Information
Title: General Manager, Vertical Markets
Company: One Workplace
Industry: Services

Personal Statement
Trevor is a lifelong Bay Area resident, born and raised in Hayward, CA. He graduated from the
University of Montana with a degree in History and a minor in Political Science. During his time at
UM, Trevor was a member of the championship football team. He is a third generation educator
who spent the first 5 years of his career as a classroom teacher and varsity coach in a Bay Area public school district. 10 years ago, he
transitioned from the classroom into a role focused on designing and implementing dynamic
spaces for teaching and learning with a local organization, One Workplace. He has spent the
last 5 years in various leadership positions at One Workplace, and is currently the General Manager
of Vertical Markets. Trevor lives in Danville with his wife of 10 years and their two young children.
Douglas (Doug) Cummings

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MS Global Business Leadership, University of San Diego

Employment Information
Title: Director, Experiments and Demonstrations
Company: Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence
Industry: Military

Personal Statement
Doug graduated from the University of Notre Dame and was commissioned in the US Navy through the ROTC program there. He served aboard a guided-missile cruiser before being selected to transfer to Naval Special Warfare, where he graduated BUDS as the Officer-in-Charge of Class 282. Following active duty, Doug worked as a civilian employee for the Navy at the headquarters of the Commander, Naval Surface Forces. While at SURFPAC, Doug completed a Master of Science in Global Leadership at the University of San Diego. He later moved to northern California to work for Tesla and the tech startup Bannerman. Currently, Doug works as the Director of Experiments and Demonstrations in the Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, where his role involves integrating AI technologies into the military. He currently lives in Alexandria, VA, and his hobbies include soccer and skydiving.

Satya Das

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Employment Information
Title: Founder
Company: Winprogger LLC
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Satya is a strategic leader with over two decades of experience in venture-backed startups, privately-held organizations, and large publicly traded companies. He has significant experience in new product introduction, project and product management, market communication and competitive differentiation. He is currently bootstrapping at a startup that’s innovating in the inventory management space. Satya loves the intersections of business and technology, of arts and science, and of nature and engineering. He is passionate about entrepreneurship as a means to amplify societal impact. He received his undergraduate degree in Mining Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. He enjoys spending time with his wife and son, traveling, listening to music, picking his Stratocaster, playing badminton, editing, tinkering with electronics, and volunteering at the Red Cross. He lives and works in Campbell.
Sara Davis

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Education: BS Psychology, Pennsylvania State University

**Employment Information**

Title: Senior Program Manager
Company: Google, Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement**

Sara Davis leads the GTM strategy for the Google Assistant and is responsible for the product’s global retail and event presence. Prior to joining Google in 2014, Sara spent a decade developing, leading, and managing implementations of CRM solutions for a variety of technology companies and organizations. She is passionate about diversity and inclusion in the technology sector. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, playing music, and hosting dinner parties. Sara lives in Mountain View with her husband, Hooman.

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Maria Delgado

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**Employment Information**

Title: Vice Principal
Company: Pacific Gas and Electric
Industry: Energy

**Personal Statement**

Maria has been a portfolio and project management professional in energy and utility industries since 1998. Throughout the last 8 years at PG&E, she has driven excellence in strategic planning and execution in infrastructure construction investments by developing program management best practices and directing a 100-person project/portfolio management organization. Prior to PG&E, she worked at consulting firms and soft start-ups providing services and products to energy companies and utilities across the US. Maria is a native of Mexico. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, and reading. She lives in Walnut Creek with her boyfriend, a calico cat, and a crazy Havana brown cat.
Karun Dua

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MCA Computer Applications, UPTECH University

Employment Information
Title: Lead Application Engineer
Company: VIAVI Solutions
Industry: Telecommunications

Personal Statement
Karun Dua is Lead Application Engineer at VIAVI Solutions, where he leads the wireless support team to manage the Western United States and Latin American regions. He provides pre-sales technical support to the sales team, and ensures delivery of high quality technical support from his team, contributing to the success of his customers in the telecommunications industry. In his role as the team lead, Karun has worked with all major network operators, such as AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon, as well as various chipset manufacturers, including Qualcomm and Broadcom. He has received multiple awards for his excellence in work. The most recent award he received was the “Anytime, Anywhere” award, for excellence in technical and leadership skills, and successfully handling the most number of business accounts. When not traveling, Karun enjoys a good happy hour with friends, playing tennis and cricket, and planning for the next adventure with his wife and kids.

Matt Dunn

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Education: BS Mechanical Engineering, Rice University

Employment Information
Title: Senior Principal R&D Engineer
Company: Cordis Corporation
Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement
After graduating from Rice University, Matt spent the next seven years as a naval officer, serving aboard a nuclear-powered fast attack submarine based out of Oahu and coordinating submarine operations from the U.S. headquarters in Naples, Italy. Since leaving the Navy, he has spent the last three years in R&D for Cordis, an East Bay medical devices company, bringing new coronary intervention products to market. His wife Emily and their two small kids love exploring the outdoors, climbing, and hiking.
Carl Ebeling

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Employment Information
Title: Worldwide Applications Scientist
Company: Bruker Nano, Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Carl grew up in Montana and graduated from Carleton College with a major in Physics. After spending two post-college years skiing and traveling, Carl served as an education volunteer in the US Peace Corps, where he taught STEM classes to secondary school students in Namibia. After spending two years teaching in Namibia, he followed his Peace Corps colleague (and now wife!) to Salt Lake City, where he completed his PhD in Physics. During this time, he also worked for a small technology startup prior to its purchase by a large multinational instrumentation company. Carl currently works for Bruker Nano as a worldwide applications scientist developing state-of-the-art optical microscopes. When not working or in school, Carl loves to ski the Utah powder, hike mountaintops with his wife Megan and their two dogs, and spend time with their 6-month old daughter, Rose.

Ling (Michelle) Fang

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Employment Information
Title: Director of External Reporting and Accounting Policy
Company: McKesson Corporation
Industry: Pharmaceuticals

Personal Statement
Michelle Fang is a Certified Public Accountant with over fourteen years of professional experience. She spent over eleven years at PricewaterhouseCoopers’ US firm in San Jose and at their Hong Kong firm in China providing accounting advisory and audit services to her clients on complex accounting and reporting topics associated with US IPOs, debt and equity offerings, mergers and acquisitions, carve-outs and GAAP conversion. Michelle served clients across various industries, including pharmaceuticals and medical devices, internet, automobiles, semiconductors, solar energy, airlines, and venture capital. Since August 2015, she has rotated in several corporate financial reporting roles at McKesson Corporation. In her current role as a director of external reporting and policy, she leads and manages the preparation of SEC filing documents. Michelle and her team are also responsible for developing and implementing company-wide accounting policies. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, singing, and growing African violets.
Alexei Greig

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Employment Information
Title: Director of School Culture
Company: KIPP Bay Area Schools
Industry: Education

Personal Statement
Alexei has enjoyed being in the world of education for over a decade. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Williams College and his master’s degree from Simmons College. He has taught a wide variety of subjects and has worked as a Chief Administrative Officer, Technical Theater Director, and Dean. Alexei has focused on working with traditionally underserved communities, serving as the Founding Special Education Director for Democracy Prep Public Schools, and as the President of the Manhattan Special Education Cooperative. As Director of School Culture, he is excited to be driving cultural change at KIPP in the Bay Area. He grew up in Jamaica and continues to have strong ties with Jamaica. His goal is to empower people to change their communities and the world at large. Alexei enjoys traveling, gastronomical adventures, growing in his faith, and spending time with friends, family, and his lovely wife Elizabeth.

John Gribowich

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        MA Religious Studies, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
        MA Theology, St. Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoodie
        MS History of Art & Library and Science Information, Pratt Institute

Employment Information
Title: Consultant
Company: DeSales Media Group
Industry: Telecommunications

Personal Statement
John is an ordained Catholic priest. Prior to his ordination in 2015, he spent over ten years in the field of education on both the high school and college level. He has advanced degrees in theology, art history, and library science. He is currently a consultant at DeSales Media Group, an organization based in Brooklyn which provides technological solutions that foster genuine human encounters in the age of virtual communication. John is active in the area of social justice, an avid reader, a disciplined runner, and a passionate fan of Bob Dylan. He lives in Brooklyn, NY and is the co-owner of a farm in Pennsylvania that provides organic produce for the underprivileged.
Rambabu (Ram) Gujjula

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**Employment Information**
Title: Senior Manager
Company: PayPal
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement**
Ram graduated from the National University of Technology in India with a degree in both Computer Science and Engineering. After working for a few years in India, he moved to the UK and worked for various global companies for over 9 years. He currently works as the head of a data team at the intersection of innovative technologies such as big data and SAP. He aspires to climb up to an executive role. In his spare time, Ram spends time with his kids and plays tennis. He lives in Fremont with his wife of 11 years and their two children.

Prem Harikrishna

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Education: BS Engineering, Bangalore University

**Employment Information**
Title: Head of Digital Payments Engineering
Company: Western Union
Industry: Financial Services

**Personal Statement**
Prem heads digital payments engineering at Western Union, a global leader in cross-border cross-currency money movement. He has extensive experience in leading customer-focused technology transformations, engineering of scalable products, building high performance teams, and optimizing complex processes driving efficiency and growth. Prem is adept at envisioning strategic roadmaps and developing enterprise architectures that optimize business operations and delivers value-based outcomes while reducing costs and eliminating complexities. He has significant experience in fintech, especially payments, but has also worked across healthcare, logistics, direct marketing, and manufacturing industries. He has held multi-disciplinary leadership at CSC, Visa, Harley Davidson Financial Services, Matson, UnitedHealth, and Chrysler. He has a global business and leadership perspective, having led and delivered large scale initiatives across the United States, India, and Singapore. Prem lives in the Peninsula Area of the San Francisco Bay Area, and enjoys the outdoors – traveling, hiking, and still photography.
Imelda (Meili) Hau

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Education: BS Biochemistry, St. Mary’s University
BS Registered Nursing, University of Pennsylvania
MS Nursing Practice, University of Pennsylvania

Employment Information
Title: Nurse Practitioner
Company: SharpCare
Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement
Meili Hau received advanced nursing training from the University of Pennsylvania and has eight years of experience as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She has provided health care services to diverse underserved communities in California, Hawaii, Georgia, and Alaska, with a demonstrated history of working in a variety of healthcare settings, including primary care facilities, FQHCs, urgent care, retail health settings, and skilled nursing facilities. Healthcare has been the vehicle to continue promoting the values she adopted as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania, such as endorsing cooperative and tolerant relations between people, and addressing the needs of underserved communities. She views her role as a Nurse Practitioner as providing a bridge to fill the ever-present gaps in healthcare. Meili currently resides in San Diego and is a dedicated ashtanga yoga practitioner. Single life has helped her reach superb skills in pet-sitting (namely dogs, cats, and fish) for friends.

Lucas (Luke) Hickey

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Education: BS Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of California, San Diego

Employment Information
Title: Senior Director of Strategic Marketing
Company: Pacific Biosciences
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Luke has 18 years of experience in the genome sequencing industry, holding various R&D and commercial roles at Pacific Biosciences, Affymetrix, Ingenuity Systems, and Incyte Genomics. He received his B.S. in Biochemistry at UC San Diego, and graduated with honors from Warren College in 1999. Luke currently leads the development of global human biomedical sequencing markets for PacBio’s long-read SMRT sequencing technology. In this role, he has contributed to the development of novel sequencing methods, resulting in numerous high impact publications and conference presentations. Luke is on the steering committee for the NIST Genome in a Bottle Initiative and has a passion for human genetic research – including disease gene discovery in rare and Mendelian diseases. He is an active triathlete and avid outdoor enthusiast. He also loves music and enjoys playing the piano. Luke lives in Danville with his wife and three children.
Elizabeth (Tucker) Hirsch

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MS Sustainable Seafood & Environmental Policy, Economics, and Management, University of California, Santa Barbara

Employment Information
Title: Senior Programs Manager
Company: Undergoing Job Transition
Industry: Not-for-Profit

Personal Statement
Tucker left her role as a Program Manager at an environmental education non-profit in December 2018. Tucker has worked as a consultant for a variety of environmental organizations, delivering educational training and materials around sustainability and behavior change. She’s looking to continue working in a social-impact role, leading a team that is growing and willing to take risks. With a move to the East Coast in her sights, Tucker hopes to join a company that continues to energize her, offer her opportunities for creativity and growth, while leaving a mark on the world. She currently lives in Monterey, CA with her family and enjoys spending time outside – climbing, sailing, running, and exploring. Antarctica is on her bucket list.

Kursat Hosel

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MS Project Management in Information Technologies, Universidad de Alcalá

Employment Information
Title: CEO
Company: Jingku Software
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Kursat is a computer engineer with master’s degrees in software engineering and project management. After working for enterprises such as Telefonica and Ericsson in Madrid, he moved to China as a business development manager. In 2016 he started his own IT company in Shanghai and from there expanded into multiple countries in APAC. In his spare time, he enjoys fine dining with tasty conversations, growing avocado trees, and learning about international politics. He is currently working on his science-fiction book which will take forever to publish. Kursat loves the Bay Area and never misses a chance to be outdoors. He lives in Berkeley with his wife and their baby girl.
Mark Jolley

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Employment Information
Title: Chief Operating Officer
Company: Innovative Healthcare Delivery
Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement
Mark spent the early part of his career in politics and marketing before co-founding a health-tech company, one of the first to power the online enrollment infrastructure of insurance exchanges and to integrate with healthcare.gov. The company was purchased in 2018. Today, Mark is COO of an early-growth stage healthcare services and technology company. He is married with two young teenagers and lives in Las Vegas.

Kimberly (Kim) Jorstad

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Compliance and Administration
Company: American Infrastructure Funds
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement
Kim serves as the Director of Compliance and Administration for American Infrastructure Funds, a private equity firm in Oakland City. Prior to her time in private equity, she spent over a decade in the non-profit industry. She was the Program Director for The Philanthropy Workshop West, where she taught philanthropists how to identify values, evaluate opportunities, recognize change-makers, and leverage resources. She was also Managing Director for CAMEO – a non-profit dedicated to furthering microenterprise development in California, and served as Program Manager for the Bay Area Entrepreneur Association – a non-profit dedicated to providing education and support to small business owners. With her expertise in capacity-building, idea creation, and strategic planning, Kim has also served as an independent consultant. She lives in Livermore.
Venkatesh (Venky) Kandaswamy

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MS Computer Science, University of Manchester

**Employment Information**
Title: Senior Manager
Company: Walmartlabs Inc
Industry: Banking – Commercial/Retail

**Personal Statement**
Since his first job as an intern, Venky has been working with the organization and retrieval of large amounts of data. He has worked in various data organization technologies, from the earliest hierarchical and relational databases to the modern day NoSQL Big Data platforms. He has had the good fortune of working with some of the best minds in the country to develop new practices, particularly during his tenure at IBM Global Services and Google. For the last several years, Venky has been working with some very challenging systems, such as keyword extraction and organization into maps from internet searches. He has recently taken over responsibility for building the product catalog for one of the largest retailers in the world. Lately, he has been interested in the area of new experiences in e-commerce where we can leverage data science, virtual reality, and immersive technologies to give customers and buyers a new way of looking at online buying. His expertise is in building technology and teams to accomplish unique business visions in e-commerce.

Lisa Kelly

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Education: BS Biomedical Engineering, University of Virginia

**Employment Information**
Title: Staff Product Manager, Clinical Marketing – Genetic Disease Testing
Company: Illumina
Industry: Biotechnology

**Personal Statement**
Lisa is a Product Manager at Illumina, where she works on whole genome sequencing research programs in rare disease. In her eight years at the company, she has also led software development programs in manufacturing, lab services, and tumor profiling analyses. Prior to Illumina, Lisa worked in defense contracting, living abroad from 2008 to 2010. She graduated from the University of Virginia with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering. She lives in San Diego with her husband and their two children.
**Eric Lee**

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   PhD Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**Employment Information**  
Title: Vice President, Research and Development  
Company: Stion  
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement**  
Eric Lee graduated with a degree in Chemistry from Stanford, and went on to earn a PhD in Chemistry from MIT. He began his career at IBM as a Process Development Engineer, before moving to Alien Technology as an Engineer. There, he discovered his interest in solar power technology, and worked at several solar power companies for several years. Eric started his company Stion, a solar technology startup, in 2016. He is responsible for managing a high performing R&D team, experimental design, and project reporting. Eric lives in San Jose.

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**Yanhui (Lea) Li**

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   M.Eng. Electrical and Computer Engineering, National University of Singapore  
**Employment Information**  
Title: Enterprise Architect and Senior Researcher  
Company: Hitachi America, Ltd.  
Industry: Engineering

**Personal Statement**  
Lea graduated from the National University of Singapore with a master's degree in Computer Engineering and worked in software development for over eight years. She currently works as Enterprise Architect and Senior Researcher in R&D at Hitachi America Ltd., where she's responsible for designing and delivering research proposals and solutions using Internet of Things for customers. In her spare time, Lea enjoys traveling, hiking, and spending time outdoors with her family. She lives in Cupertino with her husband and their two lovely daughters.
Gopi Lingam

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MS Mechanical, Industrial, and Manufacturing Engineering, Oregon State University

Employment Information
Title: Manager
Company: Outset Medical
Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement
Gopi was born and raised in India. After completing his degree in Mechanical Engineering, he worked as a software engineer for two years. His desire to learn more brought him to the US, where he received his master’s in Mechanical Engineering. The project he worked on as part of his thesis landed him in a startup organization, where he joined as an intern. He now leads the product design group, where he works on creating a revolutionary dialysis system. Gopi lives in San Jose with his wife and two kids. He has two boys, a 4 year old and a 1 year old. In his spare time, he likes to spend time with his family, watch movies, and travel.

Linda Liu

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MS Biochemistry, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Employment Information
Title: Chief Corporate Development Officer
Company: Apton Biosystems
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Linda grew up in China and lived in Singapore for three years before coming to the US in her 20s to pursue a graduate degree in Biochemistry. After graduation she moved to the Bay Area, where she’s been working in various biotech companies for the past 18 years. Her career was focused on technical roles for many years, until she co-founded a biotech startup in 2012. There, she is the Chief Corporate Development Officer, where she leads efforts on business development, marketing, product management, and fundraising. She has two daughters, both of whom are excellent dancers. The oldest is a freshman at UC Berkeley. In her spare time, she likes to watch her daughters’ dance competitions and dance shows. She also enjoys traveling, hiking, gardening, and watching movies. She lives in San Ramon and works in Pleasanton.
Andrew MacDonell

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               MS Mechanical Engineering, Loyola Marymount University

Employment Information
Title: Program Manager
Company: Abbott
Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement
Andrew works as a Program Manager of new product development within Abbott’s Heart Failure Medical Device business unit. He’s responsible for leading a cross-functional program team through a complete product development lifecycle, from conceptualization through successful commercialization. He has also spent time in various other technical and leadership roles within the medical device startup space in the Bay Area. Andrew graduated from Loyola Marymount University, receiving both his bachelor’s and his master’s degrees in Mechanical Engineering. In his spare time, he enjoys training for and competing in Ironman Triathlon, surfing, and taking his family on camping trips. He lives in San Ramon with his wife of three years and their 1 year old daughter.

Avinash Madadi

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Education: MS Electrical Engineering, Texas Tech University

Employment Information
Title: Electrical Engineer – Lead
Company: Leggett & Platt, Inc.
Industry: Manufacturing

Personal Statement
Avinash graduated from Texas Tech University with a master’s degree in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, he worked for a startup for a couple of years, before moving to Missouri to work for Leggett & Platt, a multi-billion dollar manufacturer of diverse consumer products. He started in the Research & Development wing of the Adjustable Bed Group as an electrical engineer, and has travelled internationally establishing supplier relationships and sourcing electrical components. He is currently responsible for electronics development of new products. In his spare time, Avinash enjoys biking, spending time outdoors with his family, and visiting historical places.
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Employment Information
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Industry: Military

Personal Statement
Thomas graduated from the US Naval Academy and has served as a naval helicopter pilot since completing flight school. During that time he served as the flag aide to the Commander of Naval Education and Training Command, completing three deployments in support of freedom of the seas, and served as an instructor pilot for the MH-60R helicopter. In his spare time, Thomas enjoys anything that will get him outside, especially in the mountains. He is an avid traveler, backpacker, cyclist, and runner. He resides in San Diego with his girlfriend, Tiffany, and their dog, Bella.

Abby Majlak

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Director, Political Affairs & Federation Relations
Company: U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Industry: Government

Personal Statement
Abby currently serves as the Senior Director, Political Affairs & Federation Relations at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, she manages the implementation of multifaceted political and legislative paid media campaigns, grassroots communications, state and local chamber and association engagement, and PAC programming. In 2014, her efforts on the political program led to the largest pro-business majority in the U.S. House since 1928 and the first pro-business majority in the U.S. Senate since 2006. In 2018, she spearheaded political efforts to pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the most sweeping overhaul of the federal tax code in more than 30 years. Abby is a political junkie who spends her spare time reading, running, and traveling. As a military spouse, she enjoys volunteering with the Honor Flight Network. When not in Washington DC, Abby resides in San Francisco with her husband Jack and their wire-fox terrier Henry.
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Employment Information  
Title: Program Manager  
Company: Digital Green  
Industry: Not-for-Profit

Personal Statement  
Suprita has worked in the global development and social impact sector for over ten years, initially implementing public health programs, and now working to improve the lives of smallholder farmers in developing countries. She has worked and travelled extensively in sub-Saharan Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and Central America. In her spare time, Suprita enjoys being outdoors, reading, and taking Spanish lessons over Skype with her Guatemalan teacher. She lives in San Francisco with her husband, and loves escaping north to the Point Reyes area.

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Employment Information  
Title: CEO & Co-Founder  
Company: AC Global Risk  
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement  
Alex is the CEO and Co-Founder of AC Global Risk, a venture backed, technology-based risk assessment company headquartered in California. Prior to launching AC Global, Alex served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a small unit commander in infantry, reconnaissance, and special operations units. Upon leaving active duty, he founded a private maritime security company based in Muscat, Oman and later lived and worked in rural Kenya for two years as the Team Leader for Nuru International, a social enterprise dedicated to ending extreme poverty. Alex is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, Naval Command and Staff College, and Stanford Business School’s Program in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Alex enjoys sailing, drinking wine, binging Netflix, and day dreaming about the non-so-great novel he’ll never write. He lives in Napa with his wife Julie, and their dog, Havana.
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Employment Information
Title: Pilot
Company: United Airlines
Industry: Aerospace

Personal Statement
Tina graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2006 and began her career as a pilot flying the KC-135 air refueler. She served 11 years in the Air Force and the Air National Guard, deploying eleven times to the Middle East and flying over 1,000 combat hours. As an instructor pilot and officer, she gained experience managing an Operations Group aircrew training program and wing scheduling department. Currently, she is a pilot for United Airlines and Admission Liaison Officer for the U.S. Air Force Academy in the Air Force Reserves. She is also involved in a non-profit startup that is developing a flight simulation or based youth STEM program. In her free time, Tina likes to enjoy the outdoors through hiking, snowboarding, kayaking, and running. She is moving from Denver to the Bay Area this summer with her partner Aaron and fur-kid Molly, an energetic Weimaraner.

Michael McCormick

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Employment Information
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Company: California High Speed Rail Authority
Industry: Transportation

Personal Statement
A native of Cranbury, New Jersey, Michael graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and served as an engineer officer in the Army for thirty years. His military service includes a variety of leadership and staff positions with the 82nd Airborne and 2nd Infantry Divisions, as well as the XVIIIth Airborne Corps. His career highlights include command of four U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts in San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans, and Afghanistan, successfully delivering billions of dollars’ worth of military and water resources infrastructure. Following his retirement from the Army, Michael served in a number of executive infrastructure delivery roles in both public and private organizations, culminating with his new position with the California High Speed Rail Authority. Michael enjoys running, reading history, working on home improvement projects, and baking pies. He lives in Lafayette with his partner of six years, Cindy, and her two sons.
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Employment Information
Title: Founder & CEO
Company: Support Consulting Finance and Consulting
Industry: Consulting

Personal Statement
Vasiliy was born in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1995, he graduated from the Baltic State Technical University with a degree in Engineering. Since 1996, he has led Support Consulting Finance and Investment (SKIF), an independent business advisory and crisis-management company. In 1999, he co-founded the PremierCompany, another business-consulting boutique firm in St. Petersburg. He later moved to Moscow and continued private advisory under the SKIF brand. In 2009, he was invited to do a crisis management project for the country’s oldest printing house. During that time, he also completed his postgraduate studies at the Russian Academy of Entrepreneurship and has acted as Associate Professor since then. Since 2018, he has returned to his private strategic advisory company and is currently acting as the Strategy and Business Development Advisor to Monea Coin Technology. Outside of work, he is a father to two daughters and a passionate extreme sports fan.

Saswat Mishra

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MS Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Santa Clara University

Employment Information
Title: Engineer
Company: Marvell Inc.
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement
Saswat completed his master’s degree in Electrical Engineering at Santa Clara University. From there, he began his career as an engineer at Marvell Inc., where he has been for the past nine years. During this time, he has designed and managed over 100 system-on-a-chip designs across four major business units. His designs have been widely used in the XBOX One, iPad 3, Sony PlayStation consoles, and most Lenovo laptops. He has a total of four approved patents and 25 patent applications pending. When he’s not doing research, Saswat plays and teaches soccer at the Cupertino Football Club, where he’s the head coach for the under-10 boys team. In his spare time, he loves to read non-fiction books and spend time outdoors. He lives in Cupertino with his wife and two children.
Michael Moreno

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Employment Information
Title: Strategy Manager
Company: Viasat
Industry: Aerospace and Consulting

Personal Statement
Michael Moreno is based in San Diego, California, where he is a Strategy Manager at Viasat. In previous roles, he has been responsible for identifying investments and developing strategic relationships in disruptive technology sectors including AI/ML, cybersecurity, blockchain, and robotics. As a consultant, Moreno has advised companies on Middle East market-entry, as well as foreign companies investing in American tech. Moreno began his career with a 26-month tour in Iraq, where he served as a national security advisor to the Iraqi government. Following graduate school, Moreno managed a program at West Point’s Combating Terrorism Center that taught counterterrorism at the FBI Academy. He completed several more overseas tours in the Middle East before leaving government in 2016 to co-found a market-entry and defense consultancy in Dubai. He also co-founded Volt.ae, a startup accelerating electric vehicle adoption in the Middle East. Prior to Viasat, Moreno led strategy and partnership for the Dubai-based tech firm voteq. Moreno has a BA in Organizational Studies from Pitzer College, a Master’s in International Affairs from Columbia University, and is completing his MBA at the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business.

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Employment Information
Title: VP LatAm
Company: JA Solar
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement
Adele graduated with a degree in Business Administration from G. D’Annunzio University in Pescara, Italy. She moved to China in 2002 to join SMIC, the first semiconductor foundry startup in the country. During her time with the company, she served as Customer Engineering Associate, supervising the coordination of critical technology transfers of cutting edge products from European, American, and Japanese customers. After leaving SMIC, Adele joined JA Solar, the leader in production of solar cells and panels, taking on roles in emerging markets, sales, and marketing. In her spare time, Adele enjoys baking and cooking, being outdoors, and sports. Her favorite thing is scuba diving and traveling in Southeast Asia. She is in the process of relocating to California, after spending more than 15 years living in Asia.
Douglas Myslenski

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**Employment Information**
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Company: Adamas Pharmaceuticals
Industry: Pharmaceuticals

**Personal Statement**
Doug graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Management Information Systems. The first ten years of his career were in ERP Systems and Operations Consulting for a small startup in Chicago. During that time, he ran both domestic and international projects, receiving Directorship by the end of his tenure. His role spanned software development, project consulting, business development, value engineering, as well as internal mentorship program building. In addition, he achieved APICS certification, a supply chain industry leader in education, best practices, and benchmarking. Following consulting, Doug has had IT Director roles within CPG (Annie’s, Inc.) and Specialty Pharmaceutical (Adamas Pharmaceuticals) businesses leading IT application strategy. He resides in Oakland with his wife, daughter, and son. He enjoys creating new memories traveling with family, as well as skiing, running (three marathons and counting), and playing and watching baseball – GO CUBS!

Vivek Nadkarni

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**Employment Information**
Title: Product Manager & Engineering Manager
Company: Trimble
Industry: Agriculture

**Personal Statement**
Vivek is a Product & Engineering Manager at Trimble. He graduated from MIT with both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Engineering and Computer Science, and an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. After college, he joined Trimble to develop algorithms. Six patents and three innovation awards later, Vivek now leads the GPS receiver development team in Trimble’s Agriculture division. In 2016, he transitioned into a product management role alongside his engineering role. On any given day, Vivek is developing an inter-divisional product offering for Australia, discussing operational pain points with a sugarcane grower in Brazil, negotiating pricing for the Ukraine, or evaluating a worldwide business model transition. He lived in Pennsylvania until 4th grade and in Pune, India through high school. He currently lives in Sunnyvale with his wife and son. He enjoys going on walks with others, savoring black tea, and loves learning.
Meenakshi (Meenu) Natarajan

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Employment Information
Title: Director, Retirement Investments, Global Treasury  
Company: HP Inc.  
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement
Meenu has fourteen years of experience in the retail and institutional investment industries, focusing on global retirement plan asset management (defined benefit and defined contribution). She has extensive work experience in plan design, investment strategy, execution, governance, fiduciary oversight, vendor management, participant engagement, and contract negotiations. She has served as Lead Investment and Administrative Committees for large multi-national corporations. She has a track record of successfully leading teams, achieving results, collaboratively solving problems, and operating with a high level of energy and integrity.

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Employment Information
Title: CFO  
Company: Avigro  
Industry: Agriculture

Personal Statement
Dennis Ngo graduated from UC Irvine with an Economics degree and has managed his contract manufacturing company for dietary supplements for nearly five years. He is currently in the process of selling his company and joining a multinational agribusiness as CFO. On the side, he invests in public equities and provides non-equity loans to emerging companies that create an impact in their regional or the global community. Dennis enjoys spending time with his loved ones, cooking, going to the gym, and playing golf. He lives happily in Irvine with his wife and dog.
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Employment Information
Title: Senior Quality Manager
Company: Stryker Corporation
Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement
Aron received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 2010. Upon graduation, he moved to San Jose to work for Stryker Corporation as a Quality Engineer. Throughout the past eight years, Aron has continued his career with Stryker, moving from engineering positions into operations management. In his current position as a Senior Quality Manager, he supports a team that consults with hospitals around the country to improve efficiency in sterile processing of medical devices. Outside of work, Aron enjoys hiking, camping, snowboarding, spending time with his two brothers, and brewing beer. He lives in San Francisco with his fiancée Adrienne.

Joshua Olivas

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Employment Information
Title: Associate Lead Recruiter
Company: Google
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Joshua spent seven years with the Marine Infantry as a Hospital Corpsman. He completed multiple deployments, leading teams of Marines and sailors through difficult challenges. He eventually transitioned out of the military and began working at Google, where he leads a team of recruiters to hire for Google’s Cloud Platform business. At home, he enjoys spending time with his girlfriend and dog. He also enjoys being in and out of the water, running, politics, and live music.
Nicholas Plagge

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**Employment Information**
Title: President
Company: Seniortours Vacations
Industry: Hospitality

**Personal Statement**
Nick graduated from the Wharton School with a degree in Economics, and started work as a derivatives trader at the American Stock Exchange. From there, he founded a real estate investment business with his brother and cousin in his hometown of Philadelphia, and returned to Philadelphia fulltime to oversee the operations of his family’s tour operator business. While in Philadelphia, Nick got involved in politics and the arts. He has lived, worked, or traveled in 45 countries, and enjoys hiking, wine, and all things entrepreneurial. He currently lives in Philadelphia, but is planning to relocate to the SF area.

Olga Pospelova

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**Employment Information**
Title: Data Program Manager, Artificial Intelligence
Company: Amazon Web Services
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement**
Olga graduated with a master’s in Linguistics from San Jose State University, and from there, worked as an Assistant Professor at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. She then transitioned to eBay, where she worked as a Machine Translation Language Specialist. In 2018, Olga moved to Amazon Web Services. She is currently a Data Program Manager. She lives in San Jose, California.
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Education:

Employment Information
Title: Head of Product
Company: Self Employed
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Abdul moved to the United States after graduating from medical school in Pakistan. He completed his Psychiatry Residency at the University of North Dakota. After finishing his psychiatry training he moved to Washington State for four years, then moved to Sacramento.

He is currently the CEO of Compassion Health Network, which provides services to a local psychiatric hospital in Sacramento. He enjoys spending time outdoors with his family. He lives in Roseville with his wife and their two children.

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Employment Information
Title: Chief of Staff
Company: Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency
Industry: Government

Personal Statement
Lisa Rawlings is a public service leader with a passion for equity, efficiency, and impact. Trained in social work, she has served in executive and management capacities in diverse fields, including criminal justice, public health, immigration, child welfare, and youth development. In 2016, Lisa was appointed to the Senior Executive Service of the federal government and currently serves as the Chief of Staff at the Court Service and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA). Over the past six years at CSOSA, she has served as a primary advisor to the Director and developed and executed influential enterprise level initiatives focusing on programmatic enhancements, organizational development, and operational efficiency. In her free time, she enjoys physical activity, loves nature, and is exploring a budding interest in sailing. She attributes her independence, attention to diverse points of view, and passion for travel to her early experience of living abroad. Her work and passions have taken her across the United States and to dozens of countries on five continents.
Sean Rich

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Director, Information Technology
Company: Mozilla
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Sean Rich is a Senior Director in Operations at Mozilla, where he helps lead the Information Technology organization. During his career he has helped companies build new capabilities, win industry-recognized innovation awards, and transform the way work gets done. He loves leading and developing teams, and thrives when drawing upon disciplines of human performance management and strategic thinking. He is happiest when playing at the intersection of success and service and is continually working to build out customer-centric organizations. When he’s not working on leading innovative success at Mozilla, he enjoys engaging in “maker” hobbies and spending time with his family. He lives in Moraga with this love of his life, Jenn, and their three children: Grace, Ryan, and Harper.

Adam Rosenzweig

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Employment Information
Title: Program Manager
Company: Okta
Industry: Technology

Personal Statement
Adam leads Okta’s product philanthropy work as a member of the Okta for Good team. Prior to Okta, Adam spent ten years working with various social impact organizations and remains actively involved as a consultant and board member. He majored in history at Pitzer College and also holds a master’s degree in education policy and management from Harvard Graduate School of Education.
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Employment Information
Title: Manager – Field Reliability  
Company: Waymo  
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Georgios is leading the field reliability efforts for Waymo, the self-driving car project from Google. Prior to Waymo, he served as the Senior Manager of Reliability Engineering at Tesla, where he oversaw the reliability development and continuous improvement for the Tesla Roadster, Model S, and Model X. Georgios grew up in Thessaloniki, Greece, and lives in Cupertino, CA with his wife Janneth and their three children. Before he became a professional diaper changer, his hobbies included windsurfing, playing the guitar, hiking, and trying new food. He is interested in electric cars, productivity books, and always carries a pocket pen.

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Employment Information
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Industry: Energy

Personal Statement
Meghan is an integrated marketing executive with over 15 years of experience in advertising and marketing. Her career started in the advertising industry and she quickly made her way into the tech and energy sectors. Meghan’s work history includes extensive experience developing, implementing, and evaluating media strategies and solutions for brands like Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, and Chevron, and finding ways to improve consumer’s online experience to drive business growth. She’s led highly effective teams, developing each other’s skills, as well as worked as a member of multifunctional, collaborative organizations. Meghan volunteers and serves on the board of Super Stars Literacy, a local organization in Oakland that brings early literacy intervention to underperforming K-2 students. She is also working towards her yoga teacher training certificate and wants to teach yoga to underprivileged communities and children. Meghan also enjoys traveling with her family and spending time with her children outdoors, or taking advantage of the many cultural activities in the Bay Area. She lives in Danville with her husband and their two children.
Carol Shumate

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Employment Information
Title: Regional Sales Manager
Company: Rockwell Automation, Inc.
Industry: Manufacturing

Personal Statement
Carol Shumate is the Regional Sales Manager at Rockwell Automation, the largest company in the world that is dedicated to industrial automation and information. Her responsibilities include sales strategy, structure, and execution excellence in the teams across the West Region territories. She strives to create a consistent and quality experience for the customer base while architecting sales growth for the company. Carol completed a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Manufacturing and Systems Engineering at the University of Missouri. She is currently living in San Francisco, spending her time sailing with friends, cooking fresh produce from the farmer’s market, and hiking with her dog.

Malini Singh

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Employment Information
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Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement
Malini Singh is the Vice Chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, as well as an Associate Professor of Medicine at the UCSF School of Medicine. She moved to San Francisco from Boston, where she had been working as an attending emergency physician at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital and as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, during which time she earned her Master’s in Public Health from Harvard’s School of Public Health. Her current areas of focus are primarily around the education and training of residents and medical students, the development and mentoring of faculty, as well as implementing and improving upon operations to maximize patient flow and safety within her department. Malini currently lives in San Francisco, and in her spare time she loves to travel and be in the outdoors.
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Employment Information
Title: Product Manager
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Vasu grew up in India, where she completed both her bachelor’s and master’s in Computer Science. She has been a resident of the SF Bay Area for the past 17 years. After working several years as a Software Engineer, Vasu transitioned to Product Manager after a very interesting experience on her first customer visit. In her role as Product Manager, she has worked on several products and with multiple teams at Hewlett-Packard, EMC, and her current employer, OpenText. Vasu loves creating things from scratch, whether that be through a table saw or a sewing machine. She loves traveling and visiting new places and dreams of one day taking a year off of her regular life to just travel. She lives in Palo Alto with her husband Vamshi, and their two sons, Avyay and Haas.

Benjamin (Ben) Stein

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Digital Marketing
Company: BMC Software
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Ben grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota dreaming of a short and lucrative career in the NBA. After falling drastically short of realizing that dream, he served 12 years in the U.S. Navy as an F/A-18 pilot and instructor. Since leaving active duty in 2017, he has worked at BMC Software, most recently as its Director of Digital Marketing. Ben is a distinguished graduate of the Naval Academy and earned an MS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland. He lives in Pleasanton, CA with his wife Mary and their two sons, Milo (5) and Louis (3). Ben is an avid golfer, runner, and occasionally moonlights as a piano man.
Ernest (Ernie) Svehla

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MA Strategy and Innovation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Employment Information
Title: Engineering Manager
Company: Apple
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement
Ernie graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in Computer Science and a minor in Math. Ernie also earned a commission as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, where he flew supersonic jet aircraft as well as served with the U.S. Air Force Space Command working on space-based intelligence systems. He has over 30 years of experience leading and managing software development organizations. Ernie started a web consulting company in the dot-com days and served as CEO. He was also a 9/11 volunteer. On weekends, Ernie enjoys competitive aerobatic flying and still cannot convince his wife of one year, Melissa, to take a flight with him.

Meghan (Meg) Thurlow

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Employment Information
Title: Technical Lead
Company: Aclima Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Meg graduated with degrees in Chemistry from Carleton College (B.A.) and Harvard University (PhD). During her graduate studies, she focused on developing and deploying novel instrumentation for the detection of highly reactive trace gases that impact global climate. After a brief stint as a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard, she took on a research position at UC Berkeley focused on building a scalable observational network for monitoring greenhouse gases. Through this research, Meg began working in partnerships with Aclima Inc., a company that designs and deploys sensor networks to increase environmental awareness. She now serves as the head of the hardware engineering team and as the technical lead of the outdoor product line at Aclima. Meg spends her spare time hiking, running slowly, café-hopping, and volunteering at the SPCA. She lives in San Francisco with her husband and their 1-year old daughter.
Debashish Tripathy

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Employment Information
Title: Technologist
Company: Western Digital
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Debashish graduated from BITS Pilani in 2002 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. After working briefly in the IT industry, he moved to Singapore to pursue his PhD in Electrical Engineering at the National University of Singapore. During that time, he developed novel materials and devices for magnetic storage applications. After completing his PhD and postdoctoral stints at NUS, he began his industrial career with Western Digital in 2011. He was involved in the implementation of higher-capacity hard-disk models through the expansion of perpendicular and heat-assisted magnetic recording technology. In 2013, Debashish relocated to the Western Digital HQ in the Bay Area, where he continues to deliver revenue-strengthening results while building cooperative interdepartmental relations. In his spare time, he enjoys playing basketball (Go Warriors!) and driving along the California coast with his family. He lives in San Jose with his wife of 12 years and their two-year old daughter.

Ryan Vaughan

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Employment Information
Title: District Leader
Company: CVS Pharmacy
Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement
Ryan graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy and worked as a Pharmacist for a number of years. He moved into management roles with CVS Pharmacy and completed a business certification in Human Resources Management at the University of Connecticut School of Business. He relocated from Connecticut to California in 2016. Ryan enjoys hiking, snowboarding, board games, and vegan cooking. He enjoys living in Sacramento.
Claire Veuthey

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MA International relations, Graduate Institute of Geneva

**Employment Information**
Title: Director of ESG & Impact
Company: OpenInvest
Industry: Financial Services

**Personal Statement**
Claire has worked in environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG), and impact investing for more than a decade. She has held research, investment, product, and business development roles in London, Toronto, Singapore, Amsterdam, and San Francisco. She is also a Venture Fellow at Strawberry Creek Ventures. Before joining OpenInvest, she led the Wells Fargo Social Impact Investing team’s ESG research and corporate engagement work. Claire served as an advisor to the Sustainable Accounting Standards Board during its inaugural year, and was part of the first cohort to earn the FSA (Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting) credential. Claire was awarded a Dean’s Fellowship at Haas, holds an M.A. from King’s College London, and a Licence from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

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**Employment Information**
Title: Chief of Staff
Company: Chevron
Industry: Energy

**Personal Statement**
Elim graduated from UC Berkeley with a Chemical Engineering degree in 2003 and joined Chevron the same year. She began her career as a technology marketing engineer, which allowed her to see different operating cultures around the world. She then transitioned to the Hawaii Refinery, taking on roles in manufacturing operations, supply chain and project management. After four years in Hawaii, she spent two years each in El Segundo, CA; Vancouver, Canada; and San Ramon, CA, leading multiple supply chain optimization and business development teams. In 2015, she joined the Global Strategy function as a Strategy and Competitive Intelligence Lead which helps Chevron set portfolio and asset strategies. Elim transitions into her new role within Chevron as Chief-of-Staff to President the same week that she starts the EMBA program. Elim enjoys tennis, yoga, cycling, traveling, and volunteering. She lives in San Jose with her partner, Michael, and their three daughters.
Jinwei Zhang

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Employment Information
Title: Project Manager
Company: EDG Design
Industry: Real Estate

Personal Statement
Jinwei is a licensed architect, urban planner, and LEED AP. She specializes in green building design, with projects that include hospitality industries, office campuses, theme parks, mixed use commercial and residential buildings, airports, and city planning. These projects can be found all across the world, from the U.S. to Canada to China to the Middle East. Jinwei is a passionate traveler and has lived in and visited over 50 countries and more than 300 cities. In her free time, she is also a film maker, furniture designer, and painter.

Dee Zheng

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Employment Information
Title: CEO
Company: TCI Shanghai
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement
Dee Zheng is an entrepreneur who spent the last 11 years in China leading and nurturing the gas turbine MRO bootstrap startup he co-founded and sold to an industry-leading multinational joint-venture. He built an engineering and manufacturing team that successfully serviced hot-section components for F-class gas turbines from scratch and served customers that ranged from Fortune 500 companies such as Jiangsu Shagang, to state-owned enterprises such as CNOOC. Prior to this, he was the responsible editor for the LAB Newsletter at Colin-Houston & Associates, a technical petrochemical consulting firm in upstate New York. He is also engaged in various roles in boutique private equity firms and investment banks. Dee is a former professional gamer and a travel buff that carries his 6lb camera backpack with him everywhere. He currently lives in Los Angeles with his wife and their baby girl.
Molly Zucker

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Employment Information
Title: Auctions & Library Wine Director
Company: K&L Wine Merchants
Industry: Retail

Personal Statement
A Bay Area native and second generation Cal student, Molly completed her undergraduate studies in Rhetoric and Mass Communications at UC Berkeley in 2005. After some travel abroad, she worked at Wagstaff Worldwide, a hospitality public relations firm, overseeing PR campaigns for top restaurants and hotels in California before heading to Chicago for two years to work in marketing and business development at the law firm Jenner & Block. Almost eight years ago, Molly returned to her roots in San Francisco and launched the online auction platform at K&L Wine Merchants, a wine retail chain and e-commerce business co-founded by her father in 1976. Molly lives in San Francisco with her fiancé Kyle and their very mischievous dog, Wolfie. When not working or commuting, Molly loves to cook, garden, take art classes, and she dabbles in interior design projects for friends and family.

Megan Zweig

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Research
Company: Rock Health
Industry: Not-for-Profit

Personal Statement
Hoping she’d soon return to her home state of California, Megan left for North Carolina to attend Duke University. She studied Public Policy and after reading her first Tulsi Gawande book, was hooked on healthcare. After school, she moved to DC and started as a research analyst at the Advisory Board Committee (ABC). Megan consulted for health system executives and led the Physician Executive Council, a best practice research program for Chief Medical Officers focused on hospital-physician partnership, and inpatient quality and efficiency. After nine years at ABC, Megan left to join Rock Health, a seed-stage venture fund in SF dedicated to digital health. There, she is head of research and provides thought leadership on technology-driven innovation in healthcare. Megan dreams of one day having her own dog. In the meantime, she settles for vegan baked goods, lots of concerts, doting on her plants, and loving her neighborhood in the Lower Haight.
Rohit Agarwalla

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Employment Information
Title: Principal Engineer
Company: Cisco
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Rohit Agarwalla is a product leader who has been in the eye of the cloud computing storm with involvement in three popular open source cloud software innovations. In the recent past, his technology acumen and business instincts have enabled him to become a founder for a Cisco product and build two Cisco hybrid cloud partnerships with Google Cloud and Amazon Web Services. Leveraging emerging technologies, he is excited by opportunities and challenges to disrupt verticals. Prior to joining Cisco, Rohit graduated from Cornell University with a Master’s degree in Computer Science and has completed product management related course works from Stanford. He lives in San Jose, California with his wife (a medical doctor) and daughter. Outside of spending time with family, Rohit enjoys traveling internationally (thirteen countries and counting) and playing badminton.

Nicholas Andrews

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Employment Information
Title: Vice President, Finance and Accounting
Company: Blumberg Investment Partners
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement:
Nicholas Andrews graduated from the University of Denver with a BSBA in Accounting and Finance. As an active CPA, he has worked in various finance roles in mining, telecom, energy, and real estate. Currently, Nicholas is the VP of Finance and Accounting for a private equity firm in Denver, Colorado. In his free time, he enjoys skiing, martial arts, and scuba diving. Nicholas and his wife live in Denver with their first child, born on January 18, 2019.
Martin Angkawijaya

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Employment Information
Title: Director & Founder
Company: Derma Beautica Aesthetic Clinic
Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement:
Martin is a dedicated entrepreneur with an inquisitive mind that encourages her to always pursue knowledge through studying. She believes that we are never too old to set another goal and dream a new dream. After graduating from Bandung Institute of Technology and obtaining a degree in Chemical Engineering, Martin taught Thermodynamics in Chemical Engineering to undergraduate students in Parahyangan Catholic University. Five years later, feeling challenged to question the status quo, she seized an opportunity to take part in a lucrative market in the medical aesthetic business that was thriving in Indonesia. Thus, she established her own company which multiplied threefold in a few years. Enjoying her role as a single mother, Martin raises her two lovely daughters and likes to spend her leisure time traveling, hiking, working out, as well as delighting in culinary adventures.

Rosi Arnaudova

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Employment Information
Title: Management Consultant
Company: Slalom
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement:
Rosi Arnaudova is a Management Consultant at Slalom. In this role, she helps Fortune 500 technology clients transform and grow their businesses by defining and implementing customer-centric marketing strategies. Her expertise lies in various facets of global marketing and channel strategy, data analytics, program management, and working in cross-cultural environments. Before moving to the United States 5 years ago, Rosi worked in multiple markets in Europe, including Finland, Russia, the UK and Germany. There her primary focus was on shaping and driving marketing communications for global brands and projects, e.g. Mercedes-Benz, Olympic Games 2014, and UNDP. Rosi holds a Master’s degree in Linguistics and speaks 4 languages. Outside of work, Rosi enjoys traveling, playing the piano, helping a local dance school with their ballet productions, and exploring the Pacific Northwest. She lives in Seattle, Washington, with her husband and daughter.
Narges Attaran

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Employment Information
Title: Manager, Solutions Architecture (Channel Leader)  
Company: Armanino LLP  
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement:
Born and raised in Shiraz, Iran, Narges graduated as valedictorian in Computer Software Engineering. While attending university in Iran, she programmed and sold business software solutions. In late 2009, Narges moved to the U.S. and continued her profession as a Microsoft certified software engineer with Microsoft’s Dynamics ERP team. After joining Oracle Corp. in 2013 as a Sales Engineer, she got the opportunity to work very closely with C-level executives of small, medium, and enterprise accounts across a wide variety of industries. Currently, she leads a fast-growing business line at California’s largest regional accounting & consulting firm, Armanino LLP. In 2012, she co-founded Shiraz Arts Academy, which specializes in training of Persian music and arts in northern California. Narges is a volunteer actress at Stanford University and has performed leading roles in four Iranian theatrical plays since 2014. She lives in Mountain View, CA with her family and friends.

Sanejkumar (Sanej) Bandgar

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Employment Information
Title: Manager of Data Analytics and Business Intelligence  
Company: Suncor Energy  
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement:
Sanej graduated in Computer Science from the University of Mumbai with distinction and a first-ank in class. Upon receiving his degree, he worked on large scale digital transformation initiatives at Capgemini Consulting and Deloitte Consulting. During his consulting stint, he worked in the UK and Canada to help align business and technology strategy, thereby setting the next digital frontier for several organizations. Additionally, Sanej is certified in AI and Machin Learning from MIT. He has tactically applied his learning to create data-driven strategies for several complex businesses. Sanej is passionate about sustainable energy and transportation, striving to make a positive difference in the energy industry by leveraging the power of data and analytics. He lives in the heart of the Canadian Rockies in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, with his wife of 9 years and his parents. In his spare time, Sanej enjoys trekking, running or biking across the beautiful Bow River in Calgary, meditating, stargazing, and reading astronomy or autobiography books.
Matthew (Matt) Beatty

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Employment Information
Title: EVP Customer Success
Company: Brightmetrics
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Matt graduated from SDSU in 2001 and served as a Marine officer in a variety of operational and analyst roles, taking him places like Japan, the Philippines, and Iraq. After leaving active duty in 2007 and returning to the Bay Area, he pursued a career in technical sales and account management in a variety of networking technology and software services companies. Matt currently is a partner and executive at Brightmetrics, charged with building customer success and operational practices that maximize the value that customers and channel partners get from their relationship with Brightmetrics. He found the most fulfilling work investing in the work of local non-profits and international humanitarian relief organizations. Matt loves spending time with his family and has been married for 17 years. Most of the time you can find him and his wife scambling between sports, piano, and extra curriculars of their three teen/tween kids.

Shahed Behjat

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Employment Information
Title: Head of Program Management
Company: PTI Technologies
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Shahed is a driven project manager with extensive experience in delivery and an impeccable track record of revitalizing organizations by providing comprehensive solutions to operational and process issues within set budgets and timelines. He has a profound appreciation for change management techniques that help organizations transcend cultural shifts to disciplined performance-based models. In his spare time, Shahed enjoys playing soccer, reading, and working on his non-profit project. He lives in Camarillo with his wife of 15 years and their two children.
Philip (Phil) Bellezza

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Manager, International Programming
Company: Ancestry.com
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Philip started his career in finance before transitioning into the legal field and landing finally in the media industry. His early work in the field was centered around creating engaging branded entertainment for massive global brands. Philip shifted his focus to content distribution initially in global broadcast markets before joining the digital revolution of direct-to-consumer networks and over-the-top services. Most recently, he has returned to his storytelling roots through content development for Ancestry.com. Originally an East Coaster, Philip now lives in the Bay Area with his wife and their mini-sheltie. He is an avid outdoorsman, loves to ski and snowboard, and compete in triathlons.

Cory Boatwright

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Employment Information
Title: Manager, Military & Veteran Recruiting Programs
Company: LinkedIn
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement:
Cory is a trusted senior program manager with a knack for creating clarity out of chaos and getting things done. He loves to connect people to opportunities, and as a servant leader, he seeks to build communities of change where teams come together to challenge the status quo. Currently, Cory leads LinkedIn’s Veteran Recruiting Programs. Each day he wakes up excited to make LinkedIn the #1 employer of choice for the military community in tech. He does this by creating and driving the strategic vision of community-first programs that foster belonging. Cory is continuing his education to learn how to use technology to scale efforts to erode the barriers to equitable opportunities for underrepresented communities, military veterans, and their families. Cory lives in downtown San Francisco with his wife, Melissa. They have been in the Bay Area for four years.
Stewart (Angus) Coyle

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Field Operations
Company: Charge EPC
Industry: Design, Procurement, and Construction Services

Personal Statement:
Angus Coyle graduated from Montana Tech as a petroleum engineer and spent the following 12 years in various oilfield locations and offices, towards the end of which he picked up a Master’s degree in Civil Engineering from UL Lafayette. This experience sparked a passion for renewable energy, which brought him to the Bay Area and a major change in career direction. Working out of Oakland and San Francisco, he spent 4 years as a developer of renewable energy projects throughout the western US. This project management experience eventually led to leadership positions in major construction programs, and to his current position as Director of Field Operations for Charge EPC, a privately-owned design and construction firm located in Benicia, CA. When not at work, Angus enjoys exercising, cooking and occasionally playing guitar. He lives in Concord, CA with his wife of 17 years and their daughter.

Vince Deno

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Employment Information
Title: Entrepreneur & Founder
Company: Self-Employed
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Vince graduated from the University of Cincinnati with BSEE. After graduation, he served as a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force for over four years. During that time, he supported a wide range of future space system developments at Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC), where he led space operations demonstrations in the Directorate of Development and Transformation. Upon leaving the Air Force, Vince joined Millennium Space Systems, where he reinvented and grew the company in roles of President, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Innovation Officer. Vince has been supporting a space-related not-for-profit advising entrepreneurs, and exploring other startup opportunities after the sale of Millennium to The Boeing Company in 2018. In his spare time, Vince enjoys going fast on two or four wheels, building things, and spending time with his family. He lives in San Francisco, California, with his wife and their two children.
Andrew Feldman

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Operations
Company: LeaseLock
Industry: Real Estate

Personal Statement:
A Seattle native, Andrew made the trek to Los Angeles to attend USC and fell in love with LA. He spent the majority of his career on the digital consultancy side. As VP, he led the advertising business at his agency, where they built products and creative campaigns for brands like Honda, LEGO and ESPN. In mid-2018 he switched to LeaseLock, an insure-tech VC-backed startup that replaces security deposits for apartment communities. At LeaseLock, he leads Ops, overseeing product, data and digital platforms. He loves the outdoors, whether it’s hiking, boating, skiing, surfing or just taking his 6 month old for a walk. His is married to a UCLA Bruin (a house divided) so he is ready for split loyalties - and will promise to root for Cal so long as they’re not playing the Trojans.

Diane Galindo

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Education: BS Accounting; Music minor, University of Arizona

Employment Information
Title: Director, Corporate Controller
Company: Revance Therapeutics, Inc.
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement:
Diane Galindo graduated from the University of Arizona with an accounting degree and a minor in music. She spent more than six years in public accounting at Ernst & Young where she led financial statement audit engagements for multiple entities ranging in size from small private companies to large public corporations in the biotechnology and technology industries. After leaving Ernst & Young, she joined Revance Therapeutics, Inc. shortly after its IPO. At Revance, Diane built the SEC reporting, SOX compliance (including first year of SOX 404b), and technical accounting functions. As part of her SEC role, she contributed to the successful completion of multiple equity offerings resulting in more than $590 million in gross proceeds. In her free time, she enjoys singing, going to soccer games, and spending time with her husband of 10 years.
Hannah Greenberg

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Education: BS Hotel Administration, Cornell University

Employment Information
Title: Vice President, Development
Company: Seaview Investors, LLC
Industry: Hospitality

Personal Statement:
A Bay Area native, Hannah Greenberg attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York where she received a B.S. in Hotel Administration with an emphasis in Real Estate. Following graduation, she accepted a position at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the hospitality and leisure real estate consulting practice. After two years there, she returned to California in 2013 as Vice President of Development at Seaview Investors, where she continues to spearhead the firm's hotel development efforts. This includes underwriting, acquisition due-diligence, budgeting, construction, branding, sourcing new investment opportunities, as well as asset management related to the company's existing hotel portfolio. Under Hannah's direction, the company has built five new hotels, across Marriott and Hilton brands, with a total value of over $350 million. Hannah has a hands-on approach leading cross-functional teams of up to 250 people and can be found running around the company's hotel construction sites with a pink hard hat and set of blueprints. In her spare time, Hannah enjoys cooking and experimenting with new recipes; varied exercises, including yoga, Pilates, hiking, and running; and, home improvement projects. She lives in Irvine, California, with her boyfriend and new French bulldog puppy.

Nicholas (Nick) Groppi

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Project Controls Manager
Company: BioMarin Pharmaceuticals
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement:
Nick graduated from California State University of Chico and started his career as a Forensic Engineer working for Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. During that time, he went to the University of California, Davis part time to further his education to get a Master's degree in Structural Engineering. Shortly after completing his Master's he decided to change careers to work in the project controls for large capital projects. In his spare time, Nick enjoys spending time outdoors, from being on top of a mountain during the winter participating in snow sports to being on any body of water during the summer being active with friends and family. He currently lives in Walnut Creek, California.
Erica Hanson

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Education: BS Economics, Marquette University

**Employment Information**
Title: VP of Business Development and Strategy
Company: Comfy
Industry: Computer-Related Services

**Personal Statement:**
Originally hailing from Chicago, Erica has called the Bay Area home for the last 6 years (she’s also very excited to have another Bears team to cheer for!). Erica is passionate about positively impacting the world through a mission-focused career. She started her career at Johnson Controls, a F100 corporation, helping drive strategy and inorganic growth for their Building Efficiency business. Leading JCI’s Open Innovation group ultimately led to her current role leading Business Development & Strategy at Oakland-based startup, Comfy. Having spent the last 12 years bringing new building technologies to market, she’s hoping to pivot to a new focus: our global food system and the positive impacts technology can bring to reducing waste and environmental impacts. In her spare time you can find Erica looking for friends, trying new restaurants, or hiking Bay Area hills with her husband, Woody.

Lavinia Herbei

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**Employment Information**
Title: MD, Internal Medicine Physician
Company: John Muir Medical Group
Industry: Health Services

**Personal Statement:**
Lavinia Herbei is an Internal Medicine physician and has been practicing for 13 years at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, CA. Besides patient care, Lavinia has been active in implementing electronic medical records, optimizing medication safety, conducting utilization reviews, and leading patient satisfaction initiatives. Lavinia has an MD degree from Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania, and completed her medical residency at University of Illinois/Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, IL. Along with her son and husband, Lavinia enjoys traveling, watching science fiction movies, and playing tennis.
Marisa Hewitt

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**Employment Information**
Title: Associate Director, Business Operations
Company: BioMarin Pharmaceutical
Industry: Biotechnology

**Personal Statement:**
Marisa earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from Florida State University and her career has been in the pharmaceutical/biotech industry. For 15 years, Marisa’s focus was technical - contributing engineering expertise to commercial and clinical manufacturing, technology transfer, facility design, and capacity analysis and simulation. Just over a year ago, she pivoted from the technical to a managerial role leading Business Operations and the positive experiences of growth led her to pursue the EMBA degree to continue on a path of learning and growth. Marisa loves experiencing all the Bay Area has to offer, and when she is not working she enjoys hiking, stand up paddle boarding, yoga, escape rooms, traveling to new places, cooking, and reading fiction very day (though reading habits will probably change in school!). She lives in Marin with her partner Dan and their sweet, but also bossy, Yorkie.

Christopher (Chris) Hinton

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Education: BS Energy Studies, Portland State University

**Employment Information**
Title: Director, Solar Operations
Company: Omnidian, Inc.
Industry: Energy

**Personal Statement:**
Chris is an experienced energy professional, as well as a physicist, economist, and pragmatist at heart. He is passionate about helping the world’s economies and businesses navigate a rapid transition to climate-neutral energy sources with an eye for economic and political viability. He has managed the commercial, financial and operational aspects of traditional power generation, wind, biomass, and utility-scale solar projects, holding roles in multinational, Fortune 500 and startup environments. Currently, he is researching the economics of hydrogen as an enabling technology. Chris enjoys playing acoustic guitar, mountain biking, snowboarding, and spending time with his family outdoors. His lifelong love for aviation led him to complete a private pilot certificate and he enjoys advancing his piloting skills when time allows. He lives with his wife Karin and their three children (aged 13, 11, and 3) near Seattle, Washington.
Adam Ingram

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Employment Information
Title: VP Finance & Operations
Company: Fieldin
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Adam served for four years in a reconnaissance unit for the Israeli Defense Forces in both combat and training positions. After his military service, Adam completed a B.A in Accounting at Tel-Aviv University after which he completed his internship with PwC Israel. He then moved on to become Assistant Controller of a large public company and then became a controller of a leading Israeli VC. At his current position, Adam leads the finance and operations at Fieldin, an Israeli Agtech company. In his spare time, Adam enjoys skiing, running, following sports of any kind but especially premier league football (soccer), and traveling. Adam lives in Sunnyvale, CA, with his wife of 8 years and their two daughters.

Li Jin

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Employment Information
Title: Senior R&D Manager
Company: Abbott
Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement:
Li is a Senior R&D Manager at Abbott, a global healthcare company dedicated to improving the lives of patients and addressing unmet medical needs of some of the most expensive epidemic diseases. Li has led various new product programs (including design of pacemakers and surgical tools) through acquiring voice-of-customer feedback and incorporating novel technologies to put safe and effective products into the hands of clinicians. Li and his engineering team are currently developing blood pump and implantable heart pump systems for patients with severe heart failure. Prior to joining the EMBA program at UC Berkeley, Li received a BS in Mechanical Engineering and an MS in Systems Engineering from UCLA. In his spare time he enjoys snowboarding, motorsports, and bowling.
Amber Jones

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**Employment Information**
Title: Chief Financial Officer
Company: Human Investing
Industry: Financial Services

**Personal Statement:**
Amber Jones is the CFO at Human Investing, an investment advisory firm in Lake Oswego, Oregon. She received her B.S. in Accounting from George Fox University. Amber serves on the Board for the Boys & Girls Club of Portland and is also the Vice President of the Urban League of Portland Young Professionals. She is very passionate about volunteering and community service. Outside of work, Amber enjoys practicing yoga and traveling with friends and family.

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John Joven

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**Employment Information**
Title: Manager, Transmission Engineering
Company: Recurrent Energy
Industry: Energy

**Personal Statement:**
John Joven graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical & Electronic Engineering. John began his career at Pacific Gas & Electric in San Francisco, where he spent 7 years as an Electric Transmission Planning Engineer focusing on the interconnection of renewable energy to the electric grid. For the past 5 years he has since joined utility scale solar development companies to help fight climate change. Currently, John manages a team of transmission consultants at Recurrent Energy to support the development, engineering, and execution of solar PV projects and its interconnection to the high-voltage transmission grid. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family, watching sports (Go 49ers!), and hanging out with his dog, Bruizer. John also holds a private pilot license and is a huge aviation and space enthusiast.
Diwakar Kasibhotla

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Employment Information
Title: VP Architecture/Chief Architect
Company: GE Digital
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement:
As a Vice President of Architecture for GE Digital Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) products, Diwakar Kasibhotla leads the initiative to combine machines with software products and make them more intelligent. Diwakar started his career as a mechanical engineer working as a plant engineer. While working on PLC programing of machines he became interested in software and started working for software consulting companies like Accenture and Oracle. Involved in his community, Diwakar mentors GE Girls & GirlsWhoCode, a program that exposes girls to science, technology, engineering & math (STEM) career path opportunities. Diwakar regularly presents at industry tech talks. Diwakar holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Nagpur University and enjoys everything outdoors. He lives in Danville, California with his wife and their daughter.

Susan (Gwynne) Keathley

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MA Architecture, Harvard University

Employment Information
Title: Vice Provost for Research & Graduate Studies
Company: Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)
Industry: Education

Personal Statement:
Gwynne Keathley has worked in higher education for twenty years and currently leads the graduate programs and research at Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore. Her undergraduate study in art history at Yale cultivated an enthusiasm for contemporary art and led to her discovery of architecture and studio-based practices. After completing her Master’s in Architecture at Harvard, Gwynne taught design at Parsons School of Design and directed a social-and research-driven interdisciplinary design program. Since then, Gwynne has assumed various academic roles with increasing responsibilities, leading college-wide initiatives in art and design institutions. Recently while at MICA, Gwynne received NEA funding to launch a collaborative community-based, justice-oriented, free-school program in Baltimore. Gwynne grew up in Memphis and has lived in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and now Baltimore. She enjoys running, biking, Pilates, watching movies, exploring new cities, and walking on the cliffs along the Mendocino coast.
Michael Kim

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Employment Information
Title: CEO & Founder
Company: 180Snacks
Industry: Manufacturing/Food Products

Personal Statement:
Michael Kim is a graduate of UCLA and is the CEO and Founder of 180Snacks, a healthy snacks manufacturer. Michael founded 180Snacks in Southern California where he lives with his wife and four children.

Rachel Kinnunen

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Employment Information
Title: Vice President
Company: Jordan Park
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement:
Rachel joined Jordan Park as Vice President & Head of Client Service in 2017. Prior to joining Jordan Park, she was a Vice President in the Private Wealth Management Division of Goldman Sachs, where she worked from 2005 to 2017. After graduating from the University of Virginia, she also held positions at Time Inc (New York), Vail Resorts (Vail, CO) and the Foundation Investment Group (Berkeley, CA). Rachel is active in the San Francisco Unified School District, where her daughters attend elementary school. Time outdoors, cooking, yoga, reading and knitting are all top contenders for her free time.
Kishore Kodical

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Employment Information
Title: Engineering Manager
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Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement:
Kishore is a computer systems engineer by profession and has worked in several domains including telecom, online advertising, e-commerce, and currently construction. Having lived in the UAE, India, and US for equal parts of his life he refers to himself as a 3rd culture kid. He got his BS in India and MS in Computer Science from USC. His first and foremost passion in life is traveling the world and he has visited 16 countries so far. Whenever time permits, he also loves cooking and trying out new recipes at home. He lives in Walnut Creek with his wife and toddler son.

Krishna Koilada

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Employment Information
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Company: TetraVX
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement:
DVSR Krishna Koilada graduated from John Hopkins University (JHU) with a Master’s degree in Technical Management and from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a Master’s degree in Telecommunications. He works as a Technical Director at TetraVX, assuming product development, operations, technology & business architecture and product innovation roles. In his spare time, Krishna enjoys watching documentaries related to space-cosmos and sci-fi reading books, cooking and camping. He lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife who is currently studying for her Master’s in Public Health.
Paris Latham

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Employment Information
Title: Assistant GIS Manager
Company: Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement:
Paris Latham graduated from Brown University, after which she moved to Salt Lake City, Utah to work on water issues in the Southwest and to ski. During her time in Utah, Paris obtained an M.S. in Geography from the University of Utah to pursue a career in spatial analytics in transportation planning. After finishing her program, Paris moved back to her native city of Berkeley to work on transportation issues facing the Bay Area. In her spare time, Paris enjoys trail runs with her dogs, cooking with her husband, and spending time with her family in the mountains of Northern California. She lives in Berkeley, CA.

Kye (Kyle) Lee

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Program Manager
Company: Cisco Systems Inc.
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement:
Kye Lee was born and raised in South Korea. He came to U.S to study Computer Science. He started his career as a software engineer and is now working for Cisco Systems as Senior Engineering Program Manager. There he manages a portfolio of security programs for Cisco WebEx tele-conference service. In his spare time, Kyle enjoys outdoor activities and sports with his two children. He lives in Pleasanton, California, with his wife of 19 years and their two children.
Gabriel (Gabe) Lewis

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Employment Information
Title: Environmental Management Property Transfer and Commercial Representative
Company: Chevron
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement:
Gabe is an engineer, project manager, and adviser specializing in the remediation, redevelopment, and sustainable reuse of environmentally impacted properties. He holds a Bachelor’s degree from Cornell University and a Master’s degree from Stanford University in Environmental Engineering. After consulting in the field for several years, he joined Chevron and currently manages the company’s portfolio of surplus properties around the world. His goal is to “recycle” real estate to have a positive impact on communities, economic development, and the environment. He enjoys spending time outdoors, travelling, and exploring the Bay Area with his wife Katherine from their home in Orinda, California.

Manuel (Alex) Lopez

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Employment Information
Title: Vice President / Relationship Manager
Company: U.S. Bank
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement:
Alex is a U.S. Marine veteran that served in active duty for five years. During that time, he deployed to more than 10 countries on three different continents, led a security force team in Libya in response to the September 11 attacks in Benghazi, and served as a black-belt martial arts instructor. He received multiple military awards for his actions, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Meritorious Honor Award from the Department of State. Alex has over eight years of work experience with the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), Bank of America-Merrill Lynch, Nevada State Bank, and the U.S. Bank. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Economics, in addition to receiving the UNLV Outstanding Graduate award from University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
Jennifer (Jenny) Lorenzo

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Employment Information
Title: Principal, Analytics Solutions
Company: Sutherland Global
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement:
Jenny attended the University of Asia and the Pacific in Manila, Philippines, where she pursued her Bachelor’s and Master’s in Information Technology, leading to a 15+ year career in Analytics and Program Management. At RW3, Inc. (Austin, TX), she created the company’s first InSight products, opened a satellite office in Bentonville, Arkansas, and led the InSight Group’s global team, a DevOps-style group of analysts and engineers. She realized her dream of living across the pond when Nestle UK & Ireland invited her to establish and lead their reporting strategy after studying Literature at the University of Oxford for the summer. She moved to Oakland in April 2018 and is looking to create something impactful in the healthcare and AI space. Jenny has a keen interest in sustainability and CSR and enjoys travel, nature, books, popular science, gastronomy, and the cello. She got engaged a month before the program, and is entering Haas a Lorenzo, graduating a Lorenzo-van der Meer! She serves on the Advisory Board of Serenity House in Oakland and is a member of the Long Now Foundation.

Stefanos Makris

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Employment Information
Title: Solution Principal
Company: Slalom Consulting
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement:
Stefanos is an accomplished business consultant and technology strategist that earned his wings in the corridors of HP, Autodesk, Symantec, Teradata, Shopzilla and others. After earning his Bachelors in Informatics and Telecommunications from the University of Athens in Greece, he held various positions including: CTO, Chief Architect, Director of Engineering, Software Developer and everything in between! Stefanos is passionate about helping organizations reinvent themselves. In his free time, Stefanos enjoys writing music and working on his microcontroller electronic projects. Sometimes he is lucky enough to have his music published in small movie projects and album collections. As a consultant, strategist, engineer, musician, husband and father of an amazing daughter, Stefanos is always busy with something!
Joan Malcom

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Employment Information
Title: Program Manager, Commercial Strategy
Company: GRAIL
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement:
Joan is the Program Manager for Commercial Strategy for GRAIL, Inc., a firm that combines science, technology, and population-scale clinical studies to reveal cancer at its beginnings. Previously, Joan worked for more than a decade at The Jackson Laboratory, an independent, nonprofit biomedical research institution. Her most recent role was as Associate Director, Precision Medicine Services, in which she lead two business units related to genomic services, with core offerings in oncology, immunology, and neurodegenerative diseases. Joan holds a B.S. in Biological Engineering and a PhD in Biomedical Sciences and Engineering. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, anything on the water, snowboarding, and hiking. She lives in Menlo Park with her husband and two sweet dogs.

Srinivasan (Srini) Mohan

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Education: BE Mechanical Engineering, University of Madras
MS Supply Chain Management, University of Michigan

Employment Information
Title: Manager, Operations
Company: Google Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Srinivasan Mohan (Srini) has an undergrad degree in Mechanical Engineering and upon graduation, he joined the IT services industry, developing web applications and enabling business intelligence for clients in the Mfg domain. He got his Master’s in Supply Chain Management from the University of Michigan, and ended up moving to the Bay Area after joining Cisco Systems Inc. He spent 7 years at Cisco working on different roles that involved operations, systems and finance. About 2 years back he moved to Google and there is a Manager in the Cloud operations team. Srini lives in the East Bay and loves playing cricket and spending time with his 5 year old son.
Sarah Morrill

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Employment Information
Title: Principal
Company: Education For Change
Industry: Education

Personal Statement:
Sarah Morrill is in her 4th year as a Principal of Lazear Charter Academy, a TK-8th grade school in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland, California. Prior to leading Lazear, Sarah served as the senior managing director for the Teach For America's West Coast teacher training in Los Angeles, managing the program of 500 new teachers and 100 staff members to create a strong summer school for over 2,000 students. Prior to that role, she worked with the same training in Los Angeles as the director of district school partnerships to manage the development of a strong instructional summer school program to set students up for success in the upcoming year. She started her career in Atlanta, Georgia teaching 3rd grade before becoming a teacher coach across Atlanta for new teachers. She graduated from Colorado College where she received her BA in International Political Economy. In her free time she enjoys gardening, cooking, hiking, and board games. She lives in the Laurel neighborhood of Oakland with her partner and son, Oliver.

Ben Nagar

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Employment Information
Title: Software Engineer
Company: Facebook
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement:
Ben born and raised in Israel, served in the Israeli Air Force and completed a Bachelor’s degree in Communication Systems Engineering. Ben loves innovation and started his mobile-payments company not long after graduating from university. Ben worked in different engineering and leadership positions in the startups Babacode and Telmap and the corporations Intel and Facebook. In his spare time, Ben enjoys extreme sports like riding his dirt-bike and snowboarding, exploring new technologies, and spending time with his family. He lives in Palo Alto, California, with his wife and their two children.
Joseph (Joe) O’Brien

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Employment Information
Title: Master Chief
Company: US Navy, Explosive Ordnance Disposal
Industry: Military

Personal Statement:
Joe is a 20-year US Navy Veteran who served over a decade in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community. During that time, he completed multiple missions and has ensured the operational readiness and deployment of people and equipment for military engagements around the world. He has led cross-functional teams to establish tactics and techniques for unmanned aerial and undersea systems and ran projects to evaluate and acquire new equipment in explosive ordnance disposal, diving, and communications. Joe holds a BS in Emergency Management from the University of Maryland, University College and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). For fun, Joe enjoys spending time with his family outdoors, traveling, and experiencing new cultures and foods. He lives in Cupertino, CA with his wife and two children.

Silvia Ochoa-Dellinger

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Employment Information
Title: Electrical Engineering Associate
Company: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement:
Silvia is a California-Licensed Professional Engineer and received her engineering degree from UCLA. She works at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as an Electrical Engineering Associate in Power Supply Operations. She has design and construction experience in power generation, underground transmission, project management, and geothermal energy procurement. Silvia was born in Ecuador and lives in Glendale, California. She enjoys hot yoga, cooking, baking, growing herbs and roses, and traveling. She loves spending time with her two sons in Seattle and with her daughter in LA.
Larry (Joe) Odell

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Business Development
Company: 511 Enterprises
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement:
Joe Odell served in the US Coast Guard as a Boatswains Mate. As a small boat captain, he conducted search and rescue, law enforcement, and national security operations in Central America, the Bering Sea and the Great Lakes. In 2013, Joe transitioned to civilian life and began working with 511 Enterprises, a company focused on sales strategy and management for B2B technology companies. Joe loves the outdoors, backpacking and fishing with his three children and spending quality time with his wife. Joe and his family live in Redding, California, one of the most diverse outdoor regions in California.

Youngju (Margaret) Park

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Art Director
Company: Sephora
Industry: Beauty/Consumer Goods

Personal Statement:
Margaret is an award-winning Art Director from New York, by way of Seoul. Upon graduating from Boston University with a BBA, she moved to New York to fulfill her dreams of working in fashion. Within a few years, she unexpectedly found her passion in graphic design and obtained an AAS from Parsons School of Design while working at companies like Issey Miyake, Calvin Klein, and Visionaire Publishing. After a successful start to her new design career at Joe Fresh and VP+C Partners in New York, she and her husband moved out to California when she was offered her current role at Sephora. When she's not living out her beauty marketer dreams, Margaret can be found doing something active (boxing, barre, yoga, strength training, hiking) or pursuing non-work-related creative pursuits, like curating her travel/lifestyle blog and small DIY projects. She and her husband Paul currently live in San Francisco.
Sumit Patankar

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MS Mechanical Engineering, Kansas State University

Employment Information
Title: Director of Engineering
Company: Applied Materials
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Sumit, originally from the historic city of Pune in India achieved an undergraduate degree in Engineering (BE) from the University of Pune and started his career in Tata Steel. After two years, Sumit moved to the USA to pursue an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University. After successfully completing his MS, he joined Applied Materials as an engineer and took on several other roles in engineering, supply chain, operations and product strategy. He started three ventures and achieved moderate success in the entrepreneurial journey. In his spare time, he loves reading, traveling, gardening and spending lots of time with his family. He lives in Fremont, California, with his wife of 11 years and their 2 children.

Manoj Patel

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Employment Information
Title: Founder
Company: BioInnovation Advisors
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement:
Manoj is the founder of BioInnovation Advisors, a biotechnology advisory and consulting firm helping early through growth stage startups, corporate innovation hubs, and investors achieve their goals in the biotech industry. His foray into advising comes with a career of more than 17 years in chemical and biochemical industries. For the past decade he has been helping biotech startups take their technologies from concept to an economically viable manufacturing scale. Manoj has also been a key contributor in successful seed through series D funding for various companies. Manoj earned his Master’s degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada and undergraduate degree from Gujarat University, India. In his spare time, he enjoys adventure travelling, exploring new cuisines, and volunteering to help young entrepreneurs. He lives with his wife and son in Walnut Creek, CA.
Jessica (Jess) Patterson

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**Employment Information**  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
Company: Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada  
Industry: Not-for-Profit

**Personal Statement:**  
Jess earned her Bachelor’s degree from Miami University Farmer School of Business. Upon graduation, she began her career in finance as a part of Nielsen Emerging Leaders Program, subsequently moving into larger strategic finance roles in New York, Chicago, and Singapore. After a brief period at a small digital publisher, Jess jumped at the opportunity to move into the non-profit space as controller of Girl Scouts in Southern Nevada. Now serving as Chief Financial Officer, Jess oversees all financial, HCM, and merchandising functions, including the world famous Girl Scout Cookie Program. When not surrounded by cookies, she is a distance runner, former ballet turned ballroom dancer, and travel fiend. She serves on the advisory board for a sorority at UNLV, and is a hockey aficionado. Jess lives in Las Vegas with her husband, Dan, and two cats, Bentley and Gomez.

Curtis (Curt) Peters

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**Employment Information**  
Title: Finance Director  
Company: Enphase Energy  
Industry: Energy

**Personal Statement:**  
Curt Peters is a Finance Director at Enphase Energy and a board member for the non-profit COTS. He lives in Northern California with a young family of three boys, a dog and a saint for a wife. Curt graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. At Marquette, Curt majored in Finance and Entrepreneurship, met his wife Catherine and was active in social activities such as club baseball. Post-graduation, Curt joined Brunswick Corporations Financial Leadership Development Program to rotate through various companies, locations and roles. After many bad winters, Curt joined Electronic Arts in California and started tinkering with a new product idea called the Chill Puck. In 2013, Chill Puck launched a successful Kickstarter and partnered with MillerCoors as a promotional product. Chill Puck was an incredible learning experience and a lot of fun. Curt’s focus is now family, Enphase and the Cal EMBA.
Satomi Rash-Zeigler

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**Employment Information**
Title: Program Development and Outreach Director
Company: San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council
Industry: Not-for-Profit

**Personal Statement:**
Satomi Rash-Zeigler is the Director of Program Development and Outreach at the San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council where she spearheads leadership development, community partnerships, political direction and mobilization opportunities for more than 200,000 workers and their families. After studying Psychology at UCLA, Satomi moved to the Midwest to organize and advocate for working people. After reaching the conclusion that Midwestern winters were not meant for native Californians, she returned to the Golden State where she has worked to empower workers with a voice on the job and in the halls of power. In her spare time (haha) she plays taiko (traditional Japanese drumming), practices yoga, pretends to garden, experiments in the kitchen, and drinks copious amounts of wine while getting crafty. She currently resides in her hometown, San Diego, with her husband, a devout Eagles fan and her daughter, an infant with the personality of a baby dragon.

Renu (Tiasha) Renganathan

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**Employment Information**
Title: Head of Wearable Technology - US Operations
Company: MAS Innovation (Pvt) Ltd
Industry: Apparel Technology

**Personal Statement:**
Tiasha hails from the island of Sri Lanka and graduated from University College London with a Bachelor’s in Economics. Over her 10 year career, she has held multiple roles in strategy, partnerships, business development, and innovation. Currently, she leads a wearable technology business vertical for one of Asia’s largest apparel technology conglomerates. Tiasha is a regular on the wearable technology speaker circuit and has been a stakeholder in establishing MAS as the global leader in Smart Apparel. She is an avid traveler and self-confessed foodie that enjoys hiking and live music and spending time with family. Entrepreneurship has always been a call since her youth and is a path she hopes to explore in the future. She currently divides her time between San Francisco and Colombo.
Ryan Richards

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Employment Information
Title: Systems Manager
Company: Stacy and Witbeck Inc.
Industry: General Management

Personal Statement:
Ryan Richards graduated from California State University, Northridge with an undergraduate degree in Economics. While at Northridge, he was a division I track and field athlete and competed in the javelin. He has worked for a heavy civil engineering company for the past 11 years, managing large scale transit projects around the country. Throughout Ryan's career, he has become proficient in many facets of the industry through managing the estimating, procurement, and construction of high-profile projects for federal agencies across multiple regions. Ryan has specialized in railroad track and train control installations. For fun, Ryan enjoys beach days with his family, hiking, and building furniture for his home. He lives in San Diego, California with his wife of 9 years and their daughter and son.

Ajay Roberts

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PharmD, Western University of Health Sciences

Employment Information
Title: Clinical Pharmacist - Intake Coordinator
Company: CVS Health
Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement:
Ajay Roberts graduated from Western University of Health Sciences in 2009 with his Doctorate in Pharmacy degree and has worked as a clinical pharmacist since then. During this time period, he worked in various capacities as a pharmacist which include a pharmacy manager at a high volume community-based Walgreens and, most recently, as a team lead for CVS Health overseeing the intake teams for three highly specialized and life-threatening disease states. Ajay is now pursuing an MBA at Berkeley Haas School of Business to find ways to impact healthcare more broadly through leveraging his clinical knowledge and experience in healthcare with the skills he will learn from Haas. In his spare time, Ajay likes to travel and spend time outdoors. He is looking forward to his next trip, which will involve hiking up to Machu Picchu in Peru.
Dibyendu Roy

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Product Manager
Company: RingCentral
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Dibyendu holds a Master’s degree in Software Management from Carnegie Mellon University and a Bachelor’s in Electronics and Communication from Visvesvaraya Technological University, India. Dibyendu is a technology enthusiast with more than 14+ years of experience working for companies of varying sizes. They range from startups like Egnyte to companies like Intuit, IBM, Deloitte, and GE. Dibyendu has also worked in varying capacities from software engineering, core consulting and product management. Currently, Dibyendu works as a Senior Product Manager for RingCentral, a cloud communications company headquartered in Belmont, CA. In his spare time, Dibyendu likes learning and practicing photography, as well as reading books. He lives in Cupertino, CA with his wife and twenty-month old daughter.

Binundu (Isaiah) Samuel

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Employment Information
Title: Director, Digital Operations
Company: GE Digital
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Isaiah Samuel obtained his Bachelor’s degree from Ohio State University and worked as a Financial Services Analyst with Nationwide Insurance. Following the experience in Columbus, Ohio, Isaiah moved to London where he obtained a Master’s degree in Information Systems and Technology from City University, London. Upon completing his Master’s, Isaiah relocated to Nigeria where he worked to reduce maternal mortality rates as an analyst within the Clinton Health Access Initiatives’ Family Planning Program. Isaiah’s international experience also spanned the private sector where he served as an operations leader for one of the largest travel startups on the African continent. Isaiah currently serves as the Director of Digital Operations at GE Digital where he leads day-to-day IT Operations for all business lines in Northern California. In his spare time, Isaiah enjoys exercising, traveling and cooking. Isaiah lives in Oakland, California.
Kapil Sharma

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**Employment Information**

Title: MD, Cardiac Surgeon
Company: Mercy Medical Group
Industry: Health Services

**Personal Statement:**
Kapil Sharma was born and raised in Montreal, Canada. He graduated from medicine and completed his cardiac surgery residency training at McGill University. Following his residency, he completed a fellowship at Stanford University in complex aortic surgery and heart failure. Kapil then served as an assistant professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas where he practiced as a cardiac surgeon at the Texas Heart Institute. In 2009, he was recruited to Sacramento, California to build both an advanced aortic and trans-catheter valve program at Mercy General Hospital. He took a one year sabbatical back to Canada and eventually returned to Sacramento where he currently lives with his wife and 4 young boys. Kapil enjoys spending time with his family and staying active.

Charles Shimooka

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**Employment Information**

Title: Director of Digital Marketing
Company: McKesson
Industry: Health Services

**Personal Statement:**
Charles Shimooka graduated from Cornell University where he studied Marine/Aquatic Ecology and pole vaulted in his free time. He worked as an environmental consultant in the Bay Area for a couple of years before transitioning to web and user experience design. He’s worked for a variety of companies including start-ups, consultants, and enterprises, and lived in a variety of places on both the West and East Coast, Spain, and Latin America. He’s currently a Digital Marketing Director at McKesson, a large healthcare distribution company. His hobbies include rock climbing, traveling, bird-watching, and spending time outdoors. He lives in Berkeley with his wife and new baby boy.
Deepak Shirimalla

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Technical Program Manager
Company: Amazon Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Deepak is an accomplished engineering and technology leader with nearly 15 years of experience leading and managing global hardware and software development teams. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Engineering from Delhi University. During the pre-iPhone era, he moved to the Bay Area to work at Apple Inc. to help build and scale many of their marketing and customer relationship management systems to support the astronomical customer growth over the next 10 years. Deepak currently works as a Senior Program Manager at Amazon Inc. and owns the internationalization roadmap for Alexa devices. Outside of work, he enjoys hiking and traveling to remote places with his wife, exploring great places to eat and finding “hidden gem” at the local bookstores. His wife is a tech leader in a digital marketing start-up and is a keen enthusiast of living sustainably. They live in Sunnyvale, California and are preparing for their Wood-Anniversary this year.

Dalton Thomas

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Education: BS Marketing, Touro College

Employment Information
Title: Chef
Company: The Charter Oak
Industry: Hospitality

Personal Statement:
Dalton is from Portland, Oregon and joined the Marine Corps right out of high school. During his time in the Marine Corps, Dalton worked various roles from military police officer, cook, to civil affairs coordinator in Ramadi, Iraq. After leaving the Marine Corps, Dalton attended culinary school in New York City while working in various restaurants. Through the hospitality industry, Dalton’s work has taken him to countries all over the world. He most recently moved to Napa, California from Berlin, Germany where he managed a small organic bakery and also where he finished his Bachelor’s degree in Marketing from Touro College. Now, Dalton is working for a new restaurant group getting ready to open a new fine-dining project in Shenzhen, China. In his free time Dalton enjoys cooking and drinking wine with his friends in the small town of St. Helena.
Ambreesh Tripathi

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Employment Information
Title: Application Engineering Manager
Company: Texas Instruments Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Ambreesh Tripathi is an Application Engineering Manager at Texas Instruments' (TI) in Santa Clara where he is responsible for new product (Analog Power ICs) development from concept to roll out. He graduated from National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (India) with a Bachelor’s degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering in 2008. After graduation, Ambreesh joined TI as Analog Application Engineer within the sales and marketing team and moved to Dallas for a one-year rotation program. After completion of the rotation program, he was deployed at TI’s New Delhi sales office where he dealt with customers directly, created designs using TI devices, solved technical issues and in some cases negotiated pricing. In 2014, he accepted a role of System Engineer (Product Definer) at product line in Santa Clara and was promoted to Application Manager Role in 2016. In his spare time he enjoys traveling and exploring new places with his fiancé Amrita.

Deniz Tuncer

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Employment Information
Title: Vice Chair
Company: ESBAS (Aegean Free Zone Development & Operating Co.)
Industry: Free Zone Development

Personal Statement:
Deniz Tuncer is Vice-Chair of the Aegean Free Zone Development and Operating Company (ESBAS). Located in Izmir, Turkey, the Aegean Free Zone is a modern industrial park home to 170 companies from around the world. Founded by Deniz’s father in 1989, today the Aegean Free Zone employs 20,000 people and has an annual trade volume of $4.5 billion. It is also home to Space Camp Turkey, a space and science education center that has welcomed 250,000 children from 60 countries. Before joining the board of ESBAS in 2012, Deniz previously worked with nonprofits and state governments in the fields of housing and conservation. Deniz and her husband recently entered the olive oil business on a 250-acre ranch near Oroville. Deniz has a BA from UC Berkeley in Mathematics and Anthropology. She lives in Sacramento with her husband and two daughters, and enjoys serving on the board of her daughter’s school.
Naresh Vemparala

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MHA Health Care Administration/Management, Ohio University

Employment Information
Title: Program Director
Company: Partnership HealthPlan of California
Industry: Not-for-Profit

Personal Statement:
Born and raised in India, Naresh moved to the U.S. in 2007 and has over 14 years of experience in the health IT industry. He works as a Program Director at Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC), a non-profit community based health care organization that provides access to high-quality comprehensive cost-effective health care to Medi-Cal recipients. He is currently spearheading a mission critical program with a key objective to bring operational efficiencies and to support future growth of the organization. His core responsibilities include strategy alignment, stakeholder engagement, governance, benefits management and delivery. He has an Engineering degree in Computer Science from JNTU, India and a Master’s Degree in Health Administration from Ohio University. He lives in Fairfield, California, with his wife and their two young boys. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling and biking with his family and playing various musical instruments such as guitar, flute, dombek and cajon.

Nihar Vora

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Employment Information
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Industry: Government

Personal Statement:
Nihar is an attorney for the Department of Justice where he advises on procurement/fiscal matters and represents the government in procurement related litigation. Prior to that, he served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps. Nihar has a B.S. in Computer Science, a J.D., and an LL.M. in Government Procurement. Outside of work, Nihar is active in his community. He serves on the board of two local nonprofit organizations and does volunteer work. In his free time, Nihar loves biking and being outdoors. He is originally from Chicago and currently lives in Washington, D.C.
Amit Vyas

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Employment Information
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Company: Intel
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Amit grew up in Mumbai, India and got his Engineering degree from University of Mumbai. He pursued a Master's in Computer Engineering from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette and then joined Virtual-Silicon that was acquired by Mosaid. Since then, he has held multiple technical and managerial roles in Intel and Altera (now acquired by Intel). He has worked on System-on-Chip (SOCs) for Intel's consumer products group that were used in GoogleTV, SmartTVs and Alexa.

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Product Manager
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement:
Alexander graduated from UCLA and after accepting his baseball playing career was over, decided to move to New York to see what snow was like and check out consulting. After realizing snow melts and winter is too long he eventually moved back to California and was able to combine his passion for sports/media with tech across various roles at Twitter and Major League Baseball. He currently leads the product effort for Statcast at MLB which shows cutting edge data on air in visually engaging ways. Alexander still loves to play sports, dabble with improv comedy and write meaningful bios. He is a true native (from Berkeley) and currently lives in San Francisco with two roommates (his girlfriend and mini bernedoodle).
Hongtao Yang

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**Employment Information**
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement:**
Hongtao Yang graduated from the Huazhong University of Science and Technology with a BS in Applied Electronics, and an ME in Electrical Engineering from Tianjin University. Since receiving his degrees, he has been working in the consumer electronics industry in product design, test, manufacturing, operations, and business development for 21 years. He worked for Motorola, TechFaith Wireless (IPO in NASDAQ), Goertek (IPO in China) and Pico Interactive, as a product engineer, hardware platform director, R&D vice president, OEM general manager, and vice president of business development. Hongtao has worked with global tier 1 customers (Apple, Google, SONY, Amazon, etc.) and has visited customers in 20+ countries. Growing businesses and learning are the two main goals in Hongtao’s daily work. In his spare time, Hongtao enjoys observing celestial objects in his backyard observatory through a Takahashi TOA-130 telescope, and loves to fly (even only as a student private pilot right now). He lives in Fremont, California, with his wife and their two sons (ages 17 and 7).

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**Employment Information**
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Industry: Biotechnology

**Personal Statement:**
Shenkuan moved to the Bay Area with his parents from China when he was 16 years old. He graduated from Cal double majoring in Computer Sciences and Economics. Early in his career, Shenkuan worked in the technology and consulting industries. Currently, he works for a research based pharmaceutical company called Gilead Sciences in Foster City near SFO as a Director of IT. Shenkuan and his wife (who just earned her MBA), have a son who will be four in June. He and his family live in Hayward near the Cal State East Bay campus.
Matthew (Matt) Zierhut

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Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement:  
Matt is a Director at Janssen Pharmaceuticals, where he focuses on integrating statistical modeling and simulation concepts into drug development strategy. Prior to Janssen, he worked at Pfizer and Amylin Pharmaceuticals, as well as at Applied Predictive Technologies (a management consulting firm). Matt holds degrees from U.C. Berkeley (BS in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science), University of Washington (MS in Bioengineering), and UC Berkeley/UC San Francisco jointly (PhD in Bioengineering). In his spare time, Matt enjoys spending time with his kids and family, going on camping adventures, playing volleyball, and relaxing whenever possible. He lives in San Diego, CA, with his wife of 11 years and their four children.