Mohammad “Mo” Qayoumi
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San Jose State University
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Mohammad Qayoumi is the 28th president and a professor of electrical engineering at San José State University. He holds a bachelor’s in electrical engineering from the American University of Beirut and four degrees from the University of Cincinnati: a master’s in nuclear engineering, a master’s in electrical and computer engineering, an MBA and a doctorate in electrical engineering. He has over 32 years of engineering and administrative experience in several universities. He has also published eight books and more than 100 articles and chapters in books. He is a licensed professional engineer and a certified management accountant.

Patrick Soricone
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Patrick brings 30+ years’ experience in building community and economic development partnerships. He has worked in a variety of settings in the non-profit and public sectors. Patrick has expertise in strategic planning, policy analysis and advocacy, public affairs, communications, constituency management and non-profit administration.
Tae Yoo is the Senior Vice President of Cisco’s corporate social responsibility (CSR) vision. As a 20-year veteran of Cisco, Ms. Yoo’s insight and business acumen have enabled Cisco to collaborate across government, business, and non-governmental organization (NGO) sectors for tangible social benefit. Her leadership has helped make Cisco Networking Academy one of the largest education programs in the world, recognized globally for its innovative approach to providing ICT skills education.

Leslye Corsiglia is the Director of Housing for the City of San Jose. Since joining the City in 1991, Leslye has been responsible for overseeing the Department, which has financed the construction of more than 18,800 affordable housing units, leveraging more than $2.7 billion in private and public capital with $835 million in City loans and grants. In addition to multi-family housing production, during Leslye’s tenure, the City has assisted 2,300 homebuyers to purchase their first home, including 740 public school teachers.
In 2012, Patrick Schmitt became CEO of the West Valley-Mission Community College District in Santa Clara County. Dr. Schmitt, who previously held the position of President of Pierce College in Puyallup, Washington, has 29 years of service in the field of education. His past experiences include 16 years as a full-time faculty member at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Pasco-Hernando Community College. He also served for 6 years as an academic administrator at South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois and was the Campus Executive Officer and Dean at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha for 4 years prior to arriving at Pierce College.

Greg Kepferle is CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, California. Greg has worked in the Catholic Charities network for over twenty-two years, serving Catholic Charities of the East Bay in Oakland and at Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico as Executive Director. In 2007, he organized Step Up Silicon Valley: The campaign to Cut Poverty in Santa Clara County as a community-based coalition to reduce poverty. From this, he incubated the Franklin-McKinley Children’s Initiative, a place-based-anti-poverty strategy modeled after the Harlem Children’s Zone.
Jacky Morales-Ferrand is the Assistant Director of Housing for the City of San Jose and manages the day-to-day operations of the Department. Implementing programs to end homelessness for thirty years, her diverse background includes providing case management to families experiencing homelessness, living in a family homeless shelter as a night manager, and serving Denver’s Commission to End Homelessness. In her current job, she is working on developing housing options for individuals and families.

Ray Bramson is the Homelessness Response Team Manager for the City of San Jose’s Housing Department. Prior to joining the City, he was a Donor Engagement Officer at Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and before that Ray worked with HomeFirst, a Santa Clara County safety net organization, as Director of Development. An alumnus of UC Santa Barbara, he spent the year following his graduation as a Corps Member in Americorps National Civilian Community Corps, serving impoverished communities throughout the Southeastern United States.
Jennifer Loving has spent 15 years spearheading efforts that better serve the needs of homeless youth, families, and adults in America. She is currently the Executive Director of Destination: Home, a public-private partnership serving as the backbone organization for collective impact strategies to reduce chronic homelessness in Santa Clara County. Jennifer has developed numerous innovative models including the County’s first Housing First program for chronically homeless individuals and their families.

Ky Le is the County’s Director of Homeless Systems and oversees the County’s Office of Supportive Housing. He is responsible for implementing strategies to prevent and end homelessness, and is responsible for increasing housing options for the individuals and families who are served by the County’s safety-net departments. Ky is a U.S Army Veteran and has over 13 years of experience managing and directing supportive housing and other programs for underserved communities.
Mr. MacRitchie has led several teams in his almost 22 years with Cisco and is currently the VP of Global Government Systems. Mr. MacRitchie is responsible for the Executive Management and Leadership of all engagements with NetHope, its members and partners, along with their relationship with USAID and the State Department. In this role, Mr. MacRitchie is leading the efforts to engage Cisco’s Humanitarian efforts around the globe with NetHope and the largest global NGO’s. This initiative leverages Internet Communications Technologies (ICT) to better the health, education, safety, and basic human needs of those in need, in addition to transforming the telecommunications capabilities in the developing world.

David is a seasoned international business leader and has held responsibility for corporate activities in more than 30 countries. He has over 25 years of richly varied executive experience in academia, and in global business development, finance, engineering, R&D, and operations in the petroleum and IT industries. Dr. Steele joined San Jose State University (SJSU) in July, 2008 as Dean, Lucas College and Graduate School of Business. Born in Venezuela of Hispanic heritage, Dr. Steele attended Birmingham University in England, receiving B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Engineering. He later completed graduate business training at UC Berkeley and at the Wharton School. He has achieved distinction as an industry leader for programs on safety, educational, and environmental issues and was awarded the prestigious Rafael Urdaneta Medal for outstanding public service in Venezuela.
Wanny Hersey is the Founding Superintendent/Principal at Bullis Charter School (BCS) in Los Altos, CA and has over 25 years of teaching and administrative experience across K-12 levels in California and Canada. Under her leadership, the schools have earned Distinguished School, National Blue Ribbon, and National Science and Technology honors. Wanny has led a range of educational technology initiatives throughout her career: the first integration of computers into the classrooms in the 1980s; Tandy 1:1 laptops for Title 1 students in the 90s; and innovative staff development program in partnership with Apple in the 2000s.

Barry Groves has been the Superintendent of the Mountain View Los Altos High School district for the past eight years, and for 22 years as a superintendent in Santa Clara County. During this time student acceptances to highly selective universities increased every year – about ten students matriculate to Stanford annually. All schools achieved the maximum six-year clear WASC accreditation. Barry also added Career Technology Education classes and increased college counseling efforts.
Almaz Negash
Managing Director
Step Up Silicon Valley
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Almaz Negash is the managing director of the Step Up Silicon Valley: the Movement to Cut Poverty in Santa Clara County. Ms. Negash works closely with non-profit, business, education, community, and faith-based organizations to advance SUSV’s three focus strategic areas: Convening; Advocacy; and Systems Change Incubation. Prior to joining Step Up SV/Catholic Charities, Ms. Negash served as the director of the Global Leadership and Ethics at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. In her capacity as an expert in regional and global economic development, Negash chaired the theme on Economic Empowerment of Women in the development of the first Women Leaders Intercultural Forum (WILF), a five-year initiative of the Ethical Globalization (EGI). She is co-founder of the Global Women Leadership Network, SCU, and contributing author of the book Awakening Social Responsibility.

John Swan
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Proud alumnus of SJSU and Santa Clara University. Chief evangelist for public-private partnerships. Architect working on positively disrupting America.
Bobbi Makani is the Director of Social Innovation Initiative; Director of Silicon Valley Innovation Challenge; Director of Community Engaged Learning for CommUniverCity; and a Faculty-in-Residence for Academic Technology in e-Campus. Bobbi brings over a decade of experience in engaging students and the community in the following areas: entrepreneurship, innovation, public health education and community engaged learning. Bobbi is also an active serial entrepreneur for the past 20 years, having founded and managed companies in Asia and the United States involved in food, retail, health services, project management and social media. She was a key member of a medical university start-up team in Asia focused on creating physician-leaders to be dynamic managers and social catalysts on public and community health. Bobbi is a consultant on health program education and assessment for non-profits, non-government organizations, and public institutions.