



ISE Department Advisory Committee (DAC)

Mr. Sohel Sareshwala



Sohel Sareshwala is an accomplished industrialist who began his path at San Jose State University. After completing his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from L.D. College in Ahmedabad in 1986, he left for San Jose, CA. He then completed his Masters in Industrial and Systems Engineering from San Jose State University in 1988. As an immigrant, Sohel started from the bottom and worked his way to the top. His journey is a true example of what drive, hard work and passion can lead to as he began his migration because of his father's dream along with discrimination and political instability in India. With the intention of standing up on his own feet, he chose not to take any money from his family back home in India. He left behind his passions and family to fulfill his dreams. With only two suitcases, Sohel Sareshwala started his new life.

His accomplishments have been significantly influenced by his personal philosophies and mindsets. He believes that success is defined as being able to stand up on your own feet and contribute back to society. With that in mind, he strived for the best and never gave up. He owes his successes to his amazing professors, Dr. Unwin, Dr. Freund, and Dr. Selvaduray, at San Jose State. While doing his masters Sohel became an assistant lecturer and taught undergraduate students CAD/CAM and production technology. After graduating he was able to get a position as a Design Engineer at a startup company named Lokring with strong references from his professors. Sohel's innovative and creative engineering design fetched five patents. Due to his immense attachment and allegiance towards his work, he soon became the Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering at Lokring.

In 1999, Sohel had to stop and make the incredibly difficult decision to resign from Lokring and acquire his own company, Accuswiss Inc. He is now the CEO and President of this manufacturing house where he makes precision components and parts for Original Equipment Manufacturers (O.E.Ms). At Accuswiss, they

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manufacture precision components for high purity valve/regulators, bio-medical equipment, food industry equipment, semi-conductor and defense equipment.

While managing all this, he believes that a balance to life is an instrumental key to success. To implement these beliefs, he dedicates his time to remain equally involved in social and religious deeds. He was elected as the Board of Director of the Islamic Society of East Bay, San Francisco in 1996. Sohел started as a Treasurer, then Vice President, and then President all in three years. Today, Sohел Sareshwala serves as the founder and President of Central Valley Crescent (CVC), a nonprofit organization whose goal is to serve the community. CVC has assisted over a hundred refugee families in relocating to the Central Valley and has held more than fifty food drives. Sohел aims to create a beautiful and strong interfaith community where individuals of different backgrounds have a safe space and learn from each other's strengths.

Sohел Sareshwala plans to continue his work with the community while also remembering his roots. His definition of success revolves around standing up on his own feet and contributing back to his society. Sohел plans to spread these words of wisdom with the youth of his community, while also empowering his beautiful family comprised of his wife, three daughters, two sons-in-law, and three grandchildren. He attributes his success to Almighty God's blessings and to a wonderful wife who since 1989 has been very supportive, very understanding and above all very caring and loving.

Outside of his family, he practices his skills in engineering in his garden where he created a unique drainage system in his yard to help with flooding and yet retain the rain water, designed koi pond filtration system and creation of permaculture yard, and also built hiking paths in his backyard that winds its way through the redwoods and ivy to his rose and fruit garden. Sohел loves to find his balance playing cricket, table tennis, traveling with his family, gardening, and tending to his koi fish.