

**When:** November 1, 2016

**Topic:** How to Accelerate your Startup in Silicon Valley: whether you live here or anywhere in the world

**Where:** Student Union Theater (Ground Floor, SU)

**Time:** 4:30-6 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016

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**Speakers:**

Arjun Arora, Venture Partner, 500 Startups

Adeo Ressi, Founder & CEO, Founder Institute

Manan Mehta, Founding Partner, Unshackled

Moderator: Steve Bennet, Angel Investor & SJSU Professor.

**Registration:** [Register Here](#)

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**When:** October 10, 2016

**Topic:** The Road to Poshmark: Lessons of a Serial Entrepreneur

**Where:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225/229

**Time:** 6-7:30 pm, Monday, October 10, 2016

**Speaker:** Manish Chandra, Founder & CEO, Poshmark

**Registration:** Closed



**Speaker bio:**

Manish Chandra is the founder and CEO of Poshmark, the largest community marketplace for fashion where millions of people come to buy, sell and share their personal style - right from their phones. Manish has always been passionate about building communities and founded the first social shopping company, Kaboodle, which was acquired by Hearst Corporation in 2007. With Poshmark, Manish has applied his understanding of technology to change the way people think about shopping, building a passionate community based around people's love for fashion and each other. Manish received a BTech from IIT Kanpur, MS from UT Austin, and an MBA from Haas School of Business.

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**When:** September 19, 2016

**Topic:** The Startup Journey: A panel discussion with SJSU Young Alumni Entrepreneurs

**Where:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225/229

**Time:** 6-7:30 pm, Monday, September 19, 2016

**Speakers:**

Aryan Davachi, Founder & CEO, Doost & The Rug Finder

Aman Manik, CoFounder, Fastbite (acquired by Square)

Matthew Olivieri, Founder & CEO, AdSemble (past SVBPC winner)

Peter Lee, CoFounder & CEO, PlayCause (2016 SVBPC winner)

Steffany Boldrini, Founder & CEO, EcoBold

**Moderator:** Hooman Bolandi, Angel Investor, Entrepreneur, & former Senior Exec., Applied Materials

**Registration: Closed**

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**When:** April 25, 2016

**Topic:** "Innovation in the Auto Industry"

**Where:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225/229

**Time:** 6-7:30 pm

**Speaker:** Deepak Ahuja, Former Chief Financial Officer Tesla Motors (2008-2015), Member, Board of Directors, FireEye Inc., Former Senior Executive Ford Motor Company, Former CFO, Auto Alliance International

Registration: [Register Here](#)



Deepak joined Tesla Motors as CFO in 2008 while Tesla was a pre-revenue company in the start-up stage. He was part of the senior leadership team who led the dramatic expansion of Tesla over the next 7+ years to a multi-national presence in over 20 countries, a large manufacturing footprint in California, and annual revenues of approximately \$5B by 2015. During this period Deepak led the Tesla IPO and helped to raise approximately \$5B from various funding sources, including a \$450 million loan from Department of Energy, issuance of equity, convertible notes and lines of credit.

Prior to joining Tesla, Deepak served in various positions at Ford Motor Company from 1993 to 2008, which provided him a wide perspective of the automotive industry from exposure to manufacturing, marketing & sales, Treasury, product development and acquisitions/divestitures.

Prior to Ford, Deepak worked as an engineer for over 5 years at Kennametal, Inc to develop ceramic composite cutting tools to perform high speed machining of aluminum alloys used in automotive and aerospace industries. During this period he obtained several patents.

Deepak presently serves on the Board of FireEye.

Deepak holds an M.S.I.A. from Carnegie Mellon University, an M.S. in materials engineering from Northwestern University and a B. Tech in ceramic engineering from Banaras Hindu University in India.

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**When:** March 14, 2016

**Topic:** "The Art of Engaging Investors for Your Startup"

**Where:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225/229

**Time:** 6-7:30 pm, Monday, March 14, 2016

**Speaker:** Bruce Schechter, Member, Band of Angels; Startup Advisor, Consultant, Investor, Entrepreneur; former Senior Executive, Intel Corporation.

Registration: Closed



Bruce Schechter is an active advisor, consultant or investor in a variety of technology startups, including Life360, Proformative, Treasury Curve, FarmX and Flying Cloud Technology. He is a member of the Band of Angels, Silicon Valley's oldest organized Angel investor organization. Bruce began his career at Intel Corporation in 1980 and there he served a 17 year tenure in a variety of roles including Fab Process Engineering, Microprocessor Product Management, the Corporate Strategy Group, and Director of Online Marketing in the Corporate Marketing Group. Bruce was on the founding team of Pandesic LLC, a pioneer eCommerce application service provider, where he served as Director of Operations Management and then Director of Strategic Alliances. Bruce is active in mentoring student entrepreneurs at both Stanford University and Purdue University, and is active in non-profit work, including his role as founder and President Emeritus of the Intel Alumni Network and as co-founder/co-chairman of Purdue SVBIG (Silicon Valley Boilermaker Innovation Group.) He received a BS in Physics and Math from Purdue University, where he graduated with Highest Honors and Phi Beta Kappa, and much later he received an MS in Computer Science from Stanford University.

The Art of Engaging Investors for your Tech Startup (pdf)

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**When:** February 15, 2016

**Topic:** "The 'Why' of Entrepreneurship"

**Where:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225/229

**Time:** 6-7:30 pm, Monday, February 15, 2016

**Speaker:** Mike Sinyard, founder & Chairman, Specialized Bicycle Components, and SJSU alumnus



Mike Sinyard, founder & Chairman, Specialized Bicycle Components, and SJSU alumnus, will share his experience of how and why he founded Specialized and how he succeeded in building it into a multimillion dollar company.

Articles shared by Mike:

Activist Investor (pdf)

Find someone who has solved your problem (pdf)

Creativity Inc (pdf)

Exponential Organizations Summary (pdf)

How smart companies deploy their best people (pdf)

How to Hire (pdf)

How the mighty fall (pdf)

People before strategy (pdf)

Speak the truth (pdf)

Mike's favorite talks by inspiring business leaders:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/simon\\_sinek\\_how\\_great\\_leaders\\_inspire\\_action?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action?language=en)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSnWnqq23JU>