



TiE shapes tomorrow's entrepreneurs with mentorship, networking, and a strong belief in community support.



President's Message



As we get ready to welcome 2025, I want to take a moment and look back at this past year. It has been an amazing year for us. We've done a lot of great things together, like hosting events with some really smart people and helping new business leaders learn and grow.

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way. To all the Board members, your time and hard work mean so much. You're the reason we've done so well this year.

A special shoutout to the Past Presidents of TiE SoCal, and a big thank you to Ashish Saboo, who was the President before me. You've all helped build TiE SoCal into what it is today.

And I can't forget to thank all the committees. Your work is so important, and TiE SoCal wouldn't be the same without contributions from all of you.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited to keep growing and to make TiE SoCal even better for entrepreneurs like you. Here are some not to miss events in 2025

- TiE SoCal and TiE Global Angels will again join forces to organize the TiE Global Angels Investor Summit 2025 in Q2 of 2025.
- Mark your calendars for the TiE Retreat in Tallinn, Estonia, and the TiE Global Summit 2025, taking place in the vibrant city of Jaipur! More details about these two events are in later part of this newsletter.
- Later in the year, we'll be organizing TiECon West 2025 in the Q4 of 2025.

To celebrate our amazing Charter Members, we're adding a special "CM Success Stories" section to our upcoming newsletters. We encourage all our Charter Members to share their notable achievements – funding rounds, successful exits, major contracts, impactful partnerships, global awards, and any other noteworthy milestones – for a chance to be featured in the TiE SoCal Newsletter. Let's showcase the incredible accomplishments of our TiE SoCal community!

Thanks for being a part of our community. Here's to a successful new year together!



Gaurav Kumar

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President Elect



A successful entrepreneur with over 30 years in the tech industry, Venkatesh Sankaran is the upcoming **President of TiE SoCal for 2026-27**. His career straddles India and the USA, demonstrating expertise in technology solutions, digital transformation, and business development across industries. Venkatesh, the **Founder and CEO of Saguna Consulting**, has played a critical role in delivering innovative software solutions to Fortune 500 corporations, small to medium enterprises, and startups. He has had an effect on the healthcare and diagnostics industries through **HUGENX**, an AI-powered laboratory information system that implements compliant and secure solutions for molecular, clinical, and research laboratories.

Venkatesh further mentors and cultivates talent for entrepreneurial endeavors by acting as a mentor at the Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship at California State University, Long Beach. His academic background in Electronics, Engineering, Sales, and Marketing Management positions him well to lead TiE SoCal into a new era of innovation, collaboration, and growth.



Venkatesh Sankaran

President Elect - TiE SoCal [2026-2027]
CEO, Saguna Consulting

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Upcoming Zoom Event Series



Harnessing AI and Technology for Small Businesses

Businesses

Jan 14, 2025 | 05:00 PM

[Click Here To Register](#)

Upcoming TiE Events



TiE CM Retreat 2025

Jul 03 – 06, 2025 | 12:00 PM (EEST)

Tallinn, Harju maakond – Estonia

[Click Here To Register](#)

Unveiling

the TiE Global Summit at Jaipur, on

3-4-5 DECEMBER
2025

where

Legacy Meets Innovation

TIE GLOBAL
SUMMIT
2025

TECHNOLOGY | GROWTH | SUSTAINABILITY

TiE Global Summit 2025

Dec 3 – Dec 5, 2025

Jaipur, Rajasthan

Stay tuned for more info

TiE SoCal Shines at Global Women's Pitch Competition



TERI SIRSET

DASI Simulations
TiE SoCal



WINNER



Great news to share! A big congratulations to Teri Sirset and her team at DASI Simulations for winning the Best Women Entrepreneur Award at the Global Women's Pitch Competition.

This event was part of the TiE Global Summit 2024 in Bengaluru. Teri's win is a huge deal, showing her hard work and the great help, she got from the TiE SoCal team, including the TiE SoCal Angels fund.

A huge thanks to Brenda Mccabe, Deepa Pulipati, Vijay Kotrappa, and all the board members for their support. We also want to highlight the hard work of the TiE Women's leaders for making this success possible.

TiE SoCal In Kyoto, Japan & Coorg, India

This year, we were part of some really exciting TiE retreats, in Kyoto, Japan and winter retreat to Coorg, India. We joined other Charter Members from around the world and these trips were great for networking, learning, and making new friends.



TiE Winter Retreat **COORG**

Check in
13 Dec 2024

Check out
15 Dec 2024



Introduction to Board Members



TiE SoCal Board Members 2024



Azad Virk
Corporate Attorney
Stradling Yocca Carlson
& Rauth



Brenda A. McCabe
Founder
Next Act Advisors



Dhaval Kapadia
Chairman
Investors Institute



Mike Patel
Real Estate Professional
First Team Real Estate



Natesh Kodancha
Partner/CEO
Satwic Inc.



Ramesh Nair
Co-Founder
Peer Connexions



Shashi Tripathi
Managing Partner
Nurture Ventures



Venkatesh Sankaran
CEO, Saguna Consulting
& Hugnex

Welcome to Our New Members in 2024

We've got some new faces around! Welcome to everyone who joined us in 2024. From real estate to healthcare and technology, our new members bring a lot of different skills and ideas to the group. We're happy to have each of you with us.

NEW MEMBERS IN 2024



Mahdi Alim

Luxury Realty Investment Group



Delnaz Dadachanji

Stays Pro LLC



Manu Puri

Molina Healthcare



Harsh Bembi

West Point Medical Center



Krishna Baderia

Hvantage Technologies Inc.



Hiten Sheth

H2S Engineers Inc.



Jagdish Gaikwad

JG Device Enterprises Inc



Mike Dennis

Corebridge Financial Inc.



Ritu Goel

MindClaire PC



Vikram Raman

Sunland Equity, Cathedral Medical



Sreekesh Menon

Trayodes Consulting



Puja Sorathia

State Bank Of India California



Kevin Parikh

Avasant



Nita Parikh

Jackson Lewis P.C.



Ashwin Waghela

Avasant



Vasudev Pulipati

Hiforte Technologies



Surya Gummadi

Cognizant



Akbar Jessani

Universal Shipping Inc



Ruchi Lamba

Artistic Director (IDTC)
Professional Speaker



Amith AP

Cosmonet Solutions Pvt Ltd



Shiva Bhaskarn

LME Investments



Jalpesh Shah

Simplyfy Solutions

CM Spotlight



Krishna Baderia
Hvantage Technologies
Inc



Puja Sorathia
State Bank Of India
California

Krishna Baderia is the CEO of Hvantage Technologies Inc USA, leading in AI, web, mobile, and analytics. With an Executive MBA from USC, his expertise lies in enhancing operational efficiency within finance, healthcare, and telecom sectors. He actively supports startups through analysis and investment.

Puja Sorathia is the Vice President/Manager at State Bank of India California, with prior key roles at Wells Fargo Bank. Specializing in sales management, team leadership, and customer relations, she has a strong track record in sales and client service enhancements. Puja holds a Bachelor of Science from GLS College.

Chair of TiE Global Board of Trustees



CONGRATULATIONS



Murali Bukkapatnam

TiE Global Chair

Charter Member & Past President, TiE Hyderabad

**For being elected as
Chair of TiE Global Board of Trustees**

Investing in the Future

TiE Global Angels Investor Summit 2024

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Morning Keynote

Guy Kawasaki

Chief Evangelist of Canva

Topic: How to Be a Remarkable Entrepreneur



Afternoon Keynote

BV Jagadeesh

Founding Managing Partner at KAAJ Ventures

Topic: Innovative Angel fund providing Win Win Win to all stakeholders



Guest Speaker

BJ Arun

TiE Global
Board of Trustees

Events in TiE SoCal workshops in 2024



These sessions and pitches showcased the incredible talent and innovation within the startup community. Each participating startup, from Better Half to Perceive Now, brought something unique to the table, spanning various industries and solutions.

Check out more about the summit here: [TiE Investor Summit](#)

TiECon West 2024 Sharing Ideas & Making Connections



At TiECon West 2024, a lot of us got together to talk about our experiences and plans. It's always helpful to hear from others and share your own story, whether you're just starting out or have been in business for a while.



Morning Keynote

Neel Grover

CEO, ShopSimon

Topic: How to Scale Your Business



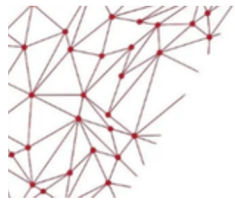
Afternoon Keynote Presentation

Tony Smith

CEO & Co-Founder, Restaurant365

This event was a remarkable opportunity for attendees to gather insider knowledge and advice from leading figures in the business world. Neel Grover shared invaluable insights on scaling businesses effectively, while Tony Smith discussed the unique journey and challenges faced in the restaurant management software sector.

To know more, visit: [TiECon West](https://www.tiecon.com/west)



TiE SoCal Events in 2024



Masterclass : THE FOUR FORCES OF GROWTH

Jan 16, 2024 - 03:00 PM, Cerritos, California - US



Venture Investment – Strategies & Tactics

Feb 12, 2024 - 03:30 PM,

Long Beach, California - United States

TI E SO CAL
FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**THE WORKING GENIUS
ELEVATE YOUR LEADERSHIP
AND IMPACT**

DEBORAH MERSINO
Organizational Health Consultant
and Executive Coach

Thursday, March 14, 2024
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Chapman University, Argiros Forum - Room 209B/C
1 University Drive, Orange, CA 92866

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The Working Genius: Elevate Your Leadership and Impact

Mar 14, 2024 - 04:00 PM, Orange, California - US

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Building Your Startup for a Successful Exit

GAURAV KUMAR
President, TIE SoCal

VENKATESH SANKARAN
CEO of Super
Computing & AI/ML/DX

RAVI BHAGAVAN
Managing Director for
Global EdTech

AZAD VIKR
Corporate Attorney at Stradling
Yocca Carlson & Rugh

JAYWANT NITURKAR
Founder/CEO of Herbi
Inc.

ARIT DUBE
Founder, i4i Care
Thompson

SANDEEP KUNWADKAR
Managing Director,
C&I.com

Building Your Startup for a Successful Exit

Jul 18, 2024 - 05:00 PM

Irvine, California - United States

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**Cracking the Code of
Startup Funding:
A Guide to Angel Investors**

SHASHI TIRUPATHI
Co-Chair, TIE SoCal Angels &
Managing Partner, Aquifore
Growth Fund

SHANKAR RAM
TIE Global Angels
Leadership Committee &
Manager, TIE SoCal's Angel
Funds

PARTHIB SRIVATHSAN
Operating Partner,
Compassion Ventures

ABHI MUMKESHEE
Partner, CorraCap Ventures

VISAY KOTRAPPA
American Founder's Fund &
Manager, TIE SoCal's Angel
Funds

AGENDA WEDNESDAY
AUG 28, 2024 5:30-8PM
Sevensco, 5151 California
Ave, Irvine, CA 92617

Master Class: Cracking the Code of Startup

Funding: A Guide to Angel Investors

Aug 28, 2024 - 5:30 PM, Irvine, California - US

**SHOW
HER THE
MONEY**

**THE POWER OF FUNDING
WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS**

Hosted by TIE SoCal

TI E WOMEN
EMBRACE. ENGAGE. EMPOWER.
A TIE GLOBAL INITIATIVE

Tie SoCal Women's Competition

Ft. Screening of 'Show Her The Money'

Sep 19, 2024 - 03:00 PM, Los Angeles, CA - US



Charter Member Dinner Cruise

Sep 22, 2024 - 06:00 PM,

Long Beach, California - United States



Unlocking Homeownership: A Guide for Young Professionals

Sep 25, 2024 - 06:00 PM (PDT)



TiECon West 2024

Oct 25, 2024 - 08:00 AM



TiE Global Summit 2024

9 Dec IISC Bengaluru | 10-11 Dec

BIEC Bengaluru | 12 Dec Infosys Mysuru



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