



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



## President's Message



Hope you're all doing great! There's a lot happening in our community, and I'm here to share some exciting news and updates with you all.

The **TiE SoCal Investor Summit 2025** was a fantastic day we hosted on **Monday, April 28th** at **The Queen Mary in Long Beach**, and we were excited to see over 400 registrations! We brought together a great mix of top investors, enthusiastic entrepreneurs, and key industry folks for a full day of making connections and exploring opportunities. We were excited to have the TCA Venture Group team join us, including Dave de Csepel, Sunny Singh, and David Friedman. A big thank you to our sponsors for their support!

The Summit also showcased some really promising startups who pitched their innovative ideas. A highlight for me was the keynote by **Ronald Weissman** from the Angel Capital Association, who shared his valuable insights on navigating the current investment climate with his talk on "**The Denominator Effect.**" It was a truly engaging and productive day for the entire Southern California startup ecosystem.

**Venkatesh Sankaran, Dhaval Kapadia, and Ramesh Nair** did an amazing job driving the Investor Summit!

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the crucial role of Brand Pro Max, and Anshuman in particular, for their contributions. I also want to express my appreciation to the Presidents from various TiE chapters who took the time to attend the event.

**TiEcon Silicon Valley**, held **April 30th to May 2nd** in Santa Clara, California, was a major global gathering focused on AI's impact across industries, connecting startups, investors, and tech leaders for discussions and innovation showcases.

Join the TiE Global community in Tallinn, Estonia, from **July 3rd to 6th, 2025**, for the **TiE Retreat 2025!**

I'm really looking forward to the **TiE Global Summit 2025** in **Jaipur**, India! It's happening from **December 3rd to Dec 5th, 2025**, and it's going to be an incredible opportunity to connect with entrepreneurs and leaders from all over the world. I know it's going to be a vibrant and inspiring experience. I'm excited to see the innovative ideas that will be shared and the valuable connections that will be made.

I am excited to announce that TiE SoCal is now accepting applications until June 15th for the 5th edition of the TiE Women Global Pitch Competition, inviting women entrepreneurs worldwide to showcase their innovative ventures!

I would like to congratulate **Rajeev Rawat** on being recognized as a winner of the prestigious **TiE50 awards!**

Excited to share that TiE SoCal has partnered with TCA Venture Group as their first strategic affiliate, bringing even more investment, mentorship, and networking to our members!

Over the last 10 weeks, we've welcomed more than 10 New Charter Members to our group. They're all amazing people with lots to share. I'd really love it if you could get to know them better, maybe at our Happy Hours or at our regular monthly meetups. Speaking of Happy Hours, we've got them every fourth Sunday. They're a lot of fun, so do try to come by.

That's a lot, but it's all good stuff. Let's keep the energy up and make the most of all these opportunities.



**Gaurav Kumar**

CEO - Beyond Codes & Hunt Grow Consulting

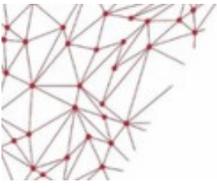
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# Past **TiE SoCal** Events



## TiE SoCal Investor Summit 2025

April 28, 2025 - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA

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TiE SoCal Investor Summit 2025 Highlight Video

Investor Summit 2025, presented by TiE SoCal, brought together top investors, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders for a full day of networking, insights, and deal-making.

- Date: Monday, April 28, 2025
- Location: The Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA
- Time: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

## TCA Venture Group Attended!

[TCA Venture Group](#) was present at the event. Attendees had the opportunity to meet key figures in startup investment:

- [Dave de Csepel](#) – Chairman, TCA Venture Group
- [Digvijay \(Sunny\) Singh, Ph.D.](#) – Chairman Emeritus, TCA Venture Group
- [David Friedman](#) – Chairman Emeritus, TCA Venture Group

## Startup Pitches

The TiE SoCal Investor Summit featured pitches from a diverse group of startups, including:

- [The Learnerly](#)
- [Hepatiq Inc](#)
- [REUZEit Inc](#)
- [First Person Solutions](#)
- [NasalRx, Inc](#)
- [ArcusAI](#)
- [Beamlink](#)
- [ATDev](#)
- [ForeOptics](#)
- [DigitalAPI](#)

## Keynote Speaker

A highlight of the Summit was the insightful keynote speech delivered by **Ronald Weissman**, Chair of the Board of Directors at Angel Capital Association. He addressed the audience on "**The Denominator Effect: Weathering the Storm, Seizing the Moment**," offering valuable perspectives on navigating the current investment landscape.

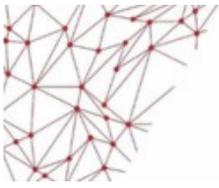
## Sponsors

We extend our gratitude to [Balaji Rao](#), [Kumar Sripadam](#), [Nitin Rai](#), [Murugamarikumar Paramasivan](#), [Nishant Malhotra](#), and [Mayank Mohan](#) for their support.



# Photos for TiE SoCal Investor Summit





# Upcoming **TiE SoCal** Events



**TiE SO CAL**  
SOCIETY OF ENTREPRENEURS

**Growing and Protecting Wealth in Turbulent Times**  
A Panel on Smart Strategies for an Uncertain Economy

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**  
5:00pm

**REGISTER NOW**

**Live on Zoom**

## Growing and Protecting Wealth in Turbulent Times

May 22, 2025 | 5:00 pm (PT)

On Zoom

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**TiE SO CAL**  
SOCIETY OF ENTREPRENEURS

**HAPPY HOUR**  
SUN, JUNE 1, 2025

**4:30pm-6:30pm**

**Rock & Brews**  
7777 Beach Boulevard  
Buena Park, CA 90620

Scan to Register

2 complimentary drinks per person

## TiE SoCal Happy Hour

Sun, June 1 2025 | 4:30 pm (PT)

Rock & Brews

7777 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, CA 90620

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**TiE WOMEN**  
EMBRACE. ENGAGE. EMPOWER.  
A TiE GLOBAL INITIATIVE

**TiE Women Program 2025**

**Apply Now**

[opportunitydesk.org](http://opportunitydesk.org)

TiE SoCal is back at it. Our Southern California chapter welcomes applications through June 15th. Applications are now open for the 5th edition of the TiE Women Global Pitch Competition

This prestigious program invites women entrepreneurs from around the world to showcase their innovative business ideas. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2025.

[Apply now!](#)

## Past TiE Events



### **TiEcon Silicon Valley 2025**

**Apr 30 – May 02 - 8:00 am**

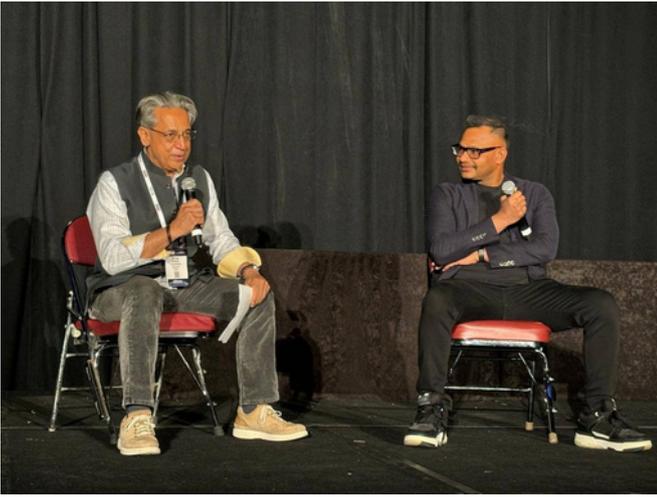
**Santa Clara, California - United States**

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TiEcon Silicon Valley, held from April 30th to May 2nd in Santa Clara, California, was a major gathering for the global entrepreneurial ecosystem. This year's event focused heavily on the theme of AI, exploring its impact across various industries.

It brought together a diverse audience of startups, investors, corporate leaders, and technology experts for networking, insightful discussions, and the showcasing of cutting-edge innovations.

# Photos for TiE SoCal Investor Summit



## Upcoming TiE Events



*Tallinn*  
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER IN ESTONIA

Unveiling the next TiE Annual Global Charter Member Retreat in 2025 in Tallinn, Estonia

### TiE CM Retreat 2025

Jul 03 – 06, 2025 | 12:00 pm (EEST)

Tallinn, Harju maakond - Estonia

[Click Here To Register](#)



### TiE Global Summit 2025

Dec 3 - Dec 5, 2025

Jaipur, Rajasthan

[Register Now!](#)



Encourage the Bill Gates & Steve Jobs of your region at a global stage!

## TiE SoCal

is inviting all regional schools/colleges to send your top startups for

**TiE U Season 2025**

Global Exposure, Mentorship from Leading Executives, Investment Opportunity and Cash Prizes



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## TiE U 2025

TiE U is a 6-month program designed to fast-track collegiate entrepreneurs' innovative ideas into Market-ready ventures.

**Register Now!**

## Partnership



**TCA**  
VENTURE GROUP



## TiE SoCal & TCA Venture Group announce strategic alliance

TiE SoCal and TCA Venture Group are now working together! TiE SoCal is the first strategic affiliate partner in TCA VG's new program, which means our members will get even better chances for investments, advice from experienced people, and a strong group to connect with. This partnership helps TiE achieve its mission by doing things like having TCA VG and TiE SoCal invest together in good startups to help them grow.

Plus, startups will get advice from experienced business owners and investors from both groups to help them with early challenges. We'll also have regular events like pitch sessions and workshops to help startups meet investors. And finally, we'll offer learning programs to give entrepreneurs the skills they need to succeed.

Read more to see all the ways this partnership will help the Southern California startup world.

[Apply now!](#)

## TiE 50 Awards



CONGRATULATIONS



RAJEEV RAWAT

Co-Founder and CPO of Gigaforce Inc.  
to be one of the winners of the

**TiE50 Awards**

# CM Spotlight



**Venkat Tadanki**  
Managing Partner  
Anvaya Ventures, Inc.

From a successful corporate executive leading major brands at ITC and Pepsico to a dynamic serial entrepreneur with three exits under his belt, [Venkat Tadanki](#) has transitioned into a highly impactful angel investor, mentor, and advisor. His guidance and strategic investments have propelled numerous early-stage companies, including [Capillary Technologies](#), [Innovaccer](#), and [Spyne.ai](#), to significant growth and recognition, attracting substantial funding from top-tier VCs and private equity firms.

Venkat also serves as a Limited Partner in prominent VC funds like [Filter Capital](#) and [Accel India](#), further facilitating capital access for scaling startups. His deep understanding of business, coupled with his entrepreneurial experience and academic rigor (MBA from IIM Kolkata, BA Hons Economics from St. Stephen's), makes him a sought-after mentor and speaker in the startup ecosystem.



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