

SVCE Events - Fall 2025

Journey of Leadership

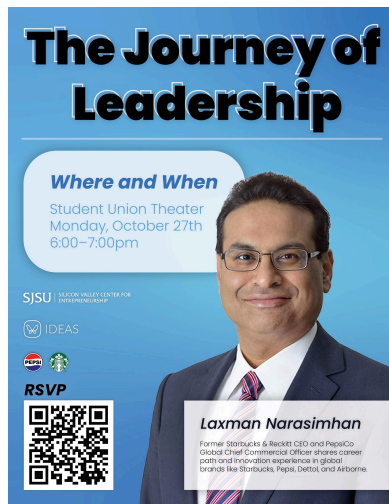
When: Monday, October 27, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00 p.m.

Where: SJSU Student Union Theater

Register [here](#)

Speaker: [Laxman Narasimhan](#), former CEO of Starbucks & Reckitt, and former Global Chief Commercial Officer of PepsiCo



Leading a Global Startup

When: Monday, October 13, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00 p.m.

Where: SJSU Student Union Theater

Register [here](#)

Speaker: [Janine Pelosi](#), CEO, Neat

Speaker's Bio:



Janine Pelosi is CEO of Neat. Janine has nearly two decades of experience in the technology industry, most recently serving as Chief Marketing Officer of Zoom from 2015 to 2023. During her tenure at Zoom, she helmed the company's bold brand strategy, powerful demand engines, and e-commerce business that fueled its transformation into a globally recognized enterprise. She served as part of the early founding team and was a key executive navigating Zoom in its early stages, to its successful IPO, and through the massive growth experienced during the global pandemic. Prior to joining Zoom, Pelosi led global demand generation at Webex, before and after its acquisition by Cisco. Building on her experience overseeing Zoom's corporate responsibility initiatives, she serves as a board member for technology-focused NGOs. Pelosi also works with early-stage founders as an advisor and investor. In 2020, Pelosi was named one of the most innovative CMOs in the world by Business Insider and included in Fortune's 40 Under 40. Pelosi holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from San Jose State University.

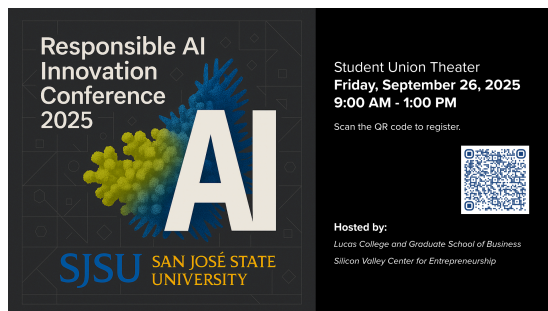
Responsible Innovation in AI Conference

When: Friday, September 26, 2025

Time: 9:00am - 1:00 p.m.

Where: SJSU Student Union Theater

Register [here](#)



Press:

[Tech Talk: When Tech Gets Thoughtful – 2025 Responsible Innovation in AI Conference](#) (Siliconeer)

Taking the Leap into Entrepreneurship: My Journey

When: Monday, September 15, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00 p.m.

Where: SJSU Student Union Theater

Register [here](#)

Speaker: Rajeev Madhavan, co-founder & General Partner, Clear Ventures.

Speaker's Bio:



Rajeev Madhavan is a founding Partner of Clear Ventures, where he focuses on early stage technology investments. Rajeev has operational experience of running companies from formation to a public company. He has been a venture investor in over 35 companies. Rajeev's operational specialties include recruiting, software-oriented technology, product definition, sales acceleration, and scaling.

Prior to founding Clear in 2014, Rajeev founded three successful startups. The most recent, Magma Design Automation, became the 4th largest Electronic Design Automation company in the world under his leadership. Rajeev served as Magma's Chairman and CEO from when he co-founded the company in 1997 through its acquisition by Synopsys in February 2012 for \$680 million. Magma was listed on Nasdaq in 2001 and was ranked as the 2nd fastest growing Technology Company in 2005 by Forbes. Magma provided core infrastructure software to mobile pioneers such as TI, Qualcomm, Apple, and Samsung, which was used to design the core processors and low power designs at the heart of the smartphone era.

An event poster with a blue gradient background. At the top left is the SJSU Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship logo. At the top right is the IDEAS logo. The title 'Taking the leap into Entrepreneurship: My Journey' is centered in white. Below the title is a circular portrait of Rajeev Madhavan. To the right of the portrait is his name and title: 'Rajeev Madhavan (Co-Founder & General Partner @ Clear Ventures)'. Below the portrait, the event details are listed: 'September 15th, 6-7 PM @ SU Theater'. To the right of the details is a QR code. At the bottom right is the URL 'https://bit.ly/svce15'.

SVCE Events - Spring 2025

Scaling With Soul

When: Monday, March 18, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00 p.m.

Where: SJSU Student Union Theater

Speaker: [Sharon K. Gillenwater](#), author of “*Scaling With Soul: How I Built and Sold a \$25 Million Tech Company Without Being an A**hole.*”

Speaker's Bio:

At age 43, Sharon founded Boardroom Insiders, Inc., her third startup. She ran the company for 14 years before selling it in 2022 in a \$25 million cash deal. Sharon has over two decades of entrepreneurial experience that includes both successes and spectacular failures. The conversation with Sharon will cover VC funding vs. bootstrapping, tips for finding key investors/partners/vendors/employees, managing your mindset as an entrepreneur, how to build a company to sell and more! Bring your questions as most of the session will be devoted to Q&A. This is a rare opportunity to dive deep with someone who has been there, done that.

The poster is for the event "Scaling with Soul" at SJSU. It features a blue background with a black header. The header includes the SJSU logo, "SILICON VALLEY CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP", a butterfly icon, and "IDEAS". The title "Scaling with Soul" is in large white font. Below the title is a photo of Sharon K. Gillenwater, a woman with blonde hair wearing a red shirt. To the right of the photo, text reads: "Learn about bootstrapping, VC funding & how to build a company to sell". Below the photo, her name "Sharon K. Gillenwater" and title "Author/Founder/CEO" are listed. At the bottom left, a clock icon indicates "Tues, March 18 6-7pm" and a location pin icon indicates "Student Union Theater". At the bottom right is a QR code and the URL "bit.ly/sharon2025".

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Tues, March 18 6-7pm
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bit.ly/sharon2025

The Next Big Entrepreneurial Opportunities

When: Monday, February 10, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00 p.m.

Where: SJSU Student Union Theater

[Register here](#)

Speaker: [Ashmeet Sidana](#), Founder & Managing Partner of Engineering Capital, a seed stage Venture Capital fund.

Speaker's Bio:

Ashmeet is the Founder and Chief Engineer of Engineering Capital. Investing before traditional venture firms, Engineering Capital specializes in leading seed rounds in software companies with a technical insight. Ashmeet's experience includes running venture capital funds and leadership positions helping build the industry leading products VMware ESX Server and Silicon Graphics WebFORCE.

Ashmeet came to venture from VMware, where he ran product management for their flagship product - ESX Server. His successful investments include Azure (IPO AZRE), Rubrik (IPO RBRK), SignalFx, acquired by Splunk, Tubi.tv, acquired by FOX, AirGap, acquired by ZScaler, Robust Intelligence acquired by Cisco etc. He serves on the Board of Directors of Evinced, Nexla, Tapistro and WideField. His other investments include Asimily, CtrlStack, Kentik, Kognitos, Menlo Security, vFunction, and Xano – in all of which he was the seed investor.

Ashmeet received an MBA from Wharton with Honors, MS in Computer Science from Stanford University, and a BS in Computer Science summa cum laude from the University of Southern California. In his spare-time he can be found planning his second trip to Mt. Everest.