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# FASTERCON17

Filipino Americans in Silicon Valley Tech Conference

**OCTOBER 14, 2017**  
**SATURDAY**

## FASTERCON

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FASTERCON is the annual conference hosted at UC Berkeley by FASTER (Filipino Americans in Silicon Valley Tech) which aims to create, connect, and cultivate a valuable movement of Filipino Americans in the technology industry, with a focus on the San Francisco Bay Area / Silicon Valley. Every year, our conference highlights and celebrates the work of leading Filipino American technology professionals making an impact on the tech industry and seeks to strengthen our collective and tech professional network.

## AGENDA

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The agenda will include several workshops on branding and professional development, panels about entrepreneurship and engineering, and an evening community networking mixer featuring Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality (AR/VR/MR/XR) artists and developers.

# SCHEDULE

## REGISTRATION + BRUNCH

### FASTER'S MISSION & VISION

Erin Jerri Malonzo Pangilinan  
FASTER Co-Founder (Cal '08), Entrepreneur

Carlos Miguel Lasa  
Faster Co-Founder (Cal '16, MIMS)  
Technical Program Manager, Twitter

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL

Introduction: Denny Roja  
Philippine Development Foundation Board Trustee

Moderator: Kendrick Kho  
Head of Data, Hone Capital

### PANELISTS

Reshma Khilnani  
Founder + CTO, MedXT acquired by Box, YC W13

Rey Faustino  
Founder + CEO, OneDegree, YC W14

### ENGINEERING PANEL

Introduction: Jesse Ante  
Retired, Mentor for Cal Students (Cal '70)

Moderator: Carlos Miguel Lasa  
Twitter, TPM | Founder of Filipinos at Twitter

### PANELISTS

Nathan Murthy  
Software Engineer, Tesla, SolarCity (Cal '10)

Noelle Sio Saldana  
Principal Data Scientist, Pivotal

Katrina Montinola  
Former VP Engineering, Archimedes  
(Former Director of Engineering, Oracle)

## WELCOME REMARKS

Celynne Layug  
Philippine Dept. of Trade and Industry Commissioner

Emcee: Romeo Marquez Jr.  
Emcee, International Speaker

The Filipino Channel (TFC)

## LUNCH



## BREAKOUT #1 - BRANDING WORKSHOPS

### OPTION A: JOB SEARCH TIPS AND HOW-TOS

Resume Critique/Whiteboarding/  
Portfolio Review -  
Mentor + Mentee Session

### OPTION B: PITCHING

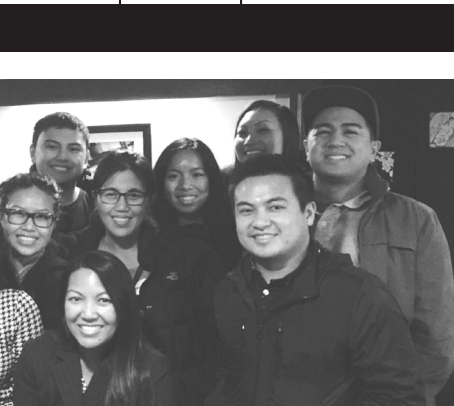
Pitch yourself -  
Pitch a company, your idea!

Facilitated by:

Christina Laskowski

President, Science Technology Advisory Council  
(STAC-SV)

## CLOSING REMARKS



## BREAK

## BREAKOUT #2 - MENTORSHIP + PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

### OPTION A: EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY

Tech Verticals:

Biotech, Software and Hardware  
Engineering, Design, Business  
Development/Sales/Marketing,  
IP Law, Other Fields

Facilitated by: Michelle Florendo  
President/Chair, Stanford Pilipino Alumni Network

### OPTION B: MENTORSHIP

How to seek mentorship you need  
to advance your career

## COMMUNITY NETWORKING MIXER + VR/AR/MR/XR DEMO SHOWCASE SESSION

Curated By: Erin Jerri

Malonzo Pangilinan

Co-Founder, ARVR Academy

## DESIGNERS/DEVELOPERS/ARTISTS

Neilda Pacquing

AR VR MR Evangelist, SparkWorks Creative, Former  
UX Designer, Sephora, Bank of America

Jewel Lim

Oculus Launchpad Participant

Troy Norcross

Co-Founder, GameHearts LLC

Jomar Sevilla

Lead Software Engineer, STRIVR (Stanford '15)

# FASTER ALUMNI ORGANIZERS

Erin is a proud Silicon Valley native born and raised, a computational software designer and software engineer hybrid, data creative, and entrepreneur. She is working on a stealth project at the intersection of artificial intelligence (AI), augmented reality, and biotech, focused on advancing Alzheimer's research. In addition to co-founding FASTER, she co-founded another education and professional development organization, ARVR Academy, which focuses on

women and underrepresented communities in the immersive and emerging tech industry. She previously worked in electoral and issue-based campaigns for over 5 years in a variety of roles. In 2014, she served as official campaign staff for former Deputy U.S. Secretary of Commerce, now Congressman Ro Khanna. Erin earned her BA from UC Berkeley where she served on the Steering Committee of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Alumni Association ('09-'15). As a student, she was active as Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC) Co-Founder, a member of PAA, PASS, P4, {m}aganda magazine, hardboiled, APASD, Theatre Rice, and CalSERVE.

## ERIN JERRI

### MALONZO PANGILINAN

ENTREPRENEUR  
ARVR ACADEMY AND  
FASTER CO-FOUNDER



## CARLOS

### MIGUEL LASA

TWITTER, TP MANAGER  
FILIPINOS AT TWITTER FOUNDER  
FASTER CO-FOUNDER

He graduated with a degree in Computer Science from the University of the Philippines and a master's degree from the UC Berkeley School of Information, where he focused on human-computer interaction and built products at the nexus of technology and social good.

Charity is a Senior Consultant & Manager at BSI, sharing her expertise of over 25 years as a health and safety professional with all industries in Silicon Valley including energy, technology, biotech, communications, manufacturing, construction, healthcare, and government. She has a passion for community, and believes in building the pipeline of future Filipinx professionals and leaders. As President of the Cal Pilipino American Alumni Chapter (PAAC),

## CHARITY

### NICOLAS

PRESIDENT  
CAL PILIPINO ALUMNI  
CHAPTER (CAL PAAC)



Charity sponsors events for alumni networking, promotes alumni-student mentorship, and offers student scholarships. Charity hails from UC Berkeley with a degree in Integrative Biology, and holds a Masters Degree in Environmental & Occupational Health from UH Manoa. She previously served as the Assistant Risk Manager at Contra Costa County for 15 years. She also trained at the CDC, where she traveled the US investigating new and emerging occupational diseases.



# MICHELLE FLORENDO

STANFORD PILIPINO ALUMNI  
NETWORK (SPAN) CHAIR

Michelle is an engineer by trade, Type-A management consultant, and Fortune 500 brand marketer... turned career coach. Michelle started her own career consulting firm, What If You Could, LLC. With a BS in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University, and an MBA from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, Michelle uses analytical expertise, careful questioning, and personal experience to

help her clients craft fulfilling careers. Over the years, Michelle has led workshops showing hundreds of driven professionals how to find jobs that satisfy them. Last year she served on the inaugural coaching team for Seth Godin's altMBA, a five-week intensive workshop for change-makers around the world. Michelle also works with Management Leadership for Tomorrow, coaching talented under-represented minorities into tech careers. Michelle is a winner of the Global FWN100 award, given annually to the 100 most influential Filipinas in the world. She was a member of Stanford's Pilipino American Student Union (PASU), UC Berkeley's Pilipino American Graduate Student Association (PAGaSA), and sits on the Advisory Board for Stanford's Pilipino Alumni Network (SPAN).

## SPEAKERS: PANELISTS + FACILITATORS

Denny is a recovering Venture Capitalist and a reformed Venture Lawyer. He leads the Silicon Valley practice of the Halloran Farkas + Kittila, a boutique law firm based in Palo Alto. His sweet spot is tech startups; his passion is entrepreneurs. He advises startups and their founders from birth to venture financing to an M&A exit. He specializes with the VC mindset, and understands how they invest. Once funded, he helps them gain market traction and grow

globally. His passion for startups goes global, ultimately to the Philippines. As trustee of PhilDev, he leads the team that is installing a Silicon Valley-type ecosystem for startups and entrepreneurs in the Philippines. His background includes an MBA from Stanford, a JD from Fordham Law School in New York, and Engineering at Georgia Tech and University of Washington. He is an avid ballroom dancer, and he does Argentine Tango, Salsa, Samba, Waltz, Swing etc. He was attorney to two-time Dancing with the Stars Champion Cheryl Burke and board chairman of Cheryl Burke Dance.

# DENNY ROJA

VENTURE CAPITALIST  
PHILDEV BOARD TRUSTEE



Kendrick Geluz Kho spent his childhood between Manila and the San Francisco Bay Area. From this bicultural upbringing, he entered Stanford University, studying energy technology with the intention of improving living conditions in emerging nations. In the years following, he spent time working in renewable energy, virtual reality, and management consulting. He holds a MS in Management Science and Engineering, a BS in Earth Systems, and a BS in Science, Technology, and Society, all from Stanford. Currently a venture capitalist (and Head of Data) at Hone Capital, Kendrick aims to – one day – help fledgling companies in South-east Asia. He is particularly interested in fintech, blockchain, and ML/AI startups. Outside of his work, Kendrick enjoys playing multiple sports, including football and soccer. He’s also an avid traveler and has visited over twenty-five countries. Feel free to reach out to him on LinkedIn!

# KENDRICK GELUZ KHO

HEAD OF DATA  
HONE CAPITAL



# RESHMA KHI LNANI

FOUNDER + CTO  
MEDXT, ACQUIRED BY BOX  
YC W13

Reshma is a Software Engineer at Box where she is bringing viewing and rendering for medical data formats to the Box platform (think X-Rays and Pathology Slides). Prior to Box, Reshma was co-founder and CTO of MedXT, a medical software company which was acquired by Box in fall 2014. Reshma has had a variety of experiences as a software professional including roles at Facebook and Microsoft. Reshma has a B.S. and

M.Engg from MIT and is an Alumnus of YCombinator, with her company MedXT.

Rey launched One Degree to ensure that all families have access to services they need to overcome poverty. Rey began his career as a teacher and later was the site director at BUILD, a college access nonprofit organization that propels low-income youth to attain a college education. Rey received his B.S. in Business Entrepreneurship from the University of Southern California and earned his Master in Public Policy from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He is an alumnus of Y Combinator, an Echoing Green Fellow, and an Education Pioneers Fellow. Rey, MPP 2012 received Harvard’s 2017 Emerging Global Leader Award. In his spare time, Rey practices yoga, plays with gadgets, and builds furniture from scratch.

# REY FAUSTINO

FOUNDER + CEO  
ONE DEGREE  
YC W14







# JESSE ANTE

ALUMNI MENTOR  
HAPPILY RETIRED

Jesse Ante graduated from Cal in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and in 1970 with a Master's in Science. He specialized in energy generation, transmission for renewable energy, distribution, Smart Grid deployment, regulation of the energy business, and regulating the Investor Owned Utilities engaged in providing energy to the CA state. Now happily retired, Jesse is taking care of his grandkids, mentoring Cal students, ballroom dancing, keeping fit at City Sport and traveling the world. Inspired by the late Grace Asuncion, he has mentored over 150 mentees and has seen them grow up as undergrads through now.

Noelle currently heads the West Coast Data Science practice for Pivotal. She worked with numerous enterprise and startup companies planning and executing their analytics initiatives, presented at several industry conferences, and helped hire and train a global Data Science team. She has expertise in combining disparate data sets (e.g. digital, manual, text) and using predictive analytics to drive both internal processes and end user experiences for companies across industry verticals. One of her most notable projects was a collaboration with DataKind and Crisis Text Line, the first free national text line for those in crisis, to help establish their analytics framework and improve their 'intelligent switchboard' for routing texters to appropriate crisis counselors. Previously, she worked as a researcher at eHarmony and Fox Interactive Media, where she leveraged massive datasets up to the petabyte level for marketing optimization, fraud detection, and ad monetization products. She was among the first contributors to Apache MADlib, an in-database machine learning library. Noelle holds an A.B. from Washington University in Applied Mathematics and Physical Anthropology and a M.S. in Applied Mathematics from Cal Poly Pomona, where she joined the Filipino-American Student Association that happened to be both named 'Barkada.'

# NOELLE SIO SALDANA

PRINCIPAL DATA SCIENTIST  
PIVOTAL



# NATHAN MURTHY

SOFTWARE ENGINEER  
TESLA, SOLARCITY

Nathan is a software engineer with over 7 years of professional experience in the Silicon Valley Bay Area. He is currently a member of Tesla's technical staff developing service-oriented applications for integrating distributed energy resources with electrical grid systems at scale. He is passionate about sustainable energy and has built software for startups, big companies, commercial R&D teams, and academia. His favorite Filipino dish is mungo beans with greens over rice, served with sizzling pork sisig, kamote, and ampalaya. In his youth, Nathan was a volunteer producer at Houston Indymedia on 90.1 Pacifica Radio; served up meals with Food Not Bombs; and held brief stints with Amigos de las Américas, CalServe, Berkeley Energy Resources Collaborative, and Anakbayan.

Katrina is a STAC-SV (Science and Technology Advisory Council-Silicon Valley) board member. She is also currently serving on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board and the Advisory Board of the Georgia Tech College of Computing. She has held various software engineering and software engineering management positions in Silicon Valley since 1990. Her latest one was VP of Engineering at Archimedes, Inc., a software simulation company focused on healthcare decision-making funded by Kaiser Permanente. She is a named inventor on two software patents. Her area of specialization is computer networking. She graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Information and Computer Science in 1988.

# KATRINA MONTINOLA

FORMER VP OF ENGINEERING  
ARCHIMEDES



# CHRISTINA LASKOWSKI

PRESIDENT  
STAC SILICON VALLEY

and women founders. She serves on the

board of FYLPRO and STAC Silicon Valley. Christina Laskowski is a strategic advisor and senior consultant with 20 years of project management and transaction execution experience that led to referral clients and consulting engagements with Levi Strauss & Co., LeapFrog Enterprises, PayPal, ServiceNow and PG&E. She is passionate about empowerment and entrepreneurship, and extends project consulting and advisory assistance to various non-profits, entrepreneurs

Neilda is a Product Designer and AR/VR/MR evangelist with a passion for creating immersive experiences. Her skill set ranges from UX/product design, mobile and web prototyping, and business development. She enjoys exploring how emerging technologies such as AR/VR/MR can be accessible and beneficial to society—especially in education. She believes that with the right application, it's possible to provide people with “superpowers” in their daily lives.

# NEILDA PACQUING

AR VR MR EVANGELIST  
SPARKWORKS CREATIVE  
FORMER UX DESIGNER





# JEWEL LIM

FACEBOOK, OCULUS VR  
LAUNCHPAD FELLOW

Pixar, DreamWorks, and the SF Conservatory. “Found” was featured in Oculus Connect 3’s keynote and awarded Best Motion Picture: Fantasy & Sci-Fi at Cinequest Film & VR Festival 2017.

Co-Founder of GameHearts, Troy Norcross combines a creative approach to UI with a strong coding background. He designed a completely new method of interfacing with environments while working on a 3D model viewer for cardboard VR. Working with Stanford Research Center on a virtual reality neuroscience experiment. Also, one of his favorite Filipino foods is between smoked milkfish and sinigang.

# TROY NORCROSS

CO-FOUNDER  
GAMEHEARTS LLC



# JOMAR SEVILLA

LEAD ENGINEER  
STRIVR

Jomar Sevilla grew up in LA, as a first-generation Filipino in a large family of ten. At Stanford, he was heavily involved in the Pilipino-American Student Union (PASU). He graduated in 2015 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and then became the first software engineer at STRIVR, which creates Virtual Reality training products for professional athletes and corporate employees. He embraces engineering at a startup,

including all the last-minute deadlines and high-pressure scenarios. His goal is to become a key contributor to a billion dollar product. On his personal time, he enjoys reading, riding, tinkering with machines, and throwing around blockchain business ideas with his friends. Feel free to reach out!

# STUDENT COORDINATORS



**JAY MANTUHAC**

EVENT ORGANIZER/LIAISON  
UC BERKELEY 2019

Jay studies Integrative Biology in UC Berkeley, conducting his own research with Asian American & Pacific Islander Health Research Group. Currently, he is PASAE's Science Representative and liaison to FASTER. He is involved in the Pil Community outreach events like PASO, Senior Weekend and FED Shadow. In his spare time, he enjoys dancing and going on (food) adventures.



**ANGELICA SANTOS**

EVENT ORGANIZER  
UC BERKELEY 2020

Angelica is a student majoring in Environmental Science and Southeast Asian Studies. As PASS' External Relations Coordinator, her goal is to maintain relationships with people & organizations outside Berkeley. She is also involved in many Pil Community events and outreach. Her favorite meal of the day is a photogenic brunch, and she likes camping and watching Netflix.



**SHEENA GONZALEZ**

GRAPHIC DESIGNER  
UC BERKELEY 2020

Sheena intends to study Computer Science, with particular interests in applying art to Game Development. As PASAE's Public Relations Officer, she specializes in advertising and ensuring organization and event visibility. Designs include FASTERCON's banner, FB event cover and print program. She enjoys listening to OPM, making art, reading manga, and playing with her two dogs.



**ISABEL BAGSIK**

GRAPHIC DESIGNER  
UC DAVIS 2016

Isabel is a designer interested by the intersection of visual communication, social justice, and identity/branding. She hopes to design for underrepresented communities, so that their voices and issues are heard and acted upon. She also explores her creativity outside of design through fashion & lifestyle blog. She designed FASTERCON's AR VR MR XR flyer and graphics for social media.



**IAN MACATO**

WEBMASTER  
STANFORD 2019

Ian is a first-generation/low-income student and activist at Stanford University double majoring in Symbolic Systems and Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, with a concentration in Human/Computer Interaction. He is fascinated with user design and experience, and he is committed to social justice work that focuses on the collective liberation of marginalized communities.



**NICOLO ZULAYBAR**

STANFORD 2018/19

Nicolo is an undergraduate student at Stanford University studying Chemistry and Electrical Engineering. He is an Undergraduate Research Associate for Stanford and an alumni mentor for First Robotics Team 1138. In the previous years, he was a PARADIM NSF Fellow (McQueen Lab), a Network Engineering Intern for Uhana, a Hardware Engineering Intern for Stanford, and a Chemistry Research Intern for CSU Northridge.

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