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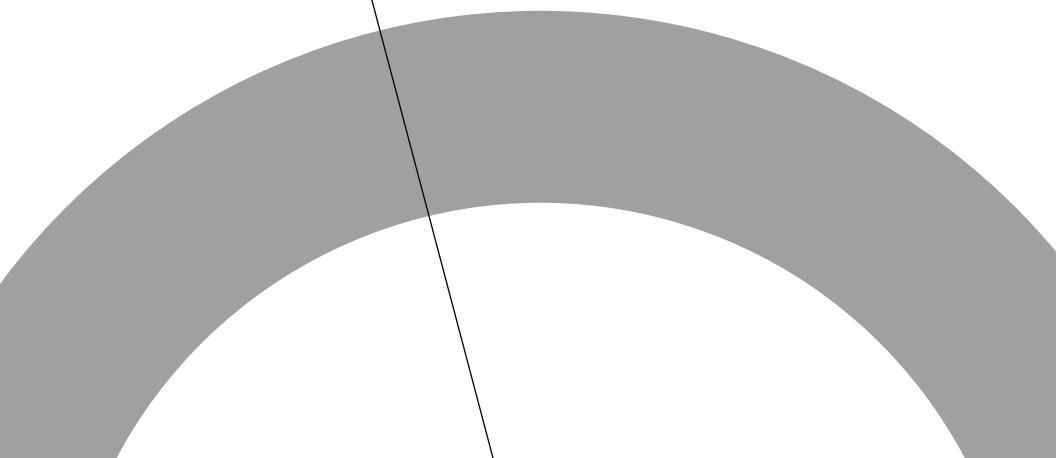Treasurer
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Welcome Remarks

Welcome to the fourth annual FASTER (*FilipinX Americans in STEAM*) Conference**, FASTERCON19**! Every year, we highlight a prominent FilipinX American entrepreneur, who has made strides in their career, as our keynote speaker. In the past years, we've been lucky to have seasoned Silicon Valley legends like Yobi Benjamin and Dado Banatao share their experiences in the tech industry. This year, we're excited to have one of our very own UC Berkeley PASAE alumni, Sabrina Atienza, to serve as our keynote speaker. Atienza was named one of *Forbes' "30 Under 30,"* and she is the founder and CEO of *Valued*, a leading AI company.

We started with humble beginnings in 2015 with a panel at UC Berkeley, and now we have grown into a national movement. This year, the FASTERCON community is expanding. *The Filipino Channel University* (TFCU) *Mentorship Program*, *Kollective Hustle* and our organization filed as non-profit, and are now officially launching a chapter in New York with more on the way (including Los Angeles) in order to encompass more of the FilipinX American community where we thrive and lead: at the intersection of media, entertainment, and technology. With our pitch session, starting with young venture capitalists, Kendrick Kho (Global Founders Capital) and Dan Gonzales (VU), two *YCombinator*-backed Pinoy founders, Rajiv Ayanggar (*Tandem*, YC S19) and Brian Gamido (*Yardbook*, YC W16), Mika Reyes (partner at *Cognity Labs*, a virtual accelerator for Philippine-based AI companies) and launch of our *FASTER FRESH* entrepreneurship this November, we hope to encourage more FilipinX Americans to be part of the next wave of tech entrepreneurs and make their unique impact on technology and business.

This year's theme, **"On FIRE"** (*Filipinx Americans in Rising Exponential Technology*), explores the idea of mapping where FilipinX Americans in tech innovation will take us in the next decade. Our community professionals are making strides in key positions of leadership across all roles (from STEM fields to business, arts, entertainment, diversity, inclusion, and more). With that, we're proud to have gathered up-and-coming professionals to help the next generation enter careers in the newest, most cutting edge parts of technology.

- FASTER National Board of Directors,
Executive Leadership

SCHEDULE

9:00	**BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**
9:45	**WELCOME REMARKS**

Romeo Marquez
The Filipino Channel University (TFCU), UCLA alumnus

9:50	**FASTER REMARKS**

Erin Jerri Malonzo Pangilinan
FASTER Founder & President, "Creating AR & VR" Editor, Cal ℅ '09

Charity Nicolas
BSI-EHSS, Senior EHS Consultant, Cal PAAC President

Donny Rojo
Amazon Sr TPM, FASTER Treasurer, Univ. of Washington alumnus

10:25	**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Sabrina Atienza
Founder & CEO of Valued, Forbes 30 Under 30, Cal ℅ 2013

11:15	**BREAKOUT SESSION 1**
12:00	**LUNCH**
1:00	**SPONSOR REMARKS**

Paul Villacarlos
WorkDay, Vice President

1:10	**PHILIPPINE CONSULATE REMARKS**

Jed Llona
Department of Foreign Service Affairs

1:30	**BREAKOUT SESSION 2**
2:20	**BREAKOUT SESSION 3**
3:10	**BREAKOUT SESSION 4**
4:00	**CLOSING REMARKS**
4:15	**HORS D'OEUVRES & NETWORKING**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1 EXPOSURE PANELS

- ⓘ Biotech
- ⊖ Gaming, Arts & Entertainment (AR/VR/MR/XR)
- ⊘ AI, Data Science & Analytics
- ⊘ Software Engineering

2 HARD SKILLS WORKSHOPS

- ⊘ Whiteboarding Algorithms & Interview Prep
- ⓘ Design Portfolio Critique
- ⊖ Personal Branding

3 SOFT SKILLS WORKSHOPS

- ⊘ From Internship to Full Time Employment
- ⓘ Resume Critique & Interview Prep Workshop
- ⊖ Overcoming Workplace Challenges: Recognizing and Mitigating Microaggressions

4 WORK CULTURE IN TECH

- ⊘ Resume Critique & Interview Prep Workshop
- ⓘ Business, Communications & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Roles Impacting Tech
- ⊖ Entrepreneurial Thinking: Pitch Workshop

ROOMS

- ⓘ *Tilden*
- ⊖ *Stephens Lounge*
- ⊘ *West Pauley Ballroom (Main)*
- ⊘ *East Pauley Ballroom*

FASTERCON19

FEATURES SPEAKERS, MODERATORS, PANELISTS & WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

Speakers

Keynote Address

SABRINA ATIENZA

Sabrina is excited about cutting-edge transformative technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Speech Recognition, and Recommendation Systems to solve massive real-world problems. She trained in Computer Science and Physics at UC Berkeley (2013). Prior to Qurious, Sabrina was a software engineer at Tealeaf (acquired by IBM for $50M) and software consultant for various tech startups. At Qurious, Sabrina raised millions in venture funding and built an amazing team that developed real-time conversational A.I. Now at Valued, Sabrina works with high-growth tech companies to build talented, diverse teams.

Her favorite reads are "The Power and the Glory" by Graham Greene and "The Way of Zen" by Alan Watts. In her spare time, she's probably binge watching Netflix, *90 Day Fiance*, running, hiking, or reading.

Sponsor Remarks (Workday)

PAUL VILLACARLOS

Lucky to be a part of Workday, a company founded on a disruptive idea of putting people at the center of enterprise software.

I lead (or stay out of the way) of the team responsible for the deployment, maintenance, and monitoring of the Workday Service. The team spans 3 regions, Auckland New Zealand, Dublin, Ireland, and Pleasanton, CA. Every system is a comprised of many pieces and my team needs to make sure that each puzzle piece fits so that the picture can be seen in its entirety by users.

Panels & Workshops

BIOTECH

ARMBIEN SABILLO

Armbien is a J.D. candidate at Berkeley Law emphasizing patent law and science policy. He helps scientists and engineers commercialize their inventions and protect their products from being copied. After graduating, he will be joining an international tech law firm in Silicon Valley. His long-term goals are to increase funding for science research and access to science education.

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RHETT PASCUAL

Rhett V. Pascual is a businessman and a mentor to the Filipino American community. He received his BA Neurobiology and PhD from the University of California at Berkeley. After 18 years in the pharmaceutical Quality field, he co-founded Calidad AI, a software company that serves the pharmaceutic al Quality Systems.

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TIM CASTILLO

Tim is a Bay Area native whose life has been heavily impacted by the stimuli of his communities and those around him. Born and raised in San Jose, Tim received his BS in Computer Science from the University of San Francisco in 2017. He currently works at Roche, where he builds data-driven software that supports oncologists by helping them make empowered decisions and treatment plans for their cancer patients.

Not pictured: **Lance Cadang**, Genentech, Analytical Chemistry, Technical Development Research Associate

ENTERTAINMENT: GAMING, ARTS & MARKETING

IAN TORRES

Ian Torres is a software engineer at Riot Games, working on an unannounced R&D project. He also leads FAR, Riot's Filipino ERG. Ian was an active member of Stanford's Pilipino American Student Union for all four years of undergrad, and is excited to keep participating in the Fil-Am community as a professional! If you see Ian, chat him up about freestyle rap, urban/hip hop dance, and Super Smash Bros. Melee.

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JASMINE MAYO

Jasmine has worked in the tech industry for over 10 years focusing on the video game space for nine. She has experience leading PR and community management as well as business development including fundraising, investment evaluations and strategic partnerships. She has worked both in startups and in large companies such as Electronic Arts, NetEase, Storm8 and SEGA. Over the years, she launched over 100 games and projects. Now, Jasmine is the head of the gaming division at GameOn Technology, a venture-backed SaaS startup that focuses on making chat applications for sports and game companies.

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CHRIS BULAON

UC Davis Engineering alum now working as Technical Marketing Engineer at Intel with 20+ years of marketing experience. A nerd that loves basketball, Star Wars, board games, and road cycling.

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MICHAEL BEADLE

Michael Beadle is a Director of Public Relations at Ubisoft. He has been with Ubisoft for more than 16 years and has helped launch a number of Ubisoft's biggest franchises, including *Assassin's Creed, Just Dance* and Tom Clancy's *The Division.* Beadle currently oversees a team that handles Corporate Communications, Product Launches and Ubisoft Film & Television. Outside of work, Beadle enjoys following Bay Area sports, video games, dancing, playing guitar & drums and singing along to musicals.

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GIOVANNI NAKPIL

Giovanni Nakpil is a 3D Artist working at Oculus. He is profoundly influenced by the magic of sci-fi and horror films. His multidisciplinary career led him to various art positions across the United States, such as digital model supervisor at Industrial Light and Magic (ILM). Giovanni has worked on principal creatures for "Star Trek" and "The Avengers," among other notable Hollywood films. He has also designed and built video game assets for Valve Corporation.

IAN GOMEZ

Ian Gomez has over 10 years of sales and marketing experience in tech and luxury retail. He is the Director of Integrated Marketing at H2O.ai where he leads programs that create demand, accelerate sales pipeline and drives revenue.

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ERIN PANGILINAN

Erin is a computational designer and software engineer hybrid. She is a stealth startup founder advancing Alzheimer's research through AI and spatial computing. In addition to serving as the founder and President of FASTER, she also co-founded ARVR Academy, a non-profit focused on diversity and inclusion for women and underrepresented communities. She is lead co-editor and contributor of O'Reilly's *Creating Augmented and Virtual Realities*, which debuted #1 Game Programming on Amazon. Erin was previously selected as a fellow at Oculus Launch Pad and USF Data Institute's Deep Learning Program.

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STEFANIE JACINTO DEO

Stefanie is a Senior Data Analyst at QuinStreet with four years of past experience in market research. She got her BA in Psychology at Ateneo de Manila University and her MS in Stats from San Jose State University. Stefanie has a passion for clean code, and is always interested in finding ways to optimize. She is also an excellent writer and public speaker, and she enjoys explaining technical methods to non-technical audiences.

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NOELLE SALDANA

Noelle is the Director of Product Analytics and Data Science at Heroku (Salesforce), where she is driving how Heroku captures, analyzes, and leverages data. She previously led Pivotal's Data Science team, where she worked with numerous enterprise and startup companies in planning and executing their analytics initiatives. She is passionate about the power of Math and making it more accessible; she enjoys collaborating with other disciplines, doing pro bono work through DataKind, and doing her part to encourage students in underrepresented groups to pursue STEM careers.

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LIEZL PUZON

Liezl is a Stanford alumnus with a B.S. in Computer Science. Currently, she works at Facebook as a software engineer, where she works on Neural Machine Translation (Applied Machine Learning).

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

AARON AQUINO

Hi there! My name is Aaron, and I'm a frontend software engineer on the Gmail Web team in Sunnyvale. I enjoy using knowledge from different fields to build accessible software that makes everyday life more fun, organized, and efficient. I graduated with Stanford's class of 2018 as a Computer Science major/Spanish minor and was an active member of PASU (Pilipino American Student Union) throughout my undergrad. Outside of work you're likely to find me performing urban dance, dabbling in graphic design, journaling, or sneaking in cat naps.

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JETTE CANTILLER

I was born in Quezon City, Philippines and spent most of my early childhood in San Juan and Malabon. I came to the Bay Area in 2001 and quickly started helping out my dad setup internet services across the valley. I graduated from UC Davis with a BS in CS and joined Workday in the Summer of 2017. Recently, I moved to Workday's Boulder, Colorado campus and work in integrating human capital data across a multitude of productivity tools.

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RYAN GARAYGAY

VP of Engineering @AgilOne, a SF Bay Area based leading Customer Data Platform used by companies like Lululemon, Hugo Boss etc. My team is responsible for AgilOne's big data technology stack. Also a mentor @Plato, a company dedicated to helping engineering and product leaders in leadership and building better teams. I was born, raised and studied Electronics Engineering in the Philippines. I enjoy spending time with family, finance and seemingly random things.

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MELISSA PANGILINAN

Melissa is a software engineer at Uber's Business Money Platform team. Previously, she was at Capital One developing online applications for small businesses, API platforms for consumer products, and Capital One's flagship streaming data platform. Melissa also interned at EchoStar, where she patented her algorithm on applying artificial intelligence to television viewing habits. Outside work, Melissa volunteers with BridgeTroll, a non-profit that teaches people from underrepresented backgrounds how to code.

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JOBEL KYLE VECINO

Jobel Vecino is a full-stack software engineer at PayPal. Jobel grew up in the East Bay and attended Hercules High School, making him a Bay Area native for most of his life. His previously worked as a software engineer at a London startup that produced hearing defenders, lectured introductory Computer Science at UC Berkeley, and conducted cybersecurity policy research. In his spare time, Jobel writes short stories, goes to indie music shows, and engages in political activism. Jobel graduated with a BA in Political Science and Computer Science from UC Berkeley in 2018.

WHITEBOARDING + INTERVIEW PREP

ROSANNE BORJA

Rosanne's love of computers started as a middle-schooler building websites and storefronts on Geocities and Neopets. Fast forward a few life stages, a degree in Computer Science/Bioinformatics at the University of Waterloo, and a stint at Pivotal Labs Toronto building Android apps, and now life has come back full circle: Rosanne is back developing web frontends, but this time as a software engineer for Google.

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JC DY

Kumusta! My name's JC, which stands for Joshua Caleb (not Jesus Christ). I graduated from Cal just last fall, where I was involved with PASAE and teaching for my favorite computer science courses. Since then, I've started off my career at Google, working as a full stack engineer on the YouTube casting team. When I have downtime, I like jamming with my ukulele/piano, trying all kinds of new foods, traveling, and learning hip hop.

DESIGN PORTFOLIO CRITIQUE

JAY TORRES

With over 20 years of experience, Jay Torres continues to deliver innovative products and high-performance design teams as a Director of Product Design at Verizon, where he oversees product design architecture and initiatives for enterprise platforms. As a co-head of Verizon Media's Design Associate Program, Jay also provides mentorship and nurtures future design professionals early in their careers.

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JAMIE CRISTAL

Jamie Cristal is a designer with experience in Design Systems, Product Design, Prototyping, Illustration, Print, and Brand Identity. She is currently an Inclusive Designer at Airbnb, and previously led design initiatives at Facebook as a Design Operations Program Manager and Product Design Lead. She was also one of Yahoo's first Design Associates, where she spearheaded cultural initiatives for the greater design community and led the craftsmanship of products including Flickr, Tumblr, and Yahoo.

Not pictured: **Jonard La Rosa**, Airbnb, Product Designer

PERSONAL BRANDING

JONATHAN JAVIER

Jonathan is a UC Riverside alumnus working in Strategy and Operations at Cisco (and previously at Snapchat and Google). He also runs his own career consulting firm, Wonsulting, with a mission "to turn underdogs into winners." His passion is to help make a difference in his community, working on many initiatives including #JWoW and #WeeklyWordsofWisdom. He has led over 37 Career Development workshops, has his own speaker series called #JWoWSpeakerSeries with over 19 speaker engagements conducted/15 more planned this year, and has spoken in Jordan, Vancouver, Texas, and more.

FROM INTERNSHIP TO FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

BIANCA CURUTAN

Bianca is a Software Engineer at Postmates working on their mobile apps. She is originally from Canada and earned her B.Math. and M.Eng. degrees there, with a focus on business systems management and code generation research respectively. Her past work experience includes Fandango, Flixster/Rotten Tomatoes, and Sun Life Financial. Outside of work, Bianca is an active speaker and member of the tech community. She is also a certified yoga and lyra instructor and circus enthusiast, so you can almost always find her at the studio.

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CHRISTOPHER ROSANA

I was born and raised in United Arab Emirates. I find myself culturally diverse where I get to know and embraced the idea of exploring other cultures. I enjoy traveling where I go to various places and immerse myself on culture, food, entertainment, and art. This is the same thing as my love of exploring and learning the latest trend on new technologies and gadgets.

RESUME + INTERVIEW PREP (SESSION 3)

GINA MARIKO ROSALES

Gina is an #Entrepinay (pinay entrepreneur), events enthusiast, efficiency nerd, and nonprofit advocate. She is the Founder & Owner of Make it Mariko Events, as well as the Co-Founder & Event Producer of the Undiscovered SF Creative Night Market in SOMA Pilipinas. Gina has 10 years of experience in event planning, administration, and operations, and most recently worked as the Head of Marketing Events for Google X. Gina's mission is to curate magical, meaningful moments for the community while amplifying the voices of creatives of color through Endeavors Collective and the Entrepinays Summit.

OVERCOMING WORKPLACE CHALLENGES

ELIZABETH BAUTISTA

Elizabeth is the manager for the Operations Technology Group at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab's NERSC, which is the primary scientific computing facility for the Office of Science in the U.S. Department of Energy. The group ensures 24x7 accessibility, reliability, and security of the High Performance Systems & data storage systems. Elizabeth supports programs that involve minorities and women in STEM and advocates that the next generation of professionals have practical hands-on training as part of their education.

Not pictured: **Lizette Stai**, Palo Alto Networks, Site Reliability Engineer

RESUME + INTERVIEW PREP (SESSION 4)

REGINA FINULIAR

Regina Finuliar works as HR Business Partner at Agenus. She enjoys collaboration and engaging employees to build their talent and skillsets that align with the company's mission. As the founder of Your Filipino Professionals Association (YFPA) Scholarship Program, she continues to support the core values to connect, educate, and serve the Fil-Am professional community.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN TECH

KEVIN BENAMER

Kevin is a Global Insights Analyst under Diversity & Inclusion Hiring at Google. He graduated from UC Berkeley in 2016 with a BA in Ethnic Studies. Through his work, he wants to bring back all that he's learned to the communities that helped him grow.

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TET SALVA

Tet works as a Program Manager at WorkDay, empowering groups to solve problems through collaboration and open dialogue, and unlocking employee potential, productivity and engagement, and building high-performing teams. She has been honored as a "40 under 40" influencer for founding MomWarrior, a platform to amplify ideas, stories, and thought leadership to question the status quo and shift deep-rooted paradigms.
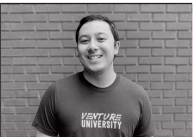
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DYAN FERRARIS

Dyan practices social justice through changing the culture in Tech, and her work was featured in the Academy of Management & the Journal of Neurosurgery. She conducted research at Columbia University on intersectionality, bias, stereotyping, and their impact on outcomes like hiring, promotion & engagement.

ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING: PITCH WORKSHOP

RAJIV AYYANGAR

Rajiv is the founder of Tandem (tandem.chat), a virtual office for remote teams, backed by Y Combinator and Andreessen-Horowitz. Previously he was a data scientist at Yahoo and a program manager at Fairchild Semiconductor. Rajiv did his undergraduate studies at Princeton in Biochemical Engineering, where he was a Banatao Scholar.

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DAN GONZALES

Dan is a first generation Filipino American born and raised in San Francisco. He graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor's in English from UC Riverside. Afterwards, he went on to work VU Venture Partners, a venture firm where he invested in five startups across different verticals and worked with entrepreneurs to create a better future.

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MIKAELA REYES

Mikaela is currently a Product Manager at LinkedIn, and was previously at Kumu & Ripcord through the KPCB Product Fellowship. On the side, she works on a virtual startup incubator for the Philippines called Cognity Labs.

Not pictured: **Brian Gamido,** Facebook, AI; Yardbook, Co-founder; DeepGram, Business Development
Kendrick Kho, Global Founders Capital, STAC-SV Board, FASTER Adviser

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Shout-outs

"Thank you to all of PASAE core and interns for truly keeping me #PASAETillIDie, to my og #core28 for introducing me to FASTER in the first place, to #prezniz"

- Corrina Calanoc

"To the FASTERCON organizing committee, FASTER, PASAE, and to you, the current reader of this program, be you a speaker, professional, or student, thank you for making this conference possible and for making the Filipino American tech community feel a bit smaller and more familiar. Also, love y'all PASAE and Core 32!"

- AJ Sales

I would like to thank everyone on the organizing committee, PASAE, FASTER and all the speakers for all of your hard work and dedication to making FASTERCON possible and an amazing event. I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone for attending! Y'all are breathtaking! And big love to PASAE and the Core 32 family!

- Travis Reyes

"Massive thank you to PASAE, FASTER, and all of the speakers for making this conference possible! Given the opportunity to be part of the FASTERCON organizing committee is a memorable experience that I'll cherish with me throughout my career. It's heartwarming to see our community come together as one to support each other. To PASAE and #Core32, I love y'all! Y'all are the best!"

- Geraldine Fabro

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