

The Computer Science Program of CSU Channel Islands presents:

Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Careers, and Startups Ventura County

a talk by
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Abstract. Innovation. Entrepreneurship. Careers. Startups and Startups Ventura County. What are those terms? How are they related to each other? Have you considered to start your career with a startup company? If you are remotely curious about these catchy phrases or interested to know more, come and join us for an easy dialogue at CSUCI on January 30. Mr. Ping Fang will lead you through these ideas and highlight what is the history, the experience, the unique features (that you can't find anywhere else) about such exciting opportunity in our backyard and, the agenda of the event this year – Startup Ventura County 2018. A key element of this event is a competition for a most likely to be invested startup idea. The top prize for the winning company is \$35,000 and the 2nd prize is \$10,000. Most importantly, how you, as an engineering student, can participate and benefit from such opportunity.

Ping Fang is the principal of a local company called TO Integrated Technologies and Solutions, which is a consulting company. In addition to traditional IT consulting, it also specializes in technology assessment and risk management of early stage high-tech companies for Chinese investors. It has developed their own proprietary assessment and risk management methodology and associated practices. By training, he is a biomedical engineer (with BS from Zhejiang University in China and MS from Rutgers University) and has worked in medical device, consulting, insurance, banking and payment industry close to 30 years. Most notable employers were Siemens Medical Systems, Allstate Insurance and Intuit/Digital Insight. He comes full circle with his career from medical device to IT and back to bioscience with Digital Health as a combination of medical device and IT business.

Ping Fang has connected with a few local entrepreneurship programs. He chaired the inaugural IEEE-BV section Entrepreneurship Program in 2016-17 and helped Startup Ventura County (formerly known as the Startup Weekend Ventura County) for the past 2 years and the current one. He was recognized by the Ventura County of Supervisors and Office of State Assemblywoman Jacqui Erwin for organizing the Inaugural Startup Weekend Ventura County in 2016.

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