

# career incubator

## Presenters



**Tanya Acker** is Of Counsel at Progress, LLP, where her practice focuses on business counseling and litigation. She also can be seen as one of the three judges on CBS Television Distribution's "Hot Bench," created and executive-produced by Judge Judith Sheindlin. Tanya received her B.A. at Howard University and graduated from Yale Law School.

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**Kaushik Bangalore** is a System Performance Lead at Northrop Grumman, Aerospace Systems. Kaushik joined Northrop in 2012, where he worked on SBIRS (Space-Based-Infrared-System) to perform thermal vacuum chamber testing and hardware integration. Kaushik continued to support ground testing and eventually supported on-orbit calibration, checkout, and software development of Infrared Focal Planes; his is now in a leadership position where he coordinates and executes an EOT (early orbit testing) campaign to calibrate, tune, and deliver the sensor to the government. Kaushik received his B.S. in Astronautical Engineering and M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California (USC).

**Paul Fitzgerald** is currently an Associate, Marketing Planning & Analysis for Netflix. Paul grew up in New Jersey before moving to Houston, Texas to attend Rice University. Upon graduation, Paul worked for the consulting firm Bain & Co. focused on projects in a variety of industries including airlines, airplane manufacturing, healthcare diagnostics, natural gas distribution, pet supplies, and semiconductors. While at Bain, Paul worked for California Pizza Kitchen on strategy and also earned his MBA from Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management. In his free time, Paul enjoys staying active outdoors (running, biking, hiking, and playing soccer), and spending time with his girlfriend and their dog.

**Aaron Greene** is an American talent manager and businessman, adept at building startups and managing all facets of touring musicians' careers. Aaron started his first company during his high school years (2004) and went on to run four other companies before starting Slush Management. Aaron manages a range of critically acclaimed talent globally and has been doing so for the past 8 years.



**Amine Issa, Ph.D.**, is co-creator of Mobalytics, winner of TechCrunch's 2016 Startup Battlefield. Born in Lebanon, Dr. Issa finished high school at 14, played video games professionally and climbed Mount Everest for research. Today he's found a way to marry his two passions – physiology and video games – to create a rewarding, challenging and unpredictable career.

**Jessica Kimball** is the Head of Diversity and Inclusion at Mattel, Inc. In her role at Mattel, she helps shape global talent strategies and builds processes and tools to execute on these strategies. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Kimball has seen first-hand how powerfully diverse perspectives can help shape a vibrant community. Kimball holds a B.A. from Yale University and an M.B.A. from UCLA Anderson School of Management.



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**Steve Saldivar** is interested in arts, culture and ideas. He served as the Getty's first social media coordinator. Previously he was a producer for Frontline/WORLD. Saldivar received his B.A. in English from UC Berkeley. Steve thought he was going to live in Walden Pond like his favorite author. Instead, he stayed and graduated from the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, where he fell in love with all the ways to tell a story. Originally from East Los Angeles, he can still be seen walking down Whittier Boulevard eating shrimp burritos from Tacos Baja.



**Efran Tash** is a Food Scientist with Beachbody and is responsible for the research and development of nutrition products including Shakeology, Beachbody's largest meal replacement shake brand. As a Food Scientist, Efran works on a multitude of projects, including the development of new products, ensuring products meet FDA standards, and resolving issues at the manufacturing plant. Efran serves as the committee chair for a number of groups within the local section of the food science professional group, IFT. Efran earned his B.S. in Food Science and Technology from UC Davis.

**Kim Yamasaki** is the Executive Director of the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE). In her position, Kim manages and oversees the entire organization, including staff, programs, and fundraising efforts. Kim is passionate about finding creative and innovative ways to appeal to the younger generation of future community leaders and voters. Kim was born and raised in Los Angeles and received her B.A. in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations and a minor in Asian Languages (Korean) from UCLA. She serves on the Board of Directors for Kizuna, a local nonprofit organization for Japanese American youth empowerment, and the Community Advisory Council for SoCalGas.

