

Science and Engineering Council of Santa Barbara: February Luncheon

Elephant Bar Restaurant, Thursday February 11, 2010; 12:00-1:30

----- THIS MONTH'S TOPIC -----

Technical Employment in Santa Barbara - 2010

We continue the panel format for our always-popular and informative annual employment program. We will have the Science and Engineering Council's own Gary Kravetz as moderator, plus a panel of technical recruiters and human resources managers from local technical companies. The panel will discuss their views on the Santa Barbara technical job marketplace. How is the national slowdown affecting the Santa Barbara technical job market? What kinds of jobs are still in demand and what jobs are now hard to find? What is the prediction for technical employment in the future?



----- PRESENTERS -----

Our moderator **Gary Kravetz** is the former CEO of NCC Executive Search and Santa Barbara Staffing. He currently is an active member of SCORE, Tech Coast Angels & several technical company boards of directors. Prior to his last 15 years as a recruiter, Gary was an Engineering manager at Hughes Aircraft and at his own engineering design company. Gary is Co-President of the Science and Engineering Council. His panel is expected to include:

Karen Anne Platt, CFO, Appfolio: AppFolio creates complete, easy-to-use, software-as-a-service business solutions for multiple vertical markets. Investors include Cisco Systems, BV Capital and the Investment Group of Santa Barbara. Karen Anne's background prior to Appfolio includes work as CFO at Network Hardware Resale and earlier at Sansum Medical Foundation and Clinic.

Dixie Vargas, Corporate Recruiter, Lynda.com: Lynda.com provides resources for learning, mastering and applying digital tools and techniques.

Dan Munoz, Recruiting & Staffing Specialist, FLIR: FLIR's Santa Barbara, CA facility is home to the Commercial Vision Systems (CVS) Division. FLIR provides infrared camera products for security and surveillance, maritime, law enforcement, and various automotive applications. The Santa Barbara Division manufactures and designs infrared detector technologies as well as camera cores and components.

Erma Zuniga, Director of Human Resources for Bega Lighting: 60-year-old Bega employs some 110 people in Goleta; Erma Zuniga has served as the Director of Human Resources for BEGA over the last 3 years. Mrs. Zuniga has nearly 20 years of Human Resources experience in the hospitality and manufacturing sectors.

----- OTHER INFORMATION -----



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-- near airport administration, in Goleta.

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From the Co-Presidents: We look forward to seeing you at the February meeting. As usual, we expect a good turnout for Gary's annual technology talk – February's panel discussion should be very informative. So please come early to get a good seat.

It's membership renewal time so if you haven't sent in your renewal we would appreciate receiving it as soon as possible and – as always – please consider making a contribution to the SEC's Scholarship Fund. A big "thank you" to those who have renewed and made contributions to the Scholarship Fund. **Tim Murphy and Gary Kravetz**

Please Note: luncheon seating is limited and available on a first-come basis

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