Dinners with Anteaters: Alumni in Tech
Tuesday, May 19, 6-7 p.m. PDT

Nithin Jilla ’13
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Nithin Jilla obtained his B.S. in Computer Science at the University of California, Irvine. Nithin has an interest in technology, education and enjoys working collectively with leaders to bring about positive impact. He aspires to build models and systems that are sustainable and empower the next generation of youth to become leaders in their local community. He is a passionate educator and social entrepreneur who champions educating and empowering the next generation of innovators. He serves as the Founder & Executive Director of Dreams for Schools. In addition, Nithin also serves on several non-profit and advisory boards which include OC Grantmakers, Harbor Day School, The National Asian American Community (NAAC) Foundation, and the UC Irvine Young Alumni Council Board.

Samantha Luu ’13
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Samantha discovered an enjoyment working with others after her involvement with student government in high school. This involvement carried over when attending UCI, where Samantha served in the Student Services branch under the Associated Students of UC Irvine as a Business Marketing intern to being a Commissioner. Throughout her undergraduate career, Samantha has also worked alongside the Career Center, the Native American Indian Resource Program, and is a proud sister of Pi Beta Phi.

Graduating in 2013 with a degree in Business Economics and a minor in Psychology and Social Behavior, Samantha’s eclectic background in event planning and marketing helped transition her strengths in project execution and communication into a professional career focused in human resources and recruitment. She has also recently completed a certification in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.
Raj Parekh ’19
Business Technology Analyst at Deloitte Consulting
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Originally from Mumbai, India, Raj graduated from UCI in 2019 with majors in Quantitative Economics, Data Science and Mathematics. He was the founder of the UCI branch of 180 Degrees Consulting and led a team of UCI students for over 2 years to help several nonprofits in the Orange County area with pro-bono strategic and operational planning. He was also involved with several other organizations on-campus and pursued research under Dr. Harding on poverty prediction models for third-world countries.

He is currently serving as a Business Technology Analyst at Deloitte Consulting in New York City where he focuses on supporting multinational organizations with the implementation of management and technology solutions.

Outside of work, Raj is an avid reader and likes to get involved in a variety of activities to push himself out of his comfort zone. He plays the piano, is trained in Bollywood dancing and has also been a child actor for a Bollywood movie, TV show and multiple advertisements. Lastly, in his free time, Raj loves to mentor and support high school students in India and encourage them to pursue an education abroad (particularly at UCI).

Van Hoang ’95
Lead Software Engineer at CCC Information Services
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Van Hoang has 23 years of experience in Information Technology with over 15 years focus on J2EE technology as a principal developer. Currently she serves as a lead software engineer at CCC Information Services. She works on the artificial Intelligence side using the rule engine to create flexible templates for insurance companies to write rules/policies without having to write code. She has also worked on front end, back end systems on various platforms using many programing languages. She graduated from UCI with a B.S. in Computer Science in 1995.