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Dinner

Awards Ceremony

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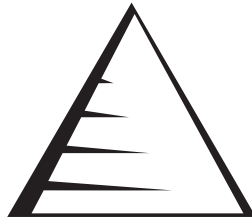
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SOUTH COAST BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2026 South Coast Business & Technology Awards ceremony! Each year, we gather at this popular event to celebrate innovation and success in our local business community, while investing in the business and technology leaders of tomorrow. And each year we leave feeling inspired and grateful to be part of such a dynamic regional economy.

Like their predecessors, this evening's awardees embody the extraordinary talent, ingenuity, diligence, and community spirit that are very much in abundance here on the South Coast.

As has been the case for 25 years, net proceeds from this event will benefit the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. Since 2001, SCBT sponsorships have funded more than \$3.5 million in college scholarships for some 1,300 Santa Barbara County students pursuing degrees in a variety of fields. Many of these students will one day attend this event as members of our local business community. Some may even take the stage to receive an award.

The rising cost of earning a college degree is increasingly beyond the means of area students and families. Your support of the Scholarship Foundation is more critical than ever. Education enhances both productivity and prosperity, resulting in stronger communities.

On behalf of the Scholarship Foundation's Board of Directors and staff, I would like to thank this year's SCBT Committee members for their hard work in the months leading up to tonight's ceremony. Our thanks as well to this year's sponsors. We appreciate your support!

Thank you for being with us this evening.



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Gabe Dominocielo & David Langan, 2025

Andrew Firestone & Jess Parker, 2024

Guillaume de Zwirek, 2023

Michael Crandell, 2022

James Rogers, 2020-21

Kevin O'Connor, 2019

Guy De Mangeon, 2018

Adam Firestone & David Walker, 2017

Sandra Hirsch, 2016

Ken Babcock, 2015

Victor Schaff, 2014

Barbara Rosenblum, 2013

Klaus Schauser, 2012

Bruce Willard, 2011

Lynda Weinman, 2010

Sara Miller McCune, 2009

Brent Reichard, 2008

Anant Yardi, 2007

James G.P. Dehlsen, 2006

Karl Willig, 2005

Killick S. Datta, 2004

David Y. Wong, 2003

William J. Parrish, 2002

John E. Bowers, 2001

John L. MacFarlane, 2000

Michael Klein, 1999

Yulun Wang, Ph.D., 1998



William Wang



William Wang is the founder and CEO of ChipAgents, an AI-native platform redefining how semiconductors are designed and verified. ChipAgents is pioneering the use of coordinated AI agent teams that reason over RTL, verification flows, and system specifications, enabling engineers to debug faster, scale verification, and dramatically accelerate tape-out timelines.

William brings a rare blend of academic depth and operational execution. He is a tenured professor and senior AI faculty member specializing in large language models, generative AI, and multi-agent systems, with research contributions that have shaped real-world deployments at leading technology companies. That background directly informs ChipAgents' product philosophy: production-grade AI systems that deliver measurable engineering productivity gains.

Under William's leadership, ChipAgents has achieved rapid enterprise adoption across major semiconductor companies, securing multi-year, multimillion-dollar contracts and demonstrating clear ROI in design and verification velocity.

He leads with a flat, high-trust management style and is deeply committed to mentorship, bridging cutting-edge AI research with industry-scale impact.

COMPANY OF THE YEAR

LogicMonitor, 2025
Tecolote Research, 2024
Yardi, 2023
InTouch Health, 2022
Patricia Bragg Holdings, 2020-21
Procore, 2019
Rusty's Pizza Parlors, 2018
AppFolio, 2017
Lynda.com, a LinkedIn Company, 2016
Inogen, 2015
Be Green Packaging, 2014
Sonos, 2013
Mission Linen, 2012
Green Hills Software, 2011
Network Hardware Resale, 2010
Wyatt Technology Corporation, 2009
MarBorg Industries, 2008
SelectRemedy, 2007
Deckers, 2006
Callwave, 2005
Citrix Online, 2004
Frontier Technology, 2003
NuSil Technology, 2002
Indigo Systems, 2001
Vetronix Corporation, 2000
Illgen Simulation Technologies, 1999
Digital Instruments, 1998
MetaTools, 1997
Hendry Telephone Products, 1996
QAD, 1995



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Mission Wealth is a nationally recognized independent registered investment advisory firm founded in Santa Barbara in 2000. Built on a foundation of trust, integrity, and personal connection, the firm has grown from a local advisory practice into a national enterprise serving individuals, families, foundations, and institutions across the United States. Throughout that growth, Mission Wealth has remained deeply rooted in the community where it began.

From its inception, Mission Wealth has believed that wealth is most meaningful when used to strengthen the people around us. This philosophy guides the firm's fiduciary approach to comprehensive wealth management, which integrates investment management, financial planning, tax strategy, estate and trust planning, charitable planning, and asset protection. Mission Wealth's advisors work closely with clients and their families to help them make thoughtful financial decisions that align with their values and long-term goals.

Santa Barbara is more than Mission Wealth's headquarters. It is the heart of the firm's culture and commitment to service. Mission Wealth's team members are actively involved in local nonprofit organizations, educational initiatives, and philanthropic efforts that support financial literacy, student success, health, and community well-being. Mission Wealth believes responsible stewardship extends beyond client portfolios to include giving time, expertise, and resources to strengthen the broader region.

Today, Mission Wealth manages billions of dollars in assets for thousands of client families nationwide and continues to be recognized for its proactive and holistic service approach, growth, and collaborative culture. Even as the firm expands its national presence, it remains guided by the values shaped in Santa Barbara, including long-term relationships, thoughtful leadership, and a deep sense of responsibility to the communities it serves.

Mission Wealth is honored to be recognized as the 2026 SCBT Company of the Year and is proud to support the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara, whose mission aligns closely with the firm's longstanding commitment to education and opportunity.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Elings Park, 2025

Noozhawk, 2024

Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, 2023

Cottage Health, Sansum Clinic, Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, 2022

Direct Relief, 2020-21

CALM, 2019

KEYT/KCOY/KKFX, 2018

Santa Barbara International Film Festival, 2017

Old Spanish Days in Santa Barbara, 2016

Santa Barbara Zoological Foundation, 2015

CMC Rescue, 2014

Westmont College, 2013

MIT Enterprise Forum, 2012

Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care, 2011

Surgical Eye Expeditions (SEE) International, 2010

Hutton Foundation, 2009

Partners in Education, 2008

Santa Barbara Foundation, 2007

Pacific Coast Business Times, 2006

DAVIES, 2005

Women's Economic Ventures, 2004

Center for Entrepreneurship and

Engineering Management – UCSB, 2003

Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, 2002

COX Communications, 2001

Santa Barbara Industry Education Council, 2000

Santa Barbara News-Press, 1999

Santa Barbara Region Economic Community Project, 1998

Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, 1997

UCSB College of Engineering, 1996

Santa Barbara City College, 1995



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Technology Management

The Department of Technology Management at UCSB prepares students to become technology leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs. Located in the campus's Robert Mehrabian College of Engineering, the department focuses on helping students learn how to use new technologies to create business opportunities and how organizations can turn those opportunities into successful products, companies, and growing industries.

Companies need people who understand both the technology and the business decisions required to build products, launch ventures, and lead teams. Technology Management trains students to play that role. The department offers several programs that prepare students at various levels.

Our Undergraduate Certificate in Technology Management reaches more than 2,000 students each year from over 50 majors across campus. The program gives students practical skills in management, marketing, innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology strategy that complement their primary fields of study.

The department also offers the Master of Technology Management program, which prepares early-career professionals and recent graduates to lead technology initiatives inside companies or pursue new ventures. We also train future scholars through our Ph.D. in Technology Management, which prepares researchers to study how technology is changing organizations and industries.

Students in each of these academic programs, as well as students from other programs across the university, can also take part in our hands-on New Venture Program (NVP). The NVP provides opportunities for more than 300 students each year from across campus to engage in hands-on workshops on entrepreneurship and new venture creation and to work with an active network of experienced entrepreneurs, investors, and industry mentors to build viable, market-tested business models. The program culminates in UCSB's annual New Venture Competition, the catalyst for more than 70 startups in the region that have collectively raised more than \$1.2 billion in investor capital.

These efforts to teach students across various levels and disciplines the frameworks and practical skills needed to build and run technology businesses have yielded remarkable results for Santa Barbara's business community. Many Tech Management graduates have gone on to found companies in the region, helping grow the local startup and innovation ecosystem. Many more have joined local technology firms, startups, and fast-growing companies, where they work in roles such as product management, strategy, operations, venture development, and technology leadership.

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Georges & Nicole Bitar, 2025
Jackie Carrera, 2024
Elizabeth Cholawsky, 2023
Dave Powers, 2022
Sherry Villanueva, 2020-21
Jeff DeVine, 2019
Janet Garufis, 2018
James Takayesu, 2017
Gordon Morrell, 2016
Hani Zeini, 2015
Craig Zimmerman, 2014
Joanne Funari, 2013
Ron Werft, 2012
Michael Mayfield, 2011
Jamal Hamdani, 2010
Richard Compton, 2009
John Romo, 2008
Peter Jordano, 2007
Thomas Tighe, 2006
Eloy Ortega, 2005
Henry T. Yang, 2004
William S. "Tom" Thomas, 2003
William R. Anderson, 2002
Jeffrey C. Barbakow, 2001
Richard B. Johnston, 2000
Mark Sylvester, 1999
Kathy J. Odell, 1998
Jack L. Gressingh, 1997
Cathy Carter Duncan, 1996
Robert T. Knight, 1995



2026 EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Shane Trigg



Shane Trigg serves as president and chief executive officer of AppFolio, a leader in real estate technology. Since joining the company in 2020 and stepping into the CEO role in March 2023, Shane has steered AppFolio through a period of remarkable growth and cultural distinction. As the company celebrates its 20th anniversary, AppFolio is focused on achieving its bold vision and mission to power the future of real estate by building the platform where the industry comes to do business.

Under Shane’s leadership, AppFolio has been widely recognized on prestigious national lists, including *Forbes’* America’s Best Mid-Size Employers and Most Successful Mid-Cap Companies, *TIME’s* America’s Growth Leaders, and *Fortune’s* The Future 50 and Best Workplaces in Technology. These accolades underscore Shane’s relentless focus on customer success and a high-

performance culture rooted in “The AppFolian Way.”

Shane believes AppFolio is more than a company; it’s a community of dreamers, big thinkers, and problem solvers. Core to his leadership is the idea of being a “Multiplier” – the belief that a leader’s job is to amplify the strengths of those around them. By fostering an environment that prioritizes industry-leading innovation, active listening, and clear communication, he ensures AppFolio creates extraordinary outcomes for its customers, communities, and employees.

With more than 25 years of experience, Shane has held leadership roles in sales, marketing, product, engineering, and general management within publicly traded technology businesses. Before AppFolio, he served as senior vice president of both commerce cloud and marketing cloud for Salesforce. Prior to that, he was vice president of global sales and marketing at Intuit Real Estate Solutions (now MRI Software). Shane earned a B.S. from Ohio State University and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame.

Driven by the belief that business should be a force for good in the world, Shane is a steadfast supporter of Habitat for Humanity and numerous local charities throughout Santa Barbara. His personal mantra, “Better, Better, Never Best,” encapsulates his approach to lifelong learning, growth, and humility.

Originally from Ohio, Shane and his wife of 21 years, Megan, spent two decades in Chicago before relocating to Santa Barbara in 2021. They are the proud parents of three children – Jack, Luke, and Maeve – and two dogs, Milo and Millie. Outside of the office, the Triggs enjoy traveling, hiking, and cheering on the Chicago Cubs and Ohio State Buckeye football.

PIONEER AWARD

Bob Johnson, 2025
Zohar Ziv, 2024
John Greathouse, 2023
Kathy Odell, 2022
Bill Parrish, 2020-21
Mike Pfau, 2019
Dr. John Bowers, 2018
John Petote, 2017
George Powell, 2016
Dr. Shuji Nakamura, 2015
Dr. Herbert Kroemer, 2014
Larry Barels, 2013
Fred Gluck, 2012
Fred Kavli, 2011
Jeff Henley, 2010
Reece Duca, 2009
Virgil Elings, 2008
Paul Orfalea, 2007
Harris W. Seed, 2006
Paul F. Glenn, 2005
Alan J. Heeger, 2004
Michael Towbes, 2003
Joseph E. Nida, 2002
B. Paul Blasingame, 2000
Rudy Schulte, 1999
Dr. Glen J. Culler, 1998
Thomas C. Bazemore, 1997
Harold R. Frank, 1996
Dr. Robert M. Talley, 1995



2026 PIONEER HONOREE

Trudi Carey



Trudi Carey is a licensed architect, real estate broker, and general contractor. By combining these disciplines, she has built fully integrated businesses focused on design excellence, efficient use of resources, and meaningful integration into the communities they serve.

Trudi serves as president of the Carey Group, founded in 1979 in Santa Barbara. The firm provides architectural design, construction, development, and property management services. She is also president of Salesworks, founded in 1983, which specializes in new-home brokerage, feasibility studies, and real estate marketing services.

The Carey Group began as a traditional architectural practice serving custom single-family home clients and later expanded to work with major institutional and commercial clients, including First American Title, UCSB, the El Encanto Hotel, the Towbes Group, Montecito Bank and Trust, Sandpiper Golf Course, and other large real estate developers throughout California and Arizona. Among the firm's most significant projects was the rezoning and land planning of 220 acres in Oxnard, now known as Mandalay Bay, where vacant land was dredged to create a waterfront residential community.

While continuing to serve large development clients as architects, the firm began in-house development. Projects evolved from custom homes to condominium communities, single-family subdivisions, apartments, and self-storage facilities, including Patterson Self Storage in Santa Barbara, which is managed by the Carey Group today. Serving as architect, general contractor, and real estate broker on her own developments brought a unique level of efficiency, cohesion, and attention to detail to each project. She is currently completing SB-Views, a 27-unit apartment community on Calle Real.

The Carey Group has received numerous awards for its work and has developed a strong local following for its residential and self-storage projects.

Trudi has also been deeply involved in community and professional leadership. She served on the Board of Directors of Midstate Bank and Trust for nine years prior to its sale to Rabobank and was a Board member of the Scholarship Foundation for 17 years. Additional service includes the CALM Auxiliary Board, the Building Industry Association County Board, and the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo School of Architecture and Environmental Design Advisory Board.

Trudi earned her Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, graduating with highest honors in 1978. Her sons, Nathan and Sam Carey, are both actively involved in the family business.

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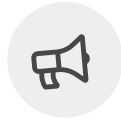
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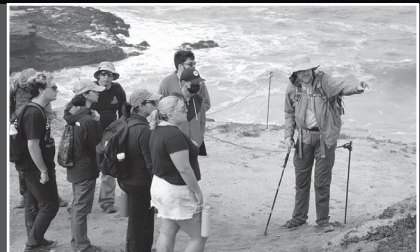
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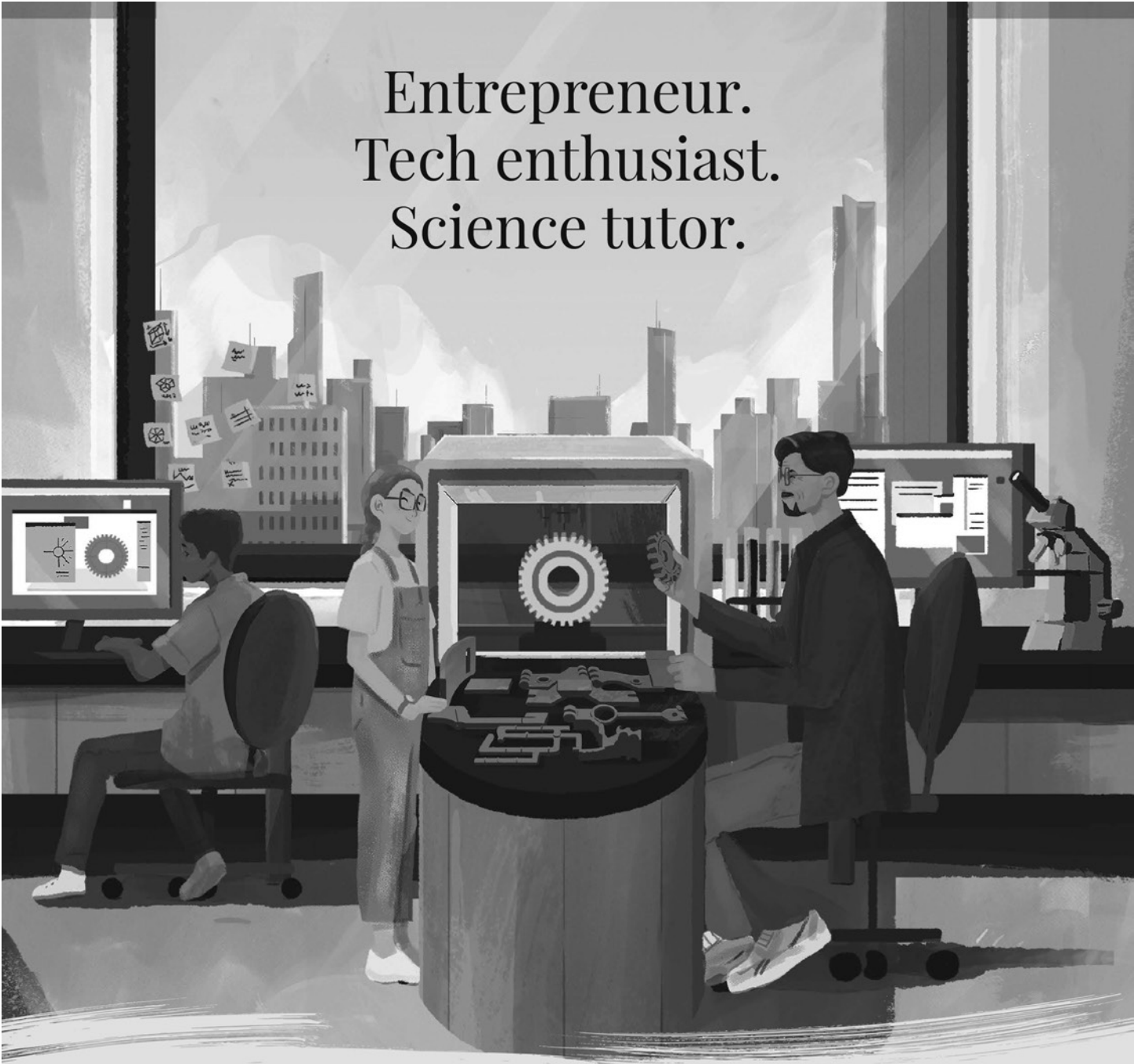
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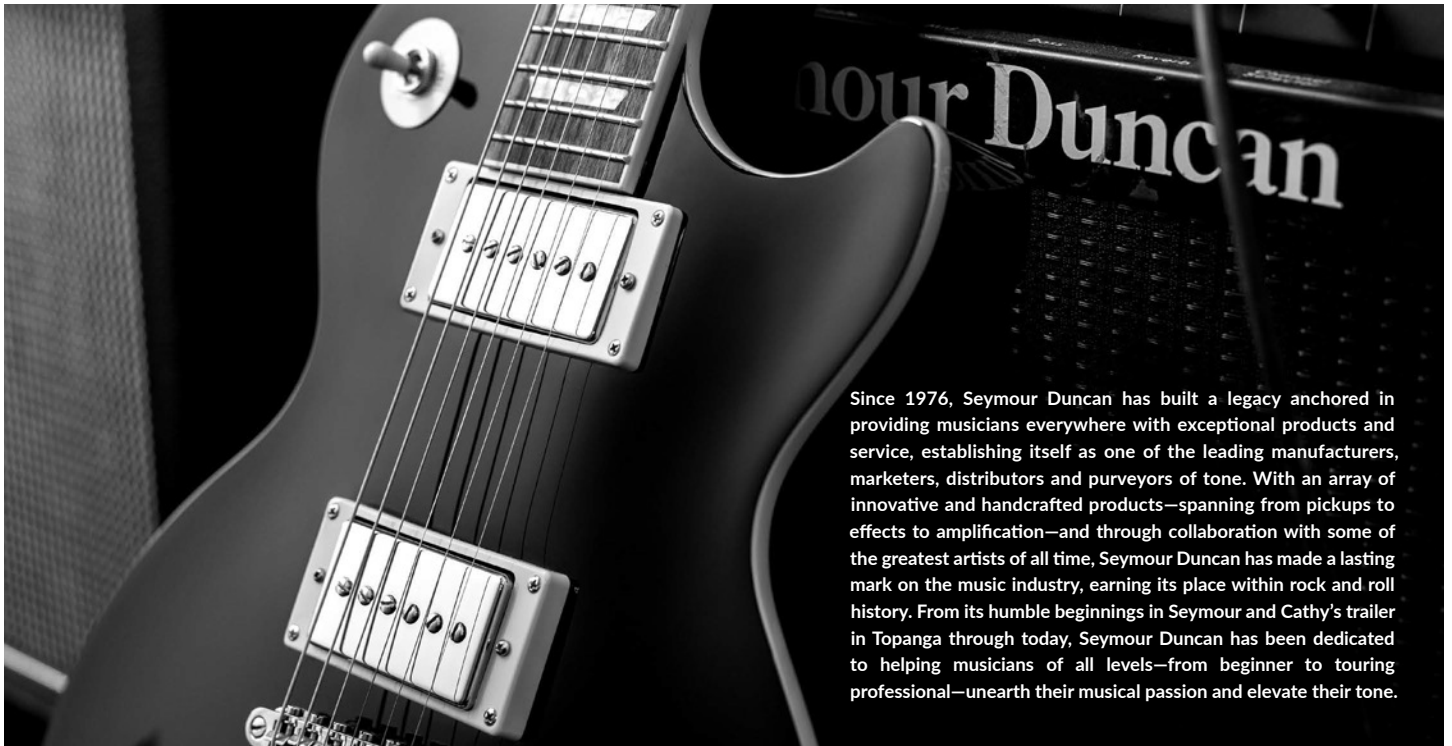
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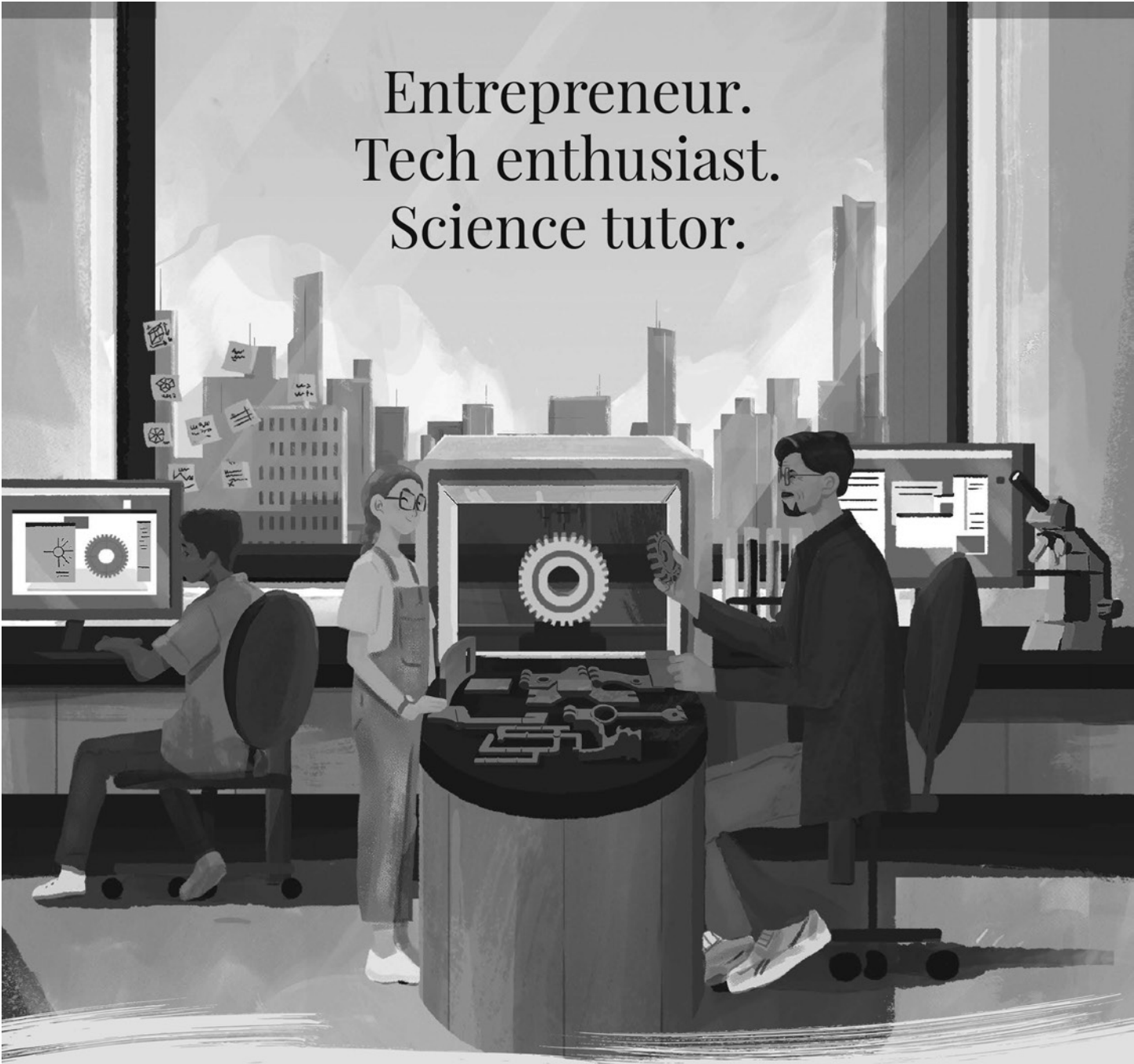
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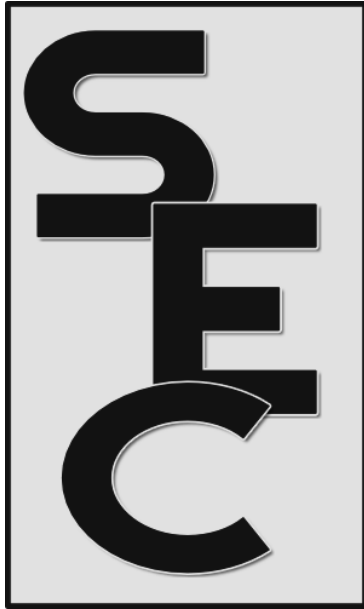
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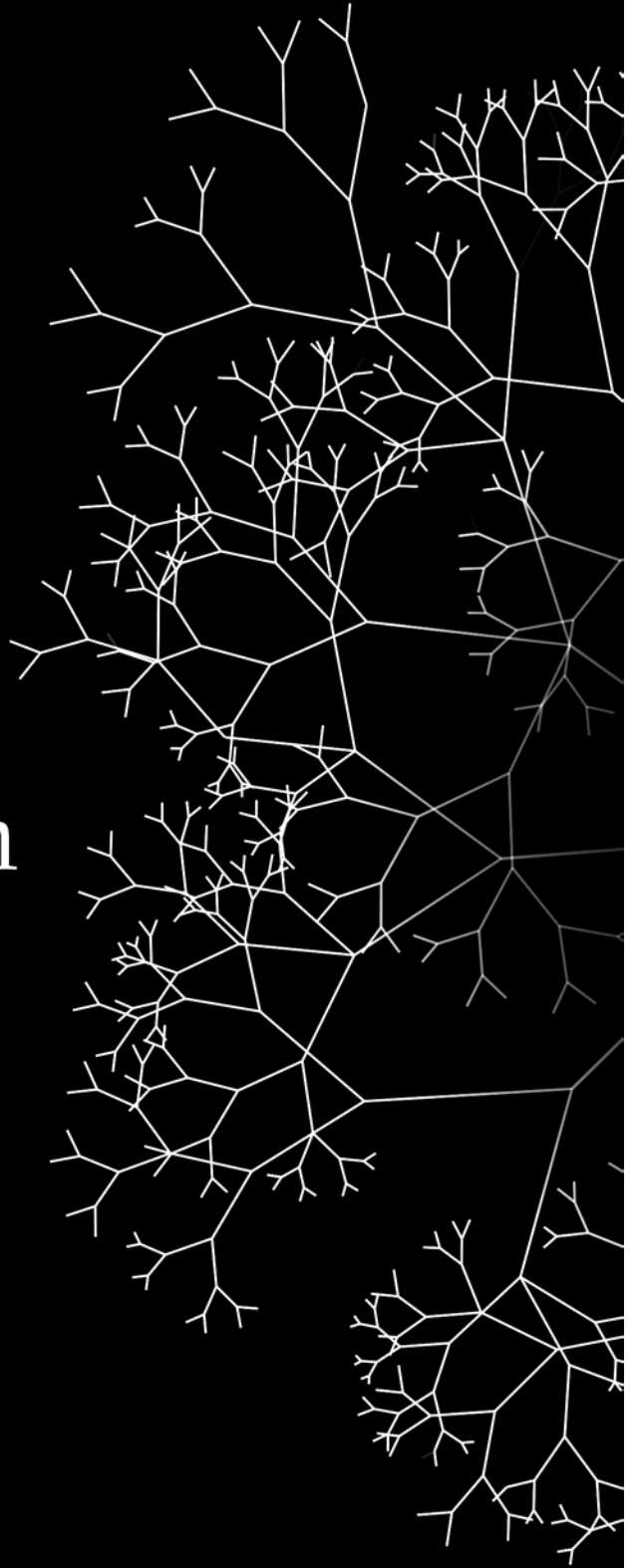


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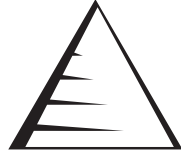
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