



Iranian American Women's Leadership Conference, LA 2018

Women in Technology

Moderator:

Ms. Marjan Rajabi is an IT Senior Cyber Security Manager at Southern California Edison. She leads the cyber security compliance team, protecting from hackers the electric power grid for 15 million California residents. She has held positions as IT Risk Manager with Zurich Financial Services where she led the deployment of an enterprise security vulnerability management solution across 25 countries, and was a management consultant with Ernst & Young LLP consulting Fortune 500 companies. She holds a B.S. and M.S. in Electrical Engineering. She was a cadet in the U.S. Air Force ROTC and is a graduate of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Academy. In 2013 a serious health challenge caused her to redefine her life, determined to live it to the fullest. She entered the 2016/17 Ms. America Pageant competition representing California and was awarded by President Barack Obama a medal for outstanding community service. Marjan is a mom of two, an avid space enthusiast, enjoys martial arts, scuba diving, travel, reading, dancing, fitness, meditating and motorcycling.

Speakers:

Dr. Afarin Bellisario's professional experience spans over three decades and encompasses executive positions in technical as well as strategy and marketing fields with major high tech firms such as Intel, Analog Devices, BBN (Raytheon), Booz-Allan and Hamilton, as well as at MIT. Her major area of focus is commercializing emerging technology. Currently, in addition to her consulting, she conducts workshops in Spain and US, and mentors startups companies as part of MIT Venture Mentoring Service (VMS) and Sand Box innovation. In the past she had conducted workshops in Turkey in addition to Madrid and Barcelona. She holds a doctoral degree in Mechanical Engineering, and an MBA from MIT. Her articles have been published in peer-reviewed journals. She has spoken widely, and chaired and participated on multiple panels on the subject of commercialization and sustainability of technology and written case studies for Harvard Business School.

Sherri Ghamsary is a Senior Product Manager at Amazon, focused on optimization of the vendor experience. Prior to joining Amazon in 2017, Sherri spent her career in the financial services industry; first



as a management consultant at PwC, then leading in-house strategy and product management at Liberty Mutual Insurance. Throughout her career, Sherri has taken on leadership roles in expanding women's networks in her professional and academic communities. A Los Angeles native, Sherri moved to Seattle in 2014 after having spent two years on the east coast. Sherri has an MBA from the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business. In 2005, she graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Minor in Business Administration. She is fluent in Farsi and Spanish. During her free time, she enjoys hiking, live music, traveling and watching sports.

Mariam Komeili is the CEO and Co-Founder of My Office Apps, Inc. (MOA) the provider of *Kechie*, a Cloud-Based ERP solution. She understands the complex challenges faced by SMB markets and the importance of innovative technology. MOA's goal is to offer a Software-as-a-Service solution that is robust and cost effective, with an intuitive interface to empower business operations. Ms. Komeili brings over 25 years of management and leadership experience within Business Development, Marketing, Operations, and Global Sales in the areas of Consumer Electronics, Computer Hardware, and Software. Her career accomplishments include dramatically improving sales revenue of various organizations, launching international startups, and successfully branding and managing products worldwide. Her belief in core values such as integrity and accountability has allowed her to develop highly successful business partnerships throughout her career. Ms. Komeili's strong business acumen and track record uniquely positions her to establish MOA as a leading provider of Cloud-Based ERP solutions.

Maryam Rofougaran is co-founder and co-CEO of Movandi Corporation, a venture-backed startup that is reinventing multi-gigabit, millimeter wave networks with innovative RF front-end technology for new applications such as 5G. Prior to Movandi, Maryam Rofougaran was a senior VP of Radio Engineering at Broadcom Corporation. She joined Broadcom in 2000 after the company she co-founded, Innovent Systems, was acquired by Broadcom. At Broadcom Maryam led a team of more than 300 engineers worldwide who developed wireless radios for a variety of combo chip technologies, including Bluetooth, WLAN, GPS, NFC and cellular devices. The team also supported wireless radios for mobile backhaul, femtocells and other mobile network technologies. Her team developed and shipped more than one billion radio chips annually. Maryam received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from UCLA. She is a co-inventor on more than 255 U.S. patents, and has co-authored more than 45 journal and conference papers. Maryam has been selected as top 50 most powerful women in technology by National Diversity Council multiple times.

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