

Students Plan Entrepreneur Conference Nov. 18 at UCSD

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VentureForth, an entrepreneurial student organization at the University of California, San Diego, will hold an *Entrepreneur Conference* from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in the Calit2 high-tech facilities on the UCSD campus.

This is the group's fourth annual Entrepreneur Conference. Sponsored by Qualcomm, it is free and open to the public.

Among speakers will be Irwin Jacobs, founder and CEO of Qualcomm, and Ingrid Vanderveldt, founder and CEO of iVEEA, a company that produces a CNBC television show which interviews entrepreneurs.

The conference will include four panel discussions: Media/Entertainment, Engineering, Financing Your Venture, and Web. 2.0. Dmitry Shapiro, the founder and CEO of VEOH will participate in the Media/Entertainment panel. VEOH is "an internet television network that is able to reach anyone with a broadband internet connection and a PC or a Mac." Alex Bard, the founder of Goowy will participate in the Web 2.0 panel. Goowy is a flash-based desktop that allows the user to run "an instant messenger that lets you chat with your buddies from any network," and includes features such as "powerful e-mail, contacts and calendar, customized news, file storage, sharing and games."

The panels also will include representatives from organizations such as Tech Coast Angels, a network of individual investors who fund early-stage technology companies in Southern California; CONNECT, an organization founded at UCSD that fosters entrepreneurship in the San Diego region, and Blackbird Ventures, the investment vehicle of the Blackbird Group which markets technologically leading enterprise software and invests in the companies behind them.

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