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**Gil Hurwitz, Lead Scientist at Water Planet, Inc.**  
PhD, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Chemical Engineering minor, UCLA, 2012

Dr. Gil Hurwitz is currently a Lead Scientist at Water Planet, Inc., an environmental technology provider focusing on difficult-to-treat water technology solutions. Gil received his PhD in Environmental Engineering from UCLA with a background in membrane treatment and pollution remediation. Gil currently focuses on the development of Water Planet's filtration control platform and advanced membrane material.

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**Anthony Aldick, Director at BATTS Incubator Labs**

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**Anthony Gonzales, Director of Membership at Biocom**  
MBA, Logistics, Materials, and Supply Chain Management, Arizona State, 2014

Former start-up founder, alumnus of 3 accelerators, MBA supply chain, life science advocate, public policy, and LA native

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**Tyler Do, Mechanical Engineer at Local Roots Farms**  
BS, Mechanical Engineering, NYU

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**Tariq Arif, Technology Transfer Officer at UCLA TDG**  
MS, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Georgetown, 2008

Tariq Arif joined UCLA Technology Development Group (TDG) in 2016 as a Life Sciences Technology Transfer Officer. His responsibilities include evaluating new inventions, securing intellectual property protection where appropriate, and licensing the university’s rights to both established companies and startups. Most recently Tariq served as Associate Director at the Center for Innovation, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Before working at Children’s, Tariq handled licensing and technology transfer at Partners HealthCare Innovation in Boston on behalf of Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He also has prior technology transfer experience with the National Cancer Institute in Maryland and the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC. He holds a B.S., M.B.A, J.D./L.L.M., and a Master’s of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Tariq is a registered patent attorney with the USPTO.

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**Llewellyn Cox, CEO at Lab Launch**  
PhD, Molecular/Cell Biology, University of Wales, 2003

Llewellyn Cox is Founder and CEO of Lab Launch Inc, a non-profit biotechnology incubator company. Llewellyn received his PhD in Molecular and Cell Biology at Cardiff University, before moving to New York City to study neuroscience at Weill Cornell Medical College. More recently, he has worked in research development and program management at LA area institutions including City of Hope and USC, and has cofounded numerous startups in the area.
Irina Kukuyeva, Data Science Consultant at Slalom Consulting  
PhD, Statistics, UCLA, 2012

Dr. Kukuyeva holds a doctorate degree in Statistics from UCLA, where, as a NASA Graduate Student Researcher, she developed a novel image compression algorithm for analyzing Hubble Space Telescope's images of Jupiter. She is a Data Science Consultant at Slalom. Dr. Kukuyeva has developed production-ready predictive models in Python and R for start-ups as well as mid-sized and large companies in healthcare, IoT, finance, fashion, market research and online advertising.

Phat Doan, Product Development Manager at Episource  
MBA, Healthcare Management, UCLA, 2016

Phat Doan is a Product Development Manager with Episource, managing its innovative SaaS analytics platform and leading consulting engagements to drive positive outcomes for national health plans' member populations. He has a diverse background in healthcare and big data analytics experience from both public and private sectors. Phat got his start as a health information specialist with the University of Utah Hospital and Clinics, where his team digitized the whole hospital’s EMR system. He then served in the U.S. Army, first as a Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices team leader (SAPPER) and later as a Cryptologic Supervisor supporting national intelligence agencies. Transitioning out of the military, Phat joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as a research manager leading cross-functional teams on infectious diseases research utilizing big data and natural language processing systems. As an associate for McKinsey & Company, he specialized in data analytics and healthcare strategy engagements.

Christina Baker, Global Materials Manager at PPG  
PhD, Inorganic and Materials Chemistry, UCLA, 2008

Christina received her PhD in Inorganic Chemistry with a Materials focus in 2008 and went straight from graduate school to co-founding a start-up company to commercialize functional nanomaterials. When the company started winding down in 2011, she started interviewing with traditional corporations, non-profits and small businesses and ended up at PPG in part with the help of connections she kept from graduate school. Currently, she is the Global Materials Manager for the PPG's aircraft transparencies (windows) business. She has 8 direct reports reporting to her from three facilities spread across the country with different education and experience ranges. She has helped several peers and employees find the right job by providing advice on careers, interviewing and resumes.

Staisey Divorski, VP Marketing at SRAX  
PhD, Italian, UCLA, 2010
Edmond Rambod, Chairman and CEO at Quantason, LLC  
PhD, Medicine and Medical Sciences, Technion-Machon Technologi Le’ Israel  
EMBA, Executive and Business Management, UCLA Anderson School of Management, 2008

Edmond Rambod is a serial entrepreneur, an executive and a Doctor of Medicine with more than 20 years of proven executive background and management experience with focus on applications of technological innovations in medicine and creating value for shareholders. Edmond did his fellowship and post-fellowship at UCLA and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and was a senior scientist at Caltech before entering the business world. He obtained his engineering and medical degrees from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel and his executive MBA from UCLA, Anderson School of Management.

Deena Williams, Co-Founder at Mind Hatchery  
MBA, Marketing and Strategy, UCLA Anderson School, 2002

Ayako Utsumi, Founding Consultant at Valon Consulting  
MPH, Health Policy and Management, UCLA, 1995

Ayako Utsumi, is founder of Valon Consulting, an affordable homes development consulting company. In the Great Recession in 2008 Ayako took the plunge start a new business, switch industries, and develop housing. What?! With the announcement of the creation of a $4B federal program that year to help stem the tide of the foreclosure crisis and develop low income housing, Ayako seized the opportunity to meet the need. Thus was born a management consulting organization specializing in affordable housing development, both multi-family rental and homeownership as a foundation to developing healthy communities. For small, non-profit developer clients, the firm has helped secure and develop over $19 million in affordable housing development contracts (both new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation) with jurisdictions or organizations in the Inland Empire and Orange County in Southern California. Ayako is responsible for the entire spectrum of housing development spanning business development, project implementation, and asset management. Prior to breaking off on her own, Ayako spent 17 years in healthcare business development and management consulting most recently at Deloitte Consulting. She has a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from University of California, Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Science, in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Irvine. Ayako also has a second business that is gaining national recognition designing and selling high-end, hand-loomed Uzbek textiles for home décor. Ayako enjoys working with microcredit women and Syrian/Iraqi refugee relief in SE Turkey and Northern Iraq. She encourages all entrepreneurs to take the time to champion a cause outside of their day jobs to widen their world view and enrich the lives of others.