

Title: Largest Tech Conference in Southern California Coming To Irvine

Blurb: OCTANe's Technology Investor Forum (TIF) will be held at Hotel Irvine on May 5th, 2015.

OCTANe's Technology Investor Forum (TIF), the largest growth and innovation technology conference in Southern California, is holding their 10th annual conference, "The Convergence Of Everything," on May 5th, 2015. The event, held at Hotel Irvine, focuses on high growth and innovation technology investment.

There will be over 700 attendees and 50 exhibitors ranging from startup companies to large corporations in Orange County. The Blackstone LaunchPad and other UC Irvine students are set to have booths there as well.

Students who attend that have a startup or are involved with hightech would be able to network with exhibitors and other attendees. The conference is a good place to start networking for those looking for jobs or internships. It also offers educational purposes for engineering, computer science, business, and new technology.

"It's a great opportunity for students to practice what they're learning in class as far as getting the real life business experience integrated into the workplace," says Jennifer Syfers, Event Manager for TIF.

The keynote speakers to attend are: Walter O'Brien, CEO of *Scorpion* whose life inspired the CBS TV show *Scorpion* on how he was able to track down the Boston Marathon bombers; Hayes Drumwright, founder of Trace3 who will speak about how to turn \$100 into \$100 million; and Paul Pickle, president of Microsemi, who will speak about the internet of things.

The twelve company presentations at the conference will benefit students who are in the business school or those who are looking to start a company of their own. Although the companies expected to attend are looking for capital, their presentation will allow attendees to see the company's business plan and what they plan to do with the money.

"It's a really good opportunity for students to see the process it takes to not only start a company but raise funds as well," said Syfers.

Volunteer opportunities are also available for students. Duties include: checking in guests, distributing and printing name badges, directing sponsors to the exhibit hall. Volunteers will receive free parking and lunch.

To attend the event, register on TIF's website. Students receive a special discount.

To learn more about TIF visit <http://tif2015.com/main.html>

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