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Yardi

Business Leader of the Year
Award Accepted by Anant Yardi, President & Founder

Yardi was founded in 1982 in Santa Barbara, California to develop, support, market and sell software for the real estate industry. Yardi products are used to manage over 10 million residential units and 10 billion square feet of commercial space. The company serves markets spanning retail, industrial, office, and self-storage as well as multifamily, single-family, subsidized, student, senior, and other types of housing. Their clients include many of the largest property and investment managers, REITs, and government agencies in the world and are supported by 4,800 Yardi employees in 40 regional offices in North America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Australia.

Pamela & Karl Lopker

President & Chair; Chief Executive Officer of QAD
Technology Leaders of the Year

After working with various industries developing business software, Pam was drawn to the manufacturing niche and founded QAD in 1979. Pam is responsible for shaping the vision and strategic direction of QAD. She is the driving force behind QAD’s research and development efforts and ensures the entire team remains focused on the customer. Karl is no stranger to manufacturing; in 1973 he co-founded Deckers Outdoor Corporation, a multi-billion dollar company that today includes popular Ugg and Teva footwear brands. In 1981, Karl joined Pam at QAD where he is responsible for the company’s operations, including QAD’s expansion into new markets and the continuing development of a strong regional and industry-specific focus.

Michael Soltys

Chair & Professor, CI Computer Science Program
Faculty Leader of the Year

A native of Poland, Michael Soltys grew up in Spain and Canada and is fluent in four languages. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Mathematics and his Ph.D. in Computer Science and Mathematics from the University of Toronto where he also launched his teaching career in 1999. Soltys joined CI’s faculty in 2014 after serving as professor and chair of the Department of Computing and Software at McMaster University in Canada. Since arriving, he’s engaged students in researching cyber-security and algorithms, and taking a team approach to tackling hard problems.
Join us as we celebrate the partnership between CSU Channel Islands and the Business & Technology Community

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Thursday, April 21, 2016
at the
Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach
Top of the Harbor Ballroom
6 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Dinner
Presentations Recognizing Honorees and Five CI Scholarship Awardees

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