Computer Science Seminar Series on Entrepreneurship

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Being an Entrepreneur

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ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE INVITED

Abstract

What you’ll hear most often from friends and family if you say you’re starting your own business, is that it’s a “crazy” idea. People will try to talk you out of it. Truthfully, if people really knew what was involved beforehand, they might never want to do it. But having your own business is one of the most rewarding ways to work. There are also aspects of thinking like an entrepreneur that will make you noticed if you are working for someone else. Finally, having a computer science and engineering background is actually a great advantage for anyone that wants to run a business. Find out what skills you are learning now will give you an edge in building a business.

Short-bio

Paul Trapani is co-founder of XT Group, a rapidly growing IT consulting, Web application development and computer support company in East Meadow. XT Group is a full service IT solution provider and helps businesses and government integrate new technologies into their existing IT architectures. Together with Peter Xenakis, Trapani has grown the firm from a fledgling consultancy working on folding tables to a thriving six person operation in the LISTnet High Tech Incubator.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in English and Philosophy from the State University of New York at Geneseo and a master’s degree with distinction in Computer Science from Hofstra University. Passionate about education, Trapani has taught several classes in computer science and computer ethics at Hofstra University.