



ASIAN AMERICAN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

2025-2026 AAEOY AWARD AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2002, AAEYOY HAS PROVIDED A PRESTIGIOUS PLATFORM TO RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING ASIAN AMERICANS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND PUBLIC SERVICES.

AWARDEES

CORPORATE AMERICA
ACADEMIA
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

18-19 / SEPTEMBER
2026

AWARDEE PROFILES

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AFTERNOON PROGRAM

PUBLIC REGISTRATION



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EVENTBRITE

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 09/18

Location: San Jose, CA

05:30 PM ● PRE-AWARD DINNER

By Invitation Only

SATURDAY, 09/19

Location: Santa Clara Convention Center

Santa Clara, CA

12:00 PM ● REGISTRATION AND CHECK - IN

Name Badge Pickup

01:00 PM ● SPONSOR EXHIBITION

● AFTERNOON PROGRAM

● *Track 1 Engineering the AI-Native Future:
How AI Is Transforming Technology,
Business, and Innovation*

● Opening Remarks

● Keynote Speech

Speech Title:

*The AI-Native Era: How Organizations Will
Compete, Build, and Scale*

Jeremiah Owyang

General Partner, Blitzscaling Ventures

● Featured Fireside Chat

Chat Topic:

*Every Company Is Becoming an
AI Company whether It Knows it or Not.*

Bernard Harguindeguy

Founder, Executive Venture Fund (EVF)

● Featured Technical Talk

Talk Title:

*Beyond Coding Agents: Inside the Self-
Improving Software Factory*

Leo Tchourakov

Principal Engineer, Factory AI

● Startup Leaders Panel Discussion

Panel Topic:

*Reimagining Innovation: Entrepreneurship
Powered by AI*

Xiaoran Wang

CEO & Co-Founder, AGIGA AI

Tom Pritsky

CEO, Captify

04:20 PM ● Raffle

04:25 PM ● Concluding Remarks

01:00 PM

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

*Track 2 The Engineering Lifecycle:
Empowering the Next Generation in
the AI Era*

Opening Remarks

Award presentation

AAEOY National AI-Generated Content (AIGC)
Video Challenge: "Engineering Changes the World"
AIGC uses AI-powered storytelling to showcase
how engineering innovation transforms lives.
Host: Kirill Rogovoy

Keynote Speech 1

Speech Title:
*Education in the Age of AI: Preparing
Minds for an Intelligent Future*
Dr. Arun Majumdar
Dean of the Stanford Doerr School of
Sustainability, Stanford University

Keynote Speech 2

Speech Title :
Orchestrating Entrepreneurship in AI
Johnny Ho
Co-founder & Chief Strategy Officer
Perplexity AI

Panel discussion

Panel Topic:
*The Rising Stars: Homecoming of Past CIE/USA-
SF High School Scholarship Awardees*
Moderator: **Shawn Flynn**
Managing Director
Silicon Valley Highpoint Capital
Panelists: Helen Zhang
Krystal Lan
Ray Lin
Bonnie Liu
Annie Liu
Joleen Pan

Award Presentation

2026 CIE/USA-SF High School Scholarship
Host: Estella Pok

04:20 PM

Raffle

China Airlines Premium Tickets

04:25 PM

Concluding Remarks

04:30 PM

GROUP PHOTO

Photo and Media Session
For Awardees

05:00 PM

VIP RECEPTION

For Awardees
Sponsors
National Representatives

06:00 PM

AWARD CEREMONY

Black-tie Award Ceremony
Banquet and Networking

09:30 PM

END OF PROGRAM

** All 09/19 events are located in
the Mission Ball Room,
Santa Clara Convention Center*

2026 AAEQY SPEAKERS



DR. ARUN MAJUMDAR

DEAN OF THE STANFORD DOERR SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY
STANFORD UNIVERSITY



JOHNNY HO

CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER, PERPLEXITY AI
CIE/USA-SF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



JEREMIAH OWYANG

GENERAL PARTNER, BLITZSCALING VENTURES
FOUNDER & HOST, LLAMA LOUNGE



BERNARD HARGUINDEGUY

FOUNDER, EXECUTIVE VENTURE FUND (EVF)



LEO TCHOURAKOV

PRINCIPAL ENGINEER, FACTORY AI



XIAORAN WANG

CEO & CO-FOUNDER, AGIGA AI



TOM PRITSKY

CEO & CO-FOUNDER, CAPTIFY

Education Track Panel Discussion

- Past CIE-SF High School Scholarship Students



Helen Chang
Senior product manager
Microsoft
UCSD



Krystal Lan
Ph.D. student
Researcher
Georgia Institute of Technology



Ray Lin
Co-founder, Head of Technology
Endevre Technologies
UIUC



Bonnie Liu
Machine learning engineer
Pinterest
UCLA



Annie Liu
Software engineer
Netflix
Harvard University



Joleen Pan
College Student
Washington University in St. Louis