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Ryan Aipperspach is chief technical officer of MDsave, the world's first online marketplace providing patients the ability to shop, compare and instantly purchase their healthcare services. Aipperspach's expertise in entrepreneurship and nurturing startups comes from more than a decade of experience in building companies and innovative technologies. Previously, Aipperspach served as director of engineering and design for the consumer review and safety site GoodGuide, which was acquired by Underwriters Laboratories. He also launched e-commerce beauty brand TATCHA as technical co-founder and advisor. Aipperspach earned a Master of Science in computer science from the Berkeley Institute of Design at the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Rice University, where he serves on the Association of Rice Alumni Board of Directors.



NING LI '97

Ning Li is a venture partner at Tsingyuan Ventures. She was the co-founder of the leading artificial Intelligence and machine learning company Petuum, where she held various executive positions. Prior to founding Petuum, Li worked at Seagate Technology for 18 years focusing on advanced technology and product development management. She held a technical leadership role leading teams to deliver world class innovations results. She has managed product development from prototype to volume production, has achieved industry first in time to market, as well as record setting performance benchmarks. She was later responsible for an advanced technology road map, architecture design integration and customer technical communications. Li has eight publications in leading scientific journals, multiple international conference presentations and three U.S. patents. Li received her bachelor's from Tsinghua University, master's and Ph.D. from Rice University and Executive MBA from the University of Minnesota.



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VERONICA SARON '14

Veronica Saron grew up in both London and New Jersey before attending Rice University, where she co-founded OwlSpark, the entrepreneurship accelerator currently in its 8th year of startups. Upon graduating from Rice, she took off eight months to travel and work on her foreign language skills before joining Deloitte Consulting. She worked primarily on client projects in customer experience, sales strategy, and operations, but always had a love for tech. Her dream of working at a cutting-edge tech company came true when she moved to San Francisco to work in global product marketing at Niantic, an augmented reality gaming company. As the product marketing manager for Pokémon GO, Veronica leads marketing efforts for feature launches and multichannel campaigns. In her spare time, she loves reading, working out and, of course, playing Pokémon GO and other video games (after all, it's part of her job!)



KAREY TSANG '97

Since graduating from Rice University with a bachelor's in computer engineering, Karey Tsang has worked at technology companies of all shapes and sizes and has spent time in a variety of roles. He gained hands-on experience as a strategy consultant at Bain & Company and went on to apply his mix of technical and business backgrounds in several different technology organizations. He has spent time in marketing, strategy, planning and operations roles at eRegister, Gateway, Cricket Wireless, AT&T and Red Hat. His experiences include raising capital for an internet startup out of a garage to being acquired by some of the biggest tech giants. He currently leads global sales incentives for Red Hat and works with teams across the world to expand the presence of Red Hat's open source software solutions.

