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Thank you to Santa Cruz Works for your **partnership** support!

There are three big events this week. Boom, boom, boom. Santa Cruz New Tech's Ubertrends is on May 1, MBEP's 2019 Regional Economic Summit is on May 2, and the 82% Micro Business Summit is on May 3. Get the details about these and lots of other events on **our events page**.

We've got a lot of news to share this week. Scroll down and start reading!

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Top Stories

Initiated in response to a 2017 FAA call for drone innovation site proposals, DART -- Drone, Automation, Robotics Technology -- continues to gain momentum. [Read this article](#).

Looker was recognized as one of *50 Highest Rated Private Cloud Computing Companies To Work For*. [Read this article](#).

Western Growers has launched a new interactive directory that acts as a marketplace for agtech startups. [Read this article](#).

Trebor Scholz will discuss his book *Uberworked and Underpaid: How Workers Are Disrupting the Digital Economy* at CSUMB's President Speaker Series. [Read this article](#).
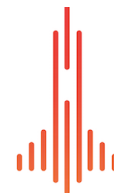
So, Robin, what was it like to appear on the 'Project Runway' episode focused on female video game characters? [Read this article](#).

Cruzio powers the "Tech-Savvy Heart of Santa Cruz County with a simplified, future-proof network built on Calix AXOS." [Read this article](#).

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CENTRAL COAST ANGELS

Cabrillo becomes the first college in CA to launch Landed, a program already helping K-12 school employees in Santa Cruz County buy homes. Read this article.

Digital NEST is "hatching techies" by pointing youth at viable careers. Read this article.

Steve Benz began his career while still enrolled at UCSC. Three years after graduating, Benz and his team sold Five3 Genomics to NantOmics. Read this article.

The Startup Challenge celebrate its 10th anniversary. Since launching, >600 companies have participated, >$300K has been awarded, >150 jobs have been created by 2,200 aspiring entrepreneurs who have raised >$10 million in capital. Read this article.

Who said this? "I really didn't expect to like riding an E-Bike but now I'm, essentially, not using my car. Today, I own two E-bikes, a commuter and a mountain bike. Here is why I'm a fan." Read this article.

Jobs/Internships

- **View all job openings**
- **Post a job (free)**

Events

Note: Dates, times, and locations are all subject to change. Be sure to check the event's website, just in case!

- Wed May 1, 4:30pm: **Diverse Voices, Professional Speaker Series (with Jacob Martinez, Digital NEST)** at UCSC Baskin School of Engineering E2 180.

- Wed May 1, 6pm: **Santa Cruz New Tech**, at DNA's Comedy Lab,155 South River Street, Santa Cruz.

- Thu May 2, 9am-1pm: **MBEP's 2019 Regional Economic Summit**, Monterey Conference Center, Monterey.

- Fri May 3, 8am-4pm: **82% Micro Business Summit 2019 at Erica Schilling Forum**, Cabrillo College, Aptos.

- Tue May 7, 7-9pm: **Santa Cruz Drupal User's Group** at NextSpace.

- Wed May 8, 4:30pm: **Diverse Voices, Professional Speaker Series (with Laura Gomez, Atipica)** at UCSC Baskin School of Engineering E2 180.

- Fri May 10, 2-7:30pm: **2019 Startup Challenge Finale** at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 1441 Canyon Del Rey Blvd,

Seaside.

- Sat May 11, 10am: **Santa Cruz Web Developers Meetup** at NextSpace.

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our EVENTS page.**

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