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Immediately following the big [Poly announcement](#) last week, the newly branded company announced a hat trick of partnerships -- with Microsoft, Google, and Amazon. Check our three announcements from Poly.

After being inspired by the Women in Tech speaker panel [held recently](#) at NextSpace, social media guru Karen Kefauver launched a Facebook group for local Women in Tech to build community and provide support. The nascent group is growing quickly. Karen tells her story about how it started and why it matters.

There's more so scroll down and start reading the news!

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Top Stories

How it started and why it matters: Here's the story behind the new Facebook group for Santa Cruz Women in Tech. [Read this article.](#)

The 2019 Forbes AgTech Summit in June will again bring together global agriculture leaders and entrepreneurs to tackle some of the world's most critical challenges. [Read this article.](#)

Want your daughter to code? Looker and Code Naturally are making it happen at Spring Break Code Camp. [Read this article.](#)

Part 1 (in January) was about communicating to customers what they've purchased and how much they owe. PayStand's part 2 is about the options available to customers to make payments. [Read this article.](#)

Our Partners



What do elephant seals and dark matter have to do with the Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup's April 3 event? [Read this article.](#)



Alums Susan Wojcicki and Dennis Troper returned to UCSC campus for a free-ranging conversation about their path from the redwoods to the highest echelons of YouTube and Google. [Read this article.](#)



Poly announces business desk phones designed for the modern office that pair a native Microsoft Teams solution with premium voice quality. [Read this article.](#)



Poly announces the integration of two Amazon Web Services solutions -- Amazon Chime and Alexa for Business -- with the Trio conference phone. [Read this article.](#)



Poly announces OBi Edition phones that are the first IP phones certified for Google Voice. [Read this article.](#)



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Events



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- Tue, Mar 26 - Wed, Mar 27: [Sixth Annual Salinas Valley AgTech Summit](#) at Hartnell College, Salinas.
- Tue Apr 2, 7-9pm: [Santa Cruz Drupal User's Group](#) at NextSpace.
- Wed Apr 3, 6pm: [Santa Cruz New Tech Meetup](#) at Cruzio.
- Tue Apr 9, 12noon-1pm: [NextTalk Series: Turn Selling Secondhand Stuff Into A Superpower](#) at NextSpace.
- Tue Apr 9, 6pm: [Startup Monterey Bay Tech Meetup](#), 656 Broadway, Seaside.
- Tue Apr 9, 6pm: [Monterey Bay Information Technologists Meetup](#), Pacific Grove.



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