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Steve Blank is known by entrepreneurs as one of "The Godfathers of Silicon Valley." Blank, author of *The Startup Owner's Manual* as well as several other books, spoke recently at UCSC commencement. Find out what words of wisdom he shared with new UCSC grads.

Kudos! Cabrillo's Robotics Club has beaten out 23 other colleges and universities to win the NASA Swarmathon, a nationwide autonomous robotics competition.

The July 10 Tech Meetup -- note: it's not on the usual first Wednesday -- has a robust lineup. Get your tickets while they last.

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