



Department of Engineering
Seminar Program
Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Shanahan Teaching and Learning Center
Lecture Hall 1430, 4:10pm

Does Engineering Management Matter?

Nabeel Gareeb, '86/87
Ex CEO and an Angel Investor

Summary:

Nabeel will be discussing lessons learned about engineering management during his career, and how they showed him what tools in life were the most useful for an HMC graduate that might be interested in following his career path."

Bio:

Nabeel Gareeb emigrated from Pakistan at the age of 17 to attend college in the United States. He graduated from Harvey Mudd College/Claremont Graduate School in 1986/87 with a BS in Engineering and an MS in Engineering Management. During his college years he worked at a CAD/CAM software company in Burbank California. Subsequent to graduating he joined Andersen Consulting, where he helped companies across the United States enhance their operating performance.

He was then recruited by International Rectifier, a semiconductor manufacturer based in El Segundo CA, where he worked for ten years and helped quintuple the revenues of the company to \$1billion annually, with a disproportionate increase in profits. After serving as the Chief Operating Officer of IR, Nabeel was recruited to be the Chief Executive Officer at MEMC Electronic Materials, Inc., an international manufacturer of wafers for the semiconductor industry, headquartered in Missouri at that time. Nabeel lead the redirection of the company for a period of seven years. During his tenure, the company quadrupled revenues to \$2billion annually, with a disproportionate increase in profits, returns, and market value by improving its semiconductor focus and growing a solar wafer business in parallel.

Nabeel retired at the end of 2008 and moved back to Southern California in the summer of 2009. Since then, he has been focused on investing his liquid funds for income purposes, funding and advising startup companies (4 of them), and engaging in several philanthropic projects.

After the seminar there will be an informal dinner and conversation with the speaker in the Mitchell Room at Hoch-Shanahan Dining Hall. If you are not on the meal plan, we will have a signup sheet. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP with Sydney Torrey at storrey@hmc.edu.