

Curtis Park Bio

Since 1981 Curtis has been a founder, key management team member, and investor in numerous entrepreneurial companies including oil and gas exploration, commercial real estate development, manufacturing, professional practices, R&D defense contracting, and others. Starting from virtually zero in 1981, Curtis and his key partners grew a family of companies to an estimated market value of well over \$100 million by 1987.

Beginning in 2006, Curtis became Chief Financial Officer and a Director of the California Coast Venture Forum. At that time, he began to redirect his efforts to mentoring other entrepreneurs and helping them network with investors, key management talent, strategic partnering relationships, and service providers. By 2014, substantially all of his efforts were devoted to the volunteer mentoring and networking activities of the California Coast Venture Forum.

Beginning in 1996, CCVF served entrepreneurs, first in the tri-county region of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. From that beginning the organization spread to serving entrepreneurs throughout the West Coast and East Coast of the United States. For the past two years, CCVF has continued to grow and now serves many entrepreneurs throughout Scandinavia, the Low Countries, the United Kingdom, North, Central, and South America, Australia and New Zealand. Since January 2016, these international efforts have been conducted through a new California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code called Entrepreneurs Without Borders.

In addition to his involvement with CCVF and Entrepreneurs Without Borders, Curtis maintains an active presence with a number of graduate academic programs in California including Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and four UC schools, UCSB, UCLA, UC San Francisco, and UC Berkeley. He serves as a business plan competition judge and a mentor to the MBA candidates at those schools.