Lehigh University’s Baker Institute for Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation takes you to the heart of Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area – the hub of entrepreneurship that spawns countless new enterprises with its breakthrough technologies, next-generation software, and trend-setting social media. We are entering our eighth year with LSV2019. Join the Baker Institute for a one-of-a-kind experience that will transform the way you think and shape your future!

“LehighSiliconValley was the best ten days of my life. I learned a lot of information that no textbook could ever teach me. LSV gave me the wonderful opportunity to travel to the West Coast, meet some of the most gifted and intelligent people in the world, and create long lasting friendships. You will never get this opportunity anywhere else.”
– Alex Baker ’20, Mechanical Engineering

“Working with the design firm Lunar was an experience I will never forget. The CEO and COO of Lunar allowed the students to be an asset to their company. They valued our ideas, listened to our thoughts, and allowed us to contribute to something bigger than ourselves.”
– Ryann Unger ’20, Marketing
Lehigh Silicon Valley 2019: A Snapshot

- You arrive on Tuesday, January 8th at the 4-star Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel for a kick-off dinner that will excite the imagination for what lies ahead.
- The next day begins our journey. Our homebase will be the Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center, specifically Lehigh@NasdaqCenter - Lehigh’s home in San Francisco. We will spend quality time with key players in the venture community who make the dream possible for the next big thing.
- As far as the weekend, there will be time to meet in teams before exploring San Francisco on your own and preparing to begin the next step in our week!
- Pre-selected tracks will then kickoff and provide a deep dive into specific areas of interest:
  - **Arts Entrepreneurship:** The Bay Area is a magnet of visual, performing, and fine arts, attracting artists and creative entrepreneurs from all over the world. Students will explore the ins and outs of the art world through leaders of non-profit and community arts organizations, freelance professional artists, curators, and creative leaders.
  - **FinTech:** This track dives into Financial Technology’s roots, opportunities, and its controversies. Students will explore disruptive innovations such as block-chain applications in finance, payment systems, and robo-advising.
  - **Software Engineering:** Students will experience what it’s like to be a software engineer in the Silicon Valley eco-system. Not limited to startup companies, this track also dives into innovation in large companies.
  - **Start Up:** This track is focused on what it means to start a business in Silicon Valley. Guided by entrepreneurs and industry professionals, students will work on their own business ideas culminating in a share out to the broader Lehigh community.

During the second half of the program participants will divide into chosen tracks and be immersed in these fields; access to experts and hands on learning will culminate in how to apply these lessons to their own future.

“**We would go into every day, excited for an adventure, and our expectations were always exceeded. The speakers and trip facilitators made every session enjoyable and engaging. The interactive learning during Silicon Valley was so beneficial.**”

— Alessandra Esposito ’18, Accounting

“**The discussions and atmosphere I experienced throughout the program could never be replaced by any course and have inspired me to think about situations from new perspectives.**”


LSV2019 is offered exclusively by Lehigh University and the Baker Institute as a 3-credit immersion program delivered over the Winter Session.

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Save the Dates:

- **Information Sessions**
  - Choose ONE of the six sessions and register at www.lehighsiliconvalley.com
  - Wednesday, September 12th
    - 12pm
    - 4pm
  - Thursday, September 13th
    - 12pm
    - 4pm
  - Thursday, September 20th
    - 12pm
    - 4pm
  - All Info Sessions will be in the Classroom-S20 Fairchild-Martindale Library

- **LSV: Orientation** [required for all participants]
  - Saturday, December 1st
  - [Further details to be announced]

- **LSV: Immersion Week**
  - Tuesday, January 8th
  - thru Wednesday, Jan 16th
  - Silicon Valley/San Francisco, CA

Program Registration:

- **Program Fee:** $4,775 [airfare not included]
- **Lehigh Course Credits:** 3 credits
  - [counts toward Entrepreneurship minor, MBA VENTURESeries courses, and free electives]
- **Admission:** Open to sophomores through graduate students and all Lehigh alumni
- **Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until noon on October 22nd. Note: Those who apply and pay the $250 deposit by noon, October 12th will receive an early registration discount of $200 [assumes acceptance into LSV2019]
- **Notice of Acceptance:** Monday, October 29th
- **More Information:** Obtain an application online and learn more at lehighsiliconvalley.com or email bakerinfo@lehigh.edu