February 22: Careers In Technology
6:00 – 8:00 PM, Freeberg Forum

*NOTE: Other Careers In, Landing In, and our Personal & Professional Development workshops can be found on ClaremontConnect.*
Panelist Profiles

**Patrick Atwater ‘09**, Data Scientist
Patrick currently serves as a Data Scientist for ARGO Labs, pioneering creative ways of tackling entrenched civic challenges. He is someone who meanders between the civic and digital worlds, providing him a unique perspective on government operations. Patrick graduated from CMC in ’09 with degrees in mathematics & PPE. He also attended graduate school at New York University and graduated in ’15 with a master’s in urban science and informatics.

**Rafael Elizalde, Jr. ‘09**, District Director
Rafael serves as the District Director for Congressman Mark Takano where he oversees all operations. He spent many of his early professional years coordinating Takano’s campaign. Rafael graduated from CMC in ’09 with a degree in government. He went on to obtain his master’s in public administration, graduating from California Baptist University in ’10.

**Chris Gaarder ‘15**, District Representative
Chris currently serves as a District Representative for California State Senator Bob Huff, working in District 29. Prior to joining the government world, Chris was the Editor-in-Chief for The Claremont Independent between 2014 and 2015. Chris graduated from CMC in ’15 where he obtained dual degrees in international relations and government.

**Priscilla Hsu ‘13**, Operations Manager
Priscilla works as an Operations Manager at South Park Business Improvement District where she works with the Executive Director to implement lasting systems for project management and file storage. Previously, she was elected as one of 12 Coro Fellows to enhance civic leadership through a multi-sector rotational program. Priscilla graduated from CMC in ’13 with a degree in international relations and minor in Asian American Studies.

**Kimberly Munoz ‘10**, Technology & Innovation Fellow
Kimberly currently serves as a Technology & Innovation Fellow at Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Here, she is working as a front end web developer on the consumerfinance.gov redesign. Previously, Kimberly worked in Campaign Technology. She has obtained her undergraduate degree from CMC in ’10 where she was a PPE honors student.

**Paul Novak ‘86**, Executive Officer
Paul serves as the Executive Officer at the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles. In this role, he is serving as principal staff advisor to the Commission, conferring with county, city, and special district representatives regarding proposed annexations, incorporations, and municipal service reviews. And this is just a small segment of his responsibilities. Paul obtained his degree in political science from CMC in ’86. He went on to earn a Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) from the USC in ’91.