

Tony Gallo

Professional Affiliation: Retired Semiconductor Engineering Director, IBM, Toshiba

Background: Science has been in my blood since the 8th grade when I volunteered for a demo in school and discovered the wonder and "coolness" of how the world works. I continued to pursue my passion and received my doctorate in Chemistry at UC Berkeley. GO BEARS. I was an individual contributor in the development of memory devices for IBM, Toshiba, and SanDisk. I ultimately became the engineering director at a joint venture fab in Va. I am also active in the community to help educate the underprivileged and bring science experiments into the classrooms as well as having served as a docent at the Exploratorium.

Joined the Board: 2019

Board positions: Currently I am on the Category Judging Committee as Co Chair and I have served as a Category Judge for several years.

What attracted you to serve on the board? I always had a passion to teach science. My recent experience with fighting misinformation in science on social media made me realize that it is important to get it right when one is young. Helping our students and igniting their passion for STEM seems like the only way to achieve this. The mission of the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair is a great way to pursue that interest.