



STEVE WOZNIAK

Co-founder of Apple Computer

Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, Silicon Valley icon and philanthropist, helped shape the computing industry with his design of Apple's first line of products, the Apple I and II.

Wozniak and Steve Jobs founded Apple Computer in 1976 with Steve's Apple I personal computer. The following year they introduced the Apple II, featuring a central processing unit, keyboard, color graphics, and a floppy disk drive. The Apple II was integral in launching the personal computer industry.

Ever since leaving Apple in 1985, Steve has been deeply involved in various business and philanthropic ventures, focusing primarily on computer capabilities in schools. Making significant investments of both his time and resources in education, he "adopted" the Los Gatos School District, providing students and teachers with hands-on teaching and donations of state-of-the-art technology equipment.

Steve is also founder of the Electronic Frontier Foundation and sponsor of the Tech Museum, Silicon Valley Ballet and the Children's Museum of San Jose. He is the author of New York Times best-selling autobiography "iWoz: From Computer Geek to Cult Icon" (2006).

Steve was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame, awarded the National Medal of Technology -the highest honor bestowed on America's leading innovators- and the prestigious Heinz Award for "single-handedly designing the first personal computer, and redirecting his lifelong passion for mathematics and electronics toward lighting the fires of excitement for education."

Steve takes a very customized approach to each presentation he delivers. He analyzes the focus of the event, the agenda, the website, target audience and other essential information and develops a unique, conversational keynote. The result is a highly personalized, unforgettable talk delivered by one of the most influential pioneers of the technology industry.

Steve Wozniak holds a BA degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from University of California-Berkeley. He currently serves as member of the board of directors for Jacent, developer of cost-effective communication solutions, Danger Inc, developer of an end-to-end wireless internet platform, and as Chief Scientist for Fusion-io, developer of a data transfer acceleration platform.

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