

# FROM THE DEAN



## DRIVING THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP ENGINE

Entrepreneurship drives the development of our global economy and society. The term “entrepreneurial” evokes a range of positive attributes—creative, visionary, driven, and willing to assume risk. Our College of Professional Studies is proud of its entrepreneurial heritage as well as its learning environment, which is suited to students, graduates, and faculty who possess these exceptional qualities. While many of our alumni go on to become successful entrepreneurs, some apply their entrepreneurial skills in other innovative ways.



In the pages that follow, you will meet three University College alumni who have built successful organizations or who have provided guidance to prospective entrepreneurs. Geetha Ramamurthy (UC '78) is the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Business Development at Venus Capital Management, Inc., as well as Executive Director of the Boston chapter of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), a global nonprofit enterprise whose mission is to foster entrepreneurship. Milton J. Benjamin, Jr. (UC '78, NU School of Law '81) is the president and CEO of the Initiative for a New Economy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating profitable business relationships between Massachusetts-based minority-owned business enterprises (MBEs) and large institutional purchasers. Greg Marcotte (UC '90) is the developer and CEO of Mass Premier Courts, the largest indoor basketball facility in New England. Each of these individuals has identified a need or an opportunity to which they have applied their unique skills and deep passion.

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