



Introduction

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John E. Richards is an entrepreneur, venture investor, mentor, and educator. His activities have included founding, running, selling, and investing in several enterprises. He mentors entrepreneurs frequently. He founded Startup Ignition, an entrepreneur bootcamp. He was appointed Presidential Executive in Residence for Entrepreneurship by President Matt Holland of Utah Valley University. He served as Google Fiber's Head of Operations as it launched in Provo, Utah. He spent over a decade teaching entrepreneurship at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah where he helped achieve a #2 ranking and bring the Rollins Center for Entrepreneurship & Technology to global prominence. He was managing partner of UtahAngels, a venture investing group. He co-founded BoomStartup, a tech accelerator in Utah, and also founded the Utah Student 25. He was president of a yellow pages publishing company and later created the first-ever online yellow pages that led to an initial public offering and a multi-billion-dollar valuation as part of InfoSpace, Inc. John is a frequent speaker at conferences and other events. He and his family reside in Utah.

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