

Revolutionizing Education: A Student Movement

Berkeley, California—Thursday, November 5th, 2009 3:00pm – 4:30pm . 3111 Etcheverry
Keynote Address by Charles Kane and discussion led by Stacey Kertsman & Paul Commons

Background:

One Laptop per Child (OLPC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating educational opportunities for the world's poorest children by providing each child with a low-cost, low-power, connected laptop, loaded with content and software designed for collaborative, joyful, self-empowered learning. Founded in January 2005 and funded exclusively by private and corporate donations, OLPC has distributed more than **1 million** low-cost laptops to impoverished children throughout the Americas, Africa, and the world, purchased almost entirely by the governments themselves. This year, OLPC will scale-up its university engagement through the Corps program.

Keynote:



Charles Kane

*President, Chief Operating Officer of One Laptop per Child
Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan*

Charles Kane brings a wealth of experience to OLPC including as CFO at RSA Security (recently acquired by EMC), and CFO at Aspen Technology. Prior to joining Aspen Technology, Kane served as president and chief executive officer at Corechange, Inc., an enterprise software company purchased by Open Text, Inc. Kane previously served in executive management roles at Informix Software and Ardent Software; and he held senior financial management positions at Stratus Computer Inc., Prime Computer Inc. and Deloitte and Touche. Mr. Kane holds a Master of Business Administration in International Finance from Babson College, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Kane is a certified public accountant, and serves on the boards of directors at Progress Software (PRGS), Borland Software (BORL), Netezza Corporation (NZ), and Applix Software (APLX). He is a Senior Lecturer of International Finance at the MIT Sloan School.

Discussion:

Paul Commons: One Laptop per Child: new university-initiated programs designed to engage the enthusiasm and passion of these university students. OLPC will select highly talented young adults to work alongside Ministries of Education.

Stacey Kertsman: Using technology as tool for teaching and learning: experiences from South Africa with EduWeavers.