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Readers' Choice Award

sanchaita datta

FatPipe Networks

Co-founder & CTO

Known to all as "Sanch," Sanchaita Datta co-founded one of Utah's most promising high-tech gems, FatPipe Networks, with her husband, Ragula Bhaskar (see page 53).

A computer networking genius, Datta developed the core technology behind FatPipe Networks, which eventually led to the company's current product offerings that increase network speed and security while providing redundancy to FatPipe's customers.

Datta has often advised the Centers of Excellence program — a state-sponsored program that helps to fund the process of moving the most innovative research from Utah's universities into businesses to create great high-tech jobs for Utahns.

She was also a member of Gov. Huntsman's transition team and served on the committee to recommend Utah's new CIO.

Through her work with Utah Women in Technology and presentations at the Academy for Math, Engineering and Science state charter high (AMES) Datta has inspired many young women to consider careers in science and technology.

What's one thing about you that most people don't know?

"My husband Bhaskar and I have 5-year-old twin boys. One is a clone of Bhaskar and one looks very much like me."

What's the scariest thing you've ever done?

"Supporting Bhaskar in his decision to resign a tenured faculty position at the University of Utah to launch FatPipe. We went from having a guaranteed lifetime career to the uncertainty of entrepreneurship and a startup!"

Name a personal hero or mentor in your life.

"My mother and Sardar Patel (the first home minister of independent India) have been my heroes. My mother, for her strength, guidance, and sacrifices. Sardar Patel participated in the independence movement and then helped create a unified India from a gaggle of independent princely states."

What is your all-time favorite music album?

"'Abba Gold' for their song, 'I Have a Dream.' All the songs are very happy."

