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Sykap is a startup company that provides and links people to other startups that may have good use for their skills and perspectives. The speakers of Sykap criticized what is known to be a linear education process that most institutions provide today. They pointed that this kind of learning is heavily time constrained and therefore limits the ideas and creativity that may arise in a more natural learning environment. Much of the world revolved around this limited system and so there is a lack of “multi-area” thinkers who can come up with unconventional and creative solutions. Sykap wants to attack this problem by bringing together a group of people to diversify the problem-solving process. In fact, they said that now that nowadays, this is possible because of diversified and easy-access information. The Internet gave birth to modern-day specialists in fields like business, finance, social media, and even in gaming. Examples of these are influencers in gaming, fashion, inspiration, business, faith, and others that produce massive amounts of content online. Sykap says that this is the future of work, a work environment with people equipped with knowledge and expertise in not just one but various fields.

In the future, most of our jobs will disappear to automation. In fact, the speakers estimate that 375 million jobs will disappear not just in the low-skilled area but in some of the higher skilled fields as well. Sykap says that this will be addressed by fostering the skill of being able to learn, unlearn and relearn things. This will allow them to solve problems creatively free from self-imposed constraints of field-bounded thinking. One of the speakers discussed how this kind of non-linear method of learning happened in her life. She started as a med-tech student who has not decided her career, she then took liberal arts as an elective. Afterwards, she decided to work in human resources in corporate but then decided to jump aboard startups where she worked different roles as project manager, QA tester, technology manager, product manager, logistics, and even as a part of the company’s board of directors.

My takeaway from this experience is that one should not limit his or herself to linear learning methods and certain disciplines. One should be able to adapt to changing circumstances and pressures of the industries around them. One should be able to handle the ropes of whichever job gets thrown his or her way. This includes being able to handle finance, management, development, marketing and various industrial aspects. Similarly as to what I’ve learned to TECNPRE so far: Great entrepreneurs are people who have the ability to gather and manage resources effectively and efficiently in order to deliver products and services, and these resources will inevitably cover various aspects of any business from finance, production, human resource and development. And so to be a well rounded entrepreneur one has to have skills in all fields.