

Cherian Thomas is the Co-Founder & CEO of [Spotluck Inc.](#) Cherian took Spotluck from a Georgetown University Master's capstone to the #1 "dining" app on the iTunes App Store. Spotluck brings dynamic pricing to the restaurant industry, pioneering real-time discounts that fluctuate based on day, time, and weather. Spotluck's gamified spin on "deciding where to eat" makes the app fun for users, while their proprietary software maximizes restaurant occupancy (and profits) through smart discounts.

Spotluck has raised nearly \$10M in venture capital funds and partners with over 1,200 restaurants throughout the East Coast. Spotluck has been featured on NBC, FOX, ABC, CBS, Bloomberg, MSNBC, and several other media outlets throughout the U.S. In addition to co-founding Spotluck, Cherian co-founded the Georgetown WASTENOT Initiative in Cape Town, South Africa in 2013; a GU legacy project that links poverty-prone areas to local manufacturers through recycling buy-back centers. In 2016, he co-founded Ridecentive, a location-based advertising platform utilized amongst ridesharing drivers throughout Philadelphia.

Cherian has been a keynote speaker at the Apple Store in Georgetown, D.C. and dozens of universities including University of Maryland, Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, UPenn's Wharton Business School, University of Cape Town (South Africa), American University's Kogod School of Business, and served on several tech panels throughout the east coast.

Cherian received his M.B.A. from Hood College and completed his second Masters in Leadership from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, where he currently serves as an Entrepreneur in Residence. Cherian delivered the 2017 Graduate School Commencement at Hood College becoming the youngest recipient of an Honorary doctorate since 1893 for his entrepreneurial endeavors and socially-responsible impact within the community.

Cherian is on the Board of the Georgetown Entrepreneurship Alliance and is an active member of the Board of Associates at Hood College. He advises several early-stage tech companies and non-profits throughout the region in domains specific to tech, mobile marketing, fundraising and corporate social responsibility.

Cherian commutes to work via his Spotluck green electric skateboard (hey, those Bethesda hills are tough) bringing his equally electric energy to early morning team meetings. Pop in for a visit at Spotluck HQ and Cherian will certainly issue you a challenge in ping pong, cornhole, foosball, or VR. He is the husband to Catherine Thomas, his beyond-supportive wife and architect at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. The couple recently had their first child, Devassy, who has stolen the attention from Osito, their ridiculously smart (and cute) therapy dog.