



**Angus Davis**  
*Entrepreneur, Innovator, Education Reformer*

Angus is founder and CEO of Swipely (<http://swipely.com/>), an Internet company that helps local merchants accept payments, understand customers and grow sales. At Swipely, Angus has assembled a veteran management team and attracted over \$23 million in backing from Silicon Valley's most prominent investors to back his latest endeavor, headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island, where the company was recently named "One of the best places to work in Rhode Island" by Providence Business News and "One of America's most promising companies" by Forbes.

Prior to Swipely, Angus co-founded Tellme, a prominent Silicon Valley technology firm that grew a profitable business to over \$120 million in sales and more than 300 employees with over \$200 million in backing from Kleiner Perkins and Benchmark Capital, among other investors. In 2007, Microsoft acquired Tellme in its largest-ever acquisition of a private company. Angus subsequently guided speech recognition product strategy across Microsoft for two years before leaving in 2009 to found Swipely.

Prior to Tellme, Angus joined Netscape Communications in 1996, bypassing college to become the company's youngest employee at age 18. At Netscape, Angus worked in the office of the CTO and later as product manager for the Web browser known as "Firefox." He participated in the AOL/Netscape merger and helped establish Mozilla.org.

Angus has addressed numerous industry conferences on technology and business. He has spoken on entrepreneurship at Stanford, Harvard, Berkeley and Brown University, among others, and he has appeared in every major US business and technology media outlet, including CNBC, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, BusinessWeek, Fortune and others. In 2006 BusinessWeek named him one of the top ten entrepreneurs under age 30, and in 2013 Forbes named him one of "America's most promising CEOs under age 35."

A New England native, Angus visits Silicon Valley often but calls Providence, RI home. He is an active angel investor, backing over a dozen high-growth technology firms such as GetAround, Treatful, SavingStar, NABSys and WePay with seed stage funding. Angus is the managing partner of Ushers Cove, a real estate investments concern, and has been a limited partner in various commercial real estate investments.

In 2007, Rhode Island's Governor appointed Angus to the nine-member Board of Regents, the state's chief education policy body with a billion-dollar budget. In just two years, Angus led a major expansion of the charter school law, attracted Teach for America to the state, and recruited a nationally acclaimed leader to become Commissioner of Education, the first change in leadership in over 17 years. Angus is married to Joanna Davis. They have one son, Ryder Spink Davis, born in 2012.