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EMBA 2014 and 2015,

We are excited to welcome the EMBA Class of 2015 to the Berkeley MBA for Executives Program, and to continue with our amazing “first class” of 2014.

This student directory is meant to help you connect with fellow EMBA’s, with whom you will build strong personal and professional relationships over the next months and years. You will find profiles of students in both the Class of 2014 and 2015 in the following pages.

Enjoy your time together here at Haas.

Sincerely,

Mike Rielly

Mike Rielly
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Laura Adint

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Personal Statement
Laura Adint is currently a Senior Operations Director for Kelly Outsourcing and Consulting Group. Laura manages High Tech clients’ contingent workforce outsourcing programs, predominantly Fortune 500 companies. Before this, Laura was a Sales Operations Director at Xilinx. At Xilinx, she led multiple corporate programs, including leading Sales Force Automation for a customer relationship management program, setting up a new headquarters in Singapore, and building out the financial reporting and budgeting infrastructure. Her passion is for leading change while helping to develop people and teams. She and her husband have two fantastic boys, ages 8 and 10, and their favorite family activity is to travel.

Mike Alter

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Employment Information
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Industry: Agriculture

Personal Statement
Mike Alter is currently living and working in the industry of his dreams (wine) as VP, Supply Strategy at Treasury Wine Estates. He leads the development and execution of the company’s supply strategy and manages long-term planning and strategic investments for Treasury’s North and South American wine brands (~20 brands, 10 million cases annually). His road into the wine industry has been a bit unusual: after a medical discharge from the US Army in 2003 (from a back injury sustained playing lacrosse at West Point) and over 6 years as a strategy consultant with Booz & Company (Washington D.C. and Dubai), he and his wife quit their jobs and moved from Dubai to Adelaide, Australia in 2009 to pursue their wine dream. After almost two years in Australia, working harvest 2010 and earning a Master’s degree in Enology (wine science), he accepted a strategy role with Treasury and moved back to the United States. He lives in Napa, California with his wife (Wesley), their two boys (ages 2.5 and 1). In his spare time he loves to cook, drink great wine, play golf and enjoy family life in wine country.
Krishna Arji

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Employment Information
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Personal Statement
Krishna Arji is a senior manager at Cisco. In this role, he is responsible for the development of technology that enables delivery of Cisco services. Krishna has held various positions in the Cisco Services Technology Group. His current assignment is to enable delivery for Cisco’s BYOD service offerings. In the past, he played a key role in evaluating and developing technologies required for the delivery of Cloud planning, design, and implementation services. Under his leadership, his team developed several technologies to perform routing, switching, data center, security, and WLAN assessments of customer’s infrastructure. His areas of expertise include networking, software design and development, and data center technologies such as virtualization. Krishna holds a Bachelor’s degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering, and he has a Master’s degree in Enterprise Software Technologies. He has a patent pending with USPTO for Automated Assessments of Storage Area Networks (Serial No. 13/115, 141)

Fiona Barrett

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Employment Information
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Industry: General Management

Personal Statement
Fiona Barrett is a Berkeley native and proud graduate of the Berkeley public school system. She attended UC Santa Cruz, and received her BA in Community Studies. After college she worked with a small nonprofit in Santa Cruz for six years, before moving back to the Bay Area to pursue a career in philanthropy. Currently, she lives and works in San Francisco. She is the Operations Manager at Pacific Foundation Services, a company which provides management and administrative services to private family foundations. As a nonprofit professional with a college education that included almost no math at all, Fiona is particularly excited to have the chance to improve her understanding of basic business fundamentals.
## Barry Behnken

![Barry Behnken](image)

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Company: Raytheon  
Industry: Defense/Aerospace  

### Personal Statement  
Barry Behnken is an optical physicist at Raytheon Space & Airborne Systems in El Segundo, California. As Raytheon’s Engineering Fellow for Emerging Laser Technologies, he provides technical leadership over the development and engineering of advanced laser systems for Department of Defense applications. Prior to joining Raytheon, Dr. Behnken was a senior physicist and program manager with the U.S. Air Force, from which he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2013. During his active duty service, he supported the nuclear proliferation monitoring mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency, taught as an Assistant Professor of Physics at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and served as director of a $1.6B+ space satellite division at the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, VA. Barry enjoys endurance sports, abalone diving, skiing, photography, and pursuing adventure with his two children, Nicole and Kyle.

## Nishant Bhasin

![Nishant Bhasin](image)

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Industry: High Technology/Electronics  

### Personal Statement  
Nishant Bhasin has been working with Intel Corporation for the past 12 years. He is currently a technical lead and engineering manager in the Product Enabling and Ramp Team of Intel. After completing his Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from Purdue University in 2000, Nishant accepted a position at Sun Microsystems and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. In his free time, Nishant likes to read (favorite author John Grisham), watch movies and spend time with his children and fly R/C helicopters and airplanes.
Hiren Bhinde

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Employment Information
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Company: QUALCOMM Technologies Inc
Industry: Telecommunications

Personal Statement
Hiren Bhinde is a resident of San Diego, CA and has been working at Qualcomm since 2004. A father of a beautiful 2-year-old daughter, Hiren loves spending time with his daughter and wife over walks and spending evenings with friends over wine and Indian delicacies. He loves to cook and prides himself as a “foodie.” An avid movie watcher, his love for movies and theaters goes beyond being just a hobby. Hiren has participated as an actor/director in several plays with different theatre groups in San Diego. He also took on-screen acting classes and did some short films in San Diego and Hollywood. His other interests include traveling to new places and listening to music. Hiren began his career writing automation tools for the Multimedia group at Qualcomm. He switched roles to technology consulting and had a thrilling experience helping customers and partners like HTC, Samsung and Google launch some defining products like the first Google Android device, first dual core phone by Qualcomm, and the first Android device by LGE. Hiren also played a key role in being Qualcomm’s liaison with Google. He soon realized his pull towards product marketing and has been a successful Software Product Manager for the emerging markets since 2010. Hiren frequently travels to China, Taiwan, Korea and Europe. He received his M.S in Computer Science from the State University of New York, Binghamton.

Sangeeta Boyapati

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Director, Product Development
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Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement
Sangeeta Boyapati manages the global product development team for Model N’s Commercial Life Sciences applications. In simple terms, the company develops software for managing contracts, pricing, compliance, and rebates for pharmaceutical and medtech companies. The larger domain is called revenue management. Sangeeta has extensive experience in product delivery for the global enterprise and has built and managed cross-functional global delivery teams. This experience includes relocating to India for a year to build the company’s engineering operations. At Model N, Sangeeta has also experienced what it takes to start a company and drive it through its journey of becoming a public company. In parallel, over the years, Sangeeta bootstrapped a couple start-up ventures. Prior to Model N and life in the Bay Area, she lived on the East Coast, Midwest, and Texas. Her prior work experience includes software engineering roles at 3Com and EDS. While her background has largely been in the technology space, she is open to exploring other areas. Besides work, she enjoys traveling, hiking, and is a foodie at heart.
Helen Cademartori

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Employment Information
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Company: LBNL, Life Sciences
Industry: Not-For-Profit

Personal Statement
Helen Cademartori grew up in Rockland County, New York, a commuter suburb of NYC, the third of four children. After moving to Massachusetts for college, and spending about a year traveling in Europe, she moved to Berkeley to begin a PhD program in Comparative Literature at UC Berkeley. By that time, she decided to leverage her research, computer and communication skills to make a career change. Helen began her own consulting firm, helping small companies automate and computerize their business and accounting processes, and eventually took a job with one of her clients, becoming controller for a successful recruiting firm in SF. Later she took career positions at UC Berkeley eventually becoming CFO of the University Health Services and Student Health Insurance Plan. After many years on campus, she moved to Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory where she is currently the Division Deputy for Operations for the Life Sciences Divisions managing all business operations for $50M of research projects in multiple locations with more than 250 internationally renowned scientists. Helen lives with her 16-year old son here in Berkeley and frequently travels back to the East Coast where the rest of her family still lives. In her spare time, she does all the yoga she can!

Lisa Calandro

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Employment Information
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Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Lisa Calandro is a California native and 2-time UC Berkeley graduate returning for another round. A Forensic Science degree led to 10 years in the private sector as a founding member and DNA laboratory supervisor of a private full-service forensic laboratory. After working approximately 600 cases and testifying over 100 times in federal, criminal and civil courts, she turned her attention to product development joining Applied Biosystems (now Life Technologies) 9 years ago. She recently transitioned from a product applications role to product management and is looking to build a solid foundation in business through the Berkeley MBA for Executives Program. In her spare time, she enjoys swimming, cycling and traveling with Jo, her partner of 16 years.
Pramod Cherukumilli

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Employment Information
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Industry: Telecommunications, Technology, Consumer Products & Education

Personal Statement
Pramod Cherukumilli is currently with E8 Security (Big Data Security Startup), managing their cloud intelligence product development team. He is also the CTO/Co-Founder @ Produk.me, an early stage startup company focussed on helping brands engage with their customers in a meaningful way. Prior to his current role(s), Pramod Cherukumilli was a Senior Engineering Manager with the Security & Government Group at Cisco Systems Inc. At Cisco, he led cross-functional teams that are focused on finding the next generation solutions for advanced security threats using Big Data and Cloud. Pramod has also led teams in the development of high-scale network appliances including the design and development for Cisco’s $250 million data center security blade business.

Youngjin Choi

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Employment Information
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Personal Statement
Youngjin Choi is Director of Strategic Development at Lam Research, located at Fremont, CA. He supports the development of the company’s long term strategic plan and provides leadership in the planning, designing, and implementing of strategic business objectives. He identifies and evaluates new growth opportunities and risks. He also manages new strategic business opportunities, initiatives, mergers, acquisitions, partnerships, alliances and/or joint ventures.
Heather Davis

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Employment Information
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Company: JustGive
Industry: Not-For-Profit

Personal Statement
Heather Davis is currently serving as the Director of Finance & Operations for JustGive. She got her start in non-profit management as the Executive Director for a West Oakland non-profit focused on improving the health of children through school gardens. Over the course of two and a half years, her management strengthened the organization in the midst of a down-turning economy and eventually positioned the organization for an acquisition by LifeLong Medical Services. She holds two Bachelor of Science degrees from UC Davis in Animal Science & Management and Graphic Design, and takes pride in her untraditional career path. Always up for a challenge, she started her own business when she was 25 where she found her love for being a mastermind of the complexity behind the scenes.

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Employment Information
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Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement
Amar Doshi’s career focus has been in the areas of product management and marketing, business development, and corporate strategy roles within the telecom, media and internet technology space. Companies he has worked for include inCode Telecom, VeriSign, and Symantec. In his current role at Proofpoint, Inc., he oversees product marketing and strategy for the core email security product lines. He also splits his time with entrepreneurial pursuits around a variety of multidisciplinary ideas. Yes, he is part geek and part professional storyteller!
Greg Durkin

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Employment Information
Title: VP Research
Industry: Entertainment

Personal Statement
Greg Durkin is a proud father of two boys, Dean (12) and Virgil (9). He’s interested in technology’s role in the creation, distribution, and influence of entertainment. He is skilled in research methodologies, with an M.S. in Applied Social Research and 16 years of professional experience as a researcher and entertainment marketer. Other areas of interest include non-linear thinking, innovation, environmentalism, and economic sociology. Greg currently lives in Los Angeles.

Nate Falkner

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Employment Information
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Industry: Not-For-Profit

Personal Statement
Nate Falkner’s background is comprised of diverse yet interrelated experiences working on issues of organizational development, project management, and strategic planning both domestically and abroad. As Vice President of Strategy at Single Stop USA, Nate directs the company’s focus on non-traditional distribution channels, technological innovation and new business ventures that seek to overcome barriers to financing and scale. Since Single Stop’s spin off from the Robin Hood Foundation in 2007, the organization has received two awards from the White House Office of Social Innovation and grown to over 90 sites across the country, helping more than 700,000 families access resources valued at more than $2 billion. Immediately prior to joining Single Stop, Nate managed local operations and oversight for a multi-year research project on the impact of conflict on educational outcomes and life chances of children in Herat, Afghanistan. Nate holds a BA in political science and international relations from the University of Wisconsin Madison and an MPA from the School of Public and International Affairs at Columbia University. Nate has lived and worked on four continents and is particularly interested in social enterprise and venture philanthropy.
Nicole Farrar grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas and attended Tulane University in New Orleans. After spending two years as a ski bum in the Lake Tahoe area, she attended law school at University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was a law firm associate for three years in D.C. and San Francisco prior to moving in-house, where she has worked at an agricultural chemical company and in the technology sector. Nicole is currently Senior Corporate Counsel at Paragon Legal. She and her husband Jonathan welcomed their daughter Stella Jane into the world on April 10th, 2014. They are enjoying getting to know her and are excited to bring her into the Haas community. Nicole loves meeting new people, eating great meals, and being outside. Nicole plans to change careers after returning from pregnancy leave and welcomes career ideas for recovering attorneys.

Adam Farren has lived in San Francisco since 2007 and has been involved with venture-backed startup companies throughout his time in the Bay Area. Each company focused on building online communities through user-generated content, and he has specialized in business development and monetization, implementing revenue models including advertising, affiliate marketing, premium subscriptions, or a combination of all three. Currently he is in a business development and business operations role at Bleacher Report, a sports media company that was acquired by Turner Broadcasting/Time Warner in August 2012. He grew up on the East Coast, living in Boston, Rhode Island, and New York. Adam always loved sports, rooting for all of his Boston teams, and outside of the office he plays basketball and ultimate frisbee and skis in the winters. His first job out of college was a history and civics teacher and he still loves to read about history and politics when he can find the time.
Neal Fornaciari

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Employment Information
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Industry: Government

Personal Statement
Neal Fornaciari has been married to his wife Kate for 25 years and they have an outstanding 18-year-old son Theo who is headed off to Arizona State University in August -- Fear the Fork! He holds a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering, both from UC Berkeley. Upon completion of his BS, he started working at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore where he has been for the past 22 years. His career began on an experiment where he used laser-based diagnostics to help improve the efficiency and reduce the emissions in industrial-scale gas process heat burners. From there he went on to work on an EUV Lithography project and in several national security programs. He has been in management for the past 9 years and currently leads a group of 5 business related departments. He is excited to be back at Berkeley getting his MBA, all while restoring his 1966 Ford Fairlane Convertible.

Sung Yon Hong

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Employment Information
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Sung Hong loves innovation and enjoys being at the frontier of technology. Over the years at Microsoft, she has shipped several products partnering with major OEMs - Windows PC, Windows Phone and Media Center Extender. As a seasoned professional in technology, collaboration and external partnerships come naturally to her. Having been a developer for several years prior to program management, Sung is a leader with the ability to understand the engineering and also focus on the business goals.
Joe Inkenbrandt

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Employment Information
Title: CEO
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Joe Inkenbrandt grew up in Evansville, IN before joining the US Navy as an Avionics Technician on F/A-18s. While in the Navy, he spent time on the USS Enterprise and the USS Kennedy. After completing his tour, Joe attended Purdue University and received his degree in Electrical Engineering. In his engineering profession, Joe has worked as an ASIC engineer at Sun Microsystems, Advanced Micro Devices, and a few start-ups. After working as an engineer at his current company (Cryptography Research Inc.) for a year, he moved into engineering management as well as supported business development as a technical expert. Recently, Joe has left stable employment and taken the plunge and started his own security company based on protecting 3D designs. In his spare time, Joe enjoys running, kayaking, mountain biking, and watching movies. He also enjoys coaching youth sports, particularly wrestling. He currently lives in San Francisco with his wife and son.

Dave Johnson

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Employment Information
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Company: GigaGen Inc.
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Dr. David Johnson is an inventor and entrepreneur. Dr. Johnson earned a Ph.D. in Genetics from Stanford University, and then served as a Project Director at the Stanford Human Genome Center. At the Human Genome Center, Dr. Johnson was a respected leader in the international genomics community and led a number of consortium projects, culminating in a $14.6 million grant from NIH. After Stanford, Dr. Johnson was among the founding members and COO of Natera, a Silicon Valley genetics startup. At Natera, Dr. Johnson led a team of 15 and was responsible for all clinical operations, clinical studies, and product development. Natera’s products captured >30% market share less than a year after commercial launch. Currently Dr. Johnson is Founder and CEO of GigaGen, Inc., a San Francisco startup that has commercialized a novel technology for mining human immune cell repertoires for antibody drug candidates. The technology is currently being used by enthusiastic lead customers at Stanford, UCSF, and a major pharmaceutical company. At GigaGen, Dr. Johnson raised millions of dollars in venture capital and grants from NSF, DOE, and NIH. As a Haas MBA candidate, Dr. Johnson’s ambition is to move beyond biotechnology entrepreneurship by first gaining general management expertise, and then building a career in the broader field of technology innovation.
Luke Johnson

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Industry: Not-For-Profit

Personal Statement
Luke Johnson currently leads a large health system's business development function, with responsibility for pursuing domestic and international growth opportunities. His current transaction work includes mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and divestitures. He has worked on acquisitions of hospitals, surgery centers, insurance plans, and medical groups throughout the Southwest US, Mexico, and South America. Prior to entering the healthcare sector, he worked as a consultant in structured finance sector specializing in subprime mortgage-backed securities, where he evaluated mortgage banks and investment banks during the height of the market through its collapse. Luke was raised in Vermont where he developed a life-long passion for skiing. He currently resides in Dallas where he is supported by his brilliant wife Betsy (an architect), his 3 year old daughter Molly (part-time Viking), and his newborn daughter, Heidi (expertise in smiling).

Ryan Johnson

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Employment Information
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Company: Pearson
Industry: Education

Personal Statement
Ryan Johnson is a Director of Business Planning & Analysis at Pearson, the world’s largest education company. He works in Pearson’s K-12 Technology Group, a division that provides software solutions to school districts to track, measure, and improve student performance. At Pearson, Ryan manages a team of analysts that perform market research, competitive analysis and benchmarking, and develops business plans to support major corporate initiatives (internal investments, M&A, partnerships, etc.). Prior to Pearson, Ryan worked at Intel Capital and supported several M&A deals with a combined value of more than $3 billion. Prior to Intel Capital, Ryan held several finance roles in Intel’s Channel Platform Group that provides technology products to emerging markets. Ryan is the proud husband to a beautiful wife and the father of six wonderful children. He enjoys all kinds of sports and many outdoor activities including running, snowboarding, motorcycling, and kayaking.
Bilal Khan was born and raised in Pakistan where he graduated from university. He has spent most of his adult working life and postgraduate studies in Australia and is now an Australian citizen. He currently lives and works in Houston, Texas, in the energy industry and is a huge fan of cricket.

Ashish Joshi is a Senior Director within Oracle’s Application Product Management team. He is responsible for product strategy, and management of Oracle Knowledge Applications products. He is also responsible for marketing and sales enablement programs within the Service Automation product family at Oracle. Ashish has over 15 years of experience in CRM Service industry. He specializes in ROI analysis, best practices promotion, as well as whitespace discovery & solution design. Ashish holds a Master’s degree in engineering from the Louisiana Tech University. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in engineering from the University of Pune, India.

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Nitin Kumar

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Employment Information
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Industry: Telecommunications

Personal Statement
Nitin Kumar is Sr. Product Manager at Qualcomm Inc, where he is a key contributor to the Graphics roadmap for all categories of Qualcomm Snapdragon processors, including products targeting the smartphones & tablets computing markets. He is responsible for product definition, planning, strategy, and driving projects effectively in cross functional teams. With over a decade of experience in product management, technical marketing, business relationships, and customer engineering with customers all around the world, Nitin has a strong track record of being a global manager. Nitin graduated from Arizona State University with a Master’s of Science in Computer Science and pursued his Bachelor’s and schooling in India. In his spare time, Nitin likes reading, swimming, and watching documentaries. He particularly likes the ones on aviation and aspires to get his flying license soon.

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Employment Information
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Company: Nomis Solutions
Industry: Technology

Personal Statement
Danny Lee was born in Phoenix, AZ, and grew up in Los Angeles. He earned from Stanford University a B.A. in Public Policy and a M.A. in Education. Upon graduating, he researched the technology and banking industries as an Equity Associate at Franklin Templeton Investments. He then moved to Wells Fargo, where he gained a broad range of experiences in product management and pricing, decision analytics, vendor contracts, FP&A, and emerging payments (mobile payments, digital wallets, P2P, etc.). He currently leads the implementation efforts at Nomis Solutions, a pricing-optimization technology firm. His professional interests lie in the intersection of business strategy, finance, and big data. He is especially excited to connect with his fellow classmates and the greater Haas community, and would love to discuss ideas on entrepreneurship and start-ups. In relation to his professional interests above, he is also interested in issues around education, equity, and conservation. Danny lives in San Francisco with his partner and jindo dog.
Guochun Liao

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PhD Natural Sciences, University of California, Berkeley

Employment Information
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Company: Vista Informatics Corporation
Industry: Biotechnology, Information Technology

Personal Statement
Guochun Liao is the owner and consultant at Vista Informatics Corporation. He is also a consulting professor at Stanford University School of Medicine and an adjunct professor at Central South University in China. He was the Vice President of Bioinformatics at Centrillion Biosciences. Prior to joining Centrillion, Dr. Liao was a co-founder and CEO of SandHill Bio Corporation, a drug discovery start-up company. Before that, Dr. Liao was the Head of Computational Genomics and Research Biostatistics at Roche Pharmaceuticals Palo Alto site, where he was responsible for the data management and analysis for the pre-clinical and clinical projects covering a variety of disease biology and functional areas. Dr. Liao’s scientific work was featured in many patents, peer reviewed publications and on the cover of Science magazine. Dr. Liao earned his B.S. degree from University of Science and Technology of China, M.S. degree in Computer Science and Ph.D. degree in Molecular Cell Biology from University of California Berkeley.

Pengbo Liu

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Personal Statement
Inspired by her father, Pengbo Liu grew to love product development from an early age. Now, working as a Product Manager in risk and compliance at PayPal, her passion is to create compelling products that can improve people’s lives. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities, good food and spending time with her family.
Jennifer Loo

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BA Economics, University of California, Berkeley
JD Law, New York University

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Company: LegalZoom.com
Industry: Law

Personal Statement
Jennifer Loo is an alumna of UC Berkeley's Haas undergraduate program, and a graduate of the NYU School of Law. She is a licensed attorney in the state of California, but has defected from a legal career to join LegalZoom.com as their Vice President of Finance, Planning & Analysis. While she is no longer in practice, she is proud to be a part of a company that is transforming the legal industry.

Kevin Luft

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MS Systems Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park
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Employment Information
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Company: Genentech
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Kevin Luft graduated from the US Naval Academy and served as an officer aboard nuclear submarines for more than eight years. During that time he completed two national security missions and four strategic deterrent patrols, managed submarine overhaul and decommissioning in the shipyard, and taught leadership to future officers at the Naval Academy. After leaving the Navy, Kevin completed a Master's degree in Systems Engineering and began his civilian career at Genentech, taking on roles in quality, supply chain and manufacturing. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys working on home improvement projects; doing anything in, on, or around the water, including sailing and SCUBA diving; and spending time outdoors with his family. He lives in Davis, California, with his wife of 14 years, Nancy, and their three children, twins Anderson and Grace (5), and Caitlin (3).
David Martinez

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Title: Chief Operating Officer
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Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement
David Martinez is a Bay Area native who went to St. Ignatius High School and then attended Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where he studied biology with a concentration in developmental genetics. After college, he returned to the Bay Area and joined the family business, Clickview Corporation, where he has worked ever since. His family’s company develops, sells and supports clinical informatics systems for hospital radiology departments. He currently lives in San Francisco with his wife Kimberly and their daughter Avila. He is an avid outdoors person who enjoys cycling, skiing and kite boarding. David also considers himself a “foodie” and enjoys cooking and gardening.

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Employment Information
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Company: Vitech Systems Group
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement
Ali started his professional career at a small consulting firm out of downtown Chicago. He then moved to Aon Hewitt and worked with the technology group that was implementing Oracle Financials within the organization. From Hewitt, he moved to Vitech Systems Group, a company based out of Manhattan NY. Vitech is a software company with a proprietary Cloud-based ERP solution for Healthcare, Pension and Asset Management. The company has been around for over 20 years but still maintains a start-up culture and, if you like challenges, the sky’s the limit. As a Senior Manager, Ali oversees a number of software implementations, provides Change Management services, is a part of the company’s Healthcare Business Development Group. He also closely works with the Product Development Team to ensure that the healthcare product evolution is in line with the long term business development strategy. Ali and his wife love traveling and are big foodies. They travel every chance they get with their 2 daughters. He is a self-confessed Trekkie and a die-hard Star Wars fan.
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**Employment Information**
Title: Chief Operating Officer  
Company: iDealResponse  
Industry: Consulting

**Personal Statement**
Fritz Morris has led innovation and go-to-market at performance technology firms. He is a founding executive of iDealResponse, an enterprise social platform that enables sales and service teams to crowdsource the best verbal response to any customer pitch, question, or objection. Fritz also co-founded the business skills platform, HSA Corp, and helped grow the business from 5 to more than 200 employees in 4 years. Fritz also worked in strategy consulting and venture capital and is passionate about the application of technology to international development. Fritz has a BA from the University of Utah and an MPA from Harvard University.

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Industry: Consulting

**Personal Statement**
Morad Movassaghi was born and raised in Tehran, Iran; he immigrated to the States in his early 20s and graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. Upon graduation, he worked at Palo Verde Nuclear power plant for a few months before joining Accenture utility practice and relocating to San Francisco. For the past seven years, Morad has participated in and lead many different projects across North America, mainly in the area of Smart Grid planning and implementation, business process design, utility strategy and roadmap development. Morad loves all sorts of outdoor activities such as camping, backpacking, skiing and scuba diving. He practices guitar whenever he can, and hopes that one day he can perform at a local event.
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Employment Information
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Company: Intel Corporation
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Darcy Ortiz is General Manager of the CIO Strategy Office for Intel Corporation. She is responsible for establishing long-range plans for IT encompassing the changes in both Intel's business and IT industry delivery models. Darcy and her team work across IT to clearly define changes that need to be made to aid in execution of Intel's strategic long-range priorities. Her team is also responsible for driving adoption of IT products & services throughout Intel and providing IT learning and productivity support. Previously, Darcy was the technical assistant to Intel's Chief Operating Officer and a member of the team that redefined Intel's long-range planning process. She was also responsible for implementing workforce-planning models across Intel’s global manufacturing operations. Prior to that, she was part of the Technology Manufacturing Group and held a variety of roles in Factory Automation including Fab 23 Site IT Manager and Factory Automation Manager. Darcy joined Intel in 1995. She received her bachelor's degree in management information systems from the University of New Mexico.

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Employment Information
Title: Consultant
Company: Independent
Industry: Not-For-Profit

Personal Statement
Carmen is a strategic management professional with experience in project management, facilitation, and team development. She is now an independent management consultant servicing nonprofit and for-profit organizations. She was formerly Vice President, of Dimensional Fund Advisors LP, overseeing investment operations for the company’s non-US jurisdictions, including Europe, Latin America, Australia, and Canada. Carmen has an M.A. in sports management from the University of San Francisco and a B.A. in economics from the University of Southern California. In addition to her professional activities, Carmen is active in her community and serves on the advisory board of Santa Monica City College Business Department and volunteers at a convalescent home. She loves all things outdoors especially running and snowboarding and is focused on a career in the social impact sector.
Orion Parrott is founding LendSnap to modernize the mortgage application process for both borrowers and lenders. Orion began his career as an electrical engineer and recently worked at Teledyne Microwave Solutions managing $20M in sales. Previously, he led algorithm development of an active vibration control system for wind turbines and started a biofuels cooperative in Boston. He has lived abroad twice, first to study at the Technion in Israel, and later to program a missile defense radar system in northern England. His passions include trail running, electronic music and creating value by automating inefficient everyday chores. He joined the Berkeley MBA for Executives Program Class of 2014 to gain a comprehensive business perspective and build lifelong friendships with successful peers who are making waves in their industries.

Shaan Parasnis combines his unique perspective as a hotel and restaurant owner, with his passion and experience in technology. He is a Partner and Founder at GuestFirst Technology, a hospitality industry focused technology consulting firm, with hotel and restaurant clients across the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior to founding GuestFirst Technology, Shaan held senior level product management positions at Microsoft Corporation across various product lines ranging from Digital TV, Hotmail, and mobile phone services. During this time, Shaan was twice awarded the VP Customer Focus Award for his leadership of cross division task forces, and holds four technology patents in the area of web conferencing. Shaan started his career in various Silicon Valley startups after graduating from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science. As a true believer in continuous improvement, he is currently in the Berkeley MBA for Executives Program, Class of 2014. When not juggling his many roles, Shaan enjoys youth sports coaching, mentoring, spending time with his family, and cheering on the Cal Golden Bears.
PV Peruvemba

Subramanian Peruvemba (aka “PV”), originally from Chennai, India, currently resides in Saratoga, California. PV completed his undergraduate degree at Indian Institute of Technology, Madras/Chennai. PV currently works for Visa International, where he heads their Application Services & Solutions group in Visa's Digital & Mobile product development organization. PV came to Visa through the acquisition of online payment & digital wallet startup, PlaySpan. At PlaySpan, as part of the seed team, PV was the VP of Engineering and was responsible for all of Technology and Operations. PV has held senior positions in technology startups Mobio Networks and MobileAria. Prior to that PV was part Oracle product development and part other technology companies.

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Employment Information
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Industry: Financial Services

John Paul Peterson

John Paul is a student of life who loves to explore, ask questions and find beauty in the deep complexity that surrounds us. He is a lover of the metropolis and currently resides in San Francisco. A mechanical engineer by training, John Paul has spent his career designing high performing buildings with an emphasis in ultra-low energy building system. He is currently working on the designs of headquarters buildings for Google, Facebook, E&J Gallo and Nike. He is blessed with both an amazing partner, Lisa, who inspires him to chase his dreams and two beautiful sons, Sylas James and Grey Timothy (1.5yrs & ~1 week respectively). When he is not studying, he is either playing in the kitchen (cooking), building something with blocks or taking the family on a beach adventure.

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Employment Information
Title: LNG Commercial Analyst
Company: Chevron Shipping Company
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement
Vineet Plaha graduated as a Marine Engineer in 1997 from the Marine Engineering and Research Institute, Kolkata - India and was awarded the President’s Gold Medal for his excellent well-rounded performance and abilities. Charged with a positive attitude and an affinity for the sea, he embarked on an exciting journey of sailing on board Chevron oil tankers. During his twelve years of sailing, Vineet swiftly rose up the ranks and became one of Chevron’s youngest Chief Engineers. He transitioned from a life at sea to work ashore at Chevron Shipping’s corporate headquarters in San Ramon, California in 2010. Vineet’s leadership qualities and ability to successfully handle major capital projects provided him the opportunity to manage the construction of a super tanker in Korea. In 2013, Vineet moved from his engineering role to join the Strategic Planning team within Chevron Shipping. In January this year, he ventured into the growing field of liquefied natural gas & took up an analytical role in the LNG commercial team. Vineet views Haas as an open door to a whole new world of opportunities in a great learning environment. He enjoys various sports and outdoor activities. His most cherished moments are times spent with his wife, family and friends.

Alec Randall

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Company: Charles Schwab
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement
Alec Randall grew up in Maine and went to Wesleyan University, where he “focused” on the College of Social Studies, an interdisciplinary program with concentrations in economics, government, history, and social theory. He brings many career experiences to Haas starting with consulting to endowed institutions and wealthy families out of college to working for Kleiner Perkins and August Capital-backed startups to managing products at large financial services companies, Wells Fargo and Charles Schwab. From his business school experience, Alec hopes to grow professionally and personally, while sharing intellectual curiosity with driven and interesting people from many backgrounds in an atmosphere of teamwork and collaboration. When he is not at work or in class, he enjoys being active, running, hiking, doing anything outdoors. The latest sport is surfing, catching his first wave last December in Maui and incidentally his first gnarly reef rash (and the scars to prove it). He and his wife, Ashley, hit many cultural events including concerts, plays, museums, street festivals, and sporting events. They make an annual trek to Ashland during the summer with friends for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and to just hang out in the heat. When relaxing, you are most likely to find Alec talking with friends and family over a dinner or a cappuccino or a gelato or all three!
Jennifer Reed is a Senior Manager at Thomson Reuters under the Tax & Accounting Group. She works on large tax transformation projects where she designs and implements tax technology solutions to help public clients streamline and improve their tax provision and compliance processes. Before joining Thomson Reuters, she held positions as a Tax Senior at Deloitte, as a Global Tax Manager at QAD, Inc., and as a Tax Associate at KPMG. Jennifer received her undergrad degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA. She is a Bay Area native and currently resides in San Francisco.

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Scott Robertson

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Employment Information
Title: Business Development Director
Industry: Agriculture

Personal Statement
Scott Robertson joined DuPont Pioneer in early 2010 and currently holds the position of Business Development Director with primary responsibility for the business development portfolio involving the acquisition of equity. He is also a part-time team member of DuPont’s corporate venture capital group. Previously, Scott was an investment professional at MPM Capital, a life sciences-dedicated venture capital fund with committed capital under management in excess of $2 billion. Prior to joining MPM, Scott was an Associate at Merrill Lynch & Co. in the Healthcare Investment Banking group. Scott was a Business Scholar at the Marshall School of Business and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business from the University of Southern California.

Rob Ross

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Employment Information
Title: SVP, Channel Leader - Correspondent Lending
Company: BOK Financial
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement
Robert Ross is the Senior Vice President and Channel Leader of Correspondent Mortgage Lending at BOK Financial Corporation, a $28B regional financial services company. Prior to BOK Financial, Robert served in various capacities within sales/relationship management, strategy and leadership at JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, LendingTree and Genworth Financial. Robert is originally from Florida, grew up an avid surfer and tennis player and received his Bachelor’s degree from the University of North Florida. He currently resides in Tulsa, OK with his wife Kristen, son Liam and daughter Parker. In his spare time enjoys playing tennis, reading, traveling and spending time with friends and family.
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Employment Information
Title: International Marketing Communications Operations
Company: Square
Industry: Financial Services

Personal Statement
Elisa Rossi, originally from Italy, is a conference interpreter and translator who speaks four languages and studied at four different universities in the US, Russia, Italy, and Spain. After moving to the United States, she pursued a career in international business operations and held roles as globalization manager and international product manager at Apple, IAC, Eventbrite, and, currently, at Square. She is also the Director of Publications and Ethics at the Northern California Translators Association.

Sanjeev Sastry

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Employment Information
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Personal Statement
Sanjeev Sastry is an AACEI Certified Cost Professional (CCP) with senior management experience in Oil & Gas. He is currently managing the Cost Engineering (Project Controls) practice for Chevron’s Environmental Management Company managing an annual budget of over $2 Billion. Prior to this, as a Global Manager at Jacobs, he implemented Project Controls systems for several global offices, managing a cumulative project spend of over $15 billion. His current areas of focus are leading strategic decisions with cost engineering, advanced decision analysis, and value driven enterprise risk management. Sanjeev is a true sports fanatic following college football (he’s a true Texas Aggie!), Tennis (a Rafa and Fed fan) and of course, he eats and breathes cricket! He is a food connoisseur, always ready to relish a new cuisine. Sanjeev is a proud dad of Kanika, 2 and Kanishk, 4.
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement**  
Rob Schult has been with IBM for 15 years, joining the company straight from UCLA undergrad, as an Account Representative focused on financial services sector accounts. Since that time he has held a variety of positions across both San Francisco and New York City: Business Development lead on IBM’s banking strategy, a dealmaker focused on strategic outsourcing, an Account Executive focused on the Web 2.0 sector, a first line manager within IBM’s System Technology Group, a Business Development Executive focused on complex signings, a Regional Services Executive managing a team of business development executives focused upon IBM’s services portfolio across the Pacific West and finally his current role as an Enterprise Sales Unit Manager for Northern California managing a team of Account Executives who are responsible for IBM’s portfolio of Software, Services and Hardware across the High Tech and Electronics industry.

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**Employment Information**  
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Company: Google Inc.  
Industry: Advertising/Public Relations

**Personal Statement**  
Anil Shah, born in New Orleans and raised in New York, has lived an unexpectedly varied life. From a dual degree in English & Finance at Washington University in St. Louis to having spent 7 years abroad in London and Mumbai, Anil’s global work experience has informed both his personal sensibilities and his career choices. As part of the original “.com” boom in the mid to late 90’s, Anil joined DoubleClick in NYC and was part of the birth of online advertising. After spending 5 years in London helping DoubleClick launch their display, email & analytics businesses, Anil had the opportunity to head up Time Out Mumbai magazine in India. Returning to the US, he joined a solar software company started by the founder of match.com, which aimed to automate, streamline & accelerate the adoption of clean technology. Shortly after Google’s acquisition of DoubleClick, Anil was recruited back into the world of online advertising, where he works with Fortune 50 CMOs to leverage Google’s digital marketing platform to execute their advertising campaigns across channels. In his spare time Anil can be found surfing, biking, checking out live music or traveling the globe. He is also a diehard Jets, Mets & Knicks fan.
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Employment Information
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Company: Oracle America
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Mithun Shankar was always a rebel growing up, questioning commonly used practices, doing things differently and having fun poking holes in other’s ideas. Later on, post the academic rigors of an Engineering degree, he went ahead and made a career out of poking holes i.e. finding loopholes in software developed. 12 years on and today he is an accomplished Quality Leader in the IT domain with significant experience in QA operations, designing test frameworks, developing test tools and handling quality assurance for large complex products as well as managing global teams to achieve Quality. He is still questioning common practices and trying to experiment with the goal of achieving better quality. That apart, he loves indulging himself in physical activities.

Tina Shinnick

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Employment Information
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Industry: Law

Personal Statement
Cristina Gutierrez “Tina” Shinnick is the Director of Administration, Procurement and Travel at O’Melveny & Myers LLP. O’Melveny is a global law firm with 16 offices: seven in the U.S., seven in Asia, and two in Europe. During her almost ten years at O’Melveny, Tina has 1) managed the build-out of 125,000 square feet and the move of 250+ personnel to new offices, 2) overseen administration in five offices in Asia, 3) created and led several manager training programs, and 4) led several firm wide efforts including a global travel program and implementing centralized support services. In her spare time, Tina enjoys reading (fiction), walking her dog (Millie - a Coton de Tulear), and spending time with her husband, Jim, in their mountain home in Arnold, CA. Tina and Jim also both love to travel and don’t do nearly as much of it as they would like! One of her favorite TV shows is “The Amazing Race.”
Larry Sidney

Stephen Shotts

Personal Statement

Larry Sidney is excited to be a part of the Haas School’s first MBA for Executives class. He earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of Connecticut, and taught Wellness in the schools for 15 years. Two years ago he moved to Lake Tahoe to work on bringing the Winter Olympics back to the Reno/Lake Tahoe region. After moving to Tahoe he took up curling and skeleton, while continuing to ski, run, play soccer, bike, and generally stay active. Larry also enjoys traveling the world, as well as writing, playing, and singing music. Just recently, Larry co-founded Lendsnap, a company dedicated to making the mortgage process easier and more efficient. He is also working on designing an educational consulting business geared towards improving public education. He welcomes the EMBA class of 2015 to Berkeley, and implores you to meet as many of his amazing EMBA 2014 classmates as possible!

Personal Statement

Stephen Shotts is a Virginia native who grew up in Blacksburg and attended school in his hometown at Virginia Tech in Electrical Engineering. After graduating, he went to work for Nortel in Dallas designing and optimizing cellular systems in many parts of the world. He then moved to the SF Bay Area and started a job with Nextel for a few years and then co-founded a boutique software company, Errigal, that caters to the wireless industry and has been in start-up mode for the last 13 years. When not in the office, Stephen loves watching and helping things grow with his wife, including their two kids and their backyard garden.
Ray Sidney

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Employment Information
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Company: Big George Ventures, LLC
Industry: Real Estate

Personal Statement
Ray Sidney attended Caltech and Harvard for his undergraduate education in math, and then went straight from Harvard to MIT and got a Ph.D. in math, specializing in cryptography. Ray worked industry jobs in cryptography, computer security, and software development at D. E. Shaw & Co. and RSA Labs, among other places. Early in Google’s existence some friends introduced him to Larry and Sergey, and Ray started working as Google’s second engineer in January 1999. At the very end of 2004 he moved up to Lake Tahoe. These days he invests his own capital in real estate and various private ventures, and participates in a large variety of winter sports, dragging-behind-the-boat sports, and other recreation. Ray is passionate about improving K-12 education.

Paul Simpson

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Employment Information
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Company: SageTel International, LLC
Industry: Telecommunications

Personal Statement
Paul Simpson is the CEO of SageTel International, LLC, which provides full service program management services for mobile location-based technologies, new wireless technology roll-outs, and mobile application development and product management support. Paul is also the co-founder of EDGE Basketball Academy and Elite Skills Academy, which work with a diverse group of young people from disadvantaged communities to promote their academic and athletic success, as well as cultural awareness and understanding. In addition, Paul served on the Board of Trustees at Marin Academy for seven years, and is currently on the Executive Committee of the UC Santa Cruz Alumni Council and President of the Foundation for the Compton Community College District Board of Directors. Paul “Powder Chaser” Simpson enjoys snowboarding with his girlfriend, golfing, exploring a new interest in photography, and is a huge sports fan (Warriors, A’s and Raiders).
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Industry: Telecommunications

Personal Statement
Nupur Thakur is a visionary leader who is passionate about finding and developing business solutions to steer the organization into the future. Currently Director of Portfolio Management at Juniper Networks, Nupur is responsible for managing the global support and services portfolio. Prior to that, Nupur held several product management and marketing leadership roles at Brocade Communications and Tellabs Inc., managing products from $45M to $1B in revenues a year. Nupur is passionate about product management and has been on the board of the Silicon Valley Product Management Association (SVPMA). She has mentored two start-ups with execution, strategy and business plan advise and is currently working on developing ideas for her own start-up that she hopes to launch with her husband. In her free time, Nupur loves to read and spend time with her family. She has two girls Medha (10 yr) and Priyanka (7 yr). With a passion to give back to the community, Nupur volunteers with elementary school children to help them develop character traits, creative thinking and cognitive skills through programs like Project Cornerstone and Destination Imagination.

Tony Stobbe

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Industry: Outdoor Recreation

Personal Statement
Tony Stobbe’s quest for adventure led him to join the United States Coast Guard via the US Coast Guard Academy. After graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering, he married his high school sweetheart, Dawn, and spent two decades serving in Oregon, Illinois, Ohio, Guam, Alaska, and California. Highlights include ten years at sea sailing throughout the Pacific, including five years as a ship Captain, which has generated a full inventory of “sea stories” to share. Along the way, four children joined the family. Tony is now transitioned out of the service and has settled in Colorado, where he is Managing Director for Bonsai Design, a premier designer and installer of outdoor aerial adventure courses (ziplines). He has a Master’s in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, and is also a registered Professional Engineer. Other than spending time with family, his hobbies include running, racquetball, playing guitar, and anything outdoors.
Taylor Truitt

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Employment Information
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Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement
Taylor Truitt is a small animal veterinarian and practice owner specializing in integrative medicine in Mill Valley, CA. Her practice at Camino Alto Veterinary Hospital and Wellness Center aims to provide current, individualized veterinary care and quality client service. There are many changes facing the veterinary industry, and she wants to help guide her industry through the transitions they are facing. Taylor earned a BS in Biology from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA and her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University. She is an avid scuba diver, skier, dog hiker, and she follows and has strong opinions about football and college basketball. Taylor loves traveling, especially to hard to reach and culturally unique destinations. Originally from Kansas City, she now resides in San Francisco with her French Bulldog and two Pixie Bob cats.

Edward Van De Krol

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University of Twente

Employment Information
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Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement
Edward Van De Krol works as a Business Development Manager for DSM Biomedical in Berkeley, where they make biomaterials for medical devices. He has broad commercial experience in the chemical industry, including marketing, business development and sales. Edward is originally from the the Netherlands, where he lived till his company took him to Baton Rouge (Louisiana) about 10 years ago. He has an MS degree in Industrial Engineering & Management from the University of Twente (the Netherlands). He currently resides in Benicia, CA with his wife Geri and daughter Anneke. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and running.
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Company: Healthworks, Inc  
Industry: Consulting

**Personal Statement**  
Nick Vetter has been in healthcare consulting since 2001, most recently with HealthWorks, Inc., focusing on strategy, planning, valuation, and legal support services. Primarily working with hospitals throughout his career, he has extensive planning and implementation experience from both his current position and through his formal role as a director at Huron Consulting, where he worked nationally to improve the financial well-being of his clients. Nick is pleased to be building on his economics degree from Northwestern University, and looking forward to having a full house of Haas grads, joining his wife, who graduated from the full time program in 2012. Nick makes it a priority to spend time climbing, skiing, and any other activity that takes him outside.

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Industry: Financial Services

**Personal Statement**  
Matt Watts spent part of his childhood in Singapore and the other in Sacramento, CA. Upon completing undergraduate school in 2002, Matt worked for VeriSign Payment Services, which was acquired by PayPal in 2005. Working among various roles in sales, business development, and management to grow PayPal’s online business, Matt is now focused on building a strategy and team to bring PayPal offline and into the stores of small to medium sized businesses. Beyond building teams and growing businesses, Matt enjoys public speaking as a payments expert and mentoring leaders at startup companies.
Rochelle Webb

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Industry: Sports and Lifestyle Apparel

Personal Statement
Rochelle Webb is an entertainment, Fashion/Lifestyle and technology based marketer with extensive experience across a mixture of Fortune 500 companies and new ventures. As Senior Vice President of Global Marketing Activation at Quiksilver Inc, she has been actively working on globalizing and re-organizing the company’s three brands, Roxy, Quiksilver and DC. Having this job has converted Rochelle into an avid snowboarder. When not chasing the snow, Rochelle loves traveling and wine tasting. Convinced she has tasted every red wine under the sun, she is still ready to seek out new temptations. Even though her job requires her to travel quite frequently, she still keeps a commitment to herself to take one personal and international trip per year. Rochelle lives in Southern California in the Redondo Beach with her two dogs, Bo and Tank.

Rachel Witkowski

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Employment Information
Title: Vice President - Fund Accounting
Company: Carmel Partners
Industry: Real Estate

Personal Statement
After growing up in the East Bay, Rachel Witkowski headed to Southern California for college and recently returned to the Bay Area with a move to San Francisco. At a young age she developed a strong passion for skiing and after graduating from UCLA, moved to Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort to try her luck as a Ski Instructor. After two phenomenal seasons (including, at the time, a record breaking 570 inches of snow), she headed back to Southern California to begin her “real” accounting career. She spent 5 years at PricewaterhouseCoopers, fully focused on Real Estate and Hospitality before transitioning into the private accounting sector where she worked as the Assistant Controller for the Mitsui-owned MBK Real Estate which focuses on homebuilding and senior living operations. Rachel is currently working as the Vice President - Fund Accounting, for a private equity firm, Carmel Partners, which is focused on multifamily operations.
Peter Yang

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Director of Corporate Development
Company: Corel Corporation
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Peter Yang is Senior Director of Corporate Development at Corel, where he leads corporate development activities for one of the world’s leading consumer software providers. He lives and works in Mountain View, California and has been a resident of the Bay Area for ten years. Prior to moving to the West Coast, he lived in Boston; Seoul, Korea; and a number of cities in the Midwest.

Linglan Zhang

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Employment Information
Title: Principle Member of Technical Staff
Company: Advanced Micro Device Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Linglan Zhang graduated from University of Southern California and is a PMTS at AMD. Linglan has 10+ years of experience in VLSI design. He has managed projects across multiple sites. He is leading discreet GPU system architecture team. He likes sports and enjoys making new friends and sharing knowledge/experience.
Sharrifah Al-Salem

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**Employment Information**  
Title: Director, Investor Relations  
Company: Xoom  
Industry: Other

**Personal Statement**  
Sharrifah graduated from University of California, San Diego, with a BS in management science and minor in art history. While there, she also completed exchange programs at Dartmouth and Universita Bocconi in Milan, Italy. Following graduation, she spent one year researching trends in corporate governance before moving to FTI Consulting where she spent almost eight years in strategic communications and investor relations. She has direct experience with investor activism campaigns (e.g., Carl Icahn) and corporate reputation (e.g., Transocean and the Macondo incident). She also has extensive IPO experience, which includes developing investor-focused communications platforms for companies such as Restoration Hardware and Gogo. She recently moved to Xoom, a cross-border digital money transfer company, for investor relations. In her free time, she snowboards, hikes and cycles. She can’t get enough of the outdoors and loves trying new things. She is a CFA charterholder and lives in San Francisco.

Praveen Ankala

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**Employment Information**  
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

**Personal Statement**  
Praveen Ankala graduated with B.E. (Hons) in Computer Science from Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS). After graduation Praveen worked as Systems Engineer at Frontier Computer Private Ltd. in India before moving to US to work for Intel Corporation. At Intel, Praveen started as a Software Engineer and later led SW development teams working on firmware products. Most recently as Technologist and SW Architect, Praveen led development of System Manageability firmware shipped with Intel chipsets for servers. While working at Intel, Praveen completed his Masters degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. A native of Hyderabad in India, a city known for its culinary delights, Praveen in his spare time takes delight in Hyderabadi cooking and entertaining friends and family. Praveen also enjoys reading; playing/learning ping pong, tennis and golf; and when time permits travelling within US and across the world and spending time with his family. He lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife of 7 years and their daughter.
Don Ball

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Employment Information
Title: Account Director
Company: gyro
Industry: Advertising/Public Relations

Personal Statement
After Don Ball tells you that he works for an advertising agency, the next question is usually “Are you Don Draper?” And while he admires Mad Men, Draper was a “Creative” and Don Ball is “The Suit”, serving as gyro’s Account Director on Cisco, VMware, and Cloudera. Before relocating from Washington, DC to San Francisco, Don was also a key member of the startup team for the private-equity backed gyro:DC office working with SAP, Time Warner Cable, and CEB. Previously, Don was a finance and strategy consultant for IBM’s Global Business Services and also founded a professional organization called the Global Catalyst Group. Don graduated from Georgetown University where he was captain of the varsity swimming team. He currently lives in San Francisco with his wife and enjoys the local vineyards, skiing the Lake Tahoe mountains, and is an avid reader of WWII novels.

Pavan Bayyapu

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Employment Information
Title: Vice President, Engineering
Company: SAP
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Pavan Bayyapu graduated from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette with Masters in Computer Science. He also holds Bachelors in Chemical Engineering and Masters in Mathematics from BITS, Pilani(India). He has been working at SAP Labs, Palo Alto for the last 13 years in the areas of CRM, SupplyChain, ERP and Data warehouse. Pavan is currently the Vice president of Engineering and Customer support for in-memory cloud-based product “Sales and Operations Planning”. Prior to that he was a Development manager for call center management software. Pavan lives in Cupertino, California, with his wife of 12 years and their two children. His interests include Product Design, Innovation, Capital Markets and General management.
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**Employment Information**
Title: Vice President
Company: JTIM, LLC
Industry: Energy

**Personal Statement**
Ryan has worked in the energy industry for the past 10 years. This experience includes progressive roles in refinery mechanical maintenance; remote drilling; crude oil transport facility maintenance; civil infrastructure development; and the utility industry. Career highlights include more than 5 years of experience managing projects and environmental, health and safety programs for a variety of oil & gas project teams in remote environments including the arctic of Alaska to the desert of the Southwestern United States. Ryan recently spent two and half years as the corporate safety director for a nationwide mechanical maintenance firm operating in refineries and power plants in 31 states with over 1,000 project professionals. Ryan is a principle founder of Joshua Tree International Management (JTIM), LLC, a startup enterprise focused on energy industry project management. Ryan began his career as a Labor Economist with the State of Nevada researching mining industry, real estate, and employment trends during the height of the Nevada real estate boom. He earned his Doctorate in Health Science at the University of Washington, Seattle. He also earned his Master’s degree in economics from the University of Nevada, Reno. Ryan currently lives in Seattle, Washington, with his wife and two children. In his spare time he enjoys playing softball, camping in the great outdoors of the Northwest, traveling with his family, and teaching his son and daughter to explore the great big world at every opportunity.

Surbhi Bordia

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**Employment Information**
Title: Senior Manager
Company: Deloitte
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

**Personal Statement**
Surbhi has around 9 years of experience with the Deloitte International Tax practice. Surbhi has extensive experience on various complex international tax issues. She has provided consultation to various high profile Silicon Valley companies with respect to IP migration planning, repatriation planning, M&A transactions and other restructure related planning. When not working, she spends time with her two children and with her husband of 11 years. In addition, she loves to play chess, read books and hike. Surbhi lives with her family in Palo Alto, California.
Spencer Brasfield

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University of Memphis School of Law

Employment Information
Title: Founder
Company: Mindshare Law
Industry: Law

Personal Statement
Spencer Brasfield is all kinds of things... luckiest man alive (thanks to his wife and three kids), attorney, serial entrepreneur (@Ecure @ETA @Mindshare Law @Mobile Medics), future venture capitalist, “Shock & Awe” author, youth soccer coach (2011, 2013 Champions), Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instructor, shoulder sling inventor, and much more. At one point, he even owned an airline - almost. In his free time, he spends wonderfully absurd amounts of time with his family in Tennessee enjoying “sushi dates”, adventure racing, backyard campouts, and driveway-basketball.

Sean Campbell

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Employment Information
Title: Operations Manager
Company: Donsuemor
Industry: Other

Personal Statement
Sean graduated from UCLA with a degree in English literature in 1996. During his time at UCLA he was very active in leadership in many of the music programs, including trombone section leader in the UCLA marching band. After graduation, not quite sure where he wanted to go, he took a job working at a local artisan wholesale bakery. Starting out working on the production line, Sean showed a knack for organization, leadership and process improvement. He took over as head of the quality program in 2000, then assumed responsibility for all production and operations functions over the next 5 years. When not working, Sean loves to do anything or nothing at all with his two children, Mimi (8), and William (6). He also enjoys reading, writing, bicycle racing, fishing, and hiking.
Cindy Chang

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Employment Information
Title: Scientist II
Company: REG Life Sciences
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Cindy earned a BS in Biochemistry from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and a PhD in Biochemistry from UC Berkeley. In addition she has worked in industrial biotech for over six years at Caliper Life Sciences and LS9 (now REG Life Sciences). In both academia and industry she has trained young scientists. Additionally she volunteers by bringing science experiments into elementary school classrooms. In her spare time Cindy enjoys playing tennis and reading. She lives in San Mateo, CA with her Italian husband of 13 years where they speak Italian with their two young daughters.

Mukund Chavan

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Employment Information
Title: Director, Design Engineering
Company: AMD
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Mukund graduated from Syracuse University with a BS in Computer Engineering, and has been in high technology since 1992. He started his career at Intel (Santa Clara) working on i386SL and then following a 3-year stint at LSI working on Digital Signal Processing ASICs where he was the chip lead, went on to become a Serial Entrepreneur and started 4 companies - 2 of them Venture funded. One of the venture funded companies was acquired by Emulex - a public company and the 2nd one is still going strong. As a company leader in his startups, in addition to his technical interests, Mukund likes to focus on team work and team culture to mentor and enable teams that have a sustaining legacy. He now works at AMD, while pursuing his MBA at UC Berkeley. He likes to travel (as long as his wife makes the travel arrangements) and enjoys spending time with his two children.
Alf Cheng

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Employment Information
Title: Director, Pharmacological Sciences Operations
Company: BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Alf graduated from the University of California Berkeley in 1996 with a degree in Integrative Biology and continued his scientific training in the school-of-hard-knocks at Genentech for the 7 years that followed. During this time he executed pharmacology and toxicology experiments supporting clinical product development across multiple therapeutic areas. Following his sabbatical at Genentech, Alf joined BioMarin where his responsibilities include scientific & business operations, project management and strategic outsourcing. He celebrated his 10-year anniversary at BioMarin in January 2014. Outside of the workplace, Alf loves to spend time with his wife of 9 years and their three young children. He also has a passion for fast cars, an itch for staying active in the gym and in recreational sports and likes to dabble in digital photography in the spare time that remains. Alf grew up in the Bay Area and currently lives in Danville.

Prashant Chouta

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Employment Information
Title: Manager, Operations
Company: Apple
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Prashant currently works at Apple in the product operations team. He spent the past five years in iPhone operations, managing factory manufacturing and quality and also customer field issues. Prior to that he spent eight years in various leadership roles in the electronics manufacturing industry. He lives in Fremont, California with his wife and daughter. He enjoys biking and racquetball in his spare time.
Rosh Das

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**Employment Information**  
Title: Sustainability Specialist  
Company: Los Angeles Unified School District  
Industry: Government

**Personal Statement**  
Roshini graduated with Bachelors in Architecture from India before moving to the US and has extensive experience working as an architect in both countries. She specialized in restaurant, commercial and residential design early on, and soon realized her passion for sustainability and energy efficiency. A true believer in green buildings, she completed a graduate certificate course in sustainable design and construction from Boston Architectural College and became an active member of the local community. She has served as a Board Member for the local non-profit chapter of USGBC (United States Green Building Council). Currently, she works as a Sustainability Specialist with Los Angeles Unified School District, the second largest school district in the nation, and manages the green certification programs for their multi-billion dollar construction program. In this role, she is also involved in guiding the District towards a sustainable and energy efficient future by spear-heading policy, standards and initiative development, by collaborating with external entities like nonprofits, research institutions and utility companies. She is a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) and a Commissioning Process Management Professional (CPMP). She lives in Orange County with her husband and 4 year old son.

Nilesh Dhawale

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**Employment Information**  
Title: Senior Program Manager  
Company: Microsoft  
Industry: Computer-Related Services

**Personal Statement**  
Nilesh has a Bachelor’s degree in Electronics Engineering and Master’s in Computer Science. Over the past decade, he has lived on the east coast and the west coast developing and managing high performance system software, Extract-Load-Transform (ETL) tools and Datacenter process automation systems. During his work at Yahoo, he was also on the Yahoo Employee Foundation board and helped award grants to many non-profit organizations. He is currently a Senior Program Manager at Microsoft working on new Office products. In his spare time, he enjoys playing sports and spending time with family and friends.
David Dieterich

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Employment Information
Title: Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis
Company: Sprouts Farmers Market
Industry: Other

Personal Statement
David Dieterich is a CFA charterholder with 12 years experience in corporate finance and actuarial science. He spent nine of those years at US Airways, holding responsibilities in the Finance department such as real estate, network profitability analysis, and treasury. In his last three years there, David was responsible for execution of over $1B in financing transactions each year. He was involved in four M&A projects, two of which were implemented, including the recent merger of US Airways with American Airlines to create the world's largest airline. Since that project, David has moved on to join Sprouts Farmers Market, a natural & organic specialty grocer with 191 stores in 9 states and revenue nearing $3B annually. He is responsible for Sprouts' new unit economic modeling and capital budget. David has an undergraduate degree in Mathematics from the University of Kansas, and he suffers from an acute obsession with college basketball. David lives in Scottsdale, AZ with Stephanie, his wife of nine years. They have two boys Cade (5) and Beau (3).

Zino Di Perna

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Employment Information
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Company: Dignity Health Medical Foundation
Industry: Health Services

Personal Statement
Dr. Di Perna graduated from Mount Sinai Ichan School of Medicine, NYC. He is Board Certified in both General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery. He was an attending at the University of Washington for Thoracic Surgery. Later he was recruited in Sacramento for the development of Thoracic Surgical services and Cancer Care services. Currently Dr. Di Perna is the Medical Director for Dignity Health Cancer Institute. His interests are in medical devices and digital healthcare.
Christine Elfalan

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**Employment Information**
Title: Director, Product Management
Company: eHarmony
Industry: Computer-Related Services

**Personal Statement**
Christine Elfalan is currently the Director of Product Management at eHarmony, where she has been working for the last 4 years. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from UC Irvine in 2004. Immediately after graduating, she began a career in the burgeoning field of Email Marketing, for various companies like Gateway, Experian and Epson. Christine finds interest in everything from Yoga to Muay Thai Kickboxing and she’s even jumped out of a plane three times to date. She dabbles in surfing and snowboarding when the seasons arrive, but shares a deeper passion with her husband for travel, food, and new experiences. They live with their lazy cat in Hermosa Beach, California.

Matt Estes

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**Employment Information**
Title: Director of Strategic Initiatives
Company: TaxAudit.com
Industry: Financial Services

**Personal Statement**
Matthew Estes graduated from UCLA in 1994 with a degree in Economics-Business. During his career he has worked for companies both large and small in a variety of industries, including technology and HR consulting, real estate development and tax services. In 2002, Matt started a real estate development company and grew revenues from zero to $6M in the first four years. After the global financial crisis and associated collapse of the real estate industry in California, Matt unwound his position in the company. He started at TaxAudit.com in 2010 and remains there today. Responsible for strategy and execution, Matt initiates and oversees major projects, manages the Technology Group, and serves on the executive team for this 250 person company. Matt and his veterinarian wife (and high school sweetheart) enjoy outdoor activities - including backpacking and snowboarding - and travel. They live in Sacramento with their two dogs and no children.
Ryan Evans

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Masters Organizational Behavior, Brigham Young University

Employment Information
Title: Pilot; Director of Inspections
Company: Air Force Reserve
Industry: Military

Personal Statement
Ryan graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor’s degree in Economics and a Master’s degree in Organizational Behavior before commissioning as an Air Force officer and entering pilot training. During ten years of worldwide flying duty he acted as pilot-in-command of manned and unmanned aircraft while overseeing the training and certification of other pilots in presidential support, humanitarian, reconnaissance, and nuclear missions. Following active duty, he transitioned to Reserve forces where he maintains his flying credentials and leads organizational effectiveness and inspection preparation programs. He enjoys biking, hiking, and exploring Northern California with his wife and their three children. They reside in Roseville, California.

Julia Felts

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Employment Information
Title: Managing Director
Company: The Sourcery
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement
Julia Felts is the Managing Director of The Sourcery, a technical recruiting start-up in San Francisco. She helps growing companies such as GoPro, Liftopia, and Scribd acquire top talent to fuel their growth. Previously, she developed an independent consulting practice to help Bay Area start-ups build customer-centric cultures and scalable business operations. She enjoys working across all levels of an organization to align vision, people and process to improve operational efficiency and customer satisfaction. Her prior roles include executive and operational positions with companies in the technology, hospitality and property management industries. Julia graduated from CSU Sacramento with a degree in Molecular Biology. She lives in San Francisco and spends her free time practicing yoga, running the trails of the Presidio and sharpening her photography skills.
Dave Firth-Eagland

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Humber College

Employment Information
Title: Senior Director, Product & Service Management
Company: Electronic Arts
Industry: Entertainment

Personal Statement
David moved to the Bay Area 2 years ago from Waterloo Canada. Before making this move he had returned from 6 years living in Singapore. While living in Asia he opened and operated the Customer Service centers for BlackBerry in Japan and Singapore and lead teams in Asia, Europe, and North America. He has 12 years of experience being customer service obsessed. Today he is with Electronic Arts leading their game service planning team which has helped give him a professional excuse to openly enjoy his love for video games. In his spare time he enjoy photography, exploring area wineries, and spending time with his new baby son Ethan and wife Chrissy. He lives in Redwood City California.

Robert Ford

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Boston College

Employment Information
Title: Vice President, Global Commercial Operations
Company: Abbott Diabetes Care Inc
Industry: Medical Products/Devices

Personal Statement
Robert B. Ford was born and raised in Brazil. After graduating from Boston College in 1994, he returned to Brazil to initiate a career in Healthcare. He was hired by Abbott Labs to set-up BGM business in Brazil and after 4 years transferred to Boston to work in Global Diabetes HQ. He took on many different roles from Marketing and Operations to Business Development until transferring back to Brazil to lead the Latin America Commercial team for 4 years. Robert transferred over to Abbott’s Nutrition business in 2007 to revamp its Brazilian operations before being promoted to the Diabetes Care VP position. In his spare time he enjoys outdoor activities (hiking, running) and spending time with family. He lives in Danville, California, with wife of 15 years, Juliana and 2 boys, Marco & Tito.
### Sandeep Garg

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**Employment Information**  
**Title:** Physician  
**Company:** Pacific Heart Associates  
**Industry:** Health Services

**Personal Statement**

Sandeep was born and raised in India and where he went to medical school. He immigrated to United States in 1991 and joined Medical residency and then Cardiology fellowship in University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. After six years of residency and fellowship training he moved from Texas to Oregon where he has been in private cardiology practice since 1997. For the last several years he has also assumed administrative responsibilities in his practice and leading his cardiology group as the President of his practice. Sandeep lives in Portland, Oregon and is married for 23 years and has three children. His oldest daughter is also a student at Berkeley and aspires to be a doctor some day, a son graduating this year from high school in Minnesota and he dreams of playing hockey for an Ivy league college and a seven year old son who is in first grade. Apart from work, Sandeep is avid fan of hockey. He enjoys playing and watching his sons play hockey. He also enjoys spending time outdoors and running.

### Rakesh Gajwani

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**Employment Information**  
**Title:** Video Practice Manager  
**Company:** ExtraTeam  
**Industry:** Consulting/Management Services

**Personal Statement**

Rakesh has a diverse background being born in Taiwan to Indian parents. He speaks English, Hindi, Sindhi and Mandarin. He likes to travel around the world and has lived in Taiwan, Rochester & Buffalo, NY and the Bay Area. He has a BS in Information Technology from Rochester Institute of Technology with a minor in Criminal Justice. For the last 5 year he has worked in the Video Conferencing and collaboration field. Rakesh is also a new father and expects to be very busy for the next 19 months.
Devadutta graduated from Stony Brook University with a Masters in Electrical Engineering and worked for Intel for more than 6 years. During that time at Intel, he invented a new algorithm to perform video transcoding several folds faster than current methods. He founded Intel Transcode Service to bring the newly invented algorithm as a product to market. Devadutta has filed several patents and is currently a Product Manager at Intel. In his spare time, Devadutta enjoys programming computers and playing basketball.

Ashok is a senior engineering manager at Cisco Systems. He runs a global team that does testing and validation of Cisco’s collaboration product portfolio, which includes Webex, hi definition video conferencing, IP phones etc. He has been with the company for 14 years, and has held several positions from customer support, testing & validation to people management. Ashok has a Master’s degree in Polymer Chemistry. He lives in the Bay Area with his wife of 14 years and their two children.
Subu Govindaswamy

Subu’s professional background is in Quality Management, Supply Chain and Information Technology. He has worked in the Pharmaceutical, Semiconductor and High Technology industries for the last twenty years and currently manages e-commerce and big data projects at Hewlett-Packard company. Subu’s experience includes managing enterprise applications, implementing supply chain systems and integrating operational processes during mergers and acquisitions. He has a Master’s degree in Industrial Engineering from University of South Florida and Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from Anna University. Subu volunteers locally with non profit organizations, enjoys playing tennis and loves to spend time with his family.

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Employment Information
Title: Senior IT Business Consultant
Company: Hewlett-Packard
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Alex Ha

Alex is in charge of CDNetworks Americas/EMEA offices and his responsibilities include managing sales engineering, account/channel management, technical support and management information systems. Specifically, he has led flagship dynamic acceleration product lines since joining CDNetworks in 2005. While in charge of the China, Japan and Korea product management teams, he became an expert on China network operations and regulations. Prior to joining CDNetworks, he was an executive at Bixon Networks and software developer at Samsung Petrochemical. Alex received his B.S. in Computer Science from Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea. In his spare time, Alex enjoys reading and writing books and articles; participating in 10K runs; and spending time outdoors with his family. He lives in San Jose, California, with his wife of 6 years and their two children.

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Industry: Telecommunications
Peter Han

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Georgia Tech

**Employment Information**  
Title: Business & Systems Integration Manager  
Company: Accenture  
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

**Personal Statement**  
Peter Han is a Business & Systems Integration Manager in Accenture’s Systems Integration Consulting practice. Prior to joining Accenture, he worked as a Route Development Manager for Kuehne+Nagel, one of the world’s leading logistics companies. During his 7 years tenure with Accenture, Peter has helped many clients across various industries, such as Utility, Government, Hospitality, Transportation, and Telecommunication, streamline their financial management processes, specializing in Data Conversion/Migration, Billing, Accounts Receivable, and Collections. He has had diverse functional and technical roles across all phases of project delivery. Peter was born in Incheon, S. Korea and moved to Charlotte, NC when he was 12. He met and married his wife while working on a project in S. Korea and is expecting his first child in Dec 2014. Peter graduated with a BS in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech. He is also working on launching his retail business this July.

Kirk Harding

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Indiana University, Bloomington

**Employment Information**  
Title: CEO  
Company: Bay Computing  
Industry: Computer-Related Services

**Personal Statement**  
Kirk is a graduate of the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, having majored in Finance. After college he pursued a career in restaurant management before making the change to the technology services field. Through years of self-study he obtained many industry certifications and eventually started his own company in 1999, named Bay Computing Group which is headquartered in Concord, CA. As the company’s founder and CEO Kirk is active in forming the strategies of the business and overseeing all operations. He is an active member of the local community through his involvement in the Sunrise Rotary Club of Walnut Creek. Kirk has been married to his wife Anne for 11 years and they have a daughter named Lisa. When he is not busy working or studying, he enjoys attempting to find his golf ball on one of our local golf courses.
Kashif Hasan

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McGill University (Canada)

Employment Information
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Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Kashif Hasan is a Senior Product Manager on the Hematology Marketing Team at Genentech. His previous experience at Genentech included roles in Strategic Pricing & Contracting (SPC) where he led new product launch pricing and cross-portfolio contracting strategies. Prior to joining SPC, Kashif worked in Market Planning on dalcetrapib and Lytics where he gained deep analytics, marketing research, and hospital expertise and was also recognized with a Marketing Excellence Award for Brand Collaboration. Before joining Genentech, Kashif worked in management consulting and in a start-up that provided contract management software to hospitals and payers. Kashif has a Bachelors of Commerce from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. In his free time, he enjoys photography, hiking, and watching sci-fi movies. Kashif lives in Brisbane with his wife Shaheen, 4 year-old daughter Zara, and 18 month-old son Alec.
John Hunter

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La Salle University

Employment Information
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Company: Onyx Pharmaceuticals (a subsidiary of Amgen, Inc.)
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
John earned his B.A. in Biology from La Salle University where he was also a record-setting athlete on the Track and Field team. From 1996-1999, John qualified for the World Championship Trials and ranked in the top 25 in the US (100m). During that time, he began his clinical research career in Big Pharma (AstraZeneca, Bristol Myers-Squibb, and Eli Lilly). From 2003-2007, John discovered his passion for leadership during his stint as a full-time coach with the University of Miami. John is currently pursuing that passion by leading teams and projects at Onyx Pharmaceuticals (Amgen subsidiary) in his role as Senior Manager, Clinical Data Management. John loves Jazz had his first Upright Bass recital in December 2013 (and went for ice cream afterward). John lives in the Rockridge section of Oakland, has been a Bay Area resident since 2008, and does not miss the frigid climes of his native Philadelphia.

Noelle Huskins

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Employment Information
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Company: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Industry: Not-for-Profit

Personal Statement
Noelle Huskins has been working in international development strategy and management roles for over six years and is currently with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where she has lead the development of the India Office’s health and development strategy and operating model design and implementation as well as managed their global innovation funding program, Grand Challenges Explorations, focusing on product development, analytics, and partnerships. Prior to the Foundation she worked on developing a social entrepreneur incubator with the Deshpande Foundation in India. She has also worked in human-trafficking policy in the Philippines, ICT for development, and microfinance. Noelle is a graduate of Boston College (BA) and the University of Washington (MPA with certificates in International Development Policy & Management and in Medical Devices & Commercialization). In her free time she enjoys exploring new music, running, snowboarding, reading, and volunteering in her community. A Los Angeles native, she loves the West Coast, lives in Seattle, and is excited to be back in California.
Srivats Iyer graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in Meteorology. He has also completed a Master’s degree in Computer Information Systems from Boston University. He has worked for both Lockheed-Martin and the U.S. Air Force Reserves for 14 years. At Lockheed-Martin he has supported numerous roles in satellite operations managing servers and applications at the primary control center, and supporting satellite integration/testing as an IT/Software Engineer. In the U.S. Air Force Reserves, he has a flown as an MC-130P combat search and rescue pilot and as a C-5 airlift pilot. During that time, he has traveled around the world in a variety of missions. He is currently serving as an operations management officer for a C-5 squadron. In his spare time, Srivats enjoys hiking and travelling. He lives in Santa Clara, California with his wife of 6 years and their daughter.

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Dice Itoga

Daisuke Itoga graduated from Vanderbilt University and has worked mostly in the Technology/Software sector (Telematics, Embedded, Mobile, IT infrastructure, Enterprise Software) for the last 10 years. Prior to that, he was in sales and in coaching. He is currently a project management/Management consulting professional, certified in PMP, ITIL and Certified Scrum Master(CSM). He has worked mostly in technical Business Development, Product Marketing and Project Management capacity, but has also worked in testing and Sales Engineering capacity as well. When he used to have spare time, he enjoyed kickboxing, Muay Thai, and tennis. He has just moved to Long Beach, California to be close to his work.

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**Employment Information**
Title: General Manager  
Company: Bank of Communications San Francisco Branch  
Industry: Banking-Commercial/Retail

**Personal Statement**
Ge Jin began to work in Bank of Communications, the 5th largest and almost the oldest bank in China after he graduated from University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. He has acquired rich and valuable experience in China as the country is changing fast and tremendously in every area. Ge Jin spent three years in the bank’s New York Branch to be in charge of corporate client and financial institution business. In 2012, Ge Jin moved to San Francisco to manage the newly set-up branch in the city. He also has been working to promote investment and trade between California and Asian countries. Ge Jin is interested in Chinese classic literature and calligraphy. He likes golf, basketball, travel and cooking. Now Ge Jin is living in San Francisco with his wife of 15 years and their four year old daughter.

Karthik Krishna

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University of Madras

**Employment Information**
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Company: Arris  
Industry: Telecommunications

**Personal Statement**
Karthik Krishna graduated from Madras University, India with an engineering degree in electronics and communications. He began his career at a multi-national Networking Company and held multiple positions on various networking and telecommunications projects. Shortly after moving to the US, Karthik handled the integrations of Video delivery products at BigBand. Soon he took on new responsibilities as a Senior Manager, spearheading large scale integrations and escalation support at Cable and Telco markets. Now as part of Arris, Karthik oversees integrations and acts as an interface between several cross-functional, globally distributed core business teams. In his free time, Karthik enjoys music, travelling and spending time with his wife and son.
Manimala Kumar

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Employment Information
Title: Sr. Project Manager
Company: OpenTV
Industry: Advertising/Public Relations

Personal Statement
Graduating with concentration in Electrical Engineering and post graduating with major in Information Technology, Manimala moved into Software Engineering. In her software career, she has implemented and delivered global software in diverse industries: from railroad transport, finance, computer networks to automobile, advertising and energy. Inspired by memories from Himalayan excursions during her undergrad, she also served at the board of Renewable Energy Enterprise foundation - a non-profit that combats poverty in remote regions through employment of clean energy technology. She is mother of a preschool age kid and lives in San Francisco Bay Area. At her spare time, Manimala loves to read, write, backpack, bike, photograph, paint, dance and perform cultural shows.

Karin Lion

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MA Security Policy Studies, George Washington University

Employment Information
Title: Associate Program Officer, Agricultural Development
Company: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Industry: Not-for-Profit

Personal Statement
For the last year, Karin has worked as an Associate Program Officer for Agricultural Development at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, specializing in input delivery systems in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Prior to the Ag team, she worked on the Gates Foundation’s Urban Development team for 4 years, focusing on community-led development strategies. Her interest in and passion for international development stems from her experience as the daughter of Foreign Service officers, growing up in Guyana, Pakistan, Peru, and Thailand. Previously, she has worked for Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans, providing affordable housing to low-income families devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and at the U.S. Defense Department as a research associate on arms control and WMD proliferation issues. Karin graduated from the College of William and Mary with degrees in history and government, and from George Washington University with a Master’s in international security policy. She lives in Seattle, WA with her wife.
Johanna Liu

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**Employment Information**
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Company: Health Net
Industry: Health Services

**Personal Statement**
Johanna Liu is currently Manager, Pharmacy Government Programs, Clinical Operations at Health Net in Rancho Cordova, CA. She is a 2009 Pharm.D. graduate of the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at University of the Pacific. After graduation, Johanna completed a managed care pharmacy residency at Health Net before moving on to work as a Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator at Sutter Health and then returning to Health Net in her current role in April 2011. She has also worked in community practice at Raley’s and hospital practice at Mercy San Juan Medical Center (a Dignity Health affiliate). Her interest in pharmacy advocacy has led her to serve on the Board of Trustees for California Pharmacists Association (CPhA), Board of Directors for CPhA Academy of Managed Care, California Society of Health-System Pharmacists (CSHP) New Practitioner Executive Committee and President and Board of Directors for Sacramento Valley Pharmacists Association.

Josh Medina

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Thomas Edison State College

**Employment Information**
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Company: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Industry: Energy

**Personal Statement**
Josh graduated from Thomas Edison State College after serving eight years in the Navy’s nuclear power program. During his service, Josh was an instructor at the Navy’s nuclear power school, led the nuclear qualification program for his department, and supervised the safe operation of two nuclear power plants onboard an aircraft carrier. After transitioning from the Navy, Josh joined Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) where he focuses on managing operational risks, developing alternatives analysis, and presenting recommendations to guide the decisions of senior-level management. Josh spends much of his free time hiking, traveling, wine tasting, and volunteering to support veterans, a passion that is apparent in his role as president of PG&E’s veterans organization. Josh lives with his wife and their two dogs in San Francisco.
Tatiana Medvedeva

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Product Management  
Company: Intermedia.net Inc.  
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement
Born in Russia, Tatiana moved to the US in 2010 to take on a Product Management role at Intermedia, premier provider of cloud services to small and medium-sized businesses. As a director of Product Management for Office in the Cloud product suite, she manages product strategy and development for Business Email, Email Security, Instant Messaging and Data Management services. Tatiana completed a Masters degree in Information Technology at State Electrotechnical University in Saint Petersburg, Russia. In her spare time, Tatiana enjoys traveling, snowboarding and spending time outdoors. She lives in Mountain View, California with her fiance.

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Employment Information
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Company: Brandcast, Inc  
Industry: Computer-Related Services

Personal Statement
Hayes is co-founder and CEO of Brandcast, an enterprise Web Content Management System backed by Marc Benioff. He was formerly co-founder of BandPage, a content management platform for the music vertical. Prior to his entrepreneurial career, Hayes served in various roles at innovative cloud computing companies such as Salesforce and Mindbody Online. Hayes is originally from Virginia and studied Information Systems at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. In his off time you can find Hayes enjoying music and the outdoors.
**Shruti Nathan**

*Personal Statement*

With a vision to contribute towards shaping the healthcare system globally, Shruti has spent the past decade of her career assisting healthcare facilities throughout the nation, as well as internationally in making informed decisions on physical space as it relates to health and wellness. She received a Masters in Architecture, specializing in Health Systems & Design from Texas A&M University in 2005 and has since been a stickler for design that renders space as a catalyst for better health. She displays well-rounded problem solving approaches combined with creative design sensitivities in addressing the distinct set of challenges that each healthcare enterprise presents. Shruti has had the unique opportunity to live and work in 5 continents. She embraces different cultural values and is quick at learning new languages. She is an adventurer at heart; enjoys rock climbing, camping out in the wilderness and occasional swims with seals in the San Francisco bay!

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**Ben Murdock**

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Following graduation from Bates College, Ben began his career in field sales within the medical device industry working for a start up company, Kyphon which was later acquired by Medtronic. After five years of sales experience, Ben moved in house to Sales Operations followed by six years of Marketing experience both in International and domestic roles within the Orthopedic and Interventional Spine markets for several start up companies. In his current role, Ben manages the Sales Operations function within the Neurovascular division of Stryker Corporation. Ben resides in the Bay Area with his wife and two children. Skiing, baseball and water sports are among the favorite activities Ben enjoys with his family.
Stephen Pounds

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Employment Information
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Company: IntercontinentalExchange Group, Inc.
Industry: General Management

Personal Statement
Stephen has held positions in energy, foreign exchange, and fixed income trading, risk management, and asset management; most recently as the leader of the Financial Engineering and Enterprise Risk Management teams for ICE Group, Inc. a leading network of regulated exchanges and clearing houses for financial and commodity markets. During his career he has completed a BS in Applied Math and a MS in Financial Engineering, completed engagements internationally in Europe and Latin America, and worked at the intersection of energy, technology, finance, applied math, and product management. He lives in Atlanta, GA with his wife and three children. Stephen enjoys anything outdoors and watching his kids play sports.

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Employment Information
Title: Senior Manager
Company: Spansion Inc
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Abhay finished his BS degree from SLIET Longowal, India and MSEE from Colorado State University. In his 14 years semiconductor carrier, spanned across India, Malaysia, Germany and USA, Abhay was instrumental in establishing human interface products for several companies. He pioneered many successful products like optical mice, optical finger navigation, capacitive touch screen controllers, and embedded speech recognition. Abhay works as senior manager at Spansion Inc Sunnyvale and lives in Silicon Valley with his wife Arpana and 6 years old daughter Kashvi. He enjoys swimming and skiing.
Grace Reyes is the Director of Investor Relations at a San Francisco based private equity firm which currently manages a series of fully discretionary investment funds. Most recently, she helped with the successful capital raising efforts for the firm’s newest fund which was oversubscribed. Prior to her current position, Ms. Reyes was an Associate in the asset management group. She assisted the COO with the financial models, asset valuations and disposition transactions. Additionally, she helped monitor fund level performance for the CAP series of funds. Having extensive experience in real estate and finance positions supporting executives of private and public companies, Ms. Reyes graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles with a Bachelor’s degree in Economics and a Computer Specialization. Ms. Reyes co-founded goodtimesSF, a professional networking event for finance professionals in the Financial District. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her son, Jayden.

Kanak Rai

Kanak graduated from IIT BHU, Varanasi in 1998 and started his professional career as software engineer with Infosys Technologies in Pune, India. Two years later, he joined a Silicon Valley based consulting company, where he worked at multiple client sites including Nike, CGEY, AT&T Wireless, and The Sharper Image. After getting interested into information security technologies, he, joined Symantec as technologist in 2003 where he managed a large international web development team. Since 2008, he held multiple account management positions in application development department of HP Enterprise Services. In his current role of solutions manager he is responsible for pre-sales and solution architecture for a large application portfolio. In his spare time, Kanak likes to travel with his family, listen to audio programs, explore electronic gadgets and take small handyman projects at home. Kanak lives in Fremont, California with his wife Archana and 4 years old daughter, Esha.

Grace Reyes

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Employment Information
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Company: The Reliant Group
Industry: Financial Services

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Grace Reyes is the Director of Investor Relations at a San Francisco based private equity firm which currently manages a series of fully discretionary investment funds. Most recently, she helped with the successful capital raising efforts for the firm’s newest fund which was oversubscribed. Prior to her current position, Ms. Reyes was an Associate in the asset management group. She assisted the COO with the financial models, asset valuations and disposition transactions. Additionally, she helped monitor fund level performance for the CAP series of funds. Having extensive experience in real estate and finance positions supporting executives of private and public companies, Ms. Reyes graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles with a Bachelor’s degree in Economics and a Computer Specialization. Ms. Reyes co-founded goodtimesSF, a professional networking event for finance professionals in the Financial District. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her son, Jayden.
**Milos Ribic**

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**Employment Information**  
Title: Principal  
Company: Black Stone IP  
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

**Personal Statement**  
Milos graduated from UC Berkeley and worked as a clean technology venture capital investor for six years. During that time he invested in early to growth stage companies focused on energy and waste reduction. He also consulted family offices on developing direct impact investment models in sustainability and social innovation field. After leaving venture capital field, Milos joined an IP advisory and transactions firm, Black Stone IP, where he manages IP, financial and technical due diligence teams. In his spare time, Milos enjoys cooking and water sports such as water polo, scuba diving and surfing. He lives in San Francisco.

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**Employment Information**  
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Company: Qualcomm Inc.  
Industry: Telecommunications

**Personal Statement**  
Juhi graduated from UC Berkeley and joined Qualcomm, where she took on roles in product development, systems engineering, customer engineering and account management. She completed a Master’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at UCSD where she designed novel devices for rapid early-cancer detection, and found investors for a start-up to commercialize this technology. In her spare time, Juhi enjoys playing poker, painting, and frequenting concerts.
Lucky Sandhu

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Employment Information
Title: President
Company: Reliance Financial
Industry: Financial Services

Personal statement:
Lucky is the President of Reliance Financial, a premier mortgage brokerage based in San Ramon, CA, that has funded close to half a billion dollars in residential mortgages. He is responsible for driving the company vision, developing marketing strategies and overseeing day-to-day operations. Before co-founding Reliance Financial, Lucky honed his client service expertise as a CPA at Ernst and Young LLP (1996-1999) and then as a management consultant with Cap Gemini Ernst and Young (1999-2003). Lucky holds a B.S. degree from the Haas School of Business (1996). Lucky currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Haas Alumni Network, East Bay Chapter and as Secretary of the Rotary Club of San Ramon. He is a recipient of the San Ramon Chamber’s 2010 Business Person of the Year award. Lucky is blessed with a lovely daughter, Chaya. He enjoys working out, travelling, reading and speaking on trends shaping the Mortgage Industry.

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Employment Information
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Company: Genentech
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Chris graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Biology. He developed several genetic models and published one of the first findings of an innate tumor defense mechanism in a living model. He then completed Post-Doctoral research at Genentech where he led a new biotechnological screen for thousands of new drug targets in cancer. Chris was selected as one of 12 members of Genentech’s Commercial Rotation Development Program where he studied the Commercialization of new therapies. He was the first ever member of this program to do a rotation in Shanghai, China, where he led the digital strategy for Roche Oncology, as well as built a new department increasing regulatory compliance. Chris currently works for Genentech developing new strategies for the evolving healthcare landscape in the US. In his spare time, Chris is an avid runner, traveler, and part-time adventurer.
Kathleen Schaffer

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Employment Information
Title: Financial Planning & Analysis Manager
Company: URS
Industry: Other

Personal Statement
Kathleen Schaffer graduated from UCLA and started her career as a marketing analyst for a nation-wide mortgage company. After a couple years Kathleen moved on to URS, a global engineering, construction, and technical services company, where she has been for almost ten years. Kathleen started as a financial analyst and has been promoted to more senior roles over the years, including managing financial planning, analysis, and treasury in Asia Pacific and initiating a commercial business manager position in Western Australia. Kathleen moved back to the US from Australia three years ago to lead the financial planning, and analysis for URS’ $3.8 billion infrastructure and environment division. Kathleen has always had a heart for the non-profit sector and is currently on the executive committee for the Engineers without Borders SF professional’s chapter. In her free time, Kathleen enjoys travelling, hiking, reading, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

Eric Shanley

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Middlebury College

Employment Information
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Company: 129th Rescue Squadron
Industry: Military

Personal Statement
Eric Shanley grew up in Plymouth, Massachusetts and attended Middlebury College in Vermont. Graduating in 2005, he commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army through ROTC. During his eight years in the Army, he served as an AH-64D Apache helicopter pilot. In addition to pilot duties, he held numerous positions including Platoon Leader, Company Commander, and Operations Officer. His overseas duty included tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2013, he made the switch from the Army to the Air Force where he currently flies the HH-60G Pavehawk search and rescue helicopter for the California Air National Guard. In his spare time, he enjoys being outside, hiking, biking, and skiing. Eric is currently living and working in Albuquerque, New Mexico but will be returning to the Bay Area shortly.
Ananda Sinha

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Employment Information
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Company: Microsoft Corporation
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Born and raised in the City of Joy in India, Ananda Sinha has spent most of professional life designing and writing software. After seven years of managing outsourced software development from Bangalore and Redmond, he joined Microsoft to help create solutions for cloud computing. In the last eight years, Ananda Sinha has worked in different facets of Microsoft Azure Services. He has seen it grow from a prototype to a service used by millions across the world. When not working, and when not animatedly arguing with his two little daughters, Ananda Sinha spends time reading books of all kind, watching movies of all kind and partying with friends of all kind. He lives in Issaquah, east of Seattle, WA with his wife and kids.

Jay Srinivasan

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College of Engineering, Guindy

Employment Information
Title: Director, Product Management
Company: Avaya
Industry: Telecommunications

Personal Statement
Jayanthi has extensive expertise in the Networking industry with 15+ years in various roles in Engineering, Business and Product Marketing. She has built large R&D, QA and Product Management teams in India, China and the US and has successfully delivered several award winning Data Networking Solutions. Jayanthi’s most memorable career activity was designing and implementing the wired and wireless networks at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver and Sochi. Jayanthi has held key roles at NetScout, Novell and Nortel, where she was named CEO’s ‘Employee of the Year’ and won several top talent awards. She runs the Wireless division at Avaya where she expects to grow the business to 30M annually. Jayanthi loves to mentor women professionals in her spare time, and is passionate about Leadership and People Management. She is also very passionate about ‘girls in STEM’. Jayanthi loves to hike, practice yoga and spend time with her daughter and her 12 year old Golden Retriever. Jayanthi’s daughter is a sophomore at Cal. Truly a Bears family!
Vasan Srinivasan

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Employment Information
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Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement
Vasan graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and an MS from University of Cincinnati and has over twenty-one years experience in geotechnical engineering and project management for a wide variety of infrastructure projects including bridges, airports, high rise structures, roadways and a variety of projects across the entire US. He presently serves as Operating Group Manager/Executive Vice President with overall responsibility for revenue growth, quality, safety, management and profit for the Western Operating Group which includes the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. Vasan enjoys reading and traveling with his family. He lives in Southern California, with his wife of 20 years and their three children.

Santosh Srivastava

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Employment Information
Title: Director-IT
Company: Stansource
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement
Santosh Srivastava graduated from Birla Institute of Technology, India in 1998. He has extensive experience in IT function and Outsourcing industry and has worked in various roles including Resource Manager, Program/Project Manager, and Technical Architect, cutting across multiple domains such as Finance, Utility, and Supply-Chain. Santosh has expertise in Cyber security/ Virtualization area and loves spreading awareness about cyber threats and their impact on the business world. In his spare time, Santosh enjoys playing chess, solving puzzles, reading books (non-fiction and management), and taking photographs. He is also an active member of Mensa, Intertel and Triple Nine societies. Santosh lives in Thousand Oaks, California, with his wife and their son.
Scott Stover

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George Washington University

Employment Information
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Company: Verify, Inc.
Industry: Consulting/Management Services

Personal Statement
Scott Stover has worked in Aerospace & Defense for nine years, largely with Lockheed Martin. He has tested rocket-tracking systems, lead software/hardware quality engineering activities for a satellite image network, and held a Top Secret security clearance. In 2010, he transitioned to Supply Chain Quality Management, with responsibility for communications system manufacturers for the new F-35 fighter jet. Working for Verify, Inc., a supply chain services firm, he has consulted with GE Aviation and Nestlé Nespresso, and continues to support Lockheed Martin – Aeronautics, managing their Northern California suppliers. Scott ran cross-country and track at Lehigh University, where he received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He holds a M.S. in Systems Engineering from George Washington University. Scott is a competitive runner and Ironman triathlete. He enjoys planning Relay For Life fundraising events. Scott grew up in Chicago, and now lives in Mountain View, CA with his wife, Michelle, and baby, Zachary.

Tootie Tatum

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Employment Information
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Company: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Tootie began her career as a member of the international team that decoded the sequence of the human genome as a researcher at Los Alamos National Laboratory. She then joined the faculty of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where she founded the TTUHSC Laboratory for Molecular Diagnostics and helped grow a nascent graduate program in molecular pathology to 3x its size in 7 years and developed a curriculum in clinical genetic medicine for pathology residents. After achieving tenure and promotion, she left to help found two molecular diagnostics companies, both of which are still thriving today. She relocated to Northern California in 2011 and now oversees the Project Management Office for the Joint Genome Institute at Lawrence Berkeley Lab. In her spare time, she has a thriving consulting practice in the clinical lab industry and is a proud member of FEMA’s Urban Search and Rescue team, CA-TF3.
Savannah Thompson

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Employment Information
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Personal Statement
Savannah is a director at TeamCo Advisers, a San Francisco-based hedge fund intermediary. She is responsible for overseeing the firm’s operational efforts, including portfolio accounting and administration, data systems and process development, and technical/analytical support for hedge fund due diligence. She also contributes to the firm’s qualitative research initiatives. Prior to joining TeamCo, Savannah worked on infrastructure development with Hall Capital Partners. Savannah earned a BA and MA in English from Northern Arizona University and an MA in International Studies from the University of San Francisco. In her spare time, she enjoys running, cycling, and reading. Savannah lives in San Francisco.

Tatsuki Tomita

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Employment Information
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Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Tatsuki is a technology entrepreneur, successfully built and led winning teams across the globe. Currently, he is COO at Vivaldi, a startup he co-founded last year. Previously, he held various executive positions at Opera Software. While working 12 years for Opera, he played significant role in driving Opera’s growth through pre/post IPO phase. Additionally, he serves as an advisor to Dreamhub, a company based in China, as well as a board member for San Francisco Japanese school. He is originally from Japan and holds Mechanical engineering degree from Kagoshima National Institute of Technology and Bachelor in Business Administration from Hokkaido University in Japan. He lives in Redwood Shores, California with his wife, their two young daughters, and their dog Biscuit. In his spare time, he likes all things outdoor, especially camping with his family and friends where he mostly spent looking at camp fire and drinking beers.
Lori Ware-Taylor

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Employment Information
Title: CFO
Company: William Hill
Industry: Other

Personal Statement
Lori is a CPA who graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. After graduation, Lori began her career in Gaming. During her tenure, she spent time managing the Internal Audit function for Caesars Entertainment in Northern Nevada. She also was on the initial development team for the Accounting Shared Services concept during the merger of Caesars and Harrah’s Entertainment. Lori is currently the CFO at William Hill, which has Gaming operations in four continents. She oversees financial operations in the US Division, with one hundred race and sports book locations in Nevada. In her spare time, Lori enjoys exercising and spending time with her family. She lives in Henderson, Nevada with her three children.

Mike Wegbreit

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Employment Information
Title: Sr. Mgr. Strategy & Transformation, Americas
Company: VMware Inc.
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Mike Wegbreit graduated from the University of Colorado with a major in History. He has spent the last eighteen workings for a handful of enterprise software companies. He has held positions in Sales, Sales Operations and Sales Strategy. For the last nine years, Mike has worked at VMware Inc., a virtual infrastructure company focused on helping companies modernize IT. Outside of work, Mike is an avid cyclist and mountain biker. Several years ago, he fulfilled one of his lifetime goals of cycling solo through Europe. He lives in Mountain View, California with his wife of eight years and their two children.
Stewart Wells

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Troy University

Employment Information
Title: Chief Operating Officer
Company: Nyack Inc
Industry: Energy

Personal Statement
Stewart Wells is the Chief Operating Officer for Nyack Inc, a gas station and convenience store chain in Northern California. He is responsible for staff training, contract negotiation, and property acquisitions. Before working for Nyack, Stewart served twelve years in the US Air Force as an F-16 instructor pilot. During that time, he was stationed in Texas, Utah, South Korea, and deployed twice to Iraq. While in the military Stewart graduated from Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, and received a Master’s degree in International Relations from Troy University. During his last assignment, Stewart served as Director of Staff and Chief of Safety for Kunsan Air Base South Korea. In his spare time, Stewart enjoys teaching flight lessons and restoring vintage aircraft. He lives in Auburn, California, with his wife, son and soon to be second child.

Richard Wilson

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Employment Information
Title: Associate Director, Project Management
Company: Theravance, Inc.
Industry: Biotechnology

Personal Statement
Richard was born in London, and graduated from the University of Manchester, England with a B.Sc. (Hons) in chemistry. He spent the majority of his 20+ year career as a medicinal chemist in pharmaceuticals, with Glaxo in London, BioChem Pharma in Montreal and Theravance Inc in South San Francisco where he currently works in Project and Alliance Management. He has R&D experience in cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, urology, rheumatology and anti-infectives; has led projects from idea to lab, helped teams move drugs into clinical trials and recently supported two drug approvals in COPD. Richard has also lectured and published on topics ranging from chemical synthesis, offshore outsourcing and preclinical project management. Outside work, Richard enjoys time with friends and family, is a keen cyclist and current VP of the Berkeley Bicycle Club. He lives in Orinda with his wife Emma, and daughters Zoe (14) and Lucy (11).
Min Xiao

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Education: PhD Electrical and Computer Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University

Employment Information
Title: Engineering Director
Company: Seagate Technology
Industry: High Technology/Electronics

Personal Statement
Min Xiao has 20 years of experience in data-storage and has worked at IBM Research, Hitachi GST and Seagate. She is a coauthor on 20 peer-reviewed publications and 4 patents. From 2011-2014, she worked in SuZhou, China at the core of high-tech, high volume manufacturing. Her interests are now in Product Management and Corporate Strategies/Planning. Min has a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Employment Information
Title: Director of Wholesale Operations
Company: Buyer’s Best Friend
Industry: Other

Personal Statement
Caroline Yeh graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2002. Due to her lifelong love of food, she trained as a pastry cook in Philadelphia and New York, with a brief stint in the pastry kitchen at Gotham Bar and Grill in Manhattan. After spending a number of years working in front of the house at a cafe in Boston, Caroline opened a boutique chocolate shop, Temper Chocolates, in the Hotel Commonwealth in 2005. Deciding to return home to the warmer weather in California, Caroline moved to the East Bay in late 2007. Since then she has worked for a number of food companies in the Bay Area including Charles Chocolates, 479 Popcorn, Madecasse and Buyer’s Best Friend. Caroline loves to travel, eat, cook and garden. She lives in El Cerrito with her husband, dog and cat.