

Neel Agarwal is a senior majoring in economics and sociology at Case Western Reserve University. He has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Student in Economics (2008) and for Excellence in Sociological Studies (2008). Junior year he spent a semester studying abroad at the University College of London and recently completed the Summer on the Cuyahoga Program. Although his parents and brother are all immersed in the field of computer science, Neel intends to break the family trend and pursue a career in business or academia.

Srujan Bonthala graduated this year with his MBA from Weatherhead School of Management of Case Western Reserve University and holds a B.S. in Electronics and Communications from India. Before coming to Weatherhead, Srujan worked in Mumbai, India, for over three years with Reliance Communications Limited, an integrated telecommunications service provider as a Senior Engineer as well as with Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (now Tata Communications Limited), a wholesale voice and VOIP service provider as an Executive Engineer. He also has worked in various capacities as an Optical Network Planner and Operations Engineer and has some experience volunteering for small non-governmental organizations.

Gary Broadbent spent the summer (2009) with EDGE working with World Shipping Inc. to develop a new method for transporting bulk freight. He is an MBA candidate at Case Western Reserve University, concentrating in finance, and graduating in December 2009. Gary is also a Graduate Teaching Assistant for Statistics and Decision Modeling at CWRU. Prior pursuing an MBA, he earned a JD from Case Western Reserve and passed the bar in the state of Ohio. He is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and a graduate of Kent State University Honors College. Gary is looking for an opportunity utilizing his background in finance, statistics, and law to develop smart business strategy. He is particularly interested in the manufacturing, energy, and natural resources sectors.

Priyanka Chatterjee is an Engineering and Management graduate from Case Western Reserve University (May 2009), where she graduated with the Dean's Academic Achievement Award and is also a Beta Gamma Sigma (the highest national honor for students in business) inductee of 2009. She completed her undergraduate degree in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering from India after which she worked with Electronic Data Systems Corp. While at Case, she worked with Cleveland Medical devices for six months during which time she developed a business plan for a new device for Parkinson's disease symptoms assessment. She also worked as a project manager for a research study at the Case Nursing School and also as managing member of student-run consulting firm called Lake Effect Innovation LLC. As an EDGE Fellow, she successfully conducted extensive primary research with top level executives in leading hospitals in the Northeast Ohio region to analyze the market and discover unmet customer needs. Her career interests are in the field of business development and commercialization of technology.

Anthony Colwell is in his final semester completing his Masters in Science in Management in Operations Research at Case's Weatherhead School of Management and is a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Operations Management Department. He earned his undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Philosophy at Westminister College (PA). In addition to Operations Management, Anthony also enjoys project management and market research, and has completed two marketplace analyses for two separate medical software companies in Northeast Ohio. Anthony also has experience with Six Sigma and is currently working towards his green belt certification, and is working on a Six Sigma project with the Cleveland Indians using Regression as a tool to predict in-park attendance.

Joe Fox will complete his undergraduate studies at Ashland University in December with a degree in Finance as well as a degree in Entrepreneurship. He is a member of the prestigious Eagle Investment Group at the school and is currently chair of the Website Committee. He is also the Vice President of the Business Scholars at Ashland University. Joe grew up in an entrepreneurial atmosphere that he continues today. He has been involved in creating marketing videos for companies and organizations as well as basic website design. Currently he is working as a co-founder of his own technology start-up company as well as holding the position of a Marketing Analyst at another.

Peronne Joseph is a Master in Entrepreneurial Biotechnology student at Case Western Reserve University. She moved from Trinidad and Tobago to pursue her tertiary education in biology and found the perfect opportunity to explore interests she always had in business development during her undergraduate education at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. For the past two years, Peronne has worked as the Commercialization Assistant at the Clinical Tissue Engineering Center and has been integral in the translation and management of over twenty biomedical technologies in musculoskeletal repair and wound healing. Peronne enjoys market research, technology and feasibility analyses and hopes to continue developing the technology ventures of small to mid-sized biotechnology companies. This fall she is participating in EDGE's new Innovation Program, studying the management innovation

Katie Kaminski is an MBA student at Case's Weatherhead School of Management, currently in her second year, and is a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Marketing Department. She has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing from Kent State University. Upon graduating from undergraduate in 2007, she moved back home to Pittsburgh to work for Pepsi as a Territory Sales Coordinator. She is interested in market strategy, sustainability and social entrepreneurship.

Darshan Lotliker is a 2009 graduate of the Master of Engineering and Management program of Case Western Reserve University. Born and raised in Mumbai, India, Darshan holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Production Engineering from the University of Mumbai. Darshan has three years of experience in the automotive industry with major corporations like Fiat Auto, Tata Motors and Renault SA (Mahindra-Renault). With an interest in entrepreneurship, he has completed feasibility analysis projects for two Cleveland companies in the past one year. He also has a website development venture. Darshan is currently contracted as an independent consultant with Goodyear, conducting market research with their Advanced Concepts division.

Kelly Mackey is a full-time MBA student (Strategic Marketing) at The University of Akron. She completed her undergraduate studies in International Business and Marketing at The University of Toledo in 2008. During her time in Northwest Ohio, Kelly worked for La-Z-Boy Incorporated in a variety of capacities, including merchandising, sales and marketing, importing, logistics, product development, supplier management, price negotiation, and inventory control. Her professional experience also includes a diverse range of administrative and technical roles with several Northeast Ohio firms. She has a demonstrated interest in product and brand management and hopes to further develop her knowledge and expertise in managing consumer product safety for globally-sourced goods. This past August she traveled to India, and this fall she is participating in EDGE's new Innovation Program.

Alex-Paul S. Manders is an MBA Candidate at Case's Weatherhead School of Management and President of the Weatherhead Private Equity & Venture Capital Club. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Kent State University with a B.S. in Finance, and his professional experience includes a combined eight years of Management and Financial Services consulting with an emphasis on business risk management, private-equity, and buy-side due diligence. As an intern at JumpStart, Inc., Alex focused his research efforts on the "American Recovery and Reinvest Act of 2009" to identify federal and state level stimulus funding opportunities for companies held within JumpStart's portfolio. He is in the early phases of launching a firm that will have an emphasis on both sustainability and green energy businesses. He belongs to a number of professional organizations, including Cleveland's chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG). His non-profit and civic commitments include being a Trustee on the Board at the Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), supporter of the United Way's GeneratioNext affiliation, and a mentor to inner-city high-school students through the Cleveland chapter of Mind's Matter.

Jon Mathews is an MBA student at Case Western Reserve University with a concentration in Organizational Behavior and Operations. Jon grew up in Seattle, WA, and graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Utah in 2005. After that, he worked as an underwriter in the Small Business Group of Zions Bancorp in Salt Lake City, UT, until deciding to return to school for an MBA. He is also fluent in Japanese and has visited Japan four times, the longest being a two-year stay during his undergraduate years. He completed an internship under the Director of Organizational Behavior at Chart Industries, a cryogenics firm in Garfield Heights, and is interested in consulting, small business development and international relations.

Joony Moon is a senior at Harvard University, concentrating in Economics with a secondary field in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology. He is returning to Cleveland for his second summer as part of the Summer on the Cuyahoga Program (2008, 2009). Originally from Fairfax, VA, he attended the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. He has worked for BioEnterprise Corp. (Cleveland, 2008), the US Department of the Interior, Grandmart International Foods, and the Tim Kaine for Governor campaign over the last few years.

Michael Spence received his bachelors degree in electrical engineering from Case Western Reserve University, and he is currently pursuing his Master of Engineering and Management (MEM) degree at Case. This professional degree trains engineers in business skills with a strong focus on entrepreneurship and innovation. This past year, Michael worked on a team of individuals restarting a student-run consulting firm, Lake Effect Innovation LLC. For the past four years, Michael has worked part-time for Weatherhead School of Business at Case as an A/V technician, videotaping EMBA classes and special events. He is currently enrolled in EDGE's new Innovation Program.

Alexa Sullivan graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of Akron (May, 2009) with an International Business degree and is pursuing an MBA degree at The University of Akron. She is currently a graduate assistant conducting research with a professor in the Department of Marketing. Throughout her undergraduate career, Alexa was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary business society and co-chaired the first "Are You Smarter Than the Faculty?" charity event on behalf of Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society. She served as Senator for the College of Business Administration on behalf of Associated Student Government as well as Vice President for Pre-Law Club. In addition, she interned as a Marketing Assistant for Megalight, Inc., an energy efficient lighting manufacturer in Hudson.

Roberto (Rob) Vicevich received a B.A. degree in Communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT, and recently completed his MBA degree at Cleveland State University. He was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He has been continually taken on leadership positions: top scholastic honors each year during grade school, missionary leader (LDS Church), teacher coordinator (Spanish) and president of the church youth organization. In high school he participated for a service project that involved helping the homeless, and he enjoyed learning and teaching languages such as English and Portuguese. While in Buenos Aires he received a degree in Custom Dispatch and Logistics. Although focused in the business industry, Rob has written and produced news video, including one news article that was published in the New York Times while attending Brigham Young University in 2004.