

2017 Summer EDGE Fellows Biographies



Anuj (AJ) Agrawal currently attends Weatherhead School of Management at Cleveland where he is pursuing his MBA with a major in finance. He has an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Dhanbad in India. His career aspirations include gaining valuable experience in strategic consulting to develop and run his own consulting firm in India within the next 5-6 years. AJ loves hiking, going on runs, Cleveland sports events, and cooking.

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Rick Ahir currently attends Case Western Reserve University where he is completing his Master's in Business Administration. He also earned a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Logistics Management as well as Marketing from The Ohio State University. After this, Rick completed a post baccalaureate in Biology from the University of Toledo. Rick's career aspirations include working as a consultant for a Fortune 500 company where he may unite his knowledge of, and love for, both business and science. He enjoys playing basketball, working out, volunteering, and attending sporting events with friends and family (Ohio State Football and UNC Basketball). [linkedin.com/in/rick-ahir-43945519](https://www.linkedin.com/in/rick-ahir-43945519)



Brian Andrews currently attends Case Western Reserve University where he is completing his Master's in Physics Entrepreneurship. He earned his B.A. in Physics at Kenyon College with a minor in Mathematics and a concentration in Scientific Computing. Brian's career aspirations include participating in the research and development of new, commercially viable, technologies being produced by emerging companies or starting such a company. He also enjoys watching and playing sports, art, music, and he contributed to starting a venture focused on the consumer electronics industry. [linkedin.com/in/brian-andrews-phys](https://www.linkedin.com/in/brian-andrews-phys)



Joslynn Clauson currently attends Case Western Reserve University as a M.S. candidate in the Operations Research and Supply Chain Management program. She has also earned her B.A. in Economics and Composite Mathematics (in addition to a statistics specialization) from the University of South Dakota. Her professional interests include purchasing and procurement, negotiations, and sustainable business models. Additionally, Joslynn enjoys playing trumpet, swimming, fishing, and spending time with family and friends. She has also co-founded her own consulting service, which helps make analytics and business solutions available to nonprofit organizations. [linkedin.com/in/joslynn-clauson-682545120](https://www.linkedin.com/in/joslynn-clauson-682545120)



Hannah Clemons graduated in May 2017 from the University of Akron where she completed her B.S. in Marketing Management and Sales Management. Her aspirations include sitting on a board for a Northeast Ohio non-profit as well as continuing her understanding of the entrepreneurial mindset through research, apprenticeship and travel. Hannah enjoys painting, spending time outdoors, and trying new things with friends and family, and she is looking to start her own business in the marijuana growing industry. [linkedin.com/in/clemonsatakron](https://www.linkedin.com/in/clemonsatakron)

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Rahul Hegde graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a Masters in Engineering and Management. He also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Visvesvaraya Technological University, India. He has four years of Sales and Marketing experience across various industry verticals and geographies. His hopes to pursue consulting and business development with the goal of becoming an entrepreneur one day. He enjoys watching and playing sports, especially soccer and is a huge Manchester United Fan. He loves hanging out with friends, listening to good music and trying out new food! [linkedin.com/in/rahul-hegde](https://www.linkedin.com/in/rahul-hegde)



Chetanya Kalra completed a Master of Engineering Management degree from Case Western Reserve University in May 2017 and earned a B.E. in Electronics Instrumentation and Control from the Thapar University. He aspires to work as a Business Analyst for an emerging company where he may unite his knowledge of, and love for, both business and Information Technology. Before Case, he was the software developer for Infosys ltd; plus, he is involved in his own start-up called Dream Matcher, which tries to help people achieve their dreams. He is interested in sports, traveling and mathematics and aims to hone his skills in data analytics and as a financial planning analyst. [linkedin.com/in/chetanya-kalra](https://www.linkedin.com/in/chetanya-kalra)



Manish Kalita hails from a software engineering background and is currently pursuing an MBA at the Weatherhead School of Management. He has a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering from Manipal Institute of Technology, India. He has a passion for the fast-paced research and solutions-orientation of strategy consulting and in sync with his technology background. In the long run, he sees himself as a successful technology consultant. Manish is an avid reader, loves traveling and making new friends along the way. [linkedin.com/in/manish-ranjan-kalita-71310a27](https://www.linkedin.com/in/manish-ranjan-kalita-71310a27)



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Starlyn (Star) Priest is a law student at Case Western Reserve University with a concentration in corporate transactional law. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Economics from the College of Wooster and an MBA in Marketing from Cleveland State University. She is the Founder and Senior Managing Partner of Kestada Strategy Consultants LLC and has 8+ years of professional experience Sales and Marketing Strategy, Organizational Analysis, Customer Relationship Management, Business Development & Retention, Project Management, Corporate Partnership Development, Organizational Training, and Team Leadership. She has worked with BrownFlynn Consulting and as a Licensed Property and Casualty Insurance agent with Progressive Insurance. Star is an active volunteer with the American Red Cross of Cleveland, the Black Professionals Charitable Foundation Association, the National Black MBA Association (NEO Chapter), and the Sports Law and Entertainment Society. [linkedin.com/in/starlynhpriet](https://www.linkedin.com/in/starlynhpriet)

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Shilpa Ramakrishnan is a Master's of Engineering and Management graduate from Case Western Reserve University. Her undergraduate degree was Bachelors in Electronics and Instrumentation from India. Her long-term ambitions include becoming a business consultant and a marketing strategist in manufacturing and in the emerging technologies space, such as the Internet of Things. Her experience as a business / market analyst in the same field fuels her drive to realize the career aspiration of a consultant and a marketing strategist. Shilpa loves connecting with others, adventure sports and travelling. She has a passion for flying and plans to start her flying lessons. [linkedin.com/in/shilpa-ramakrishnan](https://www.linkedin.com/in/shilpa-ramakrishnan)



Thomas (Jake) Scholl is currently completing his Masters of Business Administration at Case Western Reserve University. He also earned a B.A. in economics from Fordham University. Jake's career aspirations include working as a consultant to utilize his business knowledge to help companies reach their full potential. He enjoys reading as well as taking advantage of Cleveland's culture including its sports teams, art museum, and orchestra. [linkedin.com/in/jake-scholl](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jake-scholl)



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Rachel Shaw currently attends the University of Pennsylvania. She graduated with her B.S. in bioengineering and is completing an M.S. in systems engineering. After school, Rachel plans to work in engineering operations, ideally in biotech, and is particularly excited about easy-to-use, wearable medical devices. Rachel is always looking for new book suggestions and enjoys spending time with friends, biking, and being in the sun. [linkedin.com/in/rachel-shaw-445452b0](https://www.linkedin.com/in/rachel-shaw-445452b0)



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