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A Day in the Life of a GLOBAL EXECUTIVE Student

5:45 a.m. I wake up with my wife, Sadie, and I help her with getting our 7 month old baby changed, fed and ready for the day.

6:15 a.m. With distance learning, our study team believes that it is important for us to remain in touch, so I logon to Duke's D5 Platform to check in with my classmates and view the schedule for the day. Usually, I send a few e-mails with updates to team assignments or discussions.

6:30 a.m. I rush to get dressed and ready for work. On my commute to work, I host conference calls with the Viewlocity's managing director in Europe to catch up on any tasks for the day or week.

8:00 a.m. I try and get my morning Starbucks coffee and begin work with a team meeting with my Research & Development leadership team. We review the daily objectives and work through any issues that need my attention. Depending on the sales and marketing initiatives, I will work with our market facing teams to develop strategies around product launches, marketing campaigns and sales processes.

11:30 a.m. I attempt to break away for an hour and a half in order to study and read cases from my Managerial Effectiveness class. Professor Jack Soll is very intense with the amount of reading and cases studies required for our online discussion, but the cases are very interesting and applicable to my job.

1:00 p.m. I will hopefully get a chance to heat up a frozen meal and begin working on my afternoon work projects. I usually review a few solution designs for our software products and give feedback to my architecture group. I also work closely with my product management team for release planning of our product suite. Finally, I conduct a few key customer, press and analyst calls before wrapping up my day.

5:30 p.m. Before heading home, I reach out to my study team to discuss solutions to our projects and strategize on our homework plans.

6:30 p.m. I drive home from work to watch my daughter's soccer practice and take her home for dinner.

8:00 p.m. With my family's busy life schedule, we have a late dinner and some family talk time before the kids go to bed.

9:00 p.m. We usually have an evening study team conference call at night which allows most of my team members time to get home and plan our workload for the evening. Once again, I logon to Duke's D5 Platform, answer message board questions and work on accounting. Most nights, the homework requires reading the assignments, answering problem sets and asking questions online.

11:00 p.m. Sleep