

FALL 2023 CLASS NOTES



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Daytime 1986

Hideshi Honda: After graduating from Fuqua, Hideshi returned to Tokyo and worked for Eisai Co. Ltd., a pharmaceutical firm, for more than thirty years. Hideshi is now consulting for several companies including US firms, such as Moderna and Blackstone. With Covid19 almost gone, Hideshi wants to return to Duke for a visit, stating “The life at Duke is the best time in my whole life”.

Richard Lee Burton: After 22 years with Missouri State University (Springfield, MO), Richard retired this summer from teaching in its College of Business Department of Information Technology and Cybersecurity. He has moved back to Winston-Salem, NC, where he once lived and worked for the Planters LifeSavers Division of RJR Nabisco. He is happily getting sorted in his West End Historic District home and re-engaged in the Twin City community. While in retirement, Richard will be serving Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public Schools as a substitute teacher, focusing on work with Exceptional Children in pre-k and elementary grades. And, he looks forward to great times with his kids: Martha Scott (New York City) and William Stewart and Elizabeth Campbell (both in Denver, CO).

WEMBA 1989

Michelle Mauthe Harvey

I got bored during Covid and found myself taking a free class that led into a PhD program in Business Management at Ole Miss - they gave me a full ride with an assistantship, which was fun for a while, but after I wrapped up the last of the all-consuming coursework in May, I decided to pass on comps and dissertation and go back to being retired (sort of ;) and playing with our two cute granddaughters in New Orleans (see pics, and note - Elise's daughters are both older than Elise was when I started at Fuqua. How can we have kids that old?!).

Overall, Don and I are enjoying Oxford, MS - lots of nice people our age and always lots going on.



Daytime 1994

Jocelyn Zoland

Hi Fuqua - After 20+ years in NYC and American Express, I now live in Westchester, NY, with my husband, Rob, and two teenage children, and am taking a break from work. I'm enjoying spending more time with family and friends and constantly walking our pandemic puppy. I'm still close to many of my Fuqua classmates, in fact, last fall we took a trip to the NC beaches. In the pic from left to right: **Sylvia Choe (Hollo)**, me, **Minna Pomeroy (Greenspun)** and **Paula Kelley**.



WEMBA 1997

Kevin Wright writes: It has been a long time since I checked in on this site, and a lot has happened. I decided to leave IBM after 30 years in 2013 as part of the transition to retirement (TTR) program IBM offered. A few years earlier I had decided to give my try at teaching, first at Duke's Masters of Engineering Masters Program and also at NC State's MBA program. When IBM's TTR program came along, I decided to make the leap and since then have taught close to 100 courses at NC State, Duke, UNC, SKEMA / NC State (French Management School partnering with NC State), and some executive education projects. I got involved with the NSF I-Corps program and after mentoring several projects on the national level I also became a NSF i-Corps instructor at NC State. After IBM, I immersed myself in the local start-up culture as I did not want to just be thought of as a guy who could be effective only within a large company.

Most of my focus was on classes around strategy, innovation, management of technology, and entrepreneurship, but I occasionally wandered into teaching classes on organizational behavior, general management, project management, and even, much to my surprise, financial management and accounting for engineers. Presently, I have decided to focus on just Duke's Master of Management Program, and I am excited to be teaching a class based on digital transformations and how to bridge strategy plans and actual execution outcomes.

Both my parents passed away two years ago, which helped sharpen my focus on what I call the money value of time, i.e. as we get older it is about being a positive difference maker to those who you can. To me, retirement is not about stopping work, but rather doing what you want to do when you want to do it.

My two kids are older now. I have a son who has worked for Amazon, Google, Reddit, and now a cloud provider in the HealthCare field. My daughter is a middle school teacher, and she and her husband have given me two fantastic granddaughters, aged 8 and 12.



Daytime 1997

Rob Khoury sent word that he and his wife Mary just sent William, their eldest, off to the University of Vermont. He and **Steve Colten** are working together advising entrepreneurs in high growth mode. They are excited to share that they are open for business with classmates looking to grow professionally. And, Rob said he and **Christine Campisi** are looking to have a 27 ½ year reunion in 2024 either late August or early October. If you're interested in attending, I'll make sure to share the word through our email link.

Nancy Murray's daughter graduated from Cal Poly in June and is now in Nashville, working for Dell. Her son graduated from the Naval Academy in 2022 and is wrapping up his nuclear training in Charleston before being assigned a submarine, a surprising choice for a man who is 6'3 With both kids on the other side of the country, and with a desire to move out of CA, Nancy and husband, John, have relocated to Maryland, where she accepted a position as the Senior Director, Alumni Engagement and Outreach with the Naval Academy Alumni Association She is loving being in the Annapolis area and looking forward to reconnecting with classmates in the area.

From Charleston, SC, came news from **Adrian Sawczuk**. Professionally, Adrian is a Managing Director at Riveron Consulting, focusing on performance improvement, M&A, and supply chain / operations. Additionally, he and his wife Dara are both involved in growing Tidal Creek Brewhouse, the brewery / coffee roaster they started in Myrtle Beach, SC in 2020. Adrian's son, Hamilton, is working on his PhD in applied mathematics at Johns Hopkins.

And, finally, **Nancy Spears**, is still at Warner Bros. - now Warner Bros. Discovery working as VP of Sales & Marketing for DC Comics. She is also seeking a position as an independent board director for a for-profit private or public company. Her subject matter expertise is in sales, retail distribution and go-to-market planning, and I bring a critical operations perspective to the boardroom that could inform any conversation around reaching consumers. Please keep her in mind for any opportunities that come across your desk, inbox or conversations. Nancy did make it back to the Duke campus earlier this year as a speaker for the undergraduate organization Business Oriented Women (BOW) and spoke about transitioning into the business world and navigating issues like imposter syndrome and finding your personal interests. She enjoyed connecting with students, and updating her closet with all the latest in Duke merchandise.

Daytime 2000

Scott Minder

I took on the CFO role at Hyster Yale Materials Handling, a global forklift manufacturer, based in Cleveland, Ohio, back in September 2022. My home base is still Pittsburgh, but I split time between OH and PA. Two kids in college and one starting high school. All are doing well.

Kulwadee Yung

Justin and I are happy to announce that our oldest son, Aidan, graduated from East Chapel Hill High School. He will be heading off to the college just down the street from us - no, not Duke. 😊 Yes, it's the other one - UNC-Chapel Hill. 😊 Basketball season will be interesting.



Chris Ryan

I'm still here in Carrboro, in light-blue country -- in fact, my kids and I ate tonight on Franklin Street at Top of the Hill, which has distilled and bottled some kind of rotgut liquor celebrating the nefarious wins by Carolina men's basketball team in '22. Of course I bought none of this moonshine, not even for my impressionable 9-year-old or 6-year-old. They're going into 4th and 1st grade and need all their brain cells. My wife Kathryn is still catching babies as a certified nurse midwife. She went to Carolina, I confess, but she's amazing. In fact, she was just featured in a Season 2 episode of "Secrets of Playboy" on A&E (I'm not kidding), in the "Playboy on Campus" episode. Long ago as a freshman, she led a protest against the magazine recruiting basically on campus at the Carolina Inn. That night, Craig Kilborn on the Daily Show ruthlessly mocked her, sticking a picture of her head on a Playmate's body. As the episode basically says, you're damned if you pose and you're damned if you protest.

In other news, Silverquicken, the startup I co-founded in 2020 with Leslie Kerner (Hueter) from the class of '01, is still taking up pretty much all my time. In spring '22, we pivoted from online enrichment programs for middle-graders to in-person programs. We rode our own mini-Peloton wave up and down the pandemic -- fun! We now provide in-person after-school programs, physical puzzle subscription kits for use in classrooms and at home, and summer camps.

The concept is that our fun activities (puzzles and games set within a fantasy story) are actually very challenging and teach logical/critical thinking, scientific method, cool unusual topics in math, linguistics, etc., as well as engineering, teamwork, design thinking and self-awareness. All kinds of good stuff. We've found inroads with gifted-education programming, but we're not just for formally identified "gifted" kids.

On top of all that, I'm writing the first Silverquicken novel, based on the fantasy story we've developed for our programs. This is the hardest thing I've ever done since putting on Fuquavision shows -- thank goodness for Chris Johnson. And for Scott Griffith often coming through with something ridiculously ridiculous. Back to Silverquicken, the kids we teach have been our story taste-testers, our on-the-fly focus groups and the beginnings of our fan base. Our goal is to publish that novel as the first in a series and take the IP as far as we can. Hopefully, our entertainment products will not only be profitable in their own right but drive awareness of and interest in our education products and programs (which will still give us direct contact with our fan base).

If you've got kids in 3rd-8th grade -- or are just interested in what we're doing -- please drop me a line at chris.ryan@silverquicken.com. Cheers!



Laura Covitz

We've had another exciting year in the Covitz household! Our oldest (Ashley, 20) studied abroad in Paris during the spring semester, so the rest of us went to visit her over our Spring Break (see picture of us at the Sainte Chapelle). We spent 12 days exploring Paris, Normandy, and Mont Saint-Michel as a family and had an amazing vacation!

We also celebrated our middle child, Ryan (18), graduating from high school in May. We recently dropped him off at Purdue University, where he plans to study Computer Engineering.

Our youngest (Sean, 16) got his driver's license this spring and started his Jr year of high school this fall, so that's a whole different kind of excitement!

Jason is still working at Covetrus as their VP of Strategy and Pricing, and I'm still enjoying the part-time SCM and IT consulting job that I started doing with Symphony Consulting last year. Let us know if you're ever near Columbus, OH - we'd love to see you!



Daytime 2001

Ann (Howell) Futch and **Monique (Means) McDonough** were reconnected through a mutual friend in a surprise get together in Virginia this August. Ann writes, "We were too busy catching up to get a picture. ☺"

Fernando Turner writes, "Last time I wrote I was in Shanghai, spent 2 years there, came back to Monterrey, Mexico in 2011. Still in the family business, we have done well, have operations in 8 countries now, mostly auto parts, but also some fresh produce and industrial real estate. This year, Norma and I celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary. Our oldest two daughters are in consulting, Ale here in Monterrey after an engineering BS; and Monica (born in Durham) is in Bain, in NYC after graduating from Notre Dame last May. Marcela, our third is in UT Austin, and Paulina just started in Notre Dame as well. Still in contact with some of the latin guys from school. I hope everyone is doing great."

An update from **Alexandre Wolyne**: "Last July I went to Greece with my family for vacation and got to spend some great time with George Kariakidis. We haven't seen each other since graduation. It is amazing to keep friends around the globe after 20+ years.

I continue to live in Rio with my wife Alexandra. Our daughters have grown up quite a bit. Gabriela (19) is taking Journalism at Rio de Janeiro Federal University, while Manuela (14) is in school.

A year ago, I started working as CFO for Tegra, a Brookfield portfolio company that develops residential apartments in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. If anyone happens to come to Rio, it will be great to meet you."



Tenten Wu reported: "I recently went to see Guns N' Roses with (John) Kerner, and I went to a spa with Liz where she was repping Municipal." Looks like a fun time!



Daytime 2001

Matt Robertson has started a new role as CEO of Island Pump & Tank, LLC, a provider of environmental, construction, testing and compliance services primarily for service stations and convenience stores. He'll be leading a national expansion of the current portfolio and a move into electric vehicle charging station construction. IPT was recently purchased by Hidden Harbor Capital Partners. Prior to this, Matt was the Chief Commercial Officer at Synagro Technologies, where he was part of the team that managed the company's sale from EQT Partners to an infrastructure fund of the Asset Management Division of Goldman Sachs.

CCMBA 2003

Monica Filyaw

I still work in plastics and I still love it. I was published last year for my work on global regulations for using post consumer recycled plastics in food packaging: when you recycle your soda bottle how different countries insure it's processed correctly to go back into another food package. I've been in Wilmington, NC since 2014 and I thoroughly enjoy living at the beach.

CCMBA 2004

Lee Collins checked in with a note that he is still living in the triangle area in Cary with his wife and 4 kids. The past April, Lee started a new job with First Citizens Bank focusing on process improvement in the Sales Strategy group.

Bill Hughes would love to hear from the rest of you and if you are interested in attending our reunion next spring April 19-21. Please drop me a line with your plans. I know that Fuqua is looking for some representatives from our class to help coordinate things as well.



Daytime 2005

Cory Kampfer

Hi Team Fuqua! **Gina Spatz Kampfer** and I live in Denver with our two kids, Andrew and Alexis. Gina leads a marketing team at a biopharma, Sobi, and I'm president of a fintech, OnDeck. I'm also proud to be the Fuqua rep on the Duke Colorado board. This is a picture of us on a volcano in Hawaii. We both miss Durham and fun-filled days at the WaDuke!



GEMBA 2005

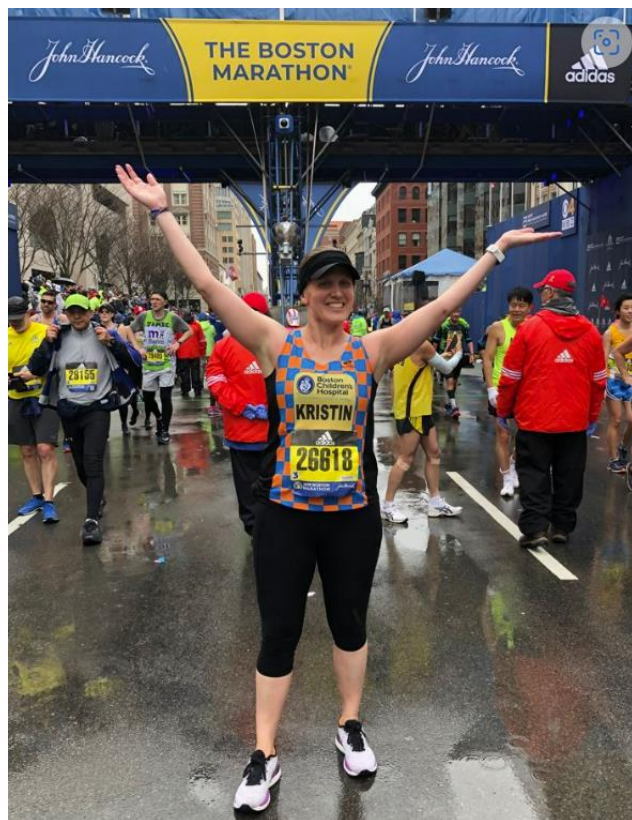
Kevin Thibodeaux

Living by the beach in Los Angeles, coaching, consulting, and enjoying life! This summer, I was on Uncle Duty, spent a 15-hour day at Disneyland and California Adventure with my visiting niece and nephew from Texas.

Daytime 2006

Kristin Pados

I've been in Boston since graduation, except for an expat assignment to London in 2010-2011. After 20+ years in the digital sector, I founded Left Fork Consulting, specializing in helping companies elevate their digital capabilities to drive business growth. Also, I've taken up running, and I'm training for marathon #6 (seen below at the finish line of my last one, 2019 Boston).





WEMBA 2007

Chad & Catherine Harrell

We live in Raleigh, NC with our three kids: William (14), Eliza (10), and Emma (10). August is a special month for us as we are celebrating our birthdays and 22nd anniversary this year. We love to travel, and recently went to Europe and hiked the Swiss Alps. Catherine is CMO at Bitsight, a cyber risk management company, and I own a real estate development company with a fellow MBA '07 grad, Jeff Gore. LGD!

Daytime 2008

Taylor (Fishburn) McBrearty (Daytime '08) and **Bob McBrearty** (Daytime '09) welcomed their daughter Camille Anne McBrearty on April 17th, 2023. She joins her big brothers Sean and Knox to complete their family in the most perfect way. Bob is currently the VP of Finance Operations at Pediatrix and Taylor is a Director in the Healthcare Transformation Practice at PwC.



CCMBA 2010

Tariq Omar

Since graduating from Fuqua, we've been living in Seattle, my hometown, spending as much time as possible being outside in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, in between that pesky thing called work. Professionally, I'm currently on the Business and Corporate Development team at Amazon, focused on doing strategic deals for our AWS division, and I have the pleasure of working with several great Duke alums on the team, including friend and Fuqua classmate **Sarah (Johnston) Groom MBA '10**.



CCMBA 2012

Andy Domenico

Hi Fuqua Fam! Where am I now? Still in Dallas, TX, still working for Accenture doing data science consulting, and still raising my three awesome future Dukies! Recently, I hiked the Grand Canyon rim to rim to rim - four days, three nights, infinite beautiful views!





Daytime 2014

Nabin Khanal

Hello Fuqua Community! After enjoying lovely North Carolina, including Durham and Charlotte, for nine years, our family of four moved to Houston, TX, in early 2022. Still following my passion for energy, water, and infrastructure. Including a picture from my post-COVID lockdown hike back home in Kathmandu, Nepal. Go Duke!

CCMBA 2017

Daniel Head

Since graduating five years ago, I've had two kids, started a business, and moved the family from DC much closer to Duke. These days, working for myself from home at Head Global gives me the flexibility to hang out and be silly with our twin 4-year-olds, Darby and Darwin, and my husband, Darek, here in Chapel Hill. My favorite activities at the moment are much different than they were during my MBA, and include playing hide and seek, dressing up Barbies, doing puzzles, and doing home renovations, all while still exploring the Triangle area as much as possible!





WEMBA 2018

Casey Clifford

We still live close to Duke, enjoying all the things that the Triangle has to offer. I am running a fast-growing business providing services in the federal contracting industry. Stephanie, Henry (9), Camille (3), and I like to explore mountains, lakes, and beaches. We recently went to Hilton Head and Kiawah, and we will visit Vermont in June. I may be spotted at Duke on a weekly basis enjoying the golf course and its practice area. Fore!

Daytime 2019

Jaime Llaguno

I'm living in Austin, Texas, with my wife, Pamela, and our kids, Lucy and Jaime. After three years in Seattle, we finally relocated to Texas to be closer to our extended family in Mexico. Both sets of grandparents are overjoyed, and the kids love being pampered. As for Pamela and me, we are looking forward to our next solo adventure, wherever it may be.



Jonathon Morgan

Where are you now? We've moved twice since graduating from Fuqua - we're now living in the Washington, D.C. area. I'm an Army officer and work as an assistant product manager, managing two separate Army acquisitions/product development teams that conduct R&D and prototyping in support of the U.S. DoD and the intelligence community. Our family is loving life in the area and enjoying all that it has to offer!

**Tim Yoon**

Hello from Boston! My wife, Jenny, and I enjoy going on pup-ventures with our puppy Tatum (yes, named after the Duke basketball player!). Currently, I work on behavioral health strategy for UnitedHealth Group.





WEMBA 2020

Jared Brickman

I'm traveling a lot, visiting conferences and Insight's portfolio companies. Where I can, I'm sneaking in one of my favorite activities: biking greenways and eating local along the way. In Cleveland a few weeks ago, I did 40 miles and hot corned beef, kielbasa, hand pies, kielbasa, and Italian cookies.

Holler if you want to try and meet up (maybe even go for a ride) at these next ones! BOS 9/4-9/8, SFO 9/18-9/22, NYC 9/25-9/29, BNA 10/10-10/12, DFW 10/23-10/27



MMS 2020

Shraddha Bansal

Hi Fuqua Fam! After a chaotic couple of years and a lot of moves, I have finally settled down in San Francisco, California, with a bunch of family and close friends around. I am working as a project manager at CNH Industrial, and thanks to remote work, I spend a lot of my free time traveling around and exploring new places with my boyfriend.



Daytime 2023

Carla Martinez

Since I just graduated from the MBA program last May, I spent the summer traveling around, and even did a road trip from North Carolina all the way down to Queretaro, my hometown in Mexico. I'm very excited that I just started a new job on August 15th as managing consultant at Horváth and Partners.



Thanks for Sharing!

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