

# WINTER 2023 CLASS NOTES



**In Memoriam:** Former professor Andrew “Andy” B. Widmark, who taught many students during his time at Fuqua, passed away on October 28, 2023. Please find his obituary [here](#).



## Daytime 1978

**Don Dea** has been traveling far and wide to new venues and to visit family and friends. Just a few of his other activities include being asked to serve 14<sup>th</sup> year as Board Chair of GuideDog Foundation and America’s VetDogs, being elected as 1<sup>st</sup> and only Chair Emeritus for Excelsior University and attending US Merchant Marine Academy as leadership to officiate the Flip of the coin for MIT vs USMMA football game. USMMA has 9 Service Dogs.





**Jim O'Neill** reports as a “retired do-nothing near 70-year-old” he sees foxes every night in the backyard – and shares terrific pictures with us.



Safe and happy holidays and 2024 to you all!

## Daytime 1980

**Daniel Klopp**

Where am I now? I live in southern Delaware near the beach. I recently retired from ILC Dover - the exclusive supplier of spacesuits to NASA from the Apollo missions of the late 1960s through the spacesuits currently in use on the International Space Station.



## MHA 1984

### Steven McGraw

I am happily retired and living in Chattanooga, Tennessee, after a 36-year career in healthcare administration on both the hospital and physician practice management sides. Although retirement got off to a rocky start with a pandemic, I am enjoying family time, improving my golf game, traveling, exercising, tasting fine wine and bourbon, Labrador Retrievers, and experiencing all that life has to offer. Attached is a picture of Sharon and me from a trip to Prague, Czech Republic, during the Christmas holiday season.



## Daytime 1985

### Brooke Correll

I'm raising awareness of the [Professor Marian Chapman Moore Fund for Ovarian Cancer Research](#). The fund focuses on early detection of the disease that caught us both. I am a lucky survivor (two times over!), but Marian succumbed in 2021. She was my sister, mentor, and best friend- although I shared the last two titles with many. Marian taught at the Fuqua School of Business for three decades, where I was fortunate to be her student. Here we are in Durham in 1985 and nearly 40 years later in Charlottesville, where she retired from Darden. She is dearly missed!





## MHA 1986

### Kenneth Pittman

I live in Durham with my husband, James, and we are obsessed with our first grandchild, Emmy. I am the executive director of UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Health, a 100,000-visit integrated medical and mental health practice. But my allegiance still runs the darker shade of blue! James is a clinical psychologist/administrator with Alliance Health.



## EEMBA 1986

**J. Woody Stanley, DPA, EMBA '86**, co-authored a report titled [Improving Performance with Intergovernmental Grants: Lessons from the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program](#) with support from the IBM Center for the Business of Government. Woody retired from the federal government in 2000 and continues to work part-time as an independent consultant and analyst. He lives in Bethesda, MD and can be reached via e-mail at [jwoodystanley@gmail.com](mailto:jwoodystanley@gmail.com)



## Daytime 1988

### Jeff Rollins '87

We are in Wilmington, Delaware, where I currently work with Ashford Capital Management as well as other boards and investments. Kim and I try to spend as much time as we can traveling and in Montana with our family.

## WEMBA 1989

### Bill Piatt

After a couple of interim stops, Anne & I have landed in Wilmington as our “forever home” (that is to say “final”, we hope). We are loving the easy access to the beach, the wide variety of frequently occurring cultural events and the generally laid back feeling of this small-ish, artsy town. With one son living in Apex (suburban Raleigh), it is easy to get together.

We “retired” so long ago (2011) that’s not news anymore. We’ve mostly just traveled the world, volunteered with various community organizations and studied a lot of Spanish (our COVID escape). Living the dream!

If anyone else has moved to the retirement Mecca of SE NC, we’d love to get together.

## MHA 1989

### Margaret Stover

After being an executive in the healthcare and university industry and spending 19 years at PwC providing professional services to these organizations, I am thrilled to have just joined Korn Ferry, providing executive search services. Here are some pictures of a fantastic trip to Egypt I took through Duke Travel.





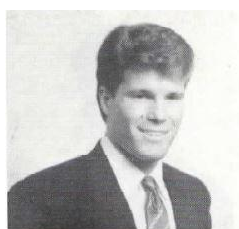
# Daytime 1990

**Derek Wilson** reports that he is making a pivot and starting a new investment company called The Dallas Opportunity Fund, which will give family offices and investors exclusive access to the best deals in Dallas to capitalize on the explosive growth happening here. He welcomes anyone who wants to learn more to contact him (email at bottom), they're just starting.

For family, last summer we took a great trip to driving around Finland with my wife Christen, Truman (18) (who just started freshman year at SMU in the other photo) and Tate (13) whom he took on a Duke trip and got to see the amazing win against Clemson (see photo).

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**Derek M. Wilson**  
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**Matt Harriton** shares a photo of his three kids, Miles (17), Daisy (13) and Graham (5). He says, "Think they know where I went to grad school?"

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**Matthew L. Harriton**  
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B.S., Finance, 1986

**Paulo Rangel** and wife Dana (and furry family member Ozzy) visited son Griffin and daughter McKenna at UC Davis for Thanksgiving. Yes, both go to the same university. In October, Paulo and Dana's birthdays were celebrated with the Rangel Parental Units at the beach in LA (Paulo and Dana have the same birthday – same day, same year).

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**Paulo S. Rangel**  
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B.A., Chemistry, 1986





**Enrique Yaffar** and wife Silvia (left, rear) are officially empty-nesters and open for suggestions from classmates who have made that life change!!!

Kids in front row: Beatriz (left) is starting Architecture at Syracuse U and experiencing her first snow! Temp: 27F, feels like: 15F... Auch! Sofia (right) is a junior at University of Florida in a combined Finance undergrad, Marketing master's degree. And Diego (center) is working for Strategy&, the strategy division of PWC management consulting, living in NYC among Michigan alumni as if he never left college.

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**Aldo E. Yaffar**  
University of Florida  
B.S., Chemical  
Engineering, 1985

**Beverly (Sobel) Redler** with her family. Her daughter, Bailey, a senior at University of Michigan and with a newly-minted private pilot's license flew herself out to Penn State where her twin brother, Benjamin is a senior, so they could all watch the Penn State/Michigan football game. With Beverly and son Benjamin Penn Staters, (both undergrad) and Bailey (undergrad) and her dad Barry (Executive MBA) Wolverines, they were all very civil even as they were hoping for opposite outcomes.

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**Beverly D. Sobel**  
Pennsylvania St. Univ.  
B.S., Economics, 1985

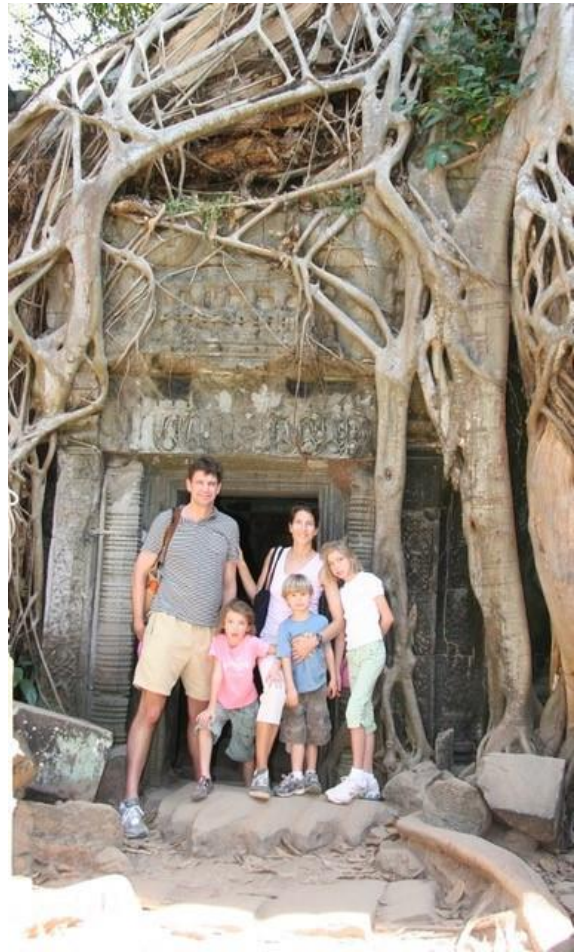




**Scott C. Fauver**  
University of Vermont  
B.A., Economics/Pol.  
Science, 1983

**Scott Fauver** took a trip to Cambodia (Vietnam & Laos) this past year and took a picture at a temple in the same spot we took 13 years ago.

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**Bill Fridl** and wife Terry snapped a photo of themselves during their recent travels in Japan, describing the shot saying, "This is us, lost in the catacombs of the Osaka train station."

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**William R. Fridl**  
Univ. of California,  
Berkeley  
B.A., Economics, 1981



**Susan (Emmett) Demarco** shared a mini-reunion photo with a plethora of classmates, having gathered in San Diego to visit **Helen (Pirris) Wildgoose**, while also having the opportunity to catch up with **Laura (Ottaviano) Copic** and **Paulo Rangel**! They had a wonderful weekend of beaches, hiking, pickleball and Duke basketball. Now they can't wait for the next reunion!

**Paulo Rangel**, Dana Rangel, **Helen (Pirris) Wildgoose**, **Susan (Reusswig) Neenan**, **Garth Neenan**, Laura's friend Charlie, **Laura (Ottaviano) Copic**, **Kate (Mitchell) DiStasi**, **John DiStasi**, **Susan (Emmett) Demarco**, **Julie Smith**, Greg Demarco (Susan's husband)

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**Paulo S. Rangel**  
Univ. of California,  
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B.A., Chemistry, 1986



**Susan C. Reusswig**  
Cornell University  
B.S., Mechanical  
Engineering, 1984



**Garth R. Neenan**  
Union College  
B.S., Mechanical  
Engineering, 1984



**Kathryn L. Mitchell**  
Mt. Holyoke College  
B.A., Biochemistry,  
1985



**John N. DiStasi**  
Duke University  
B.S., Computer Science/  
Econ., 1986



**Julie A. Smith**  
Bucknell University  
B.A., Economics, 1985



**Helen E. Pirris**  
Northwestern University  
B.A., Chemistry, 1984



**Laura G. Ottaviano**  
Middlebury College  
B.A., Mathematics/  
French, 1985



**Susan M. Emmett**  
Brown University  
B.A., Business  
Economics, 1987

**Linda Jordan** was at the Duke/Georgia Tech basketball game in December and joined fellow classmates **Kate (Mitchell) DiStasi** and **John DiStasi**.

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**Kathryn L. Mitchell**  
Mt. Holyoke College  
B.A., Biochemistry,  
1985



**Linda J. Jordan**  
Georgia Tech  
B.S., Elec. Eng'g, 1985  
M.S., Elec. Eng'g, 1986  
Clark College  
B.S., Mathematics, 1985



**John N. DiStasi**  
Duke University  
B.S., Computer Science/  
Econ., 1986



**Howard S. Reingold**  
Suny at Buffalo  
B.S., Computer Science,  
1986

**Howard Reingold** had a LOT of update to share (he's been quiet for a while, so this is a multi-year update!). He is still living in Morristown, NJ for almost 30 years. He and his wife Laurie, who met during his time at Fuqua, have three wonderful children - Jacqueline (27), Michael (25) and Rachel (22). With the youngest graduating college this past spring, they all now live fairly close in NJ and NYC and they frequently have family gatherings, dinners or events. The photo is from a trip this past summer to Iceland which was fantastic and highly recommended by the entire family. Eldest daughter Jacqueline (UMich, 2018) is now working at L'Oreal in NYC. Son Michael (Univ of Rochester, 2020) is now working at Symrise (a flavors and fragrance company similar to IFF) doing market research in their sweets/desserts area. Youngest daughter Rachel (Univ of Wisconsin, 2023) is at Macy's in NYC, just finished their Leadership Development Program and is now a Planner in Women's Dresses.

He is still enjoying work in the telecom/tech sector and is currently at Verizon leading Product Marketing for its largest wireline networking services and launching some exciting new offers which will become public soon. But now that college is done for the kids, he and his wife are beginning to explore what could be a new phase in the next few years.

Howard has been fortunate to stay connected with several classmates. He's gotten to attend Duke basketball games a few times a year, mainly in the NY or Philadelphia area with **David Baker** (their plans this year include the Duke/Baylor game in NYC in late December and spending NYE together with David's family in Philly). Howard actually attended three games during Coach K's final run. He and **Tom Cirincione** are trying to plan a



trip to Cameron this season. His eldest daughter is a UMich graduate, and she's familiar with **Mark Reuss'** son, and graduated around the same time as **John Gleiser's** kid. In 2019 he was in LA metro on a business trip and got to spend the day with **Todd Koerner** having lunch and doing some quick sightseeing. He also sees **Jeff Stark** regularly and are trying to find a chance to get together soon after Jeff's relief efforts in Israel. Howard and Laurie were at the Penn State/UMich football game in November at Penn State (they usually try to get to a UMich football game each year), unbeknownst to him that **Beverly (Sobel) Redler** was also there with her family. [howard\\_reingold@yahoo.com](mailto:howard_reingold@yahoo.com)



**Jeffrey Stark** made the news in his local community for an international effort. Within a week after the Hamas attacks in Israel on October 7, Jeff took it on himself to bring aid during the early, chaotic days. This article provides some info:

<https://jewishlink.news/florham-park-resident-delivers-medications-to-israel-amid-war-crisis/>



**Jeffrey G. Stark**  
Sunny at Binghamton  
B.S., Management  
Science, 1986





## Daytime 1992

### Barbara Johnson

During the week, I am the chief human resources officer for McKim & Creed, but on weekends, I follow my passion and take my pugs to AKC dog shows. In fact, just this month, one of my girls earned her championship title! My life is about the search for talent - professionally and personally.



## Daytime 1993

### Shivani Singh

Hello Team Fuqua! I am currently living in Mumbai with my husband and two children. I work at Lodha Capital Markets, a mid-sized investment bank, as a partner in corporate finance, and I love to play bridge in my spare time. We also love to travel, as seen in the picture below, which was taken during a holiday trip to Srinagar and Leh in North India recently.





# Daytime 1997

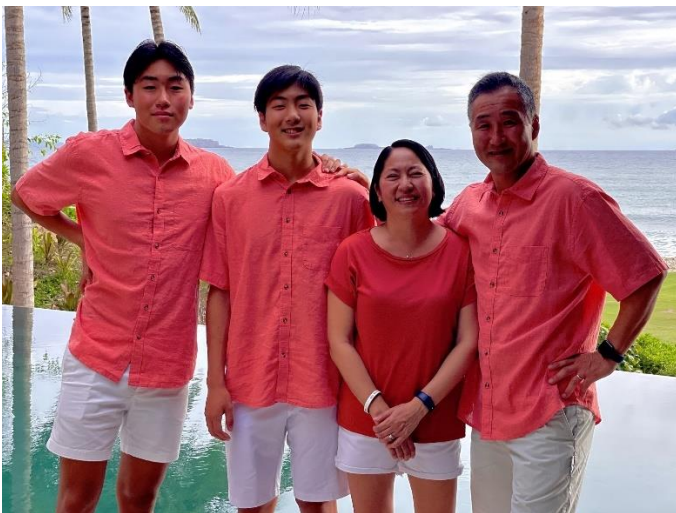
**Lisa Laird**

I recently moved to Bend, Oregon, and am spending lots of time enjoying the beautiful outdoors.



**Young Yang**

I'm still in San Francisco (2-year plan turned into 26) and recently hit 20 years at Wells Fargo working in payment strategy. Family-wise, wife and two boys, my oldest is a sophomore at Emory University, and my second is a senior in high school. Here is recent photo of the four of us unwinding in Mexico. Also, I had the pleasure of catching up with my class of '97 back in 2022 at the Fuqua Reunion – looking forward to our 30th!



## GEMBA 1999

### Mouli Ramani

It has been an exciting year. After having sold my previous company, Horsepower Technologies, I have now been appointed CEO of Aviwell, a deep tech biotech business based in Toulouse, France and Boston, USA. I also successfully completed both the Boston and London marathons in the same week last April.



## Daytime 1999

**Laura McLeod** writes: Hope the last 24 years have been good to everyone! Richard and I moved to Lincoln, Nebraska from Atlanta so he could leave big law firm life and become a law professor. We raised our two boys here (Luke & Henry) and they're both off at college (I am a big fan of empty nest life!). I teach marketing to undergrads at Nebraska and at CIMBA (Paderno del Grappa TV) and definitely enjoy the college professor schedule. Cheers to the next 25 years!





**Shawna and Keith Dodds** met their long term goal to retire early, writing: We threw in the towel earlier this year, sold our house in Chicago and moved to TX. We look forward to being nomads for the next decade and hope to see many of you on the road!



**Jeff Otchis** moved to AT&T Cybersecurity in 2021 and is enjoying the heck out of the new Austin FC soccer team (picture included at a recent match with **Jen Milch**), as well as his new pandemic hobby of golf. If anyone is in town and interested in joining him for either, reach out and he'll try to make it happen. Nina is now at Workday, his older son is a sophomore at the University of Texas (and a member of the Longhorn Band), his younger son is a sophomore in high school and he's feeling older by the day. He's also a new member of the Fuqua Alumni Council where he's doing his best to represent the interests and experience of the Daytime Class of '99 while helping with our upcoming 25th(!) reunion in April. Similarly, if you're interested in more on this, drop him a note.



**Julie Paddison** is in her third year of owning the popular wine bar and retail store, RTP Uncorked at Boxyard in RTP, NC. As of October 2023, she is the Director of Cat Rescue Operations with Beautiful Together Animal Sanctuary, building on 83 acres of farmland in Chapel Hill. In July 2023 she and a crazy crew of friends participated in the 50th year Ragbrai ride, 500 miles of cycling and camping across the state of Iowa in 7 days. Iowa is NOT even close to flat and the heat index was 90+ each day. In September 2023 she completed her third Ironman 144.6 in Chattanooga. She has enjoyed keeping up with family and friends and looks forward to reuniting with our Fuqua family.

**Hanno Blankenstein** said he's coming to reunion, but gave no additional details – I guess we'll need to show up to find out what's going on in his life!

Finally, yours truly, **Mark Haddad**, just started a new job heading up revenue operations at [Connectbase](#), a growth-stage B2B SaaS company building a marketplace for the connectivity industry. On the homefront, wife Kristen is working as a social worker at a middle school; oldest son Brendan is going to graduate in the spring from Trinity College, and just received a full-time offer from his last summer internship at Aon; younger son Jason is a sophomore at RPI becoming a mechanical engineer; and daughter Lindsey is about to graduate from high school. The family just returned from a trip to Disney World!

## Daytime 2000

### Stephanie Fox

After living in London for a few years, we moved to the Sacramento, CA, area in 2020 and have been enjoying the constant sunshine. This past weekend, my husband Michael, my daughter Kaena, and I flew to Portland, Maine, to visit my son, who just started his freshman year at Bates College, where he is studying linguistics. My husband and I celebrated our 20-year wedding anniversary a few weeks ago (10/10)! Anyone in the Sacramento area, I would love to connect with you; my email is [StephanieFox777@aol.com](mailto:StephanieFox777@aol.com).





## Mark Davidson

I am living in Los Angeles and working for MetLife Investment Management in their real estate debt group. I have a 20-month-old son named Sam.



## Daytime 2003

**Mario Marte** retired from Chewy this summer and has joined his second public company board (nyse: FIGS). He also became audit Committee Chair at Best Buy where he has served on the board since Jan 2021.

In addition to his for profit work for a customer experience company that uses regression modeling to analyze travel experiences, **Jonathan Sutter** now runs (...in a non-profit format...) the largest corpus of information on the internet documenting resources at U.S. airports for the Autism community - the site is at <http://www.TravelingWiki.com>. They have recently signed an MOU with the U.S. Transportation Security Administration to be a referral site for Autism-focused calls and online engagement with "TSA Cares." The Special Olympics also recently announced the work that TravelingWiki will be doing for Special Olympics athletes/families.

## December 2023

## Georgia's Champions

### Helpful Resource to Overcome the Challenges of Neurodiversity while Traveling

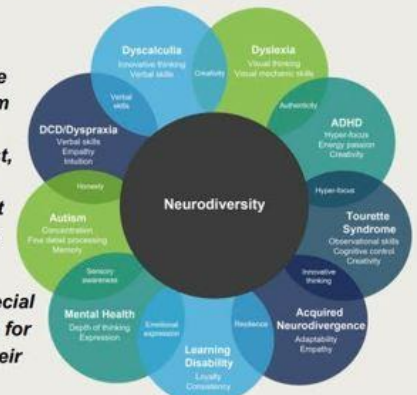
*Many parents will admit that traveling by air with children can be a challenge. This is especially true for families with children who are neurodivergent, a term that refers to people with conditions such as autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or other forms of neurological or developmental disabilities.*

*Unfamiliar sounds, smells, food, jet lag and changing schedules are extremely difficult for these children to manage. Disruptions and unfamiliar things may cause behavioral issues that make travel difficult for families. In fact, some families do not take family vacations because it is simply too difficult.*

*Thanks to Jonathan Suter, families of children who are neurodivergent now have an amazing resource to help them while traveling. Jonathan has created, TravelingWiki, the largest, free internet site which offers resources at airports throughout the United States for the autism community.*

*Jonathan is collaborating with Special Olympics to provide this resource for Special Olympics athletes and their families.*

*More information can be found at <http://www.TravelingWiki.com> and <https://travelingwiki.com/travelingwiki-in-the-news>*



## WEMBA 2004

### Brady Ericson

Some exciting times. The Fuel Systems and Aftermarket business units were spun off from BorgWarner on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and I am the president and CEO of PHINIA – a publicly listed company on the NYSE. Ticker symbol – PHIN. The leadership team of PHINIA were honored to be able to ring the opening bell on our first day of trading on July 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a great event and was lucky enough to not only have my entire leadership team, but my entire family there as well to share the moment.



## CCMBA 2004

**Christina Spaulding** recently started Manzanita Marketing, a digital marketing firm specializing in multilingual SEO. She recently attended the initial Tech Stars Vegas StartUp Week to support new entrepreneurs in the Las Vegas valley, meeting city and state officials who are working to make Nevada a competitive tech ecosystem. On the personal side, Christina and her husband adopted a new kitten, Lando Catrissian, from our local shelter.



## CCMBA 2006

**Nichol L. Luoma** has been named Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration and Chief Administrative Officer at Washington University in St. Louis, effective February 5, 2024.

## Daytime 2006

**Patricia Chou**

Greetings from sunny San Diego, where I live with my husband, two kids, a dog, and a cat! After marketing research stints in medical devices and restaurants, I am now with Intuit, conducting research projects like how to best communicate Intuit's free financial literacy program. I also advise on a couple of startups like Justin Ho's (MBA '06) Jigsaw Diagnostics, a telehealth autism evaluation provider.



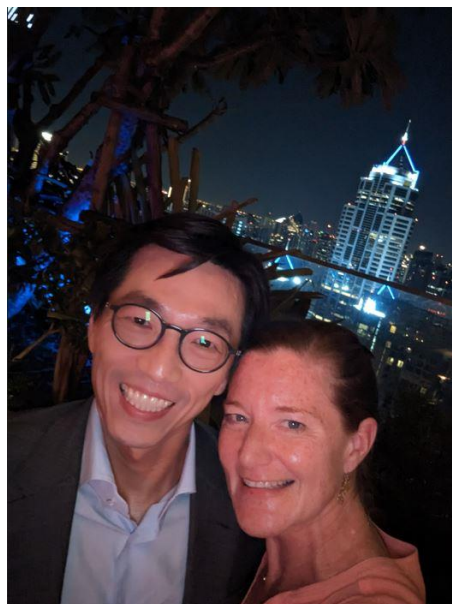
## Daytime 2007

**Mita Mallick** published her book *"Reimagine Inclusion: Debunking 13 Myths to Transform Your Workplace"* in October 2023 by Wiley. It is now a Wall Street Journal and USA Today Best Seller. Duke has invited Mita to come back campus to speak on her book, and Jeremy Loch (also Daytime MBA '07), had Mita come speak at his company!

**Chris Rogers** and his family relocated to Chicago, where he works for McMaster-Carr for his 16th year. Charlie (13) and Oliver (9) keep Chris and Jess plenty busy, and the whole family loving exploring their new city!

## Daytime 2008

**Michelle Mapel** (Daytime '08) married **John Mattox** (Daytime '07) on October 21, 2023 in Pasadena, California with a Southern-themed reception at Caltech's Athenaeum. Fuqua alumni in attendance, include, **Tony Cottonaro** (Daytime '08), **Sally Harrison Feeley** (Daytime '08), **Kumayl Khaleeli** (Daytime '08), **Sarah Nist** (Daytime '08), **David Aktary** (Daytime '07), **Colleen Chelini** (Daytime '07), **Daniel Davidson** (Daytime '07), **Julie Fullerton** (Daytime '07), and **Lauren Whyte** (Daytime '21). During a stop through Bangkok on their honeymoon, they also met up with section mate and fellow Fuqua alum Tan Chirapanidchakul (Daytime '08), CEO & Founder of Tanachira Group. John is currently the CFO at Tokemak, a rapidly growing fintech company, and Michelle is the Executive Director of Marketing at sonnen, Inc., the US subsidiary of a global clean energy company.





**Laura (Simonson) Costain** recently left a fulfilling 15 year career at Genentech to start her own Leadership Coaching Company. She was fortunate to deepen her skills over the last 5 years as an internal change consultant and business coach within Genentech while the company underwent a massive Transformation. Laura is excited to offer her 1:1 coaching and leadership team coaching skills to other organizations and purpose driven leaders. Her passion for leadership stemmed from her time as a Leadership Fellow, and she is eager to find ways to give back to the Fuqua Community. If you have advice for a solopreneur just getting her footing, an introduction you can make within your company or just want to drop a line and say hi, please reach out: [Laura@onpurposeteams.co](mailto:Laura@onpurposeteams.co)  
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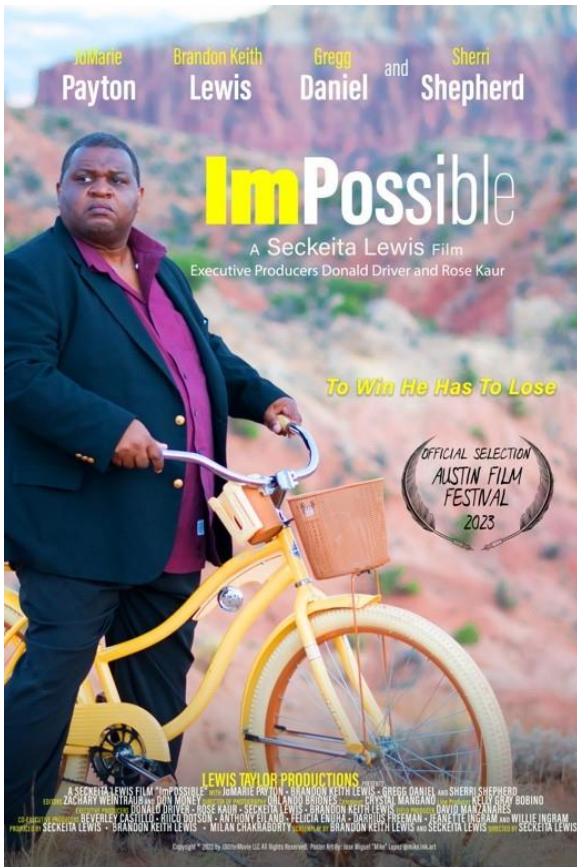
**Laura** pictured with her sons Jonah (7) and Simon (3) from a recent camping trip

**Laurinda Rainey** was recently featured in a Forbes article for her work at Chase:  
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jpmorgan-chase-women-on-the-move/2023/11/03/changing-the-face-of-finance/>

**Sarah Stevens** I'm living in Damascus, Maryland--working to build my own consulting business and teaching college classes online. My husband Tom and I have been traveling extensively over the past year, including visiting Mardi Gras in New Orleans; Mackinac Island, Michigan; the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Montreal; Quebec City; Key West; the Cotton Bowl in Dallas; multiple trips to New York City; Boston; Philadelphia; the Finger Lakes in upstate New York; Maine; Ocean City, Maryland; and a trip on the "Galactic Starcruiser" (the "Star Wars hotel") in Disney World.



**Seckeita Taylor** and her family have had a world wind year! They moved to Fort Worth, Texas and are happy to announce they welcomed a baby girl to their family last year, London Taylor Lewis. London has already shown her Fuqua fighting spirit. Coming 6 weeks early, this preemie is now thriving and delighting them every day. In the midst of learning to be parents, Seckeita along with her husband, Brandon Lewis, completed the second feature film since launching Lewis Taylor Productions. The film *ImPossible* made its world premiere as an official selection of the 30th Austin Film Festival this past October. Seckeita was excited to serve as a producer, director, and co-writer of this inspiring story of a man diagnosed with a life-threatening illness as he partners with a widowed fast food worker to do the impossible; transforms his life and pursues his passion of becoming a police officer. They are hoping to bring it to screen near you in 2024!





# WEMBA 2011

**Shailesh Deshpande** climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro! Photos below from the climb.



**David Webb** had his third child, Cameron Shaw Webb

**Devin Burns** took another CFO gig with a tech company, "Inspectorio", at the end of 2021. The company is global, so after his middle son graduated high school last year, Devin & Jamie decided to move with their youngest son to Ecuador for two years. They try to do something adventurous or exploratory in South America at least every Saturday. They are loving it and plan not to return to the US until mid-2025.

## Daytime 2011

### Lindsey Mangone

We are living in Seattle, not far from Chateau St. Michelle (in the picture), where the four of us - Adam (MBA '10), Rose (8), Everett (4), and I - were enjoying a concert in September. I'm rounding out seven years at Amazon, working in Product, and Adam is running Finvari, a fintech startup. Hardly a day goes by without a Duke connection. GO DUKE!!!



## Daytime 2012

### Ming Liu

Impacted by the tech recession of 2023, we seized the opportunity to check off our bucket list with a memorable family camping trip to Yellowstone National Park. These moments of natural wonder provided a much-needed escape, leaving me rejuvenated as I look for my next career adventures after wonderful years working in product management at Cisco.





### **Craig Kronberg**

We live in sunny Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where our household is powered by our three daughters, who fill our home with laughter and dance moves. I've worked in product management since Fuqua, and am currently at Restaurant Brands International. Amy and I love having our Fuqua friends visit, so reach out if you are ever in town.



## **Daytime 2013**

### **Megan Mulligan**

Hi Fuquans!! It was wonderful catching up with many of you at our 10 year reunion. My husband and I moved from Manhattan to the NJ suburbs in July and welcomed our second daughter Lucy in September. Big sister Madeline is just as smitten as we are!



## Goran Bistic

My wife and I moved to San Diego over five years ago, and since then, we have had two boys born on the same day, two years apart! I work in analytics at a large global REIT, and spend the days enjoying the beautiful weather, beach, and burritos!



## Daytime 2015

### Laurent Chen

I recently returned to Shanghai, China, after an extensive one-month business trip in the U.S., followed by a delightful 10-day family vacation in Spain and France. We had a great time in Madrid, Seville and Barcelona. I am currently working for a real estate development and investment group in the Bay Area and leading the firm's Chinese operation. So I frequently travel between China and U.S. almost every quarter. Hope to catch up with all Fuqua alumni in Shanghai or the Bay Area!





## Paul Escajadillo

I got married to Courtney Toussaint (former Marine, current Nurse at the Minneapolis VA, and St Thomas MBA-holder) at Our Lady of Lourdes in Minneapolis on September 1<sup>st</sup>. This was particularly meaningful because we had gone on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France through the Knights of Columbus's "*Warriors to Lourdes*" program back in May.

We welcomed a brand spanking new future Fuquan, Alma Toussaint Escajadillo. While we didn't get around to pictures until 11/1, we dressed up as Paul Bunyon, Babe, and family for Halloween.

Not as impactful, but I ran 4 marathons this year: Louisiana, Kentucky, Newport Oregon, and Chicago, in times between 2:59 and 3:08 and qualified for Boston (which I will be running in April 2024.) I am also now a Board member of Twin Cities in Motion, a non-profit organizing premier running events, including the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon







**Shannon Gorman**

Since Fuqua, I have bounced from coast to coast, spending a few years in Santa Monica, CA, and now rounding out five years in Manhattan. I work remotely as the head of trade marketing strategy for a beauty company, which allows me to travel often and always with Winston by my side. This week, we will be celebrating my birthday in Napa Valley!

## MMS 2016

**Dagny Jonsdottir**

I have been living in Reykjavík, Iceland, since graduating from Fuqua, working in business development in renewable energy. Currently I'm managing a geothermal business park (The Resource Park), but after Christmas, I'm following my partner to London, so I'm looking for career opportunities there. Recently, I finished the Berlin Marathon and managed to achieve my goal of sub four hours, which I'm quite happy about.





## Daytime 2016

### Mushtaq Basheer

Hi Team Fuqua! I live in beautiful Denver, Colorado, with my wife and two kids. We have been in Colorado for upwards of 20 years and counting. Our family loves hiking, skiing and biking in the Rocky Mountains. When we are not in Colorado, we enjoy long road trips in Europe. Currently, I work at Deloitte, where I am a specialist leader in the Sales Planning and Performance Management practice, with a focus on large digital transformations in this space.



## MMS 2017

### Dorotheos Papavasilis

Kalimera from Athens, Greece! After five years in strategy and management consulting in my country, Greece, I am now running a business in hospitality and preparing to launch my second venture. In the photo below, you can see me reunited with an MMS grad who visited Athens. If you are planning to visit the area, it will be my great pleasure to meet any #TeamFuqua members in person ([d.papavasilis@gmail.com](mailto:d.papavasilis@gmail.com))!



## Daytime 2018

Camilo Lok-Hong Wong was born on October 17, 2023, clocking in at 6 pounds 3 ounces and instantly melting the hearts of everyone around him! Parents **Allie Ossa** and **Alex Wong** are thrilled and already starting to infuse Camilo's life with a blend of Colombian and Cantonese culture. They are nestled at home in Manhattan and are very grateful for the love and help of their village, especially the 3 (first-time) grandparents!



## Daytime 2019

### Cody Schuler

Allison and I are still loving Northwest Arkansas and Walmart, where we both get to work alongside Fuqua grads every day – including many of our friends from the Class of 2019 (Bonnie Kong, Matt Martinez, Sarah Arnio...not pictured but also with us from our class are Eric and Emily Souza, Say Ghosh, and Kirill Bogoslovskii) and beyond. We'll be extra loud for everyone when the Blue Devils play at the University of Arkansas later this month!







### **Nikhil Gola**

We recently moved to Charlotte, NC, after living in Seattle and Austin since graduating. I've enjoyed exploring our new city with my wife, Khushboo (a fellow MBA '19 Fuquan), and our pup, Ollie.

## **MSQM 2019**

### **Shirley Lee**

After graduating from Duke, I joined Dell Technologies (where a ton of Fuqua alumni are!), and I currently work on the procurement analytics and strategy team. Thanks to the remote working policy, you will find me working in Europe, Asia, or now, by the beach while practicing my newly picked-up hobby, surfing!



## WEMBA 2020

**Jared Brickman** spoke at TechCrunch Disrupt and at Duke Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative's Pop-up Speaker Series. At each, he discussed his latest research into the use of generative artificial intelligence in software go-to-market.



**Cate Gropper** joined a new team at NBC which is focused on Special Events & Breaking News. She led production of the Republican Presidential Debate and she worked line producer on her first live NBC Entertainment shows, including "The 97th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade" and "The 91st Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center." Cate hopes to grab a coffee with her fellow alumni as she tours the country for Election 2024 next year.





**Sarah Pittman** welcomed Landon Luke, their second baby boy. Also, her company—Capital Ready Mix Concrete—won one of the Triangle Business Journal’s Fast 50 Awards, naming the firm one of the 50 fastest-growing companies in the Triangle.



**Leo Spector** will assume the role of CEO at OthoCarolina in 2024. His new role is in addition to Leo’s continuing work with startup ScoutScripts alongside fellow WEMBA ‘20 alumnus **Andy Chan**. Leo also serves on the medical advisory board for **James Song’s** startup Aphora.

**Alexa Zoellner** is enjoying maternity leave with her new baby daughter, Eden Jeanne Gordy.



# MMS 2020

## Aakanksha Sinha

The last couple of years have been full of changes. Ever since I graduated from Fuqua, I moved to the other side of the country and fell in love with the Pacific North West. I live in Seattle and it's a beautiful place with wonderful people. This year, I decided to quit my job in January and travel to Europe and India. What makes the trip even better is that my fiancé and I were scouting places to move to during this trip. I'm so excited to have found my partner in Seattle and am looking forward to our Indian wedding in January 2024. I'm also starting a new job with the University of Washington in Prospect Research Strategy.





## MMS 2021

### Nakhim Sovann

I currently work out of Denver, leading the marketing department of an internet service provider, helping to bridge the digital divide in Western and Middle America. The daily Rockies views offset the elevation, gusty winds, and long winters. Here's my wife and I embracing the awesome weather!



## WEMBA 2022

### Nick Conti

Since graduating from Fuqua, I dressed up as Ken to go see the Barbie movie at the request of daughter and girlfriend, but spend most of my time working in Pittsburgh in private equity. Go Duke!



# Daytime 2023

## Emily Herman

Since graduating, I've moved out to Fort Collins, Colorado, and started as a Global Talent Management Partner for operating companies in the Water Quality segment of Veralto- a public company which spun off from Danaher at the start of Q4 2023. It's a unique opportunity to be part of a company that's brand new yet already part of the S&P 500, and I'm excited to see what's to come. That said, the most important post-MBA job I've had was serving as the maid of honor in my sister Annie's wedding in mid-October.



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