



WINTER 2022 CLASS NOTES

Daytime 1988

Sanjay Sadarangani

I have been with HSBC for the better part of two decades now, after spending seven years in Asia in Seoul and then Hong Kong, both terrific experiences. We have been back home in London since early this year. This brings us closer to our sons, who are both Duke alums as well (Kabir '17 and Trilok '19), and both living in NYC.



Daytime 1990



James E. Howe
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B.B.A., Finance/Mgmt
Sciences, 1986

Before **Jim Howe** started talking about himself, he talked about his kids. Daughter Addison will be wrapping up pharmacy school in the coming year, and ‘going to marry a boy we actually like.’ His son, Parker doesn’t see how he’ll ever use calc 3 so he accepted a 6 month co-op at Parker Hannifin to find out what engineers really do. Jim says, “I’m currently fundraising for city, Muscatine, IA in an attempt to build an indoor soccer field to provide access for families in all income groups. “He adds, “Rebecca (wife) tells me she still likes me.”



Jim is quietly proud of this citation for a hotel that’s been in his family since it was established by his grandfather. Jim’s present role is Chairman, though he is one of multiple investors.

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in Cincinnati, feel free to contact me. I'd love to get together."

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Rob Bartlett isn't slowing down at all! Back in 2015 he reconnected with some former Procter & Gamble co-workers who had formed a financial planning firm a few years earlier. He started working with them then, pursued his Certified Financial Planner designation (which he completed in 2018) and is now part owner in the firm, Clear Perspectives Financial Planning in Cincinnati. He also says, "I have not run



Bill Fridl shares the most interesting thing in his life is that he's going on (another!) overseas bike ride (last one was 15 years ago). On November 25th he flew from San Francisco to Casablanca to attempt a one-month solo ride. He says, "... 'attempt' since I'm getting older, and so is my bike; something's likely to fail. That's OK; fallback plan is to hang-out at one of the beach resorts!" (Picture is earlier in November, Marin County, during a warmup ride. (Sand in the panniers to stress-test the racks, zippers, etc.)).

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Beverly Sobel-Redler reports that her restaurant franchise holdings is about to grow in the coming year. She closed on purchasing land in Manassas, VA and hopes to open her next Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers (www.Freddys.com) store before the close of 2023. Meanwhile, she and her husband, Barry, have purchased a parking lot striping business (www.CurbAppealStriping.com) and after lots (no pun intended) of youtube videos and practice to know how it all works, they're now moderately capable of running the machines and have already done a few jobs; ultimately hoping to build some staff to take on jobs in the new year. No plans for retirement anytime soon! Photo shows Beverly, son Benjamin (junior at Penn State), husband Barry and twin daughter Bailey (junior at University of Michigan) after conquering yet another escape room over Thanksgiving.

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Ralph Sonenshine's photo says it all. He remarked, "Yes, we now have 3 grandchildren to go along with 4 dogs." That's DOCTOR Sonenshine to the rest of us!

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Ralph M. Sonenshine
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Affairs, 1985

Daytime 1991

Andrew Fox

Where am I now? I live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with my wife, Julie, and my dog, Riley. I spend my free time hiking, doing yoga, and traveling. I just climbed Mt. Marcy, the highest peak in NY State. When I am not doing that, I run a software company called Vivaspot.



Daytime 1995

Gretchen Brigden

I found what I hope is my forever home when I moved to Vail, CO seven and a half years ago. My favorite activities currently include skiing, hiking, biking, and operating the macroeconomic research business, which I co-founded in 2011. My daughter attends a boarding school in CT, so between that and the board I sit on, I travel east very frequently. I miss old friends, but we get plenty of visitors here, and I have made wonderful new friends and ski about 75 days a season.



Daytime 1997

Jennifer McLin

Where am I now? I am still living along the shores of Lake Geneva in a small village just outside of Lausanne, Switzerland, the Olympic Capital of the world. I have lived here for 22 years now together with my husband, Alex McLin JD '99, an arbitrator and sports governance expert, and our two children, Liam (19 years) and Tessa (15 years). I will soon complete a Master of Science degree in Neuroscience and Psychology from King's College London, which has been a nice complement to my Fuqua MBA degree. When I am not busy studying, usually I can be found running along the lake, playing tennis (a new hobby), skiing, or hiking in the Swiss and French Alps. As a family, we still love traveling the world together. Earlier this year, we went sailing in the British Virgin Islands and then spent a week on St. Barts. Most recently, we spent a week exploring the island of Mallorca, Spain. So, I can't complain. Life is good, and we are grateful for all that we have been able to see and do with our lives.



WEMBA 1997

Pat Morrow writes: 2022 has brought a few major changes to our family! In the Spring of 2022, my son Matthew completed his MBA at the Foster School of Business, University of Washington in Seattle. Matthew is a member of the Amazon Pathways Management Program and is supervising a logistics team at an Amazon air facility in Florida. My husband, Bob, retired from North Carolina State University, and we have relocated from North Carolina to Florida. I am continuing my work as a senior marketing manager for Bayer, working remotely.

AnaRita Eason

I'm still in Raleigh and enjoying retirement with my husband. I have been trying new things (like weaving, painting, canning pickles, and jams) and doing more of the hobbies I love (like biking, running, traveling, sewing, camping, "beaching," and reading). Furthermore, our family has expanded; both sons are married, and I now have two grandchildren to spoil.



Thanks to all who wrote in. Please keep the notes and pictures coming!

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Daytime 2000

Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson and his wife Laurie just saw the oldest of their three kids off to University of Pennsylvania. I'm now twelve years at AstraZeneca and recently promoted to a Global leadership role commercializing a novel treatment for patients with chronic kidney disease... finally getting to travel internationally again post-pandemic. Still writing and recording music most Tuesday nights with a great quartet in Philadelphia. Family had a flavorful trip to Italy earlier this year (see pasta in photo as evidence). I think of all my old Fuqua friends quite a lot. Give me a shout if you're in Philly!





Jeremy Usher

Jeremy Usher's oldest son, Alexander, is now a freshman studying Mechanical Engineering at UC Berkeley and is exploring his passion for the rocket and space industries there. Space Enterprise Berkeley, a club he joined this semester, is racing to become the first collegiate team to launch a liquid fueled rocket past the Karman line, the boundary between the earth's atmosphere and outer space. Also, Sinefa, the Australian startup that Jeremy helped bring to the US market in 2018, was acquired by the cybersecurity firm, Palo Alto Networks, in late 2020. He is currently leading the Go-To-Market efforts for the integrated product now at Palo Alto Networks, giving him two very good reasons to travel from the Usher home in San Diego [where he lives with wife, Daniela, and son Nicholas] to the Bay Area these days.

Michael Bologna

Following Fuqua, I've been in the Raleigh area for the past 20+ years. I have been with NovaQuest Capital Management for 12 years since its founding. NQ is a PE firm in the healthcare space. I enjoy spending my free time with my better half and my kids... boating, hiking, and traveling.



Daytime 2001

Bimal Shah

Hi friends, I am back in Durham (again) for the past 17 years living with my wife, Rina Shah MBA '10, and two children (ages 8 and 5). I am one of the co-founders and COO of Homeward, a company that is building hybrid primary care practices for rural communities.



Alexandre Wolynech

Hello, fellow Fuquans! Since graduating in 2001, I have been living in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This past June, I began working as the CFO for Tegra, which is Brookfield's real estate developer in Brazil. Family is doing great! During the pandemic, we built a swimming pool to better enjoy our house, but this year we are going out and traveling a lot.



GEMBA 2002

Denis Kelly Where am I? Born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a few years after graduation, my family and I began moving to different places including Geneve, New York, Montevideo, and, since 2015, sunny Miami! I am happily blowing out 33 candles in the banking industry while my wife, Silvina, is now working as a successful interior designer. My daughter, Lucila, graduated last July, and she is already working at JPMorgan (Oops! another banker). My son, Angus, is in his senior year at FSU and a serious rugby player who already represented the U.S. national team! Plans? Get together with my fellow alumni next year and celebrate 20 years since graduation! Here is a photo of my last birthday by the sea.



Daytime 2003

After almost 20 years with the same company, **Ron Yee** has decided to retire from Nuveen Investments where he managed a multi-strategy hedge fund. He is excited to spend more time with his wife, son and daughter and live the life of leisure:) This summer they also made the move from San Francisco to the Los Angeles Area. If anyone is in the area, please let him know!

GEMBA 2003

Sue Johnston, GEMBA 2003, is pleased to announce she recently received The Richard A. Bice Archaeological Achievement Award given by the Archaeological Society of New Mexico. This award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to their local archaeological organization and the protection of the archaeological heritage of New Mexico. The award honors her work as a board member and treasurer of the Mesa Prieta Petroglyph Project. Sue welcomes you to tour the preserve and the over 80,000 petroglyphs protected by the Project whenever you are in the Santa Fe area.



CCMBA 2004

Stacia Hagfield is happy to share that after years of focusing on investments, she is starting a new position as Managing Director at [DeVoe & Company](#) to now help RIAs with growing and enhancing their practices with Consulting or expanding by Acquisitions.

Florian Weispenning

After moving here in 2012, we still live in beautiful New Jersey. We just came back from our summer vacation in Europe, which turned out to be quite different than planned—three of us tested COVID positive. Luckily, we had no or very minor symptoms. We made the best of it, though, and after recovering, we had a great time visiting Frankfurt, Nuremberg, Amsterdam, and the Documenta (a massive and very controversial art exhibit) in Kassel/Germany. Now, we're back home and looking forward to a beautiful late summer with lots of golf and soccer. All the best to the Fuqua CCMBA Class of 2004!



Daytime 2005

Philip A. Katen: Leads his family's custom plastics injection molding & moldmaking businesses (Plastikos, Micro Mold, and Plastikos Medical) which are recognized as industry-leading companies that service & support the global medical device and high-precision electronic connector sectors of the plastics industry, was recently named one of Family Business Magazine's 23 "CEOs to watch in 2022" in their annual Fall/Winter edition. The list of "CEOs to Watch in 2022" highlights family business leaders from the California Coast to British Columbia, Canada to New York, NY across a wide range of industries and businesses. <https://www.familybusinessmagazine.com/family-business-ceos-watch-2022>

Vandana Bahri Anand: In November, I visited Duke and Fuqua with my step-daughter who is now a junior in high school for a college tour. We were also lucky to catch a home game (Duke vs. Delaware) at Cameron. I am still unsure whether it was the game or Sarah P. Duke gardens the next day that sold my daughter to the school! We both returned home happy but exhausted after a successful trip to Durham (which btw, if you've not visited recently, has changed so much!).



CCMBA 2007

Chia Kung

It's my fifteenth year in the Bay Area, and I am currently working at Wing, the drone-delivery division of Google. Shout out to my 24-team DNFL (Duke Networking Fantasy Football League) classmates, as we just held our annual draft last week; it has been our way of keeping in touch since our 2007 graduation. Here is a photo of me running into Adam Silver '84 at the NBA All-Star Game; his brother, Owen, is a Fuqua alum!



WEMBA 2008

Gerald Richardson

Since graduating from Fuqua in 2008, I transitioned from being a portfolio manager of a power company to a full-time real estate professional and investor. Here is a picture of my wife, Melanie, and I at Cameron Indoor Stadium. My wife also graduated from Fuqua (MBA '08), but she will not admit it publicly since she is also a UNC graduate (undergrad and medical school). We're about to celebrate our two-year anniversary.



CCMBA 2009

James Kibler

When I am not teaching in the MBA program at the University of New Hampshire or consulting, I am spending my time flyfishing, hiking, and traveling with my wife, Kate.



Daytime 2010

Alex Michalko

Hello Fuquans! Since graduating in 2010, I've been working in corporate sustainability - first at Disney and REI, and for the past seven years at Amazon, where I'm currently developing supply chain climate tech solutions. I've really enjoyed coming back to campus to connect with MEM/MBAs on several occasions, and I've been lucky enough to get to work with Rana Marks MBA '19 on the sustainability team at Amazon. Outside of work, Dave Lang MBA '10 and I love going on adventures in Seattle with our pup, Jasper, whom we adopted from the shelter in Durham.



Daytime 2013

Alex Kerr: Alex has had a busy couple of years. He was married last October (2021) to Courtney. The two met while in Washington DC, and now reside outside of Chicago with their two sheepdogs. Alex also started a technology and analytics company, Trajektory, that helps the world's biggest brands throughout sports, media, and entertainment evaluate their sponsorship data. They group recently navigated its first VC round of funding and works with professional teams across the NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, MLS and NWSL to name a few. If you're in or around Chicago, let him know!

Monica VanBuskirk: Monica was thrilled to join FuquaPride for their Pride weekend in September and tell prospective students about the Fuqua experience as an alum. As a bonus, she got to see a tiny art gallery with **Mark Hiew** and **Mailande Moran**. (Photo below) While at home, she runs into Whitney Arnold at the Denver Zoo, and Lou DiMassi at political fundraisers. Most recently, she launched a subsidized platinum health insurance for undocumented workers in Colorado and is thrilled it's such a meaningful improvement for health care and ten thousand people in the community. She can't wait to see all y'all's smiling faces at Reunion 2023.



MMS 2013

Austin Carpenter

I am working at Westchester Medical Center in New York, and I just got engaged to my fiancé, Emma!"



Daytime 2014

Carolina Calderon

After living in Chicago for seven years, I recently moved to Florida, where I spend most of my weekends at the beach with my husband and two daughters. I'm currently working in customer strategy at Best Buy.



Montshona Edwards Ihekweazu

Hi, fellow Fuquans! I now live in Houston with my husband, my 4-year-old daughter, and my 9-month-old daughter. Life got pretty crazy during the pandemic with the loss of my father to cancer and taking time off from my career to raise

kiddos. I have to thank so many Fuquans who've continuously supported me since my dad got sick during my first year at Fuqua. Things have calmed down now, and I'm excited to say that I'm following a passion of mine and starting my own floral design and delivery business, Blooming Garden Flowers (@thatbloominggarden on Instagram), here in Houston. Wish me luck!



WEMBA 2014

Michelle Eden Jabbari

Hello Fuqua! Since graduation, I took the leap and left my company of fifteen years to join a top consulting firm, where we are building software to enable government social safety net programs. I've had many life changes too. I recently moved to a new house in a new city (still in Virginia though!), and I am now married. Here's a photo from Lake Dukan on my trip to Kurdistan to meet my husband's family. We had an amazing adventure traveling all over Kurdistan and honeymooning in Istanbul and Venice. I can't wait for my next adventure!



Daytime 2015

After 7 wonderful years with Deloitte Consulting, **Sydnor Gammon**, left to join WillowTree, a digital product company, as Partner & VP of Business Development, focusing on the growth of their healthcare vertical. She is moving to Charlottesville to work with the WillowTree leadership team from their headquarters and hopes to connect with other Blue Devils in "Hoo country!"

Kate Luce and Brian Bourgeois were married on June 11 in Big Sky, Montana.



Harsha Viswanathan, wife Nerri's family is growing with their newest member (Kai - 20months old), and Moose.



MMS 2016

Ningyuan Liu

Fuqua family, hello from Beijing! I have been working for an investment consulting firm since graduation, and we have 3+ Fuqua alumni on staff! October is a special month for my Fuqua friends Cecilia and Kenneth, as we all were born in October and celebrate birthdays together every year! Happy birthday!



CCMBA 2016

Joy Simpson

I am still working in the food industry for an ingredient manufacturer in the new business development department, and I am on the mergers and acquisitions team. I also just moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. I'll still spend significant time in NY, but Colorado will be my residence. I've been spending my free time fly fishing, riding my side-by-side, and snowmobiling.



Daytime 2017

Nicole Page

After living nearly five years in Los Angeles post-Fuqua, I made the decision to move back to Durham at the beginning of 2022! It's been a fun year so far, between reconnecting with classmates in town (and persuading others to come back soon!) and beginning to travel again (pictured here in Porto). At the same time as the move, I launched my own data and strategy consulting business focused in the education space, and I am enjoying the broader impact of being able to work with schools and nonprofits all around the country. Hoping to see many of you around town and campus soon!



Eduardo Rebolledo

Hello Fuqua fam! Since graduation, I've stayed in the warm city of Chicago; some of the winters have been tough, but overall this city has grown on me, and I am happy to call it home. Less than a month ago, I transitioned from consulting to an EdTech company, which I am very excited about; more news to come on that soon. I am still looking to explore new places, my girlfriend and I just came back from the Amalfi Coast; we really enjoyed it. In summary, life has been good, with its ups and downs, but we are still here! Oh, I forgot to mention that we just got a puppy, so very excited about that too!



MMS 2018

Elise Amesz-Droz had the privilege of being published by a top healthcare outlet ([STAT](#)) on lessons from Singapore's healthcare system, and the piece was subsequently picked up by the Boston Globe's Sunday edition. She also got an article placed in [The Wall Street Journal](#) on Congress moving to end to mandatory animal testing in the FDA's drug approval process.

Andrew Burton had an article published in [Rolling Stone](#) on ex-mobsters who have reinvented themselves as YouTube content creators.

Simra Ranginwala has started a new role with OneOncology as Corporate Marketing Manager.

Frederik Suykens has begun a new role at ExxonMobil in the Sales and Operational Planning department, following four years in an engineering function solving technical problems in a Polyethylene factory. In his new role, he will be overseeing global logistics for factories in the US/Europe/Asia and is very happy to have found a new challenge within the same company that he started at fresh out of Fuqua.

MSQM 2018

Kelsey McDonald

I'm currently working in Brooklyn, NY as the director of ticket analytics for the Nets while also supporting other Barclays Center events like New York Liberty games. My team consists of two fellow Fuqua alumni that I recently hired from the 2022 MQM graduating class! Outside of playing ping pong, our team spends most days building Tableau dashboards and predictive models to monitor demand so we can adjust ticket prices accordingly.



Daytime 2019

Emily Carsch

My husband, **Rafael Gimenes**, and I met being on the same C-Lead team and started dating shortly after the C-Lead commitment was completed. We likely would have never met (he's from Brazil and I'm from the west coast) had it not been for Fuqua putting us together.

We now reside in and were married in Napa, California in April, 2022. The attached photos are of us at our wedding (Emily Carsch '19 and Rafael Gimenes '19) and of all the Fuqua friends we had in attendance to celebrate with us (all class of 2019).

Thank you for bringing us together, Fuqua!



WEMBA 2019

Christine Greenleaf

Hi Team Fuqua! Hope everyone's doing well. My family and I (pictured here minus cat Buster, who said no thank you to posing) are still happily in Charlotte, North Carolina. We're looking forward to fall trips to see family this year.



Daytime 2020

Marco Vanetti

Hey folks! Paola and I moved back to São Paulo, Brazil, with our dog, Susie. I'm currently working as the Chief of Staff for the CISO of Nubank. Below is a photo of us visiting Chapada dos Veadeiros, Goias, Brazil, doing what we love most, trekking and traveling to remote locations.



MSQM 2020

Stephanie Kapets

Ciao, Team Fuqua! My family and I are spending two years living in Northern Italy, where we are enjoying hiking, skiing, traveling Europe, and, of course, good food and excellent wine.



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