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History of Academic Regalia

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"Pistols Firing!"
(Not a quote by John Calvin)

OSU Masters and Doctoral Regalia





SCHOOL OF

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

AT SPEARS BUSINESS

Bruna Franco Cruz

MS in Entrepreneurship

Hooded by Richard Gajan



- Holds a Bachelors Degree in Law with a specialization in Law, Logistics and International Business.

Joyce Komakech Nabisaalu

MS in Entrepreneurship

Hooded by Richard Gajan



- She holds an MS in Project Management from her home country of Uganda.
- Her desire is to become a scholar in the field of Entrepreneurship.
- Special thanks to my husband, Joel.

Favorite Quote:

"The biggest risk you take is not taking one!"



MASTER *of* BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

AT SPEARS BUSINESS

Tyler Bryant

MBA

Energy Business Option

Hooded by Dr. Richard Gajan



- Planning to build a career in oil & gas or accounting
- Thank you to Mom, Ryan, Grandpa, and the Edenborough family for all your support throughout the years
- Add me on LinkedIn @tylerabryant1

Margaret "Maggie" Olivia Drysch

MBA

Hooded by Crystal Wilson



- I've accepted a full time position post-graduation with the Oklahoma City Energy FC working in sponsorships
- I was on the OSU Equestrian team for five years, including during grad school. My favorite memory at OSU was winning Big 12's.
- Shout out to my family, boyfriend, and very best friend for being here and always supporting me in everything that I do!

Favorite Quote:

"Grow through what you go through"

Steven Harmon Vekony

MBA

Hooded by Crystal Wilson



- Will be working in downtown OKC as an events manager for the Myriad Botanical Gardens.
- Shout out to all of the friends that I have met in this program. I never thought that my undergraduate experience at OSU could be beat, but my time in grad school was the best.

Favorite Quote:

"Would I rather be feared or loved? Easy. Both. I want people to be afraid of how much they love me."
- Michael Scott

Moumita Sen

MBA

Certificate in Marketing Analytics

Hooded by Jan Analla



- A big shout out to my parents and sister for being my pillars of support throughout the last two years! It has been an incredible journey, one to be cherished for a lifetime! All set to bring about a change and make a difference!

Favorite Quote:

“The elevator to success is out of order. You’ll have to use the stairs . . . one step at a time.” —Joe Girard

Sam Nicholas Brown

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Jose Sagarnaga



- I want to say a huge thank you to my family and friends for all of the support throughout my 6 years at OSU, and especially during my MBA. These have been the best years of my life and I cannot wait to see where my OSU education takes me in the future.
- Forever and always, Go Pokes!

Tyler Rhea Peters

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Jose Sagarnaga



- I have accepted a job as a business management professional at Sandia National Labs.

Favorite Quote:

“Winter Is Coming” – Ned Stark (Game of Thrones)

Blade Earl Thomas

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Ken Eastman



- Completed a Certificate in Human Resource Management along with his MBA
- I grew up in Stillwater so I'm excited to finally leave here and explore somewhere new. Right now it's between Arizona and Dallas, so we'll see what happens.
- My favorite part of OSU has to be all the amazing people I met while in the MBA program.
- I also need to give my mother, Carol Thomas, a shout out for helping me through this process: Hey, Mom!

Favorite Quote:

Life's what you make it, so let's make it rock!

Kylie Ann Shentwu

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Matt Bowler



- After finishing her undergraduate degree in Sports Management and Marketing at Oklahoma State, she began working towards her masters while working full time.
- She could not have accomplished all of this without the support of her family and friends.
- She will forever treasure her time at Oklahoma State and will be a loyal and true fan for life. Go Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

Be kind, work hard, stay humble, be thankful, stay loyal, press on, and go light the world!

Matt Thomas

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Matt Bowler



Favorite Quote:

I am waiting for the day, when I am in your seat, watching you cross your stage.

Rachael Breanne Highers

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Ramesh Sharda



- I am starting a new position in Human Resources in Tulsa, OK and cannot wait to begin my new career.
- I have two beautiful daughters and wonderful family that has supported me throughout this journey and appreciate them to the fullest.
- I would also like to thank all the instructors, mentors, and staff at OSU for encouraging and supporting me along the way.

Favorite Quote:

"Love the life you live, live the life you love" -Bob Marley

Shelby Sager

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Matt Bowler



- Also completed a Concentration in Entrepreneurship as part of her MBA.
- Plans to use her entrepreneurial mindset to eventually start her own business.
- Thankful for the support from her husband, Charles, and family while completing her MBA degree online.
- Looking forward to celebrating her graduation with a fiction book and a trip to the beach.

Favorite Quote:

“Love God. Love People. Love Growth.”

Tyler J Strathe

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Ramesh Sharda



- Combined with my finance degree from the University of Tulsa, I plan to use my MBA to continue developing myself and my career as Director of Travel for Omni Air International.
- I would like to thank my friends and family for their constant support and look forward to spending more time with them, especially on the golf course.

Favorite Quote:

"The best way to predict the future is to create it" -Abraham Lincoln

Lucas A Heffner

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Ramesh Sharda



- I was diagnosed with and also defeated brain cancer while completing the MBA program.
- I'm proud to have served in a combat zone.
- Thanks, Mom, for all of your support! Happy Mother's Day!



Favorite Quote:

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

Emma Kathryn Jumper

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Rick Wilson



- Accepting position at Delta Peanut in Jonesboro, AR, while applying to Law School
- Favorite Memory at OSU: Study Abroad in Seville, Spain
- Thank you to my family and dear friends for loving and encouraging me to pursue my dreams.

Favorite Quote:

Luke 12:48 - "To those whom much is given, much is required."

Amy Horner

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Rick Wilson



- I compete in a sport called Cowboy Mounted Shooting, and I am looking forward to being able to make more competitions.
- I would like to thank my mom and dad for supporting me and encouraging me to continue my education.

Favorite Quote:

“Be who you needed when you were younger.”

Elizabeth Stabler

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Rick Wilson



- I thank my family, friends, coworkers, and dog for the support, encouragement, patience, and love they have all given me.
- I will continue to work with Prosperity Bank and intend to advance within.
- I plan to spend my newly acquired free time volunteering, traveling, and independently learning new skills.

Favorite Quote:

“She is clothed in strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future.”

Colin Kuzdak

MBA

Hooded by Dr. Rachel Domnick



- I'd like to thank my friends and family for supporting me through my undergraduate and masters program.
- Go Pokes!



SCHOOL OF

ACCOUNTING

AT SPEARS BUSINESS

Jamie Graham Hays

Accounting

Hooded by Rachel Domnick



- Tutoring in the ACE Center and working as a Graduate Assistant has made graduate school meaningful and has impacted my academic and future career greatly!
- I am excited to represent OSU as a State and Local Tax Associate at RSM in Dallas, Texas.

Favorite Quote:

"Sometimes life will depreciate you, all that matters is you have the residual value to keep going."

Kelsey Danae Kauffman

Accounting

Hooded by Rachel Domnick



- Kelsey completed her undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Alabama in December of 2017.
- She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her during this year!
- Roll Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

"I'm just tryna ball with my bros"

Alexander Ferguson

Accounting



Hooded by Dr. Craig Sisneros

- Starting career at EY in August
- Favorite Memory at OSU: The late nights at the library working with my classmates

Favorite Quote:

"We aren't professionally skeptical, we are downright distrustful"

Bailey Meghan Jordan

Accounting

Hooded by Eddy Ditzler



- Proud to be an alumna of the Beta Zeta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.
- I accepted a job at Grant Thornton in Tulsa as an audit associate.
- Thank you to my family, friends, and professors for all of your support.
- Go Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

Be so happy that when others look at you, they become happy too!

Baleigh Nicole Owens

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I am extremely thankful for the past 5 years at Oklahoma State because it has given me the best education, many great friendships, and countless memories I will cherish forever. Go pokes!!

Favorite Quote:

"T Accounts are your friend. "

Brooke McWilliams

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I am moving to Houston, Texas, in the fall to start working at PwC as an audit associate.
- I'm going to miss OSU and the wonderful people I have learned from and with over the past 5 years. Go pokes!!

Favorite Quote:

"Surround yourself with assets not liabilities"

Diana Healey

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- Future career will be with PwC Audit in Oklahoma City

Favorite Quote:

Embrace your own opportunity for greatness. "Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them" -- William Shakespeare

Drake Zackary Dollar

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I have accepted an offer from Deloitte (Audit).
- Thank you to my family for supporting me.
- Go Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

I am ready to face any challenge that might be foolish enough to face me. - Dwight Schrute

Gabby Hooper

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I will be starting with PwC in Oklahoma City in September.

Favorite Quote:

"The best things in life are free...plus tax."

Helen Chau Huynh Vo

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I will be working at HoganTaylor as a tax associate
- I'd like to thank all of my loved ones, who saw my success long before I did.

Favorite Quote:

"Believe in yourself and others the way you would want others to believe in you!"

Jessica Lynn Haffner

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- Will be pursuing a career with EY after graduation
- Was part of the OSU Softball team for four years

Favorite Quote:

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

Keondré Lawrence

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- Accepted offer with Hogan Taylor.

Favorite Quote:

"Surround yourself with assets, not liabilities."

Landen Bruce Anderson

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I will start with Deloitte in the fall as a staff auditor in the Oklahoma City office.
- I would like to thank all of my loved ones for helping me through this difficult--but rewarding--experience.

Favorite Quote:

"Though the course may change sometimes, rivers always reach the sea. "

Luke Fillmore

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- Working in Audit for PwC in Oklahoma City
- My favorite memory of OSU is all the football games, home and away, that I was able to attend.
- Thank you to my parents and my wonderful fiancé Jordyn for supporting me throughout this process.
- Dear World: When I tell you I'm in Accounting, please stop asking me to do your taxes.

Madison Nicole Taylor

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- Moving to Dallas in July to start as a Tax Associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Thankful for anyone and everyone that has been a part of my career at Oklahoma State
- Go Pokes!!!!

Favorite Quote:

"Always discount at the market rate"

Maeghan Nicole Rush

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I'll be starting a job with EY in Bartlesville in the fall.
- I would like to thank my family and friends for their support and the accounting faculty for helping prepare us for our next stage in life.
- Go Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

"Never call an accountant a credit to their profession; a good accountant is a debit to their profession. "

Sedalia Richelle Parker

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I am related to Bass Reeves.
- I have a Spanish minor and I am considering getting a degree in Spanish.
- I want to become a pianist, poet and a celebrity accountant.
- I'm proud to be black.

Favorite Quote:

Black faith still can't be washed away, Not even in that Florida water -- Solange

Zachary James Fate

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I will start work as an auditor for Grant Thornton in Tulsa in the Fall.
- I am very thankful for my family's support and the friends I have made at OSU.

Favorite Quote:

"The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday."

Emily Morgan Price

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I will begin my career as an Audit Associate at HoganTaylor in Tulsa, OK.
- Thank you to my family, friends, and professors for supporting me and helping me achieve my goals.
- OSU, Thank you for providing me with endless opportunities, lifelong friends, and unforgettable memories.

Favorite Quote:

Capitalize on every opportunity

Rachel Lynn Myers

Accounting

Hooded by Alyssa Vowell



- I will be starting my career as a Mergers and Acquisitions Associate at KPMG in Dallas, TX.
- I want to thank my family, friends, and faculty for their support through both my undergraduate and graduate programs.
- My time at OSU has given me opportunities to learn and meet some amazing people. Go Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

"Where there is a goodwill there is a way."

James Blasko

Accounting

Hooded by Dr. Angela Spencer



- I will be starting for EY in Oklahoma City this July.
- I would like to thank my parents for their continued support and guidance.
- I would also like to thank the OSU staff and faculty that have helped make my experience at OSU so great.

Favorite Quote:

*"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift.
That is why we call it the present." - Unknown*

Malea Barrick

Accounting

Hooded by Rachel Cox



- Will start full-time with EY assurance practice in OKC this summer.
- Thank you so much to all my accounting professors who helped me get to this point. Go Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

"If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor" -- Eleanor Roosevelt

Kamrie Auburn Broussard Bland

Accounting

Hooded by Dr. Teresa Lightner



- I will work for Deloitte in the Multi-State Tax group in Dallas, TX, starting in October 2019.
- Thank you to my family, friends, and loving boyfriend for all your support!
- And Go Pokes!

Favorite Quote:

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson



THE DEPARTMENT OF

MANAGEMENT SCIENCE
and INFORMATION SYSTEMS

AT SPEARS BUSINESS

Akshay Arora

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Want to dedicate this achievement to my dad and my entire family and friends. All the memories here at OSU will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Favorite Quote:

"Some goals are so worthy, it's glorious even to fail"

Ankit Singh

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- My favorite memory at OSU is winning the ISO Olympics and Outstanding Sports Secretary award at President Leadership awards.

Favorite Quote:

"To be successful you have to be selfish, or else you never achieve. And once you get to your highest level, then you have to be unselfish. Stay reachable. Stay in touch. Don't isolate."

Anveshi Atul

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- I would like to thank my parents and sister for being a constant support throughout my U.S. journey.
- OSU has given me a lot of good friends and I am really going to miss my life as a student over here.
- A big thanks to OSU and my friends for giving me a lifetime of memories.

Favorite Quote:

"We are only one decision away from a totally different life."

Arjun Achuthan

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- I would like to thank my family, friends and Professors for their constant support and motivation to complete my graduation.
- My two years at OSU has been a great experience professionally, academically, and also in terms of many new friends and networks I have been able to build. With the skills acquired during the course of my graduation, I aspire to establish a career for myself in the field of Data Analytics.

Favorite Quote:

"All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them."

Avinash Kaur Atwal

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Immensely thankful for such a great time crossing paths with all these amazing people I met here.
- A big shout out for my family and friends for their constant support.
- All of this is for you, Dad. :)

Favorite Quote:

"What matters is not the idea a man holds, but the depth at which he holds it." -- Ezra Pound

Chirag Bilimoria

MS in MIS

Certificate in Health Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- This journey has been amazing. Thank you every one and all the best for your future endeavor. May all our dreams come true.

Favorite Quote:

"Ever Tried, Ever Failed, No Matter; Try Again, Fail Again, Fail Better."

Darshini Priya Konanki

MS in MIS

Certificate in Health Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Mom & Dad, I wouldn't be where I am today without your love and support, you are the best!
- I would like to thank all professors who guided me through my journey.
- To all my classmates and ISO Team- thank you for making life at OSU memorable.
- Will be moving to Bentonville to start a new job with Sam's club, stay in touch. Jai Mahishmathi!!!

Favorite Quote:

"I have no special talent. I am just passionately curious." - Albert Einstein

Elham Rasouli Dezfouli

MS in MIS

Certificate in Health Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- I am proud to say that I completed my MS-MIS degree with a 4.0 GPA.
- Enjoyed working at the OSU LASSO center in the past two years with a really diverse group of students and colleagues
- Heading to Milwaukee, WI, to begin a new chapter of my life as a PhD student at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Favorite Quote:

"I walk slowly, but I never walk backward." -- Abraham Lincoln

Ganesh Nomula

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- A big shout out to Mom and Dad. Yeah, I know you're proud of me :D

Favorite Quote:

Appreciate Your Small Wins.

Manika Gartaula

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- A huge shout out to all the welcoming people I met at OSU, the amazing friends who felt like family in this foreign land, and my actual family back in Nepal who have always believed in me, loved me, and supported me in all my pursuits.
- Two years at OSU was an incredibly smooth journey, and I'll miss Stillwater!

Favorite Quote:

"Behind you - all your memories, before you - all your dreams, around you - all who love you, within you - all you need."

Nikhil Bhatewara

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- I will be joining PwC as an Assurance Associate in Houston, TX from Aug 2019.
- My favorite memory about OSU is the Homecoming week and the time spent with my friends.
- To all the students who are graduating today, may your hats fly as high as your dreams.

Pavan Pandiripalli

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Though my undergrad was in electrical, I opted to switch my career to Data Analytics, and I would like to thank OSU for helping me in building strong base for my analytics career.
- I would like to thank all of my friends who have been part of my Masters life here at OSU

Reno Rajan Christy

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- At this momentous occasion I express my gratitude to my parents and to the grace and mercy of the heavenly father for all the accomplishments in my life.
- Looking forward to a career in Data Science and Analytics.

Favorite Quote:

"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out; then empowered by the spirit of counsel and of might, he attains victories, this life and eternal"

Saumitra Joshi

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- I will be starting my journey beyond graduation as an Implementation Engineer at Waterfield Energy Software in Tulsa.
- OSU will hold a special place in my heart as it shaped the course of my future, and I am a cowboy forever.
- A big thank you to the academic fraternity here in the MSIS department, my parents, my in-laws, and my fiancée, Emilee.

Favorite Quote:

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Shriraam Murali

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Dear Parents, I hope that you are happy for my graduation and thanks for always standing next to me. I owe it all to you.
- A big thanks to all my friends who made this journey awesome. I would always cherish those lovely moments working for ISA and MIS-GSA

Favorite Quote:

"Sometimes you've got to get through your fear to see the beauty on the other side"

Siddartha Vellala

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Thank you, Mom and Dad, for everything. I couldn't have done it without your overwhelming support and love.
- Thanks to all my Professors and my colleagues, and most importantly, my friends for guiding me through my journey at OSU.
- Looking forward to the next chapter of adventures to come. Jai Mahishmathi!!!

Favorite Quote:

The more I live, the more I learn. The more I learn, the more I realize the less I know.

Souparna Lodh

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Ardent Manchester United fan. GGMU!
- Had the best time at OkState.

Favorite Quote:

"Not all those who wander are lost."

Sujan Palagiri

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Love you, Mom, Dad, and Bhaiya, this wouldn't be possible without you guys.
- MIS Department, Dr. Donald French, and the Greenwoods, thank you!
- On the journey to my dream, Hobby Lobby-OKC is my next destination. Jai Mahishmathi!!!

Favorite Quote:

Trust me--I never lose. Either I Win, or I Learn.

Suveatha Krishnaswamy

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- I have a job offer from Paycom as a Software Analyst.
- My undergraduate degree was in Information Technology from Rajalakshmi Engineering College, Anna University, in India.

Favorite Quote:

"What's meant to be will always find its way so never give up."

Tanmayee Nettem

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- Firstly, a big thanks to my parents and a special one.
- Sincere gratitude towards Dr. Hammer and the family at OSU
- On the journey to success, my next halt is at PCI-Norman
- Jai Mahishmathi !!!

Favorite Quote:

World is a place to network - if you choose to.

Viswesh Muralitharan

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



- To all my family and friends, thank you so much for all your support, kindness and advice over the years. If it wasn't for you, I probably would have never been able to face the challenges that I have experienced in life and be standing here today to receive my Master's degree.
- Once again, thank you so much, Dad and Mom, for all the sacrifices that you have made to make my Master's dream turn into a reality!
- I am looking forward to starting my career in PwC this summer to face new challenges and want to see what future beholds for me.
- Also, Congratulations to all the graduates and wish you all the best for your future endeavors.

Favorite Quote:

"Do what you love and love what you do; eventually, success will follow you!"

Jobin Varughese

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



Anmol Majithia

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



Shreyas Shiva Kumar

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



Varnika Roavi Gottipati

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Bryan Hammer



Ishan Malporta

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Ajay Sukhdial



Ankur Bansal

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Ajay Sukhdial



- My experience at OSU has been incredible and diverse involving a lot of learning during these past 2 years.
- I would like to thank God, my parents, my brother and my professors for this achievement in my life.
- I have learned an essential lesson here at OSU: the art of Multitasking.
- I believe my hard work and consistency has helped me to successfully complete my education here.
- I will be working as an intern with retail company *Chico's* in Florida this summer.

Favorite Quote:

"Fear Locks, Faith Liberates"

Chakradhar Pathi

MS in MIS

Data Science Option

Hooded by Dr. Ramesh Sharda



- A big thanks to my parents who supported me constantly from India.
- I am grateful to my bachelor friends for keeping in touch always. Cheers to my roommates for some amazing memories throughout the 2 years. I will surely miss them!
- Favorite memories at OSU were playing street cricket with my roommates last summer, and binge-watching Stranger Things and movies together.

Favorite Quote:

"Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies"

-- The Shawshank Redemption

Tejasree Vangapalli

MS in MIS

Hooded by Dr. Ramesh Sharda



- Thanks to my parents, family, friends, and mentors.
- I had a memorable and paramount adventure in these 2 years from trips, exams, parties, and my vacations to India.
- After this extraordinary 2 years, I'll be joining Paycom as a software developer.
- Jai Mahishmati !!!

Favorite Quote:

Don't rush anything!



BUSINESS ANALYTICS

AT SPEARS BUSINESS

Abhiram Reddy Pannala

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- Will be joining Dell EMC in Austin as a Senior Advisor, Data Science
- Moment of Pride: Placing 2nd in the University of Iowa Business Analytics Case Competition
- Shout out to Dr.Chakraborty, my parents and my sister for supporting me along the way
- Favorite memory of OSU: Relaxing at Theta Pond

Favorite Quote:

Maada Maada Daane (Japanese phrase, meaning, "You still have a long way to go")

Alex Theodore Lobman

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- Starting full time as a data scientist at Infinedi in Tulsa.
- Placed 2nd at Iowa Business Analytics Case Competition.
- Thanks to family for love and support

Favorite Quote:

"Journey before destination"

Anjali Bansal

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- First place winner in Health Data Shootout 2018.
- Third place winner in Business Analytics case competition 2018.
- Unique combination of healthcare domain expertise and analytics skills.
- Will be joining Humana at Informatics Lead position in Chicago.

Favorite Quote:

"All of our dreams can come true if we just have the courage to pursue them." -- Walt Disney

Apoorva Chandrasekaran

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- I am excited to be done with all assignments and get back to work.
- Stillwater is and will always be my home away from home.
- A big shout out to my husband, Sandeep, for being my rock.
- Thanks to Dr.C, Dr. McGaugh, and my cohort for making my Masters experience an eventful one.

Favorite Quote:

This too shall pass.

Arun Teja Baireddlapalli Krishna Reddy

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- Aspiring Data Scientist

Favorite Quote:

"Believe in Yourself"

Ashray Thotambailu

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- Shout out to my parents for supporting me in my endeavor to pursue my masters in Business Analytics.
- Grateful to Dr. Chakraborty in trusting in my abilities more than me, and getting the best out of me.
- Since last semester have been working as Data scientist co-op at Koch Industries in Wichita, Kansas and will transition into a full time role in June as a Data Scientist

Favorite Quote:

"Motto in life is to visit new places, meet new people and gain knowledge from different sources"

Dhruv Sharma

MS in Business Analytics

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- I want to work in the Financial domain, especially in the Auto Finance area.
- I made loads of friends at OSU, and this is a huge shout-out to them.
- I was the Social Chair for the Graduate Professionals and Students Government Association in Fall 2018.

Favorite Quote:

Change is the only constant in life.

Dylan Lester Cox

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- Working now as Marketing Data Analyst at Love's Travel Stop in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- Earned my undergraduate degree in Statistics in May, 2017.
- I'm an avid (yet terrible) golfer who also enjoys Cowboy athletics, reading, and traveling with friends and family.
- All my favorite memories at OSU originate from tailgating and attending football games in the fall.
- I would like to thank my parents Dana and Kelly, and my siblings Erin, Andy, and Caroline for their continued love and support throughout my journey at OSU and beyond.

Favorite Quote:

"Always have faith in God, Yourself and the Cowboys." - Eddie Sutton

Imran Selim

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- Graduating from MS in Business Analytics and MBA with a concentration in Marketing Analytics
- Job offer: Will be joining Koch Ag & Energy Solutions, LLC, as a Data Scientist
- Grateful to my mom for her continuous support
- Life Plan: Keep exploring the world.

Favorite Quote:

"Graduate school teaches you how to learn." - Dr. Kevin Voss. So I learned how to learn.

Lohit Bhandari

MS in Business Analytics

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- Will work as a Data Scientist at CSL Behring in Philadelphia
- A big thanks to my Mother, Dr. C, and my mentor Mr. Chaufty, for their kind guidance and support.

Favorite Quote:

Every problem under the sun has a solution, or there's none. If there's one, find it; otherwise, never mind it.

Madhukiran Dandamudi

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Favorite Quote:

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

Man Singh

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- Working at Southeast Toyota Finance, JM Family since June'18 as a graduate intern.
- Was a finalist in the SAS Student Symposium at SAS Global forum 2019.
- A big thank you to Dr. C, my friends and the team at JM Family.

Favorite Quote:

"We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope" -- MLKJ

Manideep Mellachervu

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- Plan to pursue a career as a Data Scientist
- Best Presenter award from SAS at MWSUG 2018 conference
- I dedicate this degree to my family members.
- Thank you OSU for giving me this opportunity.
- GO POKES :D

Favorite Quote:

"Instruction ends in the schoolroom, but education ends only with life." —Frederick W. Robertson

Maryam Chamkavi

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Favorite Quote:

"Some people go to priests. Others to poetry. I to my friends." --Virginia Woolf

Onkar Mayekar

MS in Business Analytics

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- The journey of a thousand miles, and loved every tiny bit of it at OSU - simply grateful! "The tassel's worth the hassle."
- And a big shout out to my parents, friends and loved ones for being there, always.

Favorite Quote:

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." — Robert Frost

Parag Vilas Sasturkar

MS in Business Analytics

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- Data Science professional with 4 years of work experience (and AT&T & Cognizant)
- Winner at OSU Analytics Case Competition 2018
- Student scholarship winner at MWSUG 2018 conference in Indianapolis
- Academic Excellence award by Phi Kappa Phi and Best in Business honor by Beta Sigma Gamma

Favorite Quote:

"Change is a nature of life, but challenge is the future of life. So, challenge the changes. Never change the challenges" ~ Amitabh Bachchan

Prashant Kumar Gour

MS in Business Analytics

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- Thank you, everyone, for the help and constant support.

Favorite Quote:

"Data really powers everything that we do."

Priyansh Dadar

MS in Business Analytics

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- Shout out to everyone for being there.

Favorite Quote:

The best is yet to come

Rahul Slathia

MS in Business Analytics

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- My favorite memory about OSU was the West Virginia vs OSU football game
- I also have a Bachelors degree in Electronics and Telecommunication

Favorite Quote:

"Follow your bliss and the universe will open doors for you where there were only walls."

--Joseph Campbell

Ravi Josyula

MS in Business Analytics

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- Will start work as an Analytics Consultant at IRI
- SAS Student Symposium Finalist 2019
- Placed second in the MSBAN Case Competitions in 2017 and 2018
- SSB International Student of the Month - April 2018

Favorite Quote:

Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.

Rishabh Mishra

MS in Business Analytics

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- Made some really good friends and will miss all the fun we had together

Favorite Quote:

"The past cannot be changed but the future is yet in your power"

Robert Adam Fisher

MS in Business Analytics

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- Data Scientist at Charter Communications in Denver, Colorado.
- Never would have made it without my family, faculty, and friends.

Rohit Banerjee

MS in Business Analytics

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- Thank you to my parents for their support even if they have no idea what I am doing or what I am going to do.
- First one to be graduated in my family
- As one of my teacher said, Just go on with it (life); it is ruthless but beautiful."

Favorite Quote:

"Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man"

Shashikant Chebrolu

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- Spent some of the best days of my life while at OSU. It wasn't always easy, but thanks to my family, friends and professors, I have accomplished this satisfying feat.
- Thank You, Dr. C! Thinking about the past 2 years, I realized that the greatest learning comes from outside the classroom. It's a good reminder that learning doesn't stop just because of this degree. The future holds no promise, but rather, surprises, and I am looking forward to it !

Favorite Quote:

"Be the change you wish to see"

Sivateja Reddy Kandula

MS in Business Analytics

Certificate in SAS® and OSU Predictive Analytics (Advanced Level)

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- OSU helped me to re-discover my strengths and grow as a person both professionally and personally.
- Special thanks to Dr. C and friends that made my journey at OSU memorable
- Career Plan - Will be working as an Analytical Consultant at SAS Institute, Cary, NC

Favorite Quote:

"The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty." – Winston Churchill

Soumya Ranjan Kar Choudhury

MS in Business Analytics

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- MS-BAN in OSU was THE most significant event in my life yet:
I got a job at the world largest retailer, found the love of my life, mastered Racquetball, and fulfilled my parents' dreams! My mom has been my greatest strength and always will be!

Favorite Quote:

"Follow your inner moonlight; don't hide the madness."

Sridevi Loya

MS in Business Analytics

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- I will be working as a Data Scientist at ONE Gas, Tulsa.
- Significant events include receiving the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award CIE Scholarship, Fall 2018 General Secretary of the International Student Organization, and 2018-19 Student Scholarship, MWSUG 2018
- I dedicate this degree to my husband, my family members, my friends, my professors, my colleagues, and everyone associated with my Master's journey. I will be forever grateful to OSU for this amazing opportunity.
- Favorite memories about OSU include the fun trips to conferences and the pleasure to host events as the ISO general secretary. GO POKES!!

Favorite Quote:

"Tough times don't last, tough people do." - Robert Schuller

Surabhi Arya

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- One of my favorite memories at OSU was the time when I performed for a huge audience for the first time. This was an important event because it helped me to rediscover myself. I aspire to create an impact with my creativity into others life.

Favorite Quote:

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." – Steve Jobs

Travis Miller

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- Go Chiefs!
- I love Data. Currently employed by Hilti in Tulsa, OK in Data Management.
- Jennifer, thank you for helping me put the time in to follow my dreams!

Favorite Quote:

"Hard work may not always result in success but it will never result in regret" — Moneyball

Vishal Guarav

MS in Business Analytics

Certificate in Business Data Mining & Marketing Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- I'm grateful to Dr. Krehbiel, Dr. Chakraborty, and Dr. McGaugh for believing in me and offering me the opportunity to simultaneously pursue two Masters degrees. It was a challenging, and an equally rewarding, journey, and has come to its natural conclusion.
- I look forward to the next phase of my life. Fortune 1, here I come!

Favorite Quote:

"Life happens wherever you are, whether you make it or not!"

Vrushank Rajesh Shah

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- I am so grateful for my time at OSU. A special thanks to my family and friends who constantly supported me during this wonderful journey.

Favorite Quote:

"Information is the oil of the 21st century, and analytics is the combustion engine"

William Trevor Behm

MS in Business Analytics

Hooded by Dr. Goutam Chakraborty



- I am moving to Houston for a new position with Musket Corporation.
- I am so thankful for the people in my life who have always been there for me.

Favorite Quote:

"Forget mistakes. Forget failure. Forget everything except what you're going to do now and do it. Today is your lucky day." -Billy Durant



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AT SPEARS BUSINESS

Marla Palomares-Ruiz

Certificate in Business Sustainability and
Certificate in Nonprofit Management



- Selected as a recipient of the Wes and Lou Watkins Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in Global Studies.



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AT SPEARS BUSINESS

Yasamin Vahdati

PhD in Marketing



Favorite Quote:

*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."
—Aristotle*

Mark Mitchell

PhD in Business Administration



- Have five amazing kids and an amazing wife who supported me throughout this program - I couldn't have done this without them

Behrooz Davazdahemami

PhD in MSIS



- Enjoyed my PhD life at OSU, special thanks to my wonderful advisor, Dr. Dursun Delen whose insights made this journey enjoyable for me!
- Excited to begin my new chapter of life as an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Favorite Quote:

“Make informed decisions, then put all your eggs in one basket.”

Viay Gautam

PhD in Finance



Congratulations
to all of our 2019 graduates!

University Commencement Ceremonies

Gallagher-Iba Arena

6:15 pm *Candidates line up*

6:35 pm *Candidate Processional begins*

7:00 pm *Ceremony begins*

****Early arrival to Gallagher-Iba is recommended.
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