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Ambassador Updates

A Gator prepares

by Ashwin Babuji



I graduated from UF in December, 2015. It was a good 4 years. I now have been accepted to a post bac program at USF for 1 year, and will be starting in August. I also have gotten a job as a medical scribe and hope to continue with it till I have to leave in August. I have taken the MCAT and am also applying to MD and DO schools, though acceptances will only come out almost 9-10 months from now. So As I exit my post bac program, I shall know where I will spend my next 4 years in higher education at either an MD or DO school.

I am excited for the future! I hope my other ambassadors are doing well.

Coming Home

by Neel Patel

Thanks to the support of my family, friends, and teachers, this year I graduated cum laude from Harvard University with a degree in Computer Science. It wouldn't have been possible without the untiring encouragement and guidance of everyone

around me, and I'm excited to begin repaying the favors by using my degree to its fullest. Starting in June, I'll be working full-time on a startup, and will be based in Orlando, Florida. The startup, Datanautix Technologies, uses the power of technology to help businesses understand customer feedback. Our clients include places like call centers (where we highlight patterns in high-performing agents) and hospitals (analyzing patient experience comments). [shameless plug – if anyone is interested in better understanding your customer feedback, let's talk about a special Generation OM rate!] The past year of school has been a great time of reflection, and planning for a future of optimizing happiness instead of grades or money. I'm excited to be back in Orlando, and am looking forward to being close to my family and friends again. I'm also excited to play a bigger role in the Generation OM community now that I've graduated.

Over the past year at school, I've been fortunate to help raise money for various charities in India through Harvard's South Asian Association. As I graduate from college, I'm looking forward to volunteering with causes close to home. I've really enjoyed my time with the Generation OM community so far, and am excited to continue my involvement now that I'm local to Central Florida once again!



Investing in the future

by **Divya Dhulipala**

My sophomore year at Duke was one of my favorite life experiences. I chaired the Sophomore Year Experience Committee of Sophomore Class Council, helped launch the PPG Women's Leadership Initiative as part of my work with the University Center for Leadership Development and Social Action, started tutoring underprivileged elementary students in Durham twice a week, served on the Duke Libraries Undergraduate Advisory Board, and became a Resident Assistant for first-year students. Most importantly, my friendships at school only got stronger, and the year was full of adventures and about breaking our little bubble to learn about the world beyond.



I've kept up all my work on entrepreneurship, I've delved deeper into my economics classes than ever before, and this summer, I'm interning at a venture capital firm in New York City. This year taught me more than I thought imaginable

and has been instrumental to my growth as a young professional and member of society.

Advising & Serving

by **Krishnan Sethumadhavan**



I am currently a rising senior at the University of Pennsylvania, where I study Economics and Public Policy. This summer, I am interning at Bain & Co. - a management consulting firm. I continue to do work on behalf of Penn Weekend Service and recently had the opportunity to do community service at a Boys and Girls Club in Philadelphia through my fraternity. In addition, I currently work at the Penn Organ Transplant Center, where we cook and help those who have just received an organ transplant with certain tasks that they are temporarily unable to do. Finally, at work I have elected to donate part of my time to work on a pro bono case for a KIPP DC - a charter school

consortium in Washington DC, helping them understand and solve their problems with staff retention.

I made the Dean's List this semester and past and currently hold a cumulative GPA of 3.96. I plan to graduate in May of 2017, Summa Cum Laude.

As usual, it is harder for me to do this because I attend college out of state. But I continue to promote Gen. OM to our Hindu Student Association and have students from Florida encourage their younger siblings to apply. I also continue to serve on the board of HSA in the programming chair capacity and planned our Holi Celebration. We were very excited about this because this was the first year we were able to partner with the student council of Penn to make it a truly school-wide event, raising the profile of Hinduism on campus.

As always, it is truly an honor to be a Generation Om Scholarship recipient!

Seva x Opportunity

by **Karunya Tota**

Late last summer, I volunteered at Give Kids the World before returning to college for approximately 14 hours. Also, I am currently a Wolfram Student Ambassador on my campus. Under this role, I volunteered at HackIllinois at the Wolfram booth to assist fellow students in developing



innovative technology-related projects using Wolfram's API's and developer tools for around 12 hours. I also taught an hour-long course titled 'Unconventional uses of Wolfram Alpha' at UIUC's annual CS@SAIL (Computer Science Intro for High Schoolers) event. This took about 5 - 8 hours to create and set up with my co-Ambassador.

Lastly, at Goldman Sachs, I will be volunteering in an annually organized community service project for an entire day. We will be pairing up with local elementary school children to create freedom of expression art projects and host a theater performance for all of their peers. This event will take place in a few weeks and will be approximately 10 hours. I worked at Caterpillar Inc. at the Research Park location of UIUC's campus from August 2015 to January 2016. This summer, I am interning as a Summer Technology Analyst at Goldman Sachs in New York .

Community Involvement @ UM

by **Neha Bhaskar**



This year I completed my sophomore year at the University of Miami. While academically I focused on finishing the PRISM science honors program, I was very involved in the community both on campus and off. Relay for Life remains as a cause close to my heart, so I continued my involvement in it from last year, and was part of the event leadership team. I can proudly say that the University of Miami's Relay for Life successfully rose over \$30,000 this year to go towards cancer research funded by the American Cancer Society. In addition to this, I am a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the co-ed National Service Fraternity. As a fraternity, we take part in on campus service days, such as Gandhi Day of Service and Funday, to name a few, as well as off campus volunteering at homeless shelters and the Ronald McDonald House. Finally, to get more exposure to the medical world in which I am pursuing a career, I began volunteering at Holtz Children's Hospital. As little as it is, I love being able to see the faces of the kids light up when they spend time with you as a break from their tedious routines of being hospital bound.

This was an emotionally rewarding experience through a program that I am lucky to be vice president of next year. My two years at the University of Miami have been great, and I look forward to seeing what else the future holds.

Organizing the community

by **Pearly Pandya** on September 04



...And just like that I'm halfway done with my undergraduate degree at Georgia Tech! Even almost 500 miles away from home, I have found ways to continue my passions and at the same time, preserve my Indian culture. As Marketing Strategist of Georgia Tech's A Capella team Taal Tadka, I helped market their debut album and design promotional projects. I joined Georgia's United Indian Student Alliance, which brings Indian student leaders from different colleges for collaborative community service and philanthropy. I also became a part of my college's Ramblin' Raas team, through which I found a wonderful support system - and also got to perform a garba/raas routine at our annual Holi Show!

During my second year as a Biomedical Engineering student, I not only furthered my passions in cultural dance but also explored career opportunities through volunteering. I joined the BME Learning Commons Leadership Team, which has helped create a sense of community within the major through mentoring and networking. I led the Academic Support Team to promote our tutoring program and created a channel to provide new students with helpful and interactive videos on various BME topics. On campus, I also volunteered at several events for the

Office of Admissions, Capstone Design Expo, and the Center for Career Development.

Through Tau Beta Pi (National Engineering Honor Society), I also was able to volunteer for MedShare, a foundation which takes surplus medical devices donated from hospitals, distributors, and manufacturers and delivers them to those in need in developing countries. I sorted devices, such as catheters, first aid products, and electrosurgical units, and packaged them to send to facilities in several countries around the world. This is important because U.S. hospitals generate more than two million tons of medical waste each year, much of which is unused medical supplies and equipment. It was wonderful to be able to use my time and knowledge of medical devices for the recovery and redistribution of supplies and equipment for those most in need.

As for this summer, I am working with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care as an engineering intern at their manufacturing headquarters. I am excited to learn more about the manufacturing of medical devices and improving product performance of J&J's products.

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