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Message From The Dean

Congratulations to each and every one of our talented MBA students on the completion of another rewarding academic year. Over the past year, your energy, drive and hard work have made the Rotman name stand out on the University of Toronto campus and throughout the business community.



Those of you that are graduating in 2010 will have an unprecedented opportunity to make a real difference in the world. Integrative Thinking has been a key part of your education, and in today's increasingly complex environment, it will set you apart from your peers. Rather than choosing between existing models, you are equipped with the toolkit required to build new models that address elements that others may miss. The organizations that hire you will be rewarded for their insight.

As Rotman graduates, you will join a worldwide network of 20,000 UofT business alumni in 71 countries. I encourage you to take advantage of the benefits available to alumni, which include an ongoing suite of speaker series, an annual day-long Life-Long Learning conference in June, and an expanding roster of volunteer opportunities, including mentoring future students. I urge you to stay in touch with your peers and with us.

I will leave you with this challenge: instead of taking the world as it is presented to you, find a way to shape it for the better. Take the skills and tools you've gained at Rotman, and in a global marketplace that is in dire need of innovative thinking, don't accept the easy tradeoffs. For those of you returning for another year of study, I look forward to watching from the sidelines as you enhance our School's growing reputation for innovation and excellence.

On behalf of all Rotman faculty and staff, my very best wishes to each of you as you progress on your journey of life-long learning. We are honored to be a small part of it.

Message From Your GBC President



I would like to begin by congratulating my fellow graduates. Our hard work has paid off and it is time for us to make our mark on the world. Best of luck to everyone – I look forward to hearing all about your greatness in the years to come.

There is no question as to the academic rigor we all experienced here at Rotman. It is what we did to help deal with the pressures and demands that have shaped our experience. Hopefully, it is these extracurricular events that are salient in your minds as the year comes to and end and your Rotman career becomes a memory.

The team that you elected to lead the GBC has been instrumental in the creation of these memories and experiences. From the sold-out semi-formal to the displays of athleticism at the Olympic Gladiators, the team at the GBC has worked tirelessly to add to life at Rotman and bring us together as one strong and unified community. I consider myself extremely lucky to have had the good fortune to work with the masterminds behind the GBC's events and would like to thank everyone for their limitless dedication and devotion to the school.

The GBC dedicated itself this year to fostering a better sense of community amongst students, faculty and staff. We achieved this through the introduction of Quarterly Chats for the first-year classes in both the 2- and 3-year programs, increasing the level of transparency between the GBC and the student community at large, and coming together as a unified group in fundraising efforts for both CAMH and UNICEF. The list goes on and on. We have worked closely with the Dean's Office, the Alumni Association, the Program Services Office (PSO) and the Corporate Connections Center (CCC) to ensure the best possible offerings for all students.

The past year at Rotman would not have been possible without you. Thank you for supporting the GBC and making our school everything it is and everything it could be.

It has been a true honor and a privilege to serve as your President this past year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me this opportunity. Congratulations once again to the Class of 2010, and for those of you continuing on at Rotman, best of luck and remember, we are always here to help in any way that we can. As graduates, we are still part of the Rotman family and community – please stay in touch.

Always,

Rachel Megitt

President, Graduate Business Council 2010

Rotman Staff...

ADM



Cheryl Millington, Bailey Daniels, Roxana Moreira, Lynda Paterson, Marie-Eve Roy, Rummy Gill

PSO



Dana Andrews, Caroline Pye, Alka Saxena, Margaret Charles, Wendy Pais, Marjorie Ferguson, Jennifer Chan, Mai King, Cheryl Gibbs, Nancy Bakker

BIC



Greg Barber, XXX, Lisa Andrews-Attwater, Pamela Strachan, Sean Forbes

CCC



Top L-R – Dewakar Bhatia, Maitri Vosko, Faridah Hemani, Marnie Conskey, Jocelyn Carter Macri
Bottom L-R – Kate Dewasha, Sonia Sood, Jeff Muzzerall, Karen Jackson-Cox, Gil Panuncialman

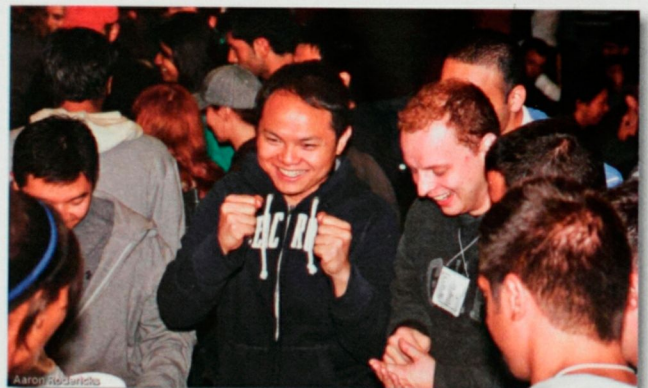
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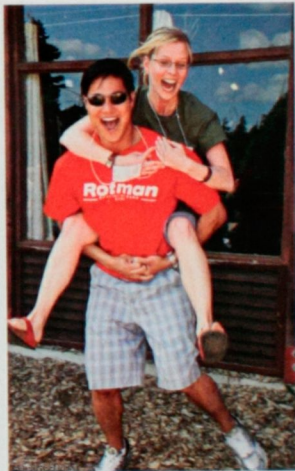
CAMP NORTHLAND



the calm before the storm















Aaron Rodericks



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FIRST YEAR STUDY GROUPS

Two & Three Year Programs Represent



Two Year Study Groups - Class of 2011



Dhruv Bhalla, Susan McFadden, Ajantha Ganeshalingham, Henry Tam



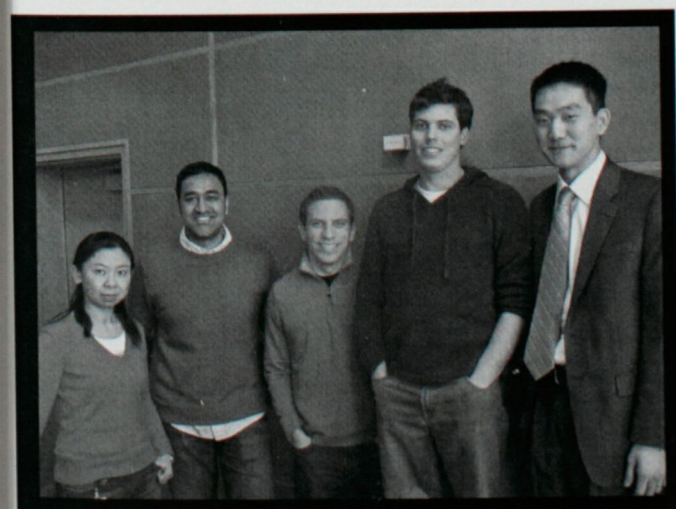
Lauren Epstein, Jiang Zhang, Gordon Lawson, Clement Loh



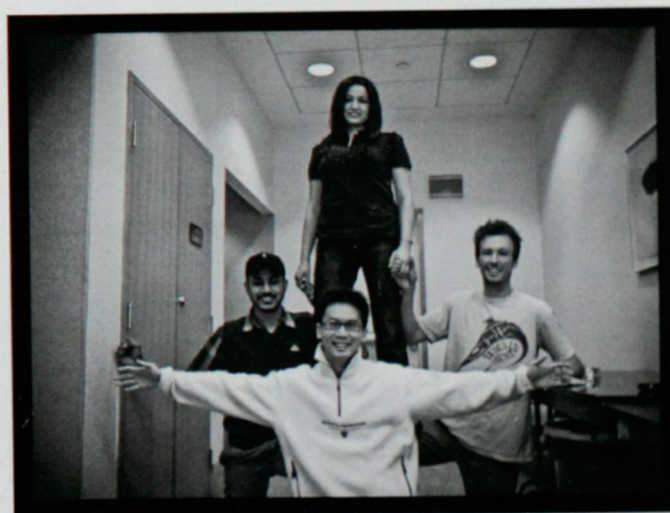
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Bryce Lillico, Mohnish Chhabra, Michael Dibratto, Novan Chan



Annie Wang, Harman Singh, David Britton, Jonathan Hewitt, Roderick Cheung



Bikramjit Singh, Roger Yeung, Slyvia Erian, Jonathon Drake



Eric Gattoni, Azza Taha, Siddharth Verma, Basma Iqbal, Michael Decicco



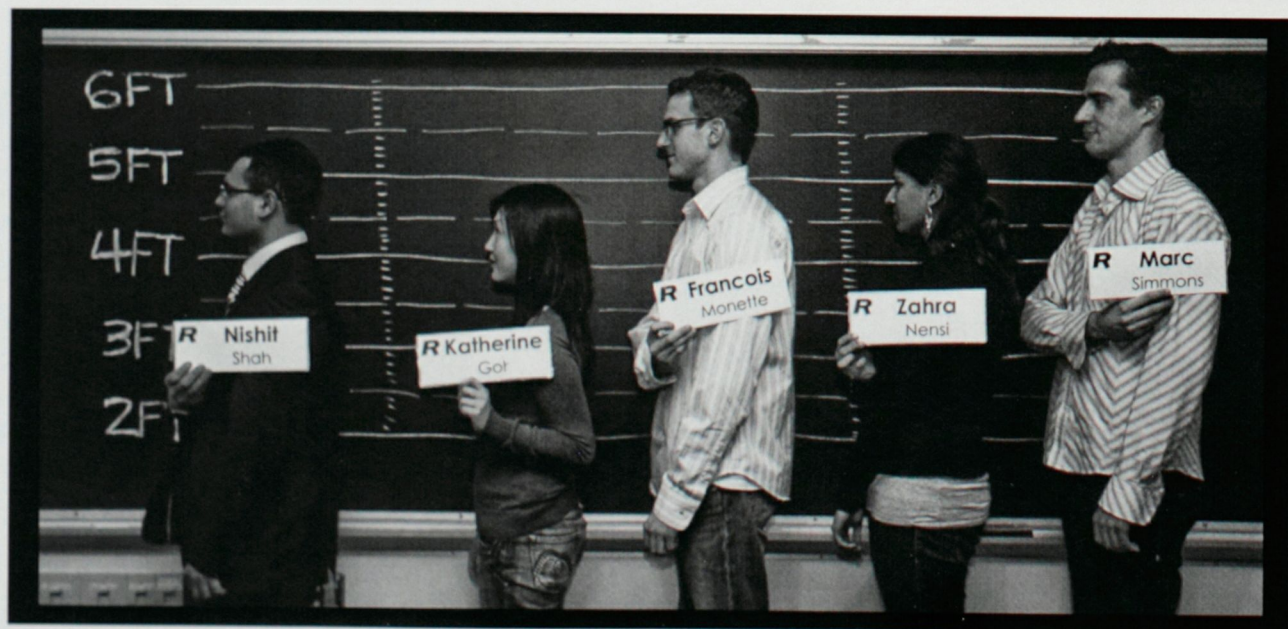
Usman Naeem, Neesha Patel, Mazen Almaoui, Monika Datta, Joshua Wong



Camellia Kafai-Golahmadi, Colin Howe, Uzair Hussain, Harsh Jindal, David Shalaby



Xuan Zhang, Christopher Owens, Michael Newlove, Rebecca Wainstein





Regina Gelfand, Xinxin Li, Christopher Phillips,
Harmish Naik, Tezbir Singh



Mila Banerjee, Gilbert Perkins, Yan Wang, Vaibhav
Malik



Ryan Barnett, Megan Bingley, Ketan Honda,
Ben Breitbart, Matthew Meyanathan



KhaledNounou, Abby Rennaiye, Carolyn Blakely,
James Piechota



Justin Mathena,
Rodrigo
Valadares,
Julia Macleod,
Allan Yi,
Raji Khayo



Jansen Shrubbs, Jasmine Ye, Ajinkya Khare, Esther Pollack, Dan Vettese



Sam Garvin, Farid Sharifi, Kristen Rohr, Mark Stone, Milton Mednick



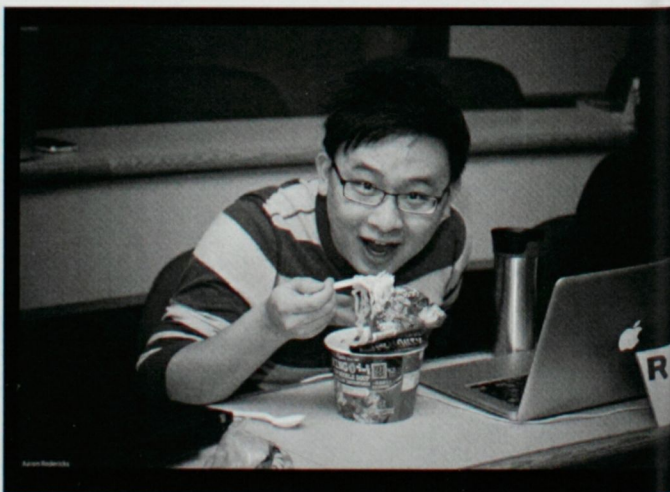
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Ankit Singhal, Brad Ray, Elsa Lee, Manraj Aujla, Shanawaz Janmohamed



Mathew Clare, David Axler, Michael Dowbiggin, Mengdan Xia





Mili Singhal, Jessie Zhang, Ignacio Palacios Lopez, Dani Lipkin, Geoffrey Wylde



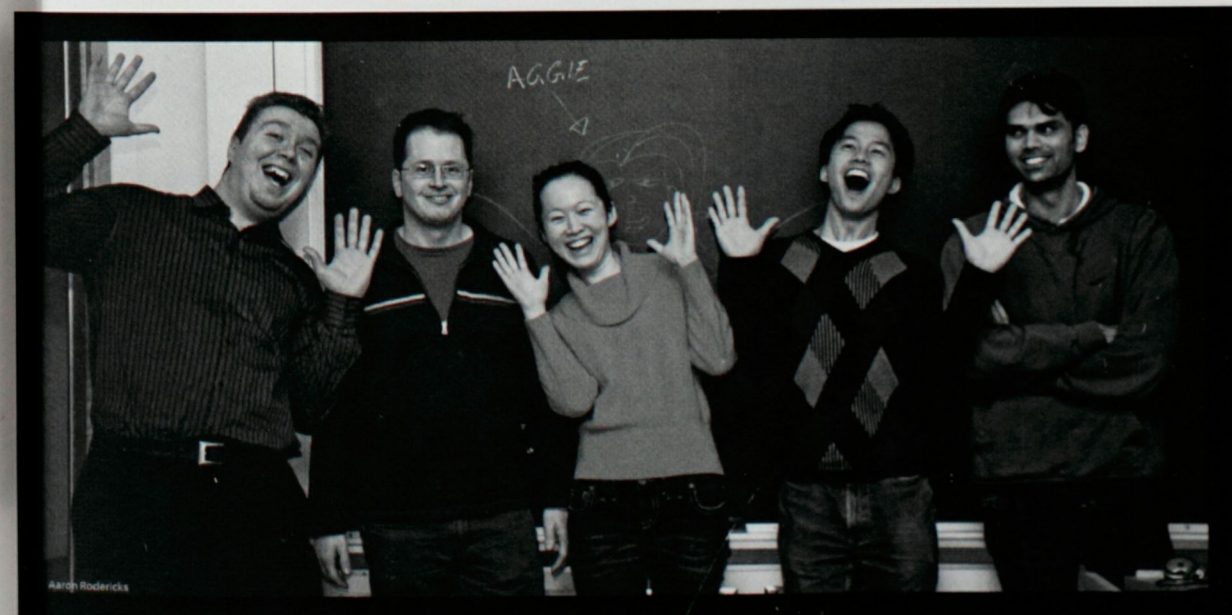
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Amanda Melvin, Sejal Dudhara, Yue Gong, Hsin-Yun Huang



Thi Khuat, Shash Venugopal, Petar Zelic, Fei Yu, Shahzad Zaveer



Dany Shehab, Dan Hennigar, Aggie Chen, Vincent Lo, Shishir Jain



Alejandro Macareno, Saurabh Srivastava, Katie Schwitzer, Ray Lam, Cheryl Ching



Wen Tsern Ho, Adam Main, Yalini Jegatheeswaran, Ali Khan, Aleksander Otovic



Miranda Liu, Yazan Al-timimi, Kunal Pant, Michael Bellissimo



Raj Natarajan, Owen Blain, Pouneh Rouhani, Shree Kargutkar



Kim Davis, Usman Ejaz, Mohammad Ghasemzadeh, Zahra Rejali, Zareh Tchiroyan



Saagar Prajapati, Catherine Sundeen, Neha Singhal, Faiyyad Hosein



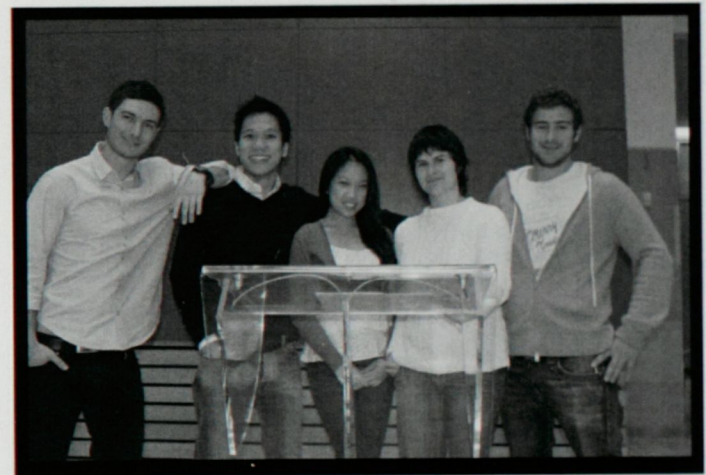
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Sameer Singh, Robert Szurtei, Amma Anaman, Osvaldo Gomez de la Garza, Michael Braga



Frank Wu, John-Christian Bourque, Joseph Schirripa



Mathew Blaszczyk, Gary Chow, Linda Chieng, Tatyana Kalita, Ryan Shupak



Josef Hrebik, Kian Mirshahi, Keith Wu, Shilpa Mandhan



Jeffrey Yan, Nick Kerhoulas, Slyvia Zhu, Jason Huang, Matthew Literovich



Jeffrey McCabe, Cyril Moufarrej, Rohit Sriram,
Altamush Khwaja, Lihua Pan



Sean Puttergill, Gang Lou, Jane Vellone, Bader
Halawani, Kung Young

Three Year Morning Study Groups - Class of 2012

Dele Ibitoye, Tatiana Lomasko, Fred Zhu, Danielle
Marshall



Sam Luu, Souyma Sankaran, Scott MacKenzie,
Russ Mann



Vladia McBrain, Karan Mehta, Eden Dhaliwal,
Sid Kashinath, Karina Salerno



Avi Raj, Karim Karim, Diane Verbeeten, Ivan
Yuen



Karina Ling, Ritwik Chattopadhyay, Chris Li,
Bike Balkanci



Alex Au, Mariana Andrews, Nick Murayama,
Arthur Milner



Soham Tiwari, Kev Chan, Angelina So



Brandon Kim, Satinder Dhillon, Mike Tusche,
Brad Caldwell, Terence Smith



Arash Habib, Dennis Ma, Connie Tai, Sergey
Kovalyukh



Siamak Kohali, Michelle Huang, Drew Fenner



Kyle Novak, Rohit Goyal, Leo Wong



Hosung Sohn, Mary Chen, Rene Stock, Caitlin Storey



Three Year Evening Study Groups - Class of 2012



Derek Ceccarelli, Dina Sergi, Farhang Farid Modjtahedi, Rachit Bhambri



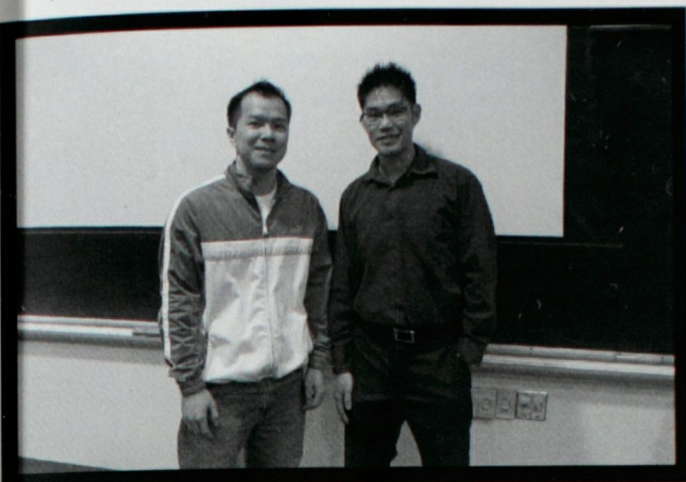
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John Lyons, Taleb Darr, Alexey Raskin, Suthan Sukumar



Hashir Rasul, Angela Bourkis, Robert Meth, Keyur Shah



Leng Lay, Frederick Go



Nima Evans, Russ Morgan, Dil Sivalingham, Hayden Ho, Mark Van Berkel



Sanchit Budhiraja, Karen Leung, Michael Lau, Alvin Wong, Jon Beland



Kathy Kang, Hiten Waghela, Phil Kooy, Quentin Brayley-Berger, Ruslan Dorfman



Stefan Linder, Fang Wei, Bobby Kollanur, Vincent Hsu



Ryan Baltjes, Jason Baker, Nikos Kyprianou, Zee Mustafa



Haider Mirza, Sashi Perampaladas, Behn Conroy,
John Lee



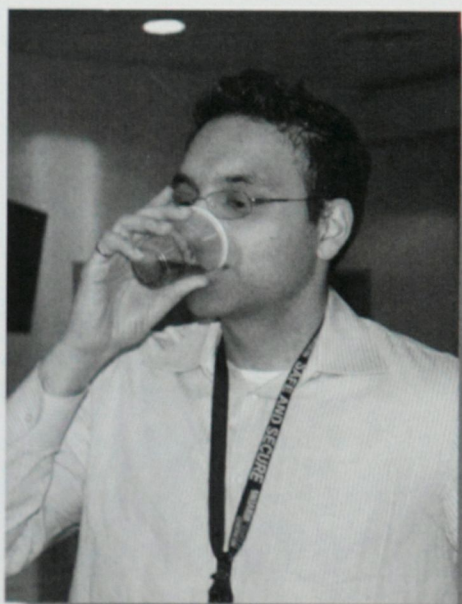
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Choudhry



Graham Jeffrey, Natalie Korobaylo, Indrayudh
Ghoshal, Adrian Lo



Christopher Budd, Caroline Korycki, David Lee,
Jason Rodrigues, Behdad Esfahbod



THREE YEAR MBA PROGRAM



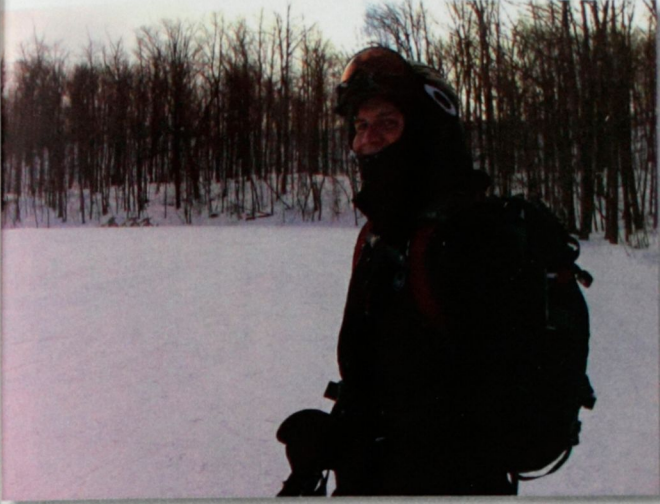
TFC Soccer Game



Morning Golf Game



Morning Ski Trip



PSO Summer BBQ



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Morning MBA



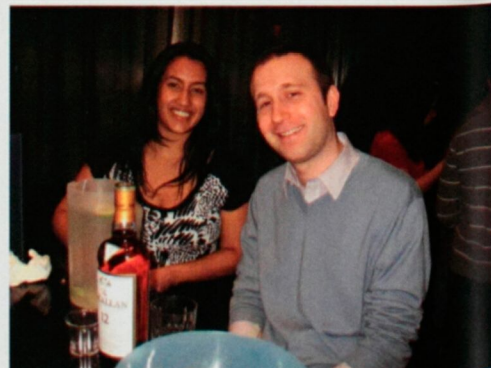
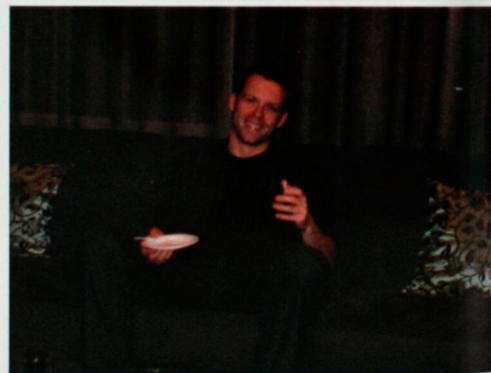
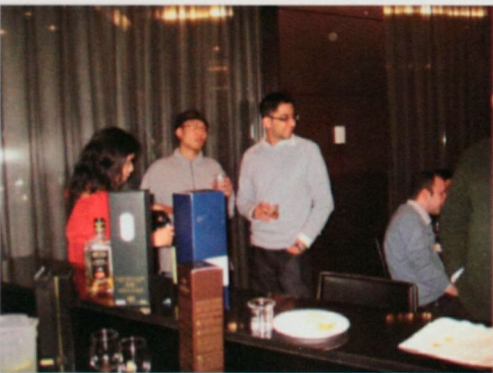
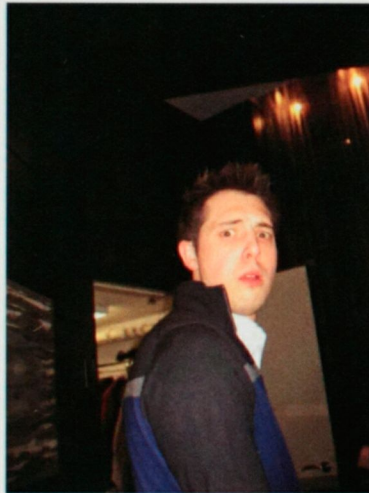
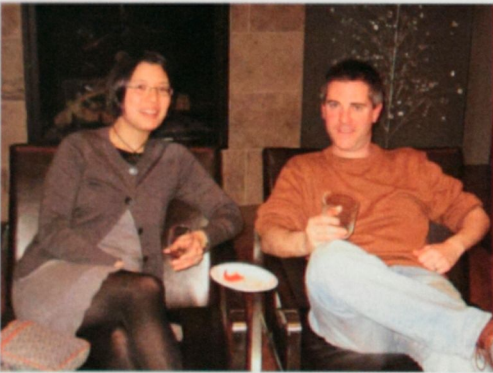
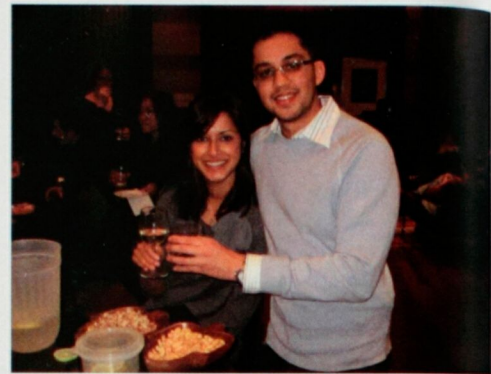
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Morning MBA



2011 Evening MBA

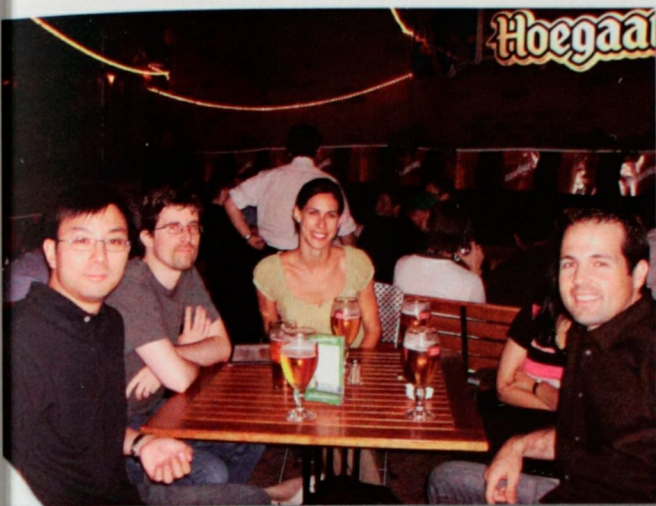


2010 Evening MBA





2010 Evening MBA





**even with work and school, there's still
room for friends, fun, and a good meal**

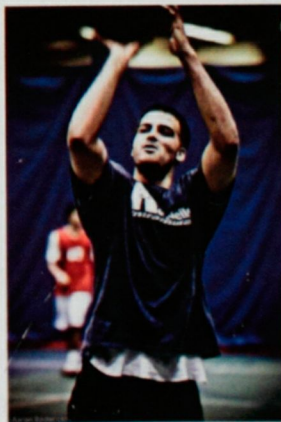






ROTMAN SPORTS





Left to Right: Top
Row: Chad Amis,
Shami, John,
Owen Blain, Bart
Uzarowski, Bottom
Row: Mani, Ara,
Mohammad Hossein
Ghasemzadeh,
Mathew Blaszczyk

HOCKEY

HOME



Left to Right: Back Row: Dan Vettese, Jon Beland, David Axler, Adam Main, Nick Kerhoulas, Milt Mednick.
Front Row: Andrew Iacobelli, Darren Karn, Shane Altbaum, Mark Hale, Phil Kooy, Russ Mann, John Lyons
Goalie: Jason Ng



Jay Barg, Owen Blain, Jen Bryant (Captain), Mike Caldarelli (Coach), Monika Datta, Aravinthan Ehamparam, Ryan Gilmour, Aaron Glazer, Andrew Gordon, Colin Howe, Justine Humphries, Alex Lee, Adam Main, Jeffrey McCabe, Susan McFadden, Russ Morgan, Gabriel Plener, Robert Peters, Michael Schmidt, Katie Schwitzer, Chris Shutsa, Jennifer Sweetlove

DRAGON BOAT



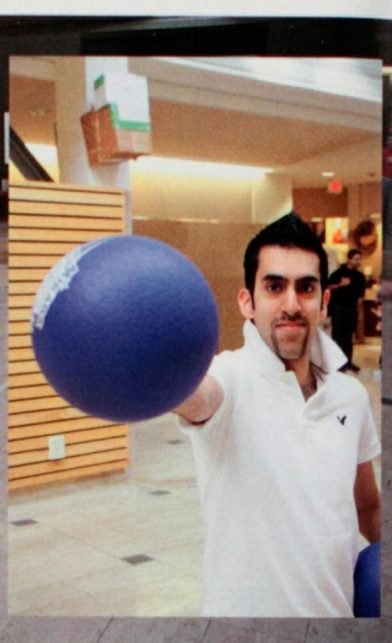
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SOCCER



Left to Right: Back Row: Hiten Waghela, Hussein Jamal, Jesse Rosensweet, Marcos Calderon, Josef Hrebik, Matt Rossiter, Fraser Gibson, Andrea Corazza, Front Row: Rodrigo Valadares, Ricardo Nobreiga, Osvaldo Gomez, Riccardo Granja, Ignacios Palacios, Daniel Kim, Amit Bhatia, Adam Dorfman, Alex Lee

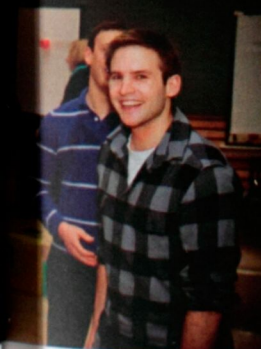
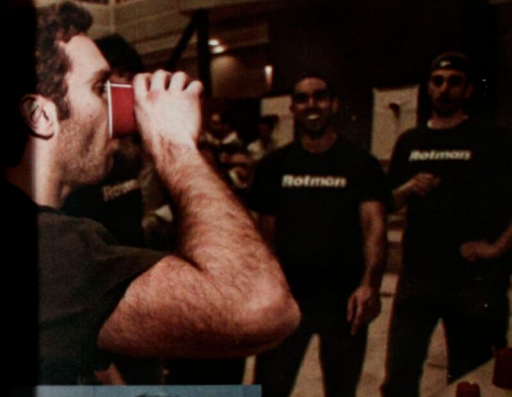
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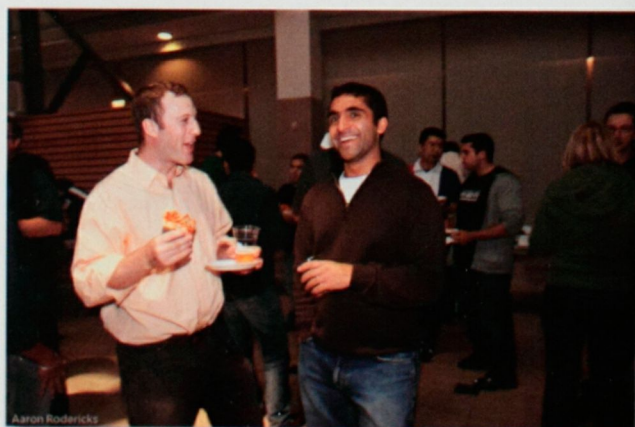




GLADIATORS





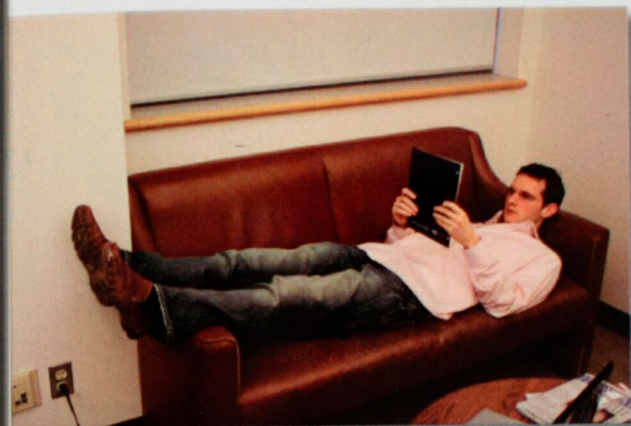




ROTMAN SOCIAL

livin' large



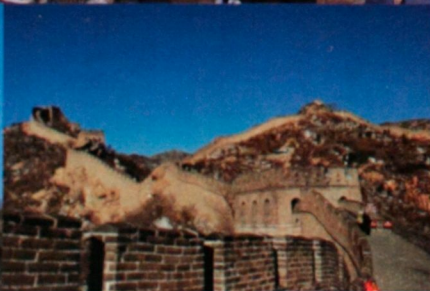
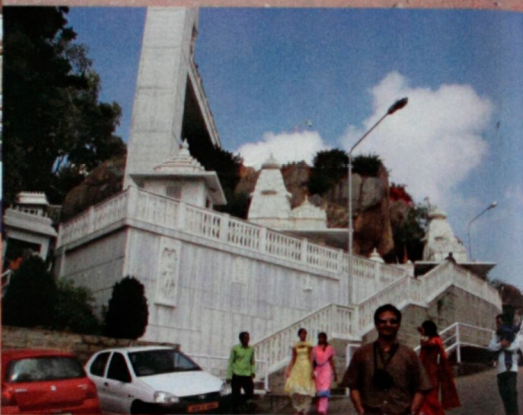
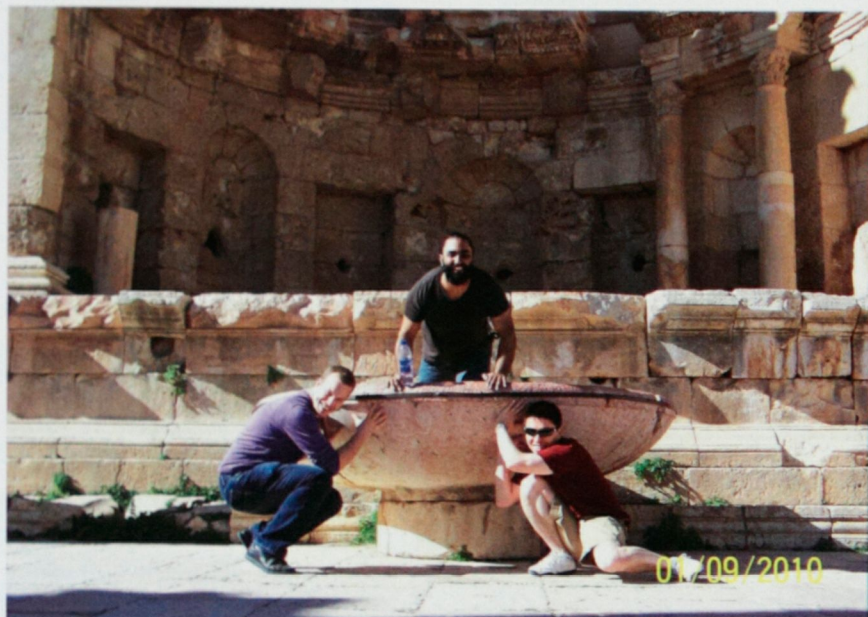


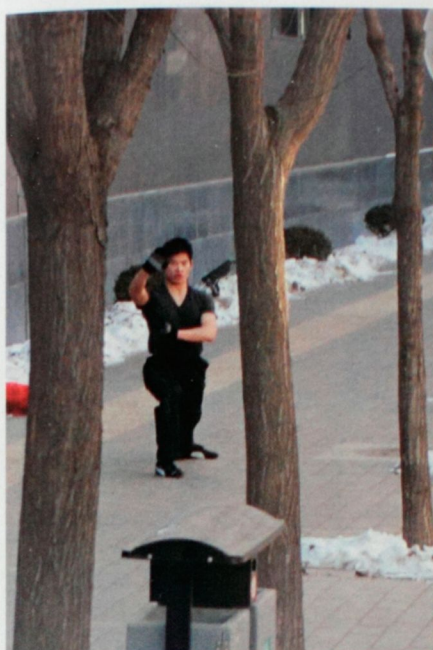
ROTMAN MASQUERADE

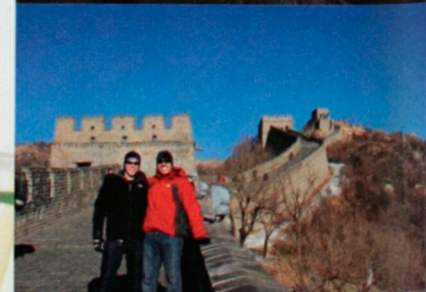




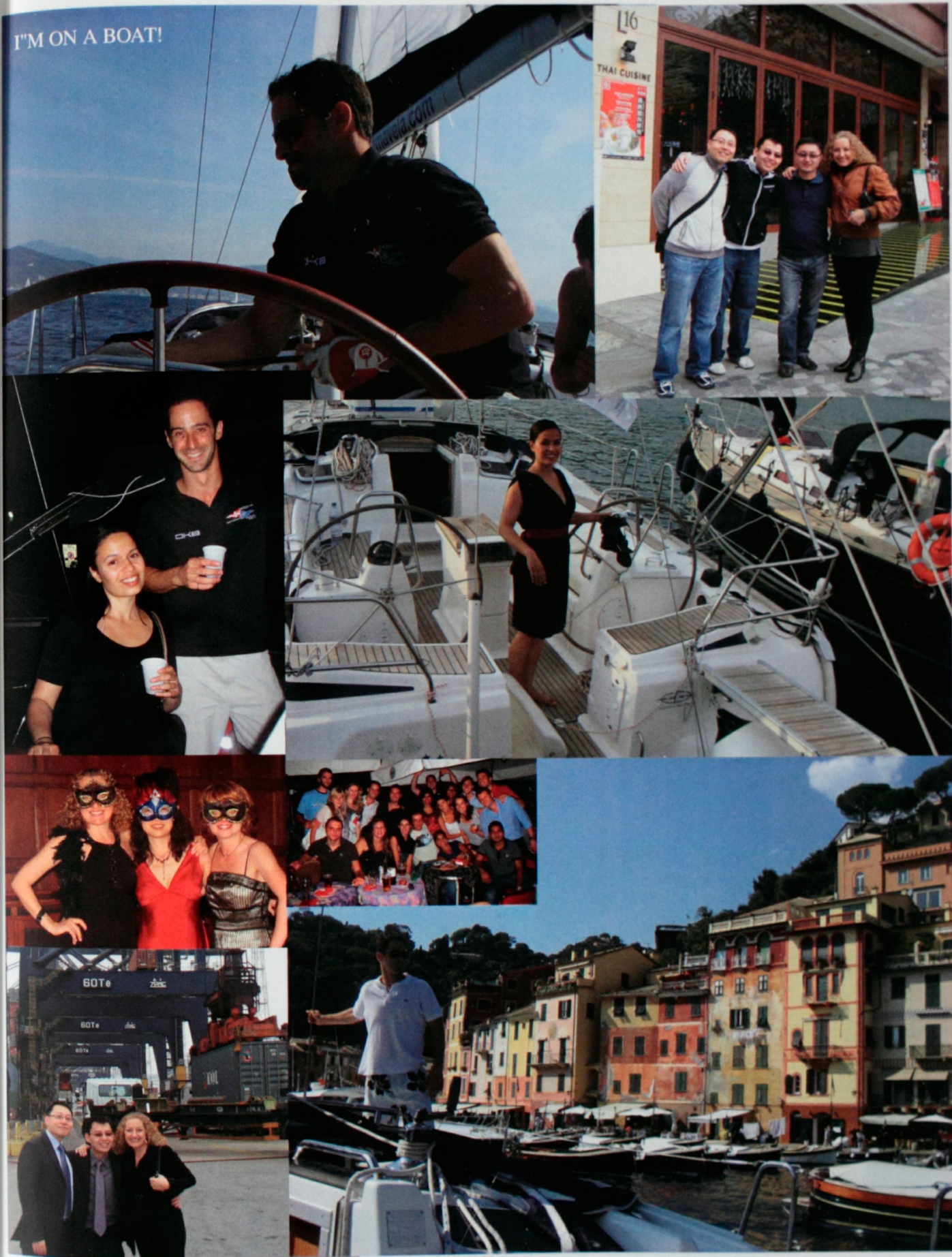
Study Tours & International Exchanges







I'M ON A BOAT!



NO TALENT NIGHT



Just a first year girl / Totally lost on our R-World / She looked under my program to find her grades // Just a second year / With a major in Marketing / He's still searching to find a career.

I see her in the Fleck Atrium / I smell of wine and free hors d'ouerves / If they pre-booked they can share Room 257 / Q1 goes on and on and on. // Students scrolling, up and down R-Career / Is there anything other then consulting? / Roger Martin / Have you read his latest book? / Answers, hiding in Design.

Working hard to get my B / Nobody wants to fail / Paid anything to get a degree / Just one more test. // Some will win, some will lose / Some will work for Accenture / And though it seems like recruiting never works / Tuition goes up and up

Students scrolling, up and down R-Career / Is there anything other then consulting? / Roger Martin / Have you read his latest book? / Answers, hiding in Design.

Don't Stop Integrating / Hold on to that data pool / Roger, Martin // Don't Stop Integrating / Hold on to that data pool / Roger, Martin // Don't Stop! --



GRAD FORMAL

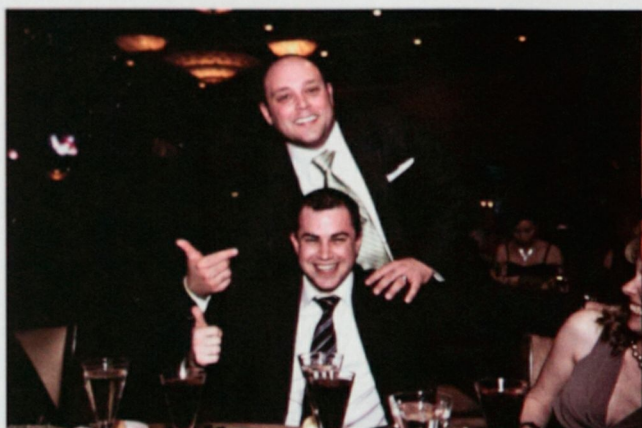


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MBA GAMES





WARREN BUFFETT takes over the world



CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS



CSR CASE COMP



WIMA EVENT



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CLUB EVENTS



Graduate Business Council

To ensure an exceptional academic and social experience for all students by fostering a strong sense of community, pride and integrity within the Rotman School of Management.

The GBC acts as the interface between administration and the student body by taking the ideas of today to build the school of tomorrow. With the passion, drive and determination of the faculty to build one of the best MBA experiences in North America we strive to challenge ourselves and continually improve the program through both technical and social development. The GBC focuses on professional and personal improvement through the wide range of social and academic activities held throughout the year. Coordinating student run events to compliment student classes helps to bridge the gap between theory and application.

We believe that the Rotman MBA expands beyond the years of being in the classroom. It begins when you first consider Rotman and continues well beyond graduation. With the strength and support of our alumni network we are constantly on the leading edge of current trends in the business world. One of the GBC's mandates is to help strengthen the bond between incoming students and outgoing graduates and the key to our success is the strength of our classmates. Join Rotman, get involved and don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the experience.



Left to Right: Andrew Jeanrie, Jennifer Sweetlove, Michael Caldarelli, Hondy Hung, Ryan Gilmour, Herman Ng, Rachel Megitt, Hussein Jamal, Justine Humphries, Jaime Stein, Suraj Gupta, Nina Chomuklieva,
Missing: John Lyons, Tony Mayadunne, Indrajit Chatterjee, Sam Grill

Rotman Entrepreneurship Association

Some of the world's richest people achieved their success by going against the grain and starting their own business. From Bill Gates to Michael Dell, entrepreneurs create new ways of doing business and change industry. Small businesses and entrepreneurs increasingly drive the world economies, so join the Rotman Entrepreneurship Association and kindle your entrepreneurial spirit!



Left to Right: Anshul Mathur, Andrew Iacobelli, Mehdi Moaveni, Raj Natarajan, Shawn Arora, John Chun, Nishit Shah, Missing: Sarah Berger, Jeff Chan, Ajay Thakur, Charles Lim, Darshan Nellary, Keyur Shah

Rotman Marketing Association

The goals for the club are to connect members with experts in the field of marketing, and recruiters with the best candidates, as well as to learn, grow and share our enthusiasm for marketing via fun events.



Left to Right:
Henry Tam,
Miranda Liu,
Osvaldo Gomez,
Brenda Balcazar,
Scott Sameroff,
David Duke, Roma
Hassan, Bernard
Wong (flying)

Net Impact

Net Impact is an international nonprofit organization whose mission is to make a positive impact on society by growing and strengthening a community of new leaders who use business to improve the world. Spanning six continents, our membership makes up one of the most influential networks of MBAs, graduate students, and professionals in existence today. Net Impact members are current and emerging leaders in CSR, social entrepreneurship, nonprofit management, international development, and environmental sustainability who are actively improving the world.

Left to Right:

Jonathan Naymark,
Alison Orr, Julia Koo,
Alex Lee, Bike Balkanci,
Caroline Charette,
Kailai Chen, Amy
Wong, Missing: Fon
Arunpairojana



Rotman Women in Management Association

Promotes women in all aspects of business and management. WIMA encourages and fosters the growth, development and advancement of women who are seeking senior level decision making roles in the business community. The association brings together students, alumnae and industry representatives to discuss the issues facing women in management, to participate in networking events, and to simply have a good time. Together, WIMA participants develop a fuller understanding of what it takes to succeed in business, and how to successfully manage the advancement of their careers.

Left to Right: Claudia

Tse, Jen Bryant, Sameera
Kassam, Carina Wong, Yan
Hu, Myha Truong, Alison
Orr, Julia Sun, Pooja Arora,
Fei Yu. Missing: Sarah
Berger, Jennifer Izumi,
Liana Li, Hetal Vakiani,
Carla Romero, Sarah
Bertollo, Sukhvir Johal,
Ashraf Shariff, Samantha
Garvin, Stephanie Drie



Rotman Latin American Business Club

Promoting the Latin American culture to the Rotman and Canadian business community. Our mission is: To promote the Latin American culture to the Rotman and Canadian business community, To assist Rotman's students, alumni, faculty, and prospective students interested in reaching their professional goals, and To provide the best bridge of human capital to start or to improve businesses with stakes in the Latin American region



ROTMAN OUTREACH

Allows students to contribute their unique abilities to community initiatives in Canada and beyond. In doing so, the club provides Rotman students with various leadership and volunteer opportunities that promote global civic mindedness along with our high academic achievements. Outreach members stand out because they recognize the importance of exhibiting social consciousness within the framework of business thinking. The club is committed to the vision that every Rotman community member should REACH OUT as he or she pursues academic, professional and personal goals. Dare to be outstanding!



Left to Right:
Michael
Owens,
Lucy Di
Pierdomenico,
Kelly Hill,
Shivanki
Singh,
Yan Hu,
Aravinthan
Ehamparam;
Ashish
Chauhan

Rotman Real Estate Association

Creating an environment where students and industry professionals can come together to discuss current issues as well as career opportunities in the real estate industry. Our networking events give students the chance to promote the student profile in the industry while establishing relationships with a diverse range of industry professionals in a fun and social setting.

Left to Right: Nick McCrea (VP External 3 year), Avi Zucker (President), Andrew Goldstein (VP Internal), Carina Wong (VP Internal), Tetyana Dyakovskarina, Andrew Iacobelli (VP Internal), Eric Chan (VP Finance), Kenneth Wu



Rotman Photography Association

The RPA welcomes anyone with an interest in photography to join our club, whether you are just a beginner, an amateur enthusiast, a serious photographer, or a photography connoisseur. The vision of the RPA is to promote and develop creative expression through photography while enhancing social and networking opportunities at Rotman. In so doing, the RPA also enhances the Rotman community through the regular visual portrayal of everyday student life.

Left to Right:
Sasi
Shanmugarajah,
Rajat Chadda,
Aaron Rodericks,
Siddharth
Vishwanathan
Missing: Mathew
Thomas



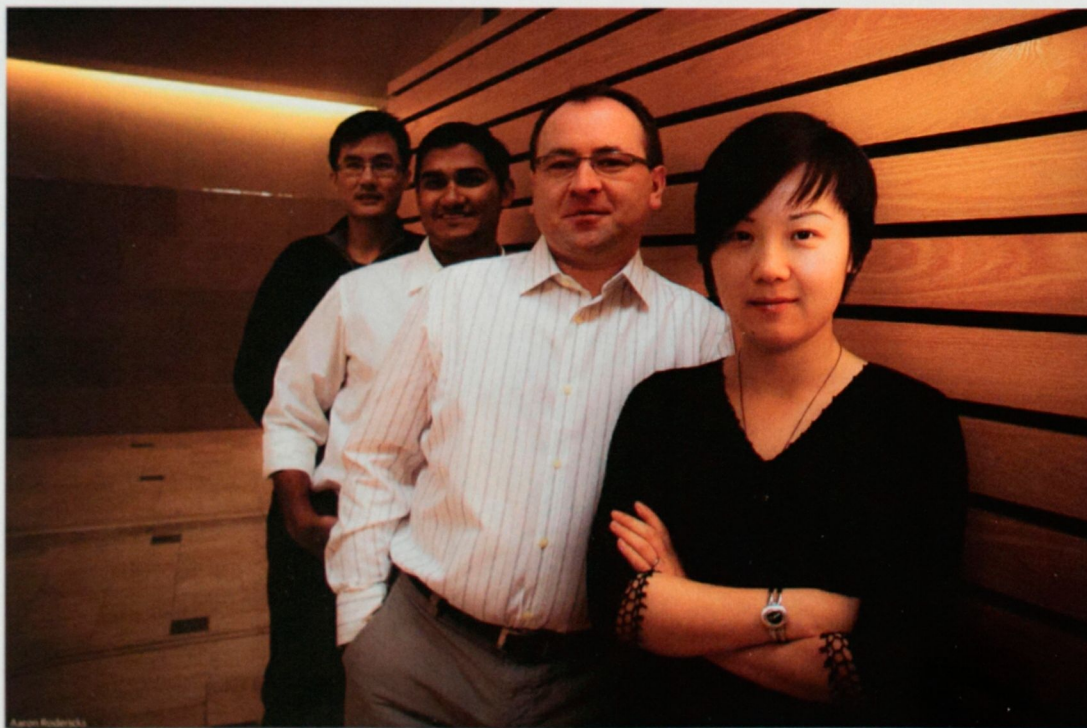
Business Technology Group

Bridging the gap between Business and Technology



Rotman Dance Club

Promoting dancing of various styles by fostering interaction among students in social settings and provides venues for students to come out and meet fellow students in a casual, fun atmosphere.



Left to Right:
Wen Tsern Ho,
Raghunath
Ramachandra,
Dariusz Szypula,
Selina Huang

Impact Consulting Group

"At Impact, we help our clients master ambiguity in an uncertain world."

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Left to Right: Matt Rossiter, Ceri Evans, Ryan Gilmour, Sarah Berger, Jeeter Sadara



Health Care and Biotechnology Association

bringing students, industry, government, and the community together to help Canada face the challenges present in the health care industry

Left to Right:
Bernard Pui Lun Wong, Jackie Leung, Mahima Agochiya, Pearl Sequeira, Amy Szozda, Jennifer Bryant, Godfrey Chang,
Missing: Zhen Su, Poonam Jassi; Seth Moses Schwartz; Mark Stone; Jessie Zhang



Rotman Entertainment & Media Association

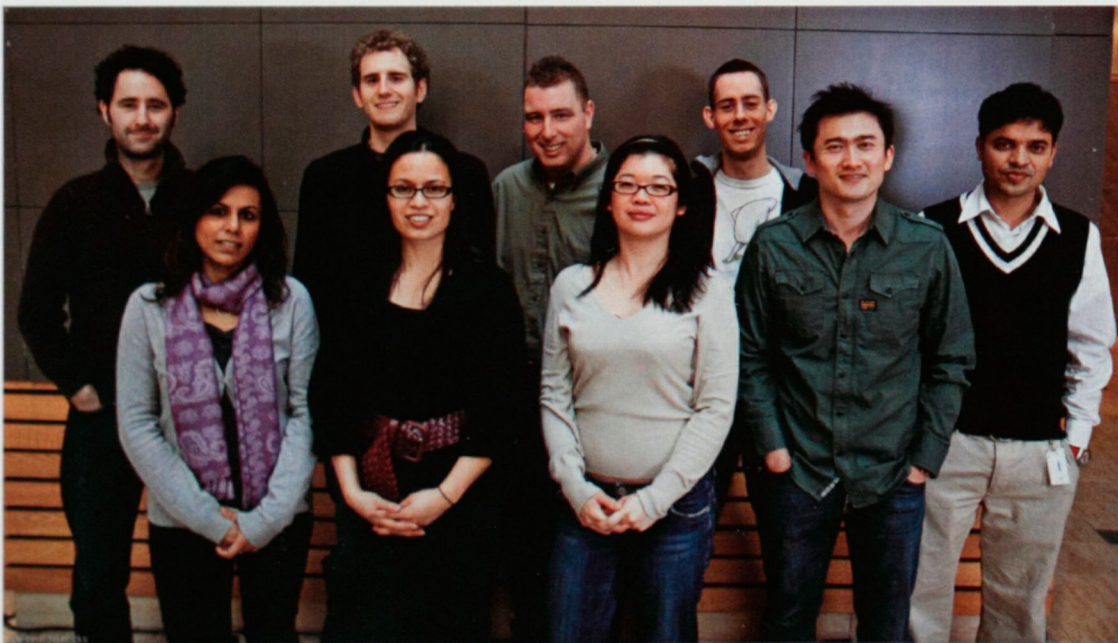
If you think that life after your MBA should be more than just a cubicle and a calculator, then you need the Rotman Entertainment & Media Association. Television, Film, Radio, Sports and Publishing are all industries that are growing and/or consolidating in Canada, and both growth and consolidation create a demand for talented, effective managers.



Left to Right: Gilbert Perkins, Alex Lee, Katherine Goh, Scott Sameroff, Farzana Syed, David Axler, Missing: Jeff Chan, Yan Hu, Sung Kim, Keyur Shah, Vishal Singhal

Rotman Business Design Council

The skill of design, at its core, is the ability to reach into the mystery of some seemingly intractable problem – whether it's a problem of product design, architectural design, or systems design – and apply the creativity, innovation and mastery necessary to convert the mystery to a heuristic – a way of knowing and understanding. Business design is all about nurturing, developing and using these skills to solve problems in order to create enduring business value.



Left to Right: Mihnea Galetanu, Scott Sameroff, Stephanie Schram, Mike Burrell, Josie Fung, Robin Elliott

Rotman Asset Management Association

A student led association whose main objective is to provide a resource platform for Rotman graduate students who are interested in pursuing a career in investment management or securities research. Through our club initiatives we plan to achieve our primary goals of helping our members learn about the industry and develop relevant skills; providing opportunities to network with industry professionals; and expanding Rotman's profile in the asset management community.

Left to Right: Top: Edward Kim, Francisco Lung, Vinay Verma, Ankit Singhal, Daipayan Mukherjee
Bottom: Haihao Lu, Stanley Hung, Tetyana Dyakovska, Fon Arunpairojana
Missing: Jon Beland, Dani Lipkin, Vivek R. Mehta, Ricardo Nobrega, Xuan Zhang



Rotman Asia Pacific Business Association

RAPBA, founded in 2004, strives to bridge the cultural differences between North America and Asia-Pacific, presents opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region to those interested, and provides support that International (Asia-Pacific) students need to settle into their new lives in Toronto, as well as the resources they need to explore the Canadian job market.



Left to Right: Joanna Li, Carmen Yu, Alvin Zhang, Yin Dai, Frank Su, Missing: Kevin Lee



ROTMAN GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010



Aaron Rodenbach

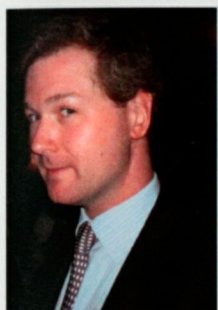
VALEDICTORIANS

Full-time: Andrew Iacobelli



Two long, hard years of our lives are now behind us. We have endured countless sleepless nights, impossible deadlines, endless readings, exams and so much more. And now here we are as MBA graduates. While at times the stress and anxiety may have made us wonder if it was worth it, I think we can now all agree that we leave behind us some of the best years of our lives. We went through this together, and in doing so, we have formed friendships that will last a lifetime. When we look back on our time at Rotman, it is our friends and the sense of community that we will remember. For the last two years, while Rotman prepared us for the future, we shaped the Rotman community. Now it's time for us to go out and shape the world. We face a very different world than the one that greeted our predecessors, presenting us with a tremendous opportunity to make some big changes. It is incredibly inspiring to dream of the accomplishments that we will achieve given such an opportunity. As you go out there and change the world, remember that you take a little of Rotman with you everywhere.

Morning: Andrew Peters



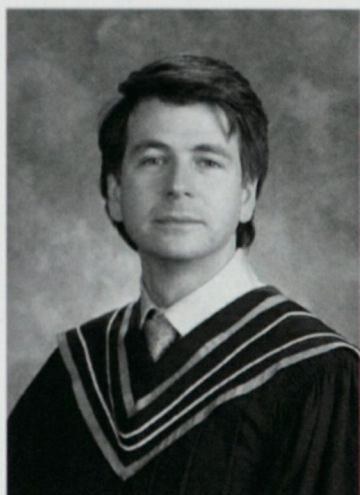
There's something special to being first. Neil Armstrong? First man on the moon. Sir Edmund Hilary? First person to climb Mount Everest. Joey Chestnut? He was the first man to eat sixty-eight hot-dogs in ten minutes flat. We are about to become the inaugural graduates of Rotman's Three-Year Morning MBA program. Is this special, too? I think so. Did it take the courage of Neil Armstrong to take that first, faltering step into Brent Bertrand's Financial Accounting I class? Yes, it did. The sheer willpower needed to stare into the abyss of a Georges Monette scatter plot yet still press on to face the dangers of Simpson's paradox equaled anything Hilary ever faced. And those of you who indulged in seconds at the signature Free Breakfast for years are more than a match for the intestinal fortitude of Joey Chestnut.

More soberly, we are also one of the first MBA classes to graduate into a world economy still facing an uncertain future. I would be honoured to stand as valedictorian for the Morning MBA Class of 2010, to reflect with you on the path we've taken, and to look to our own opportunities in years to come.

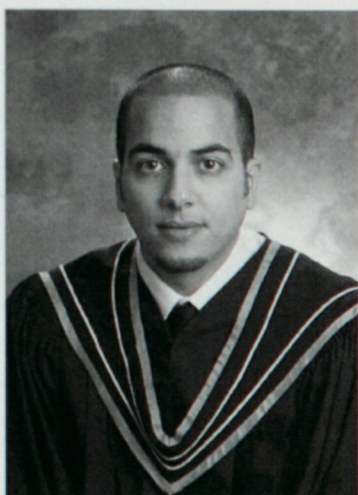
Evening: Yai Chen Huang



Yai Chen is the elected class representative and is very active in the Rotman community. Over the past three years, she has been striving to help improve student experience at Rotman. She has successfully represented the interests of the class and dealt with various academic and program issues by working collaboratively with the school administration. At year two, the class no longer has a social representative. Yai Chen informally stepped into this role by organizing various class events to bring the class together such as drinks after exams/terms and quarterly birthday lunch events where families could participate. Yai Chen has been in full attendance of the GBC meetings. She has acted as an effective communication liaison between the school and the class by disseminating important updates to the class on a regular basis, which students have found very valuable. She also participates in various fundraising events at Rotman such as WIMA bake sales, United Way, and Haiti Relief fund. Yai Chen also understands the importance of building relationships and professional network. Her most recent initiative is organizing the first Rotman Speed Networking Event for all MBA programs. She is the recipient of the 2010 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award.



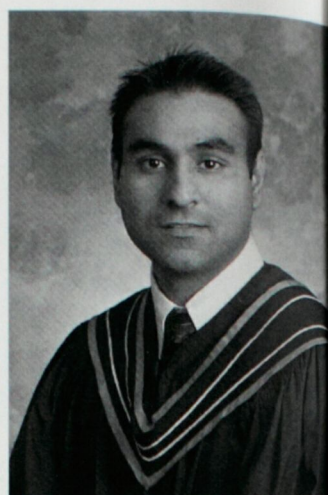
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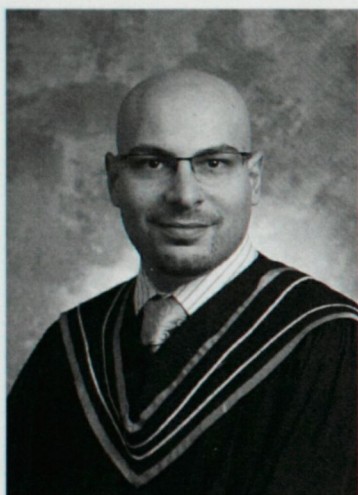
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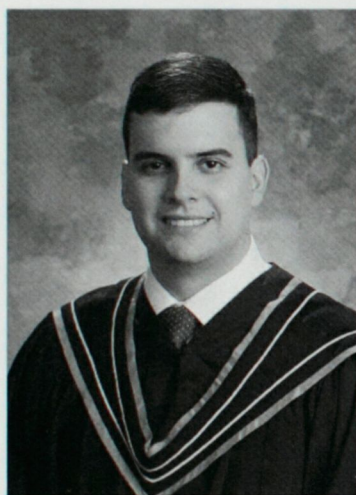
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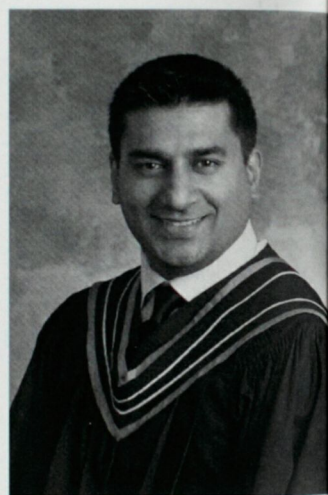
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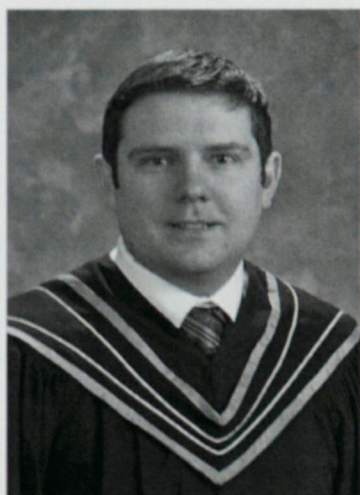
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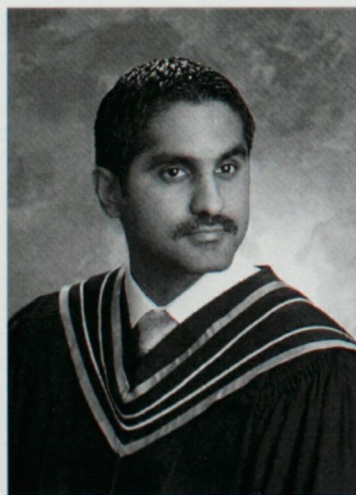
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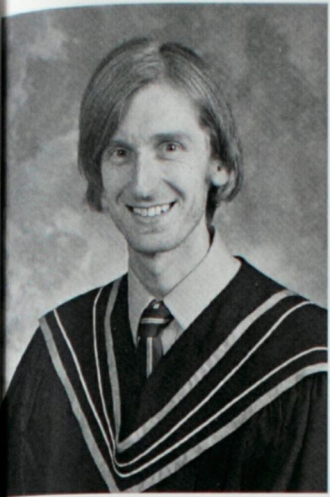
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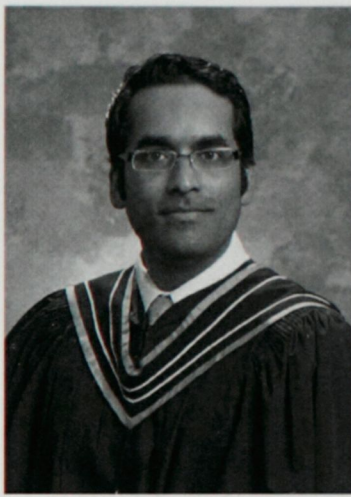
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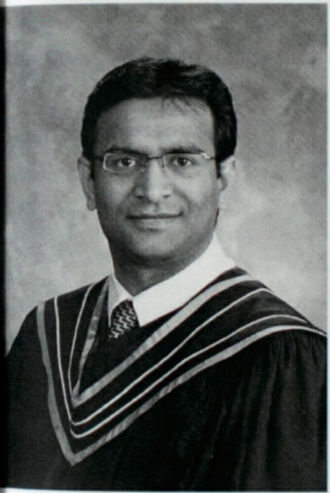
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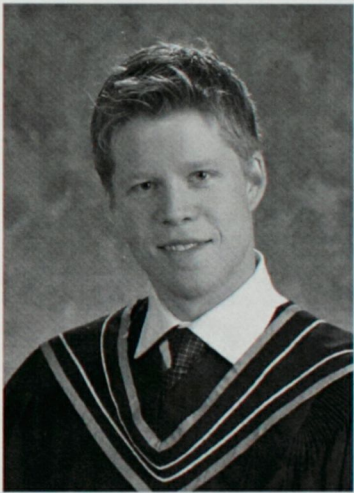
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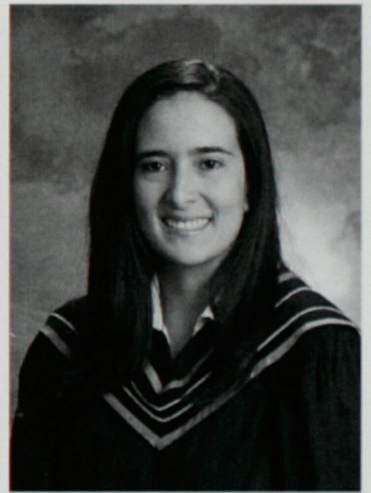
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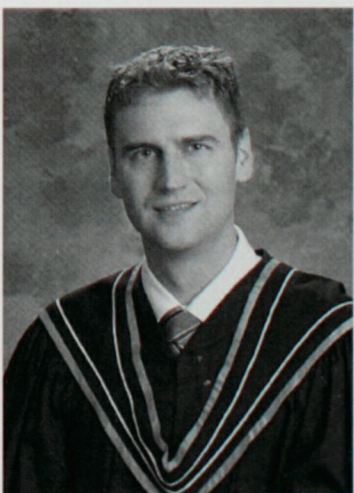
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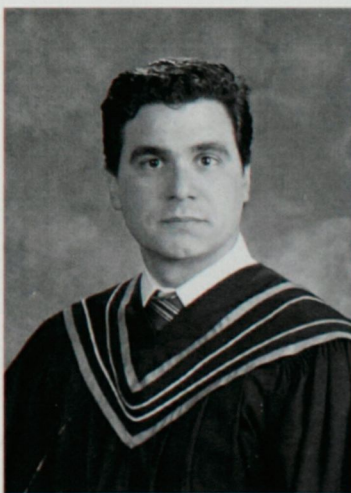
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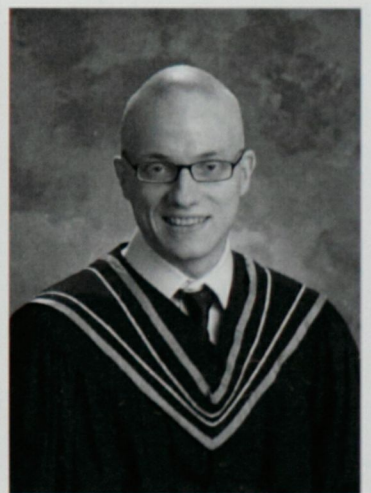
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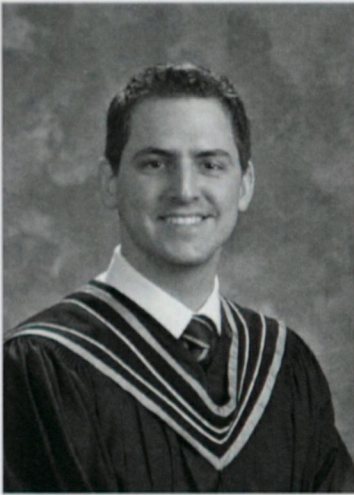
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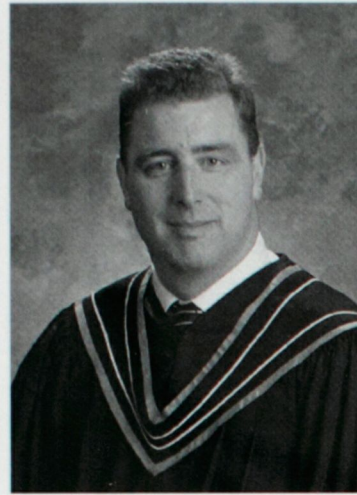
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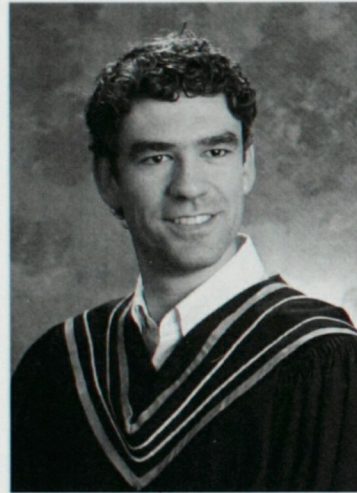
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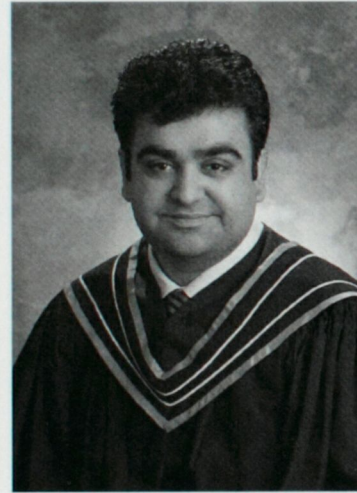
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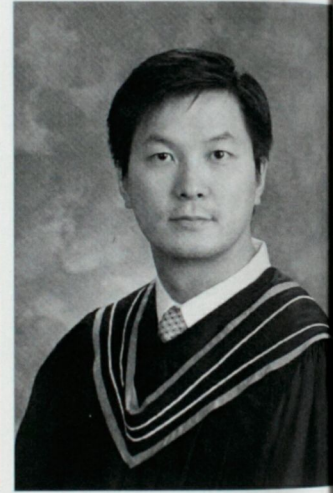
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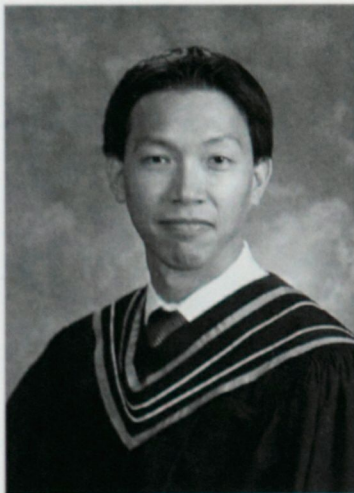
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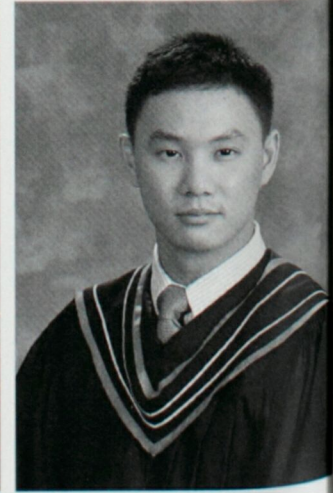
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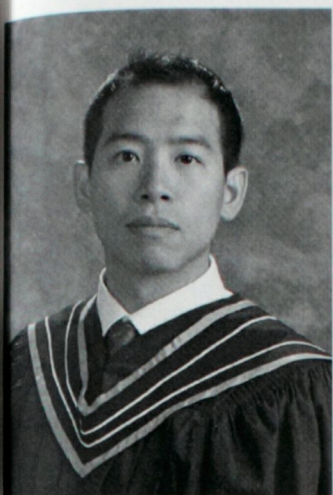
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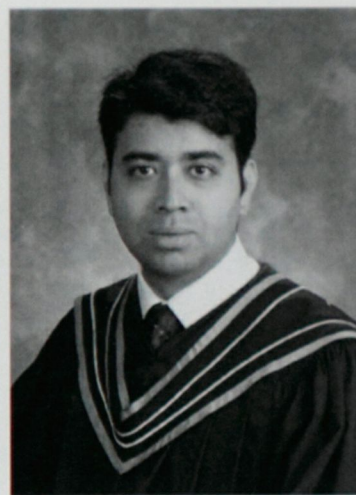
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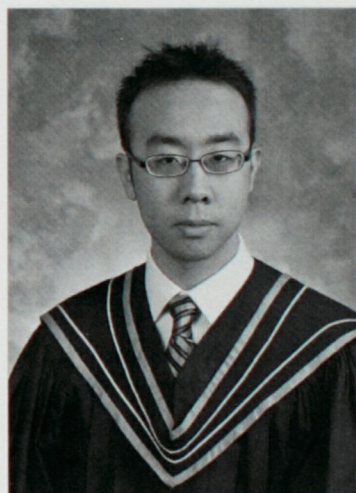
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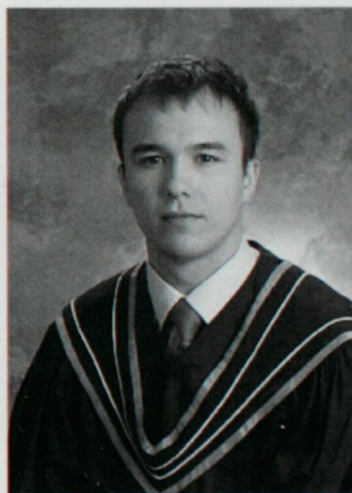
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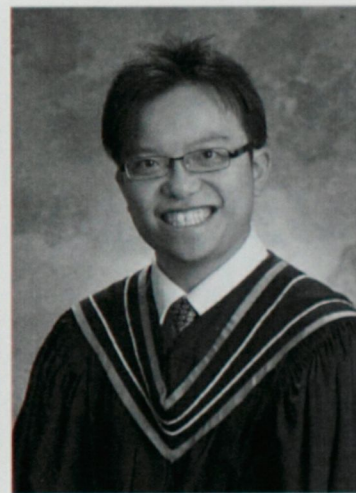
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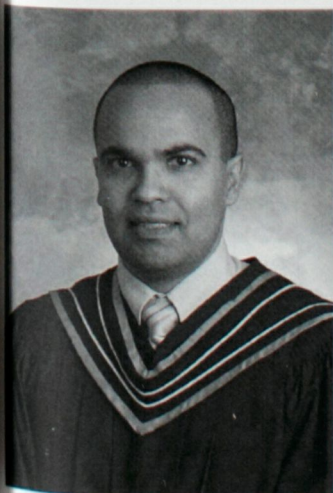
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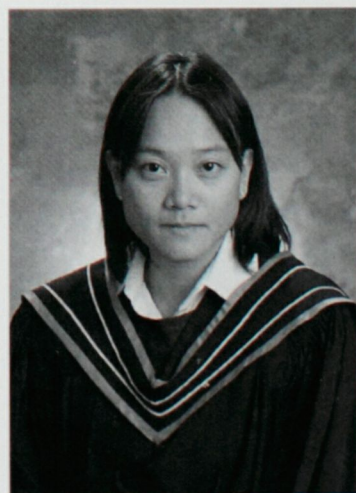
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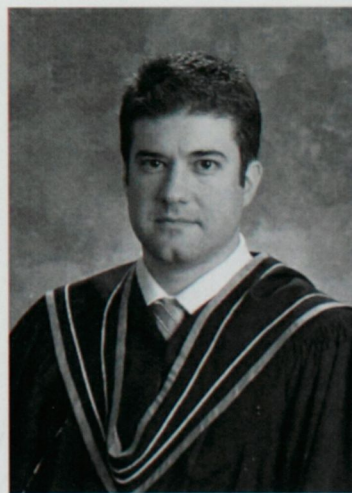
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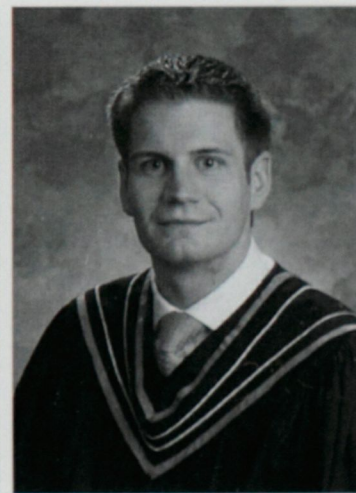
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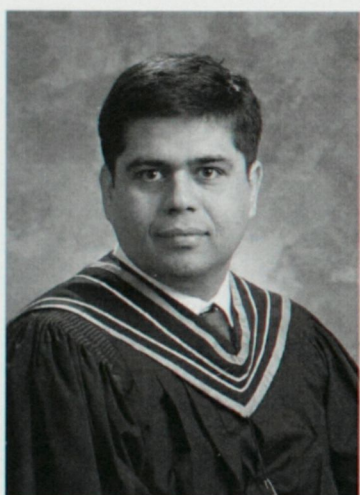
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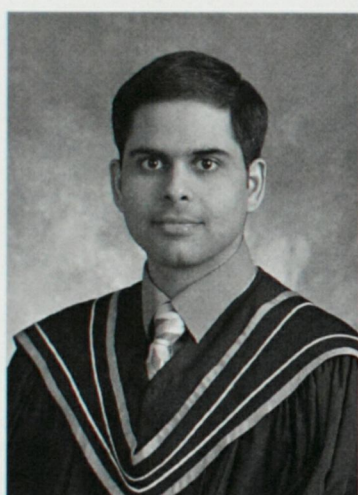
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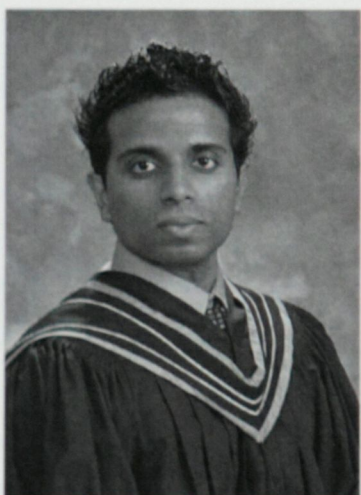
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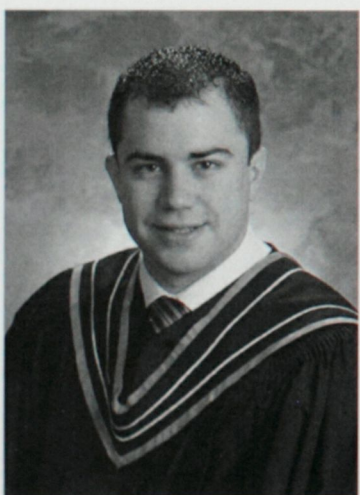
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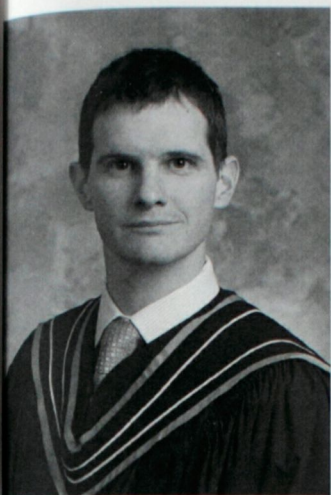
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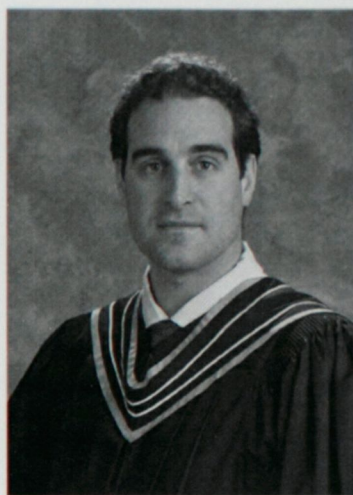
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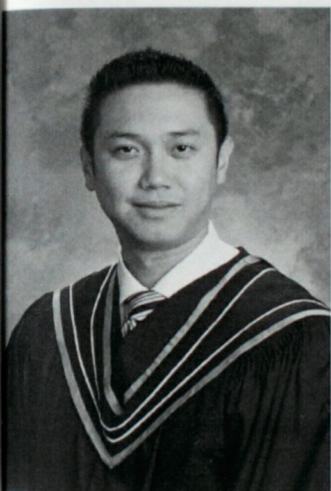
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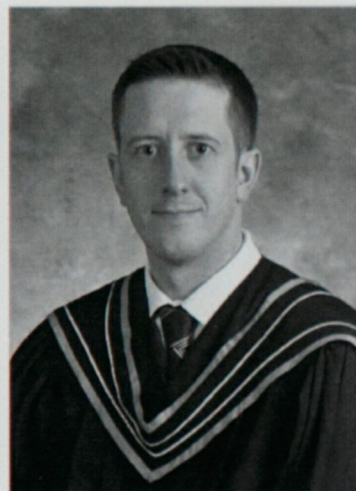
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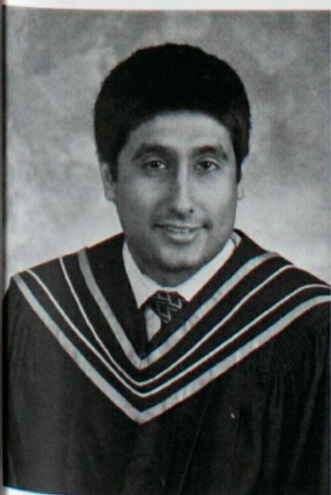
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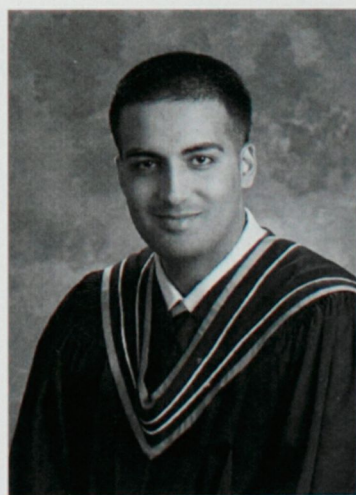
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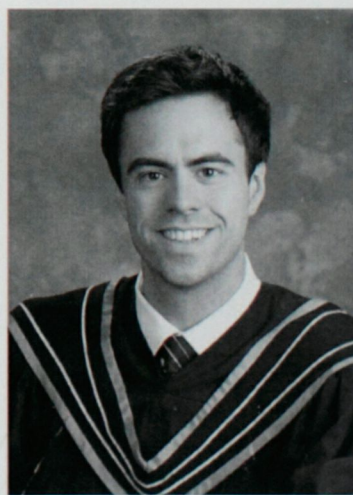
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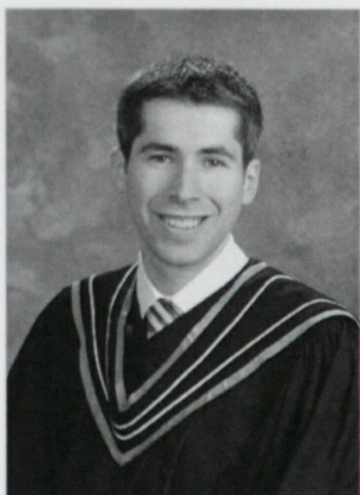
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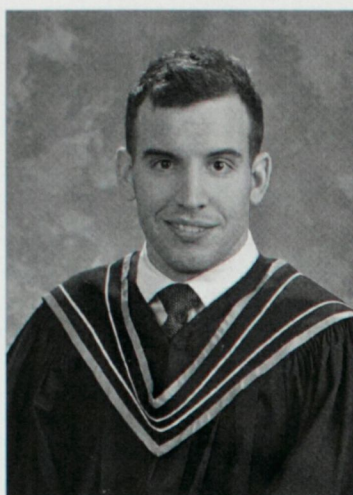
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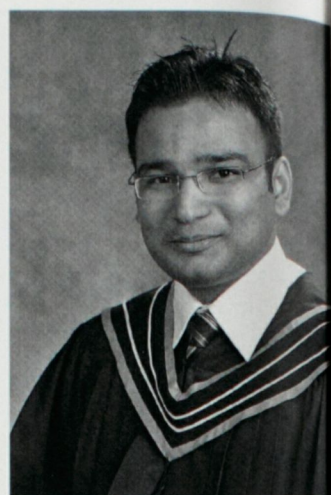
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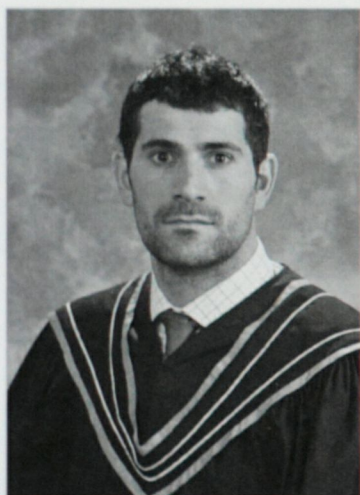
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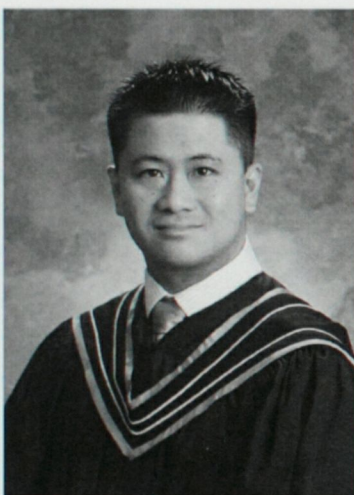
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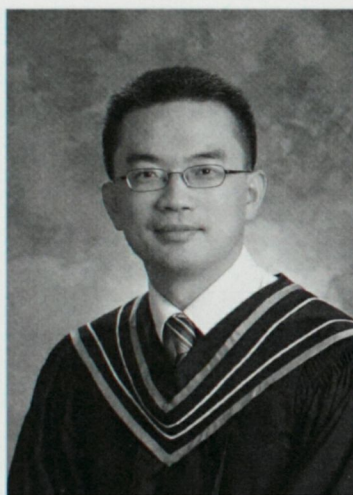
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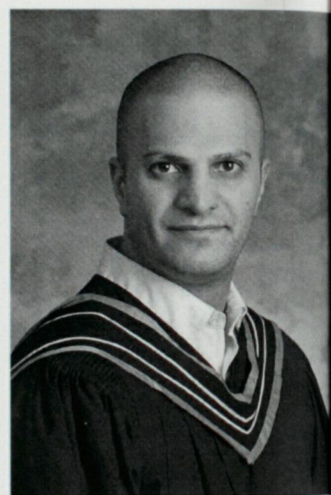
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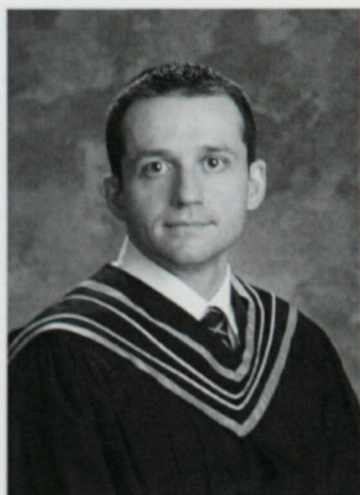
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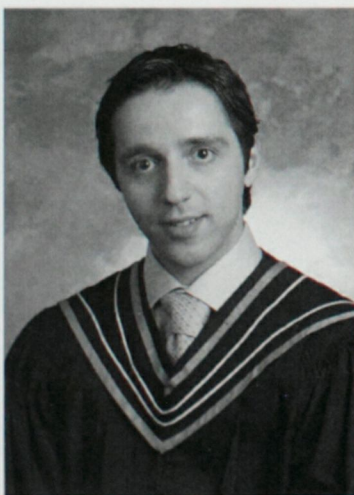
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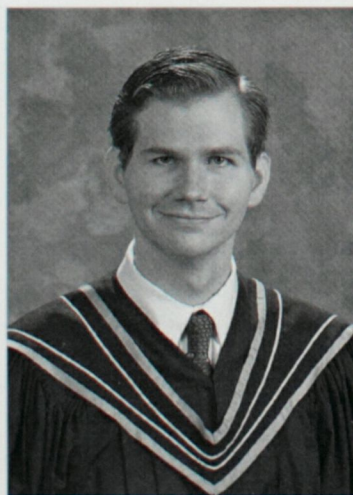
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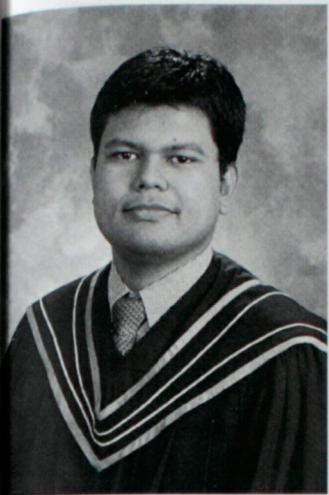
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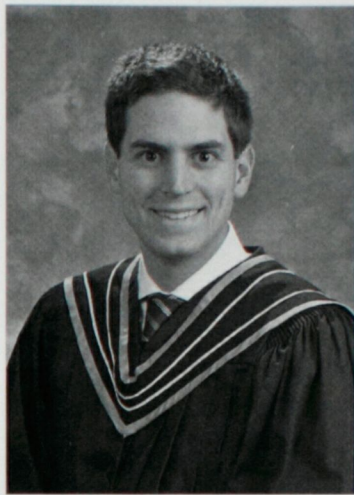
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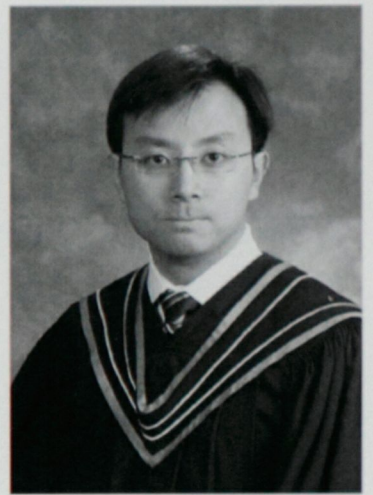
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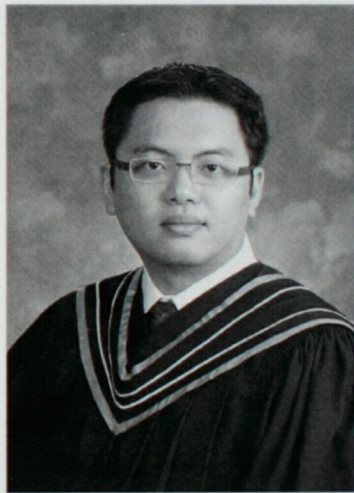
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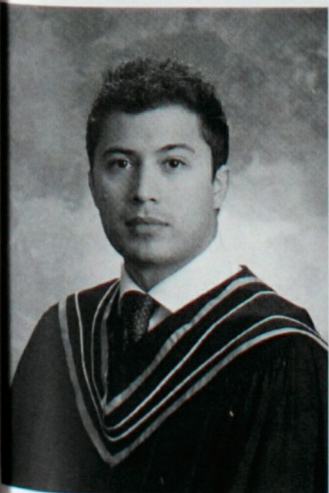
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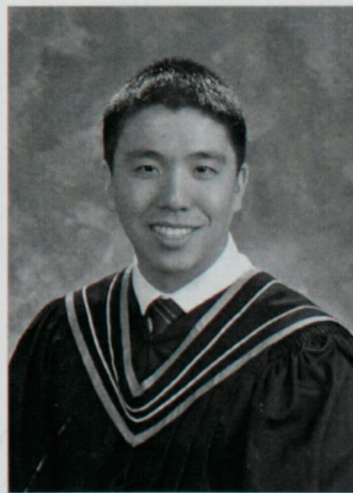
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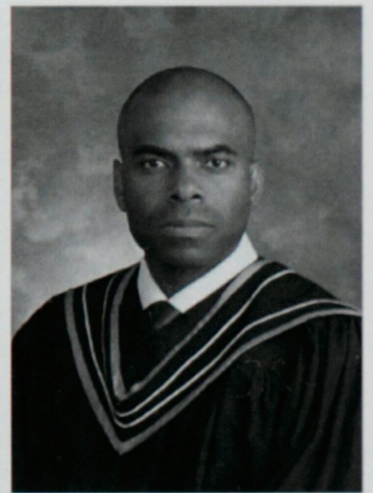
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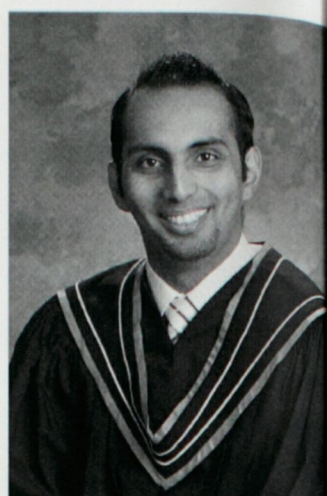
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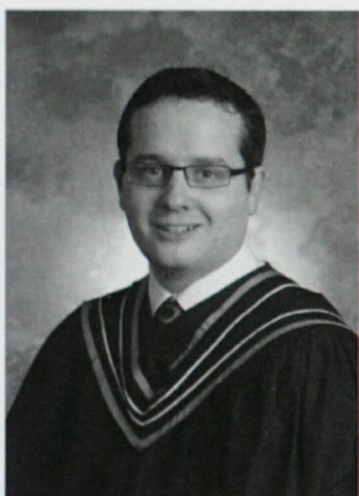
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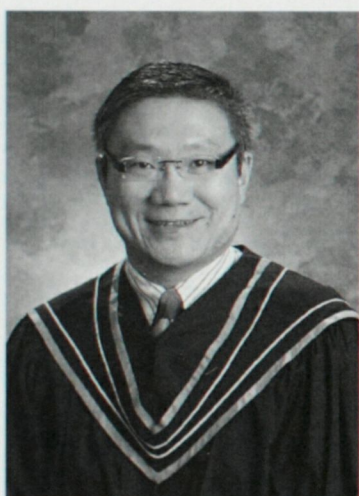
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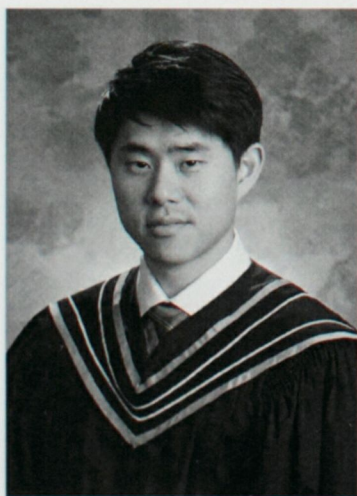
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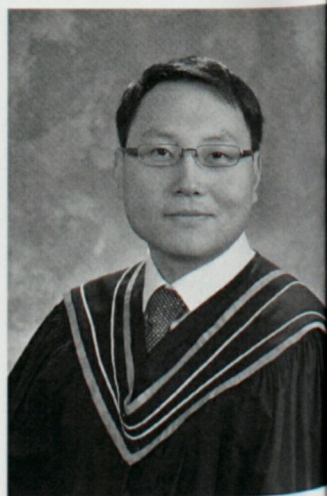
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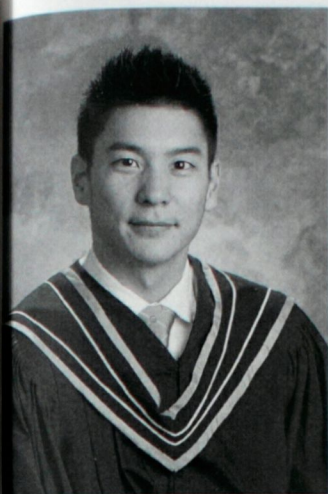
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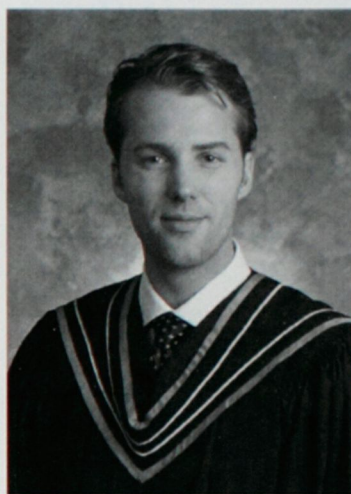
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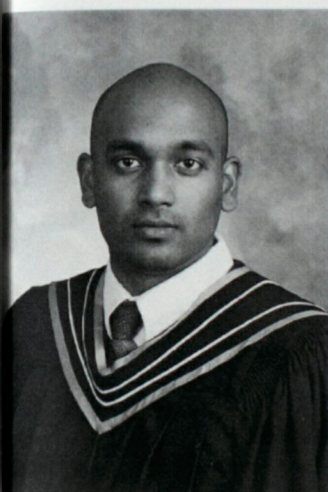
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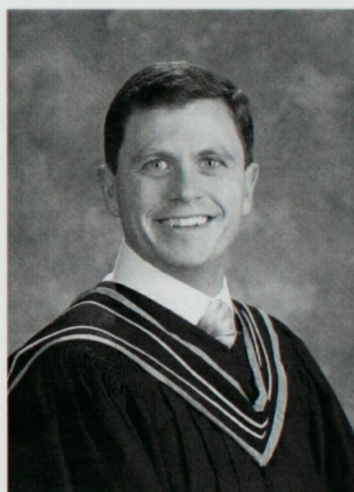
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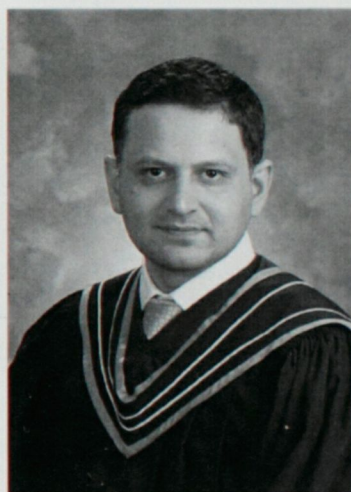
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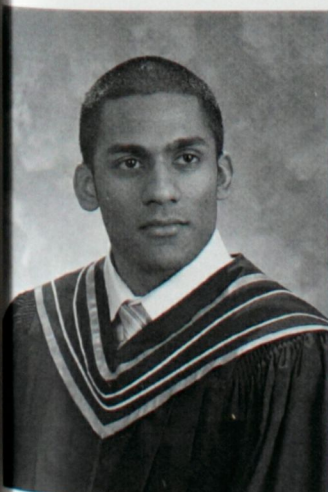
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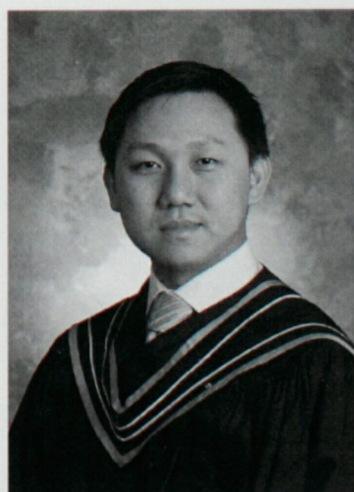
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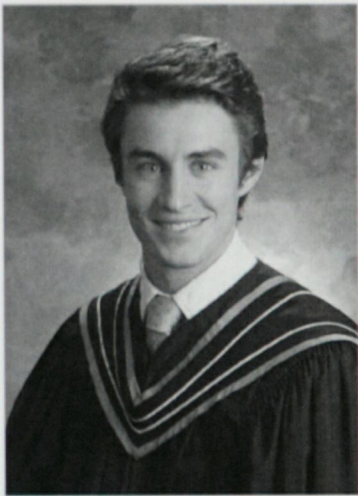
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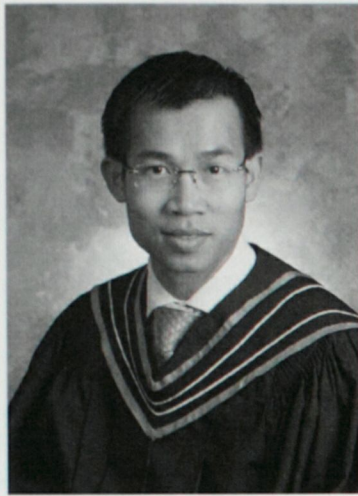
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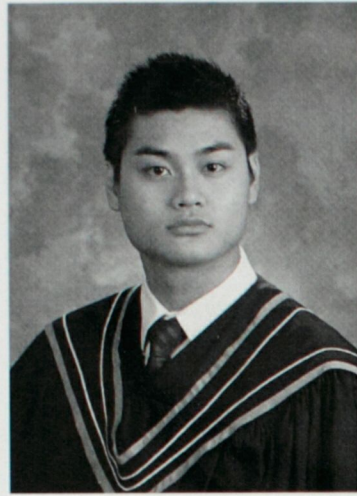
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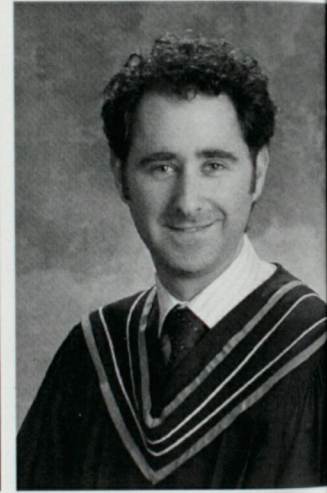
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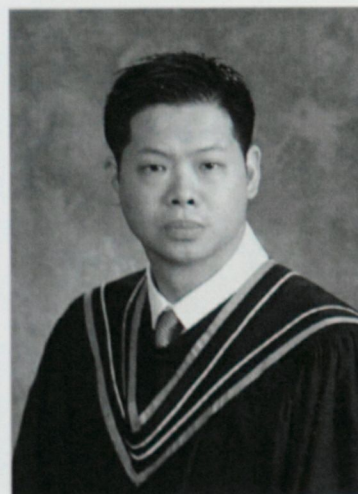
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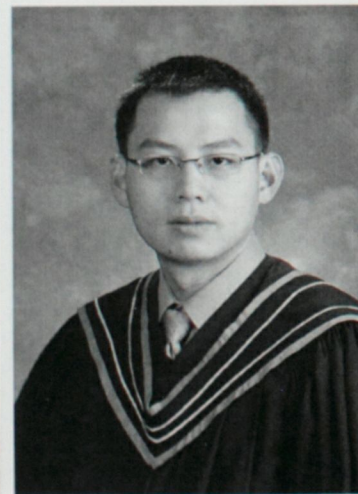
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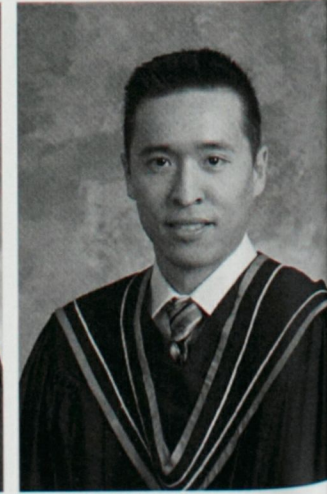
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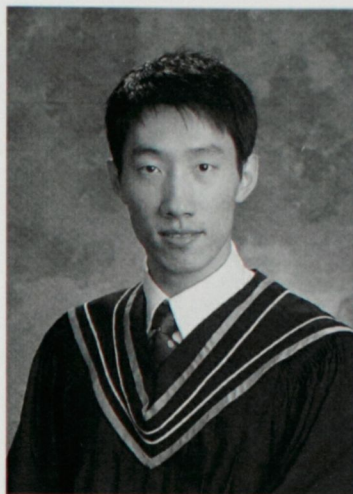
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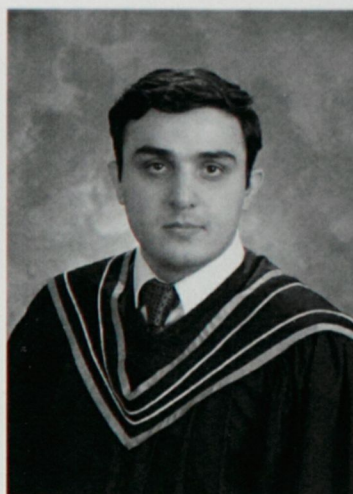
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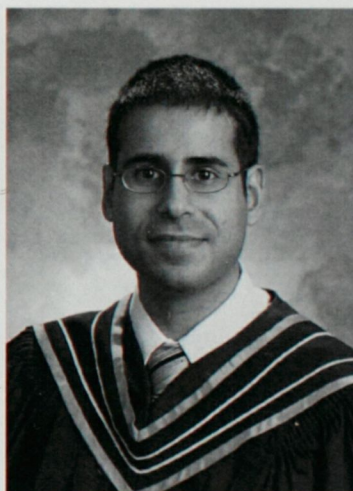
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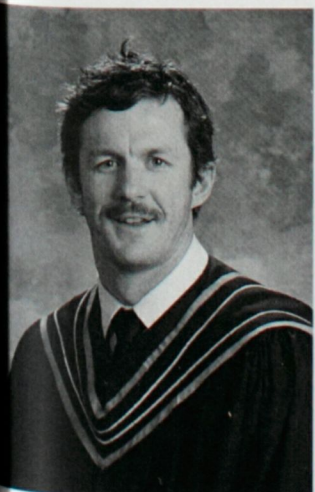
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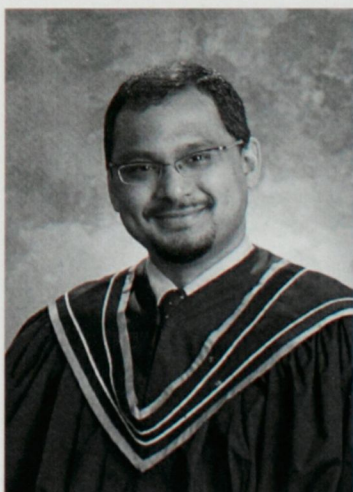
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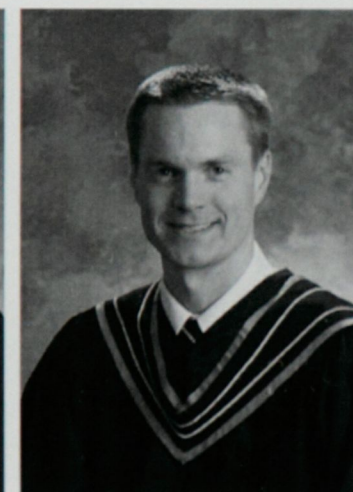
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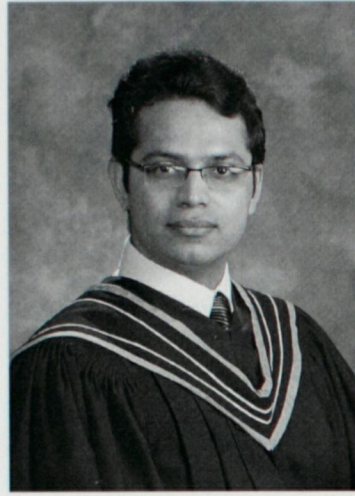
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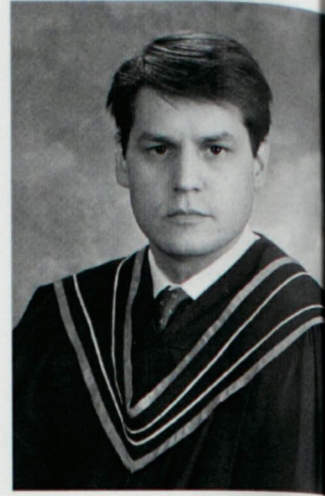
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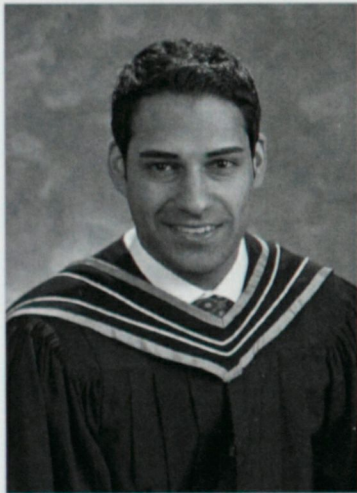
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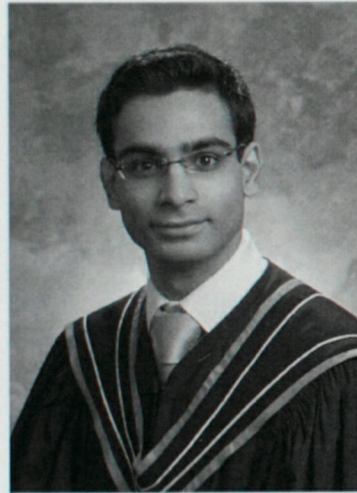
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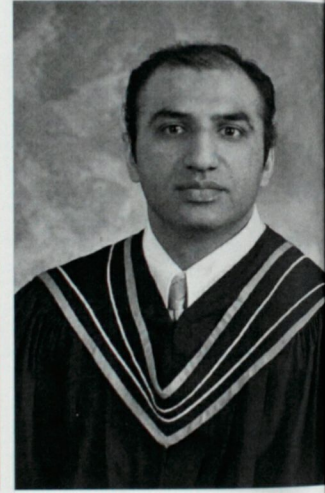
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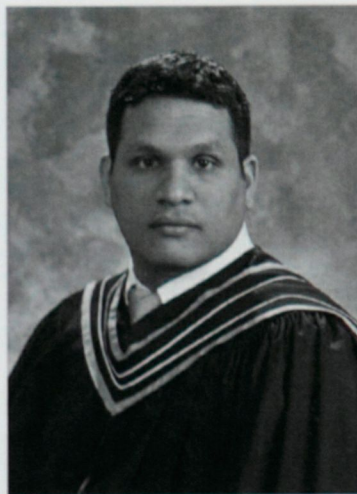
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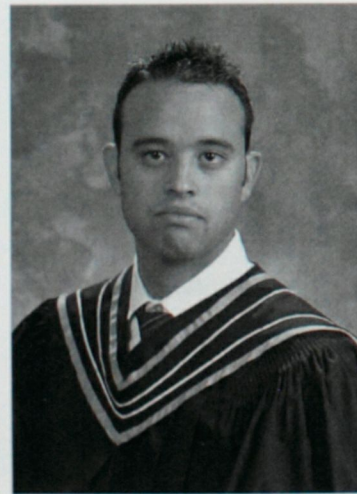
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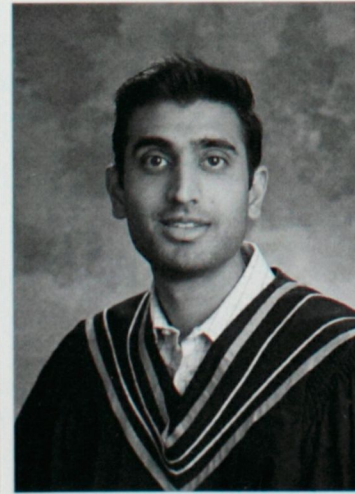
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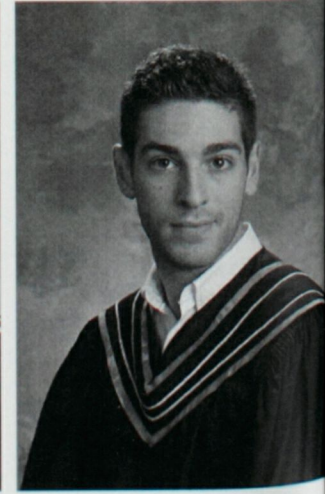
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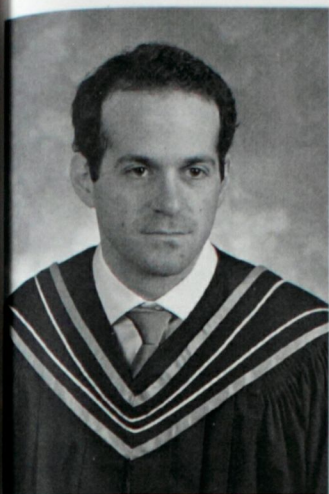
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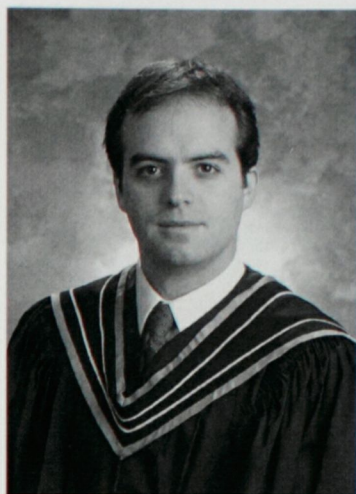
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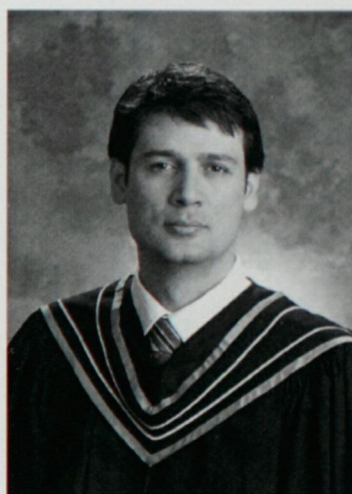
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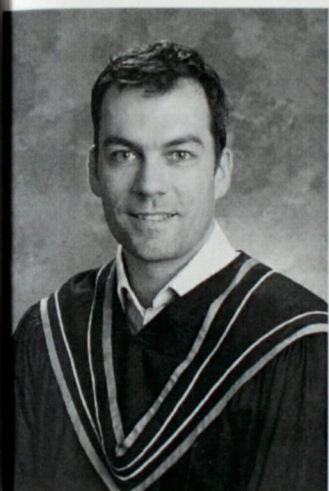
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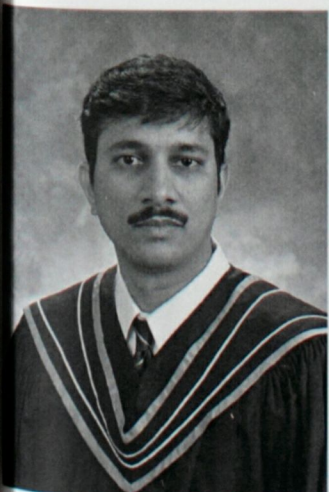
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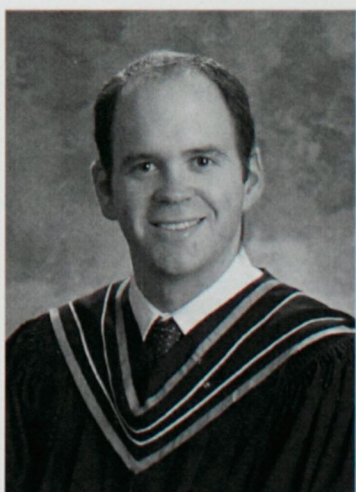
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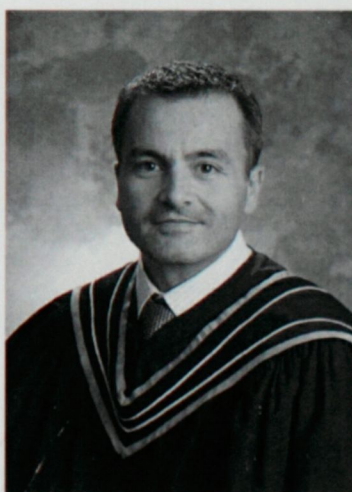
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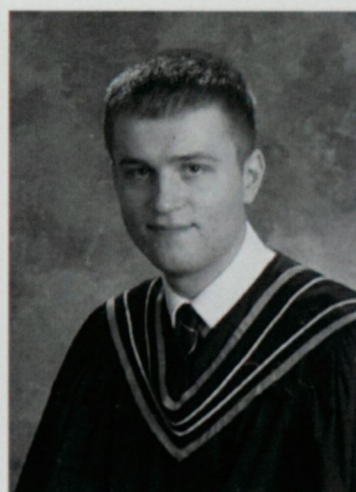
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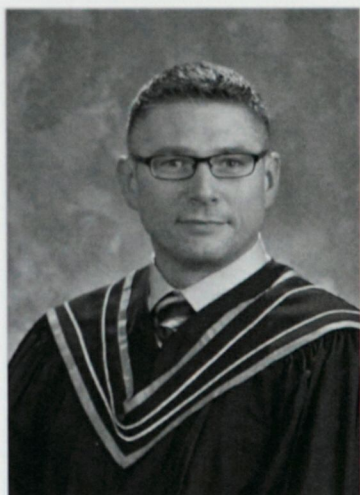
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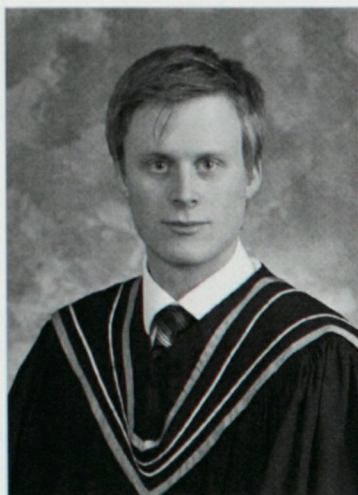
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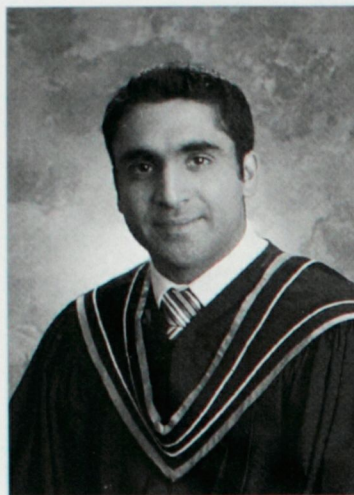
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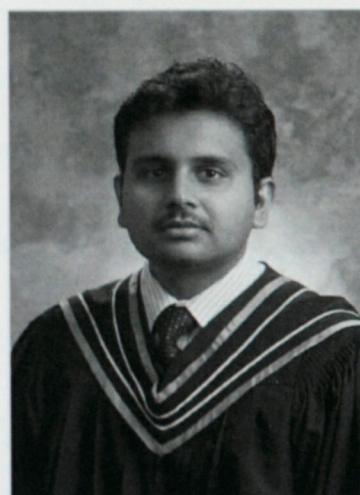
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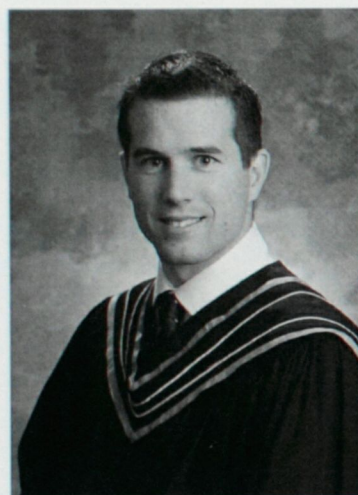
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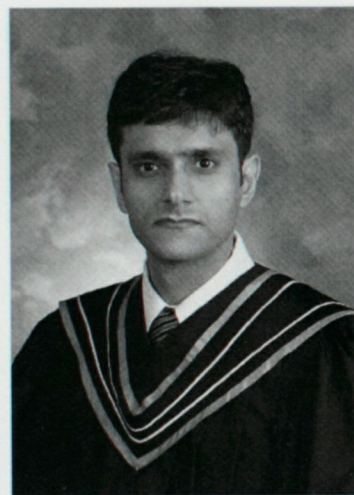
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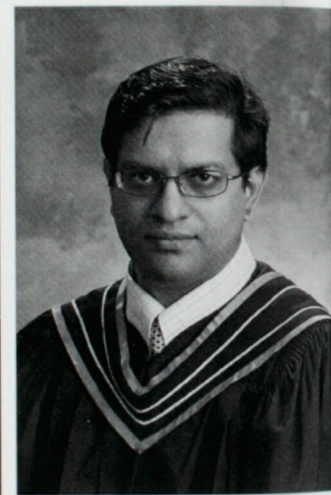
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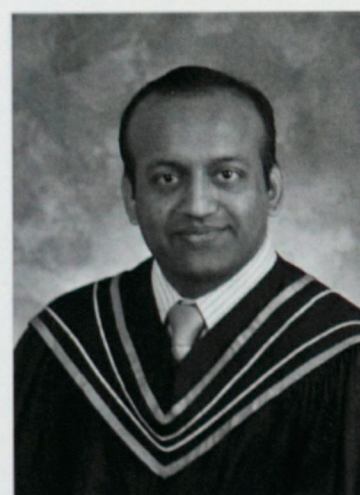
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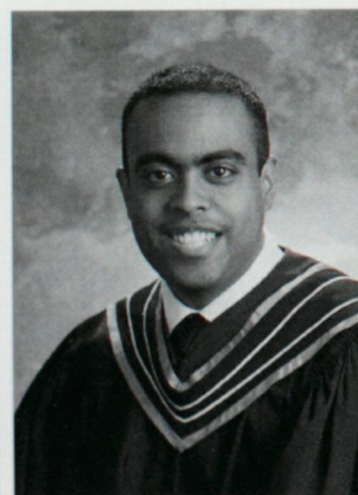
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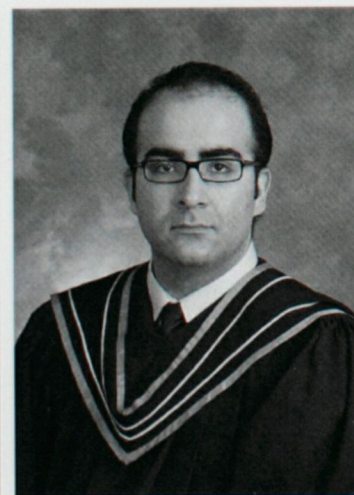
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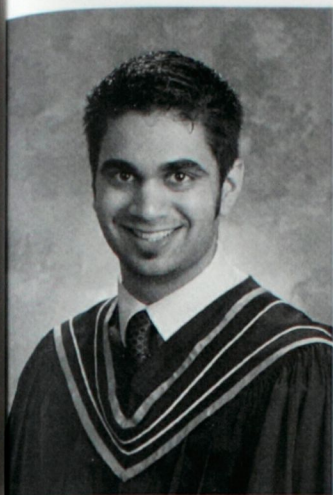
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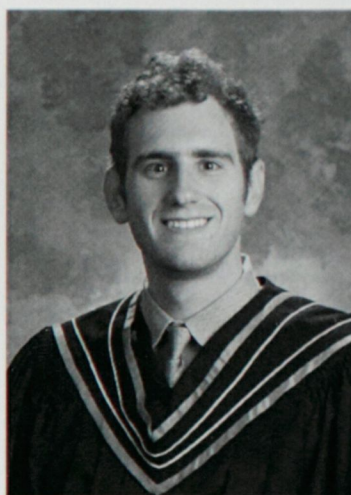
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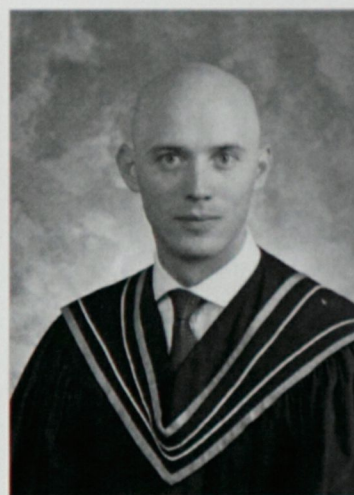
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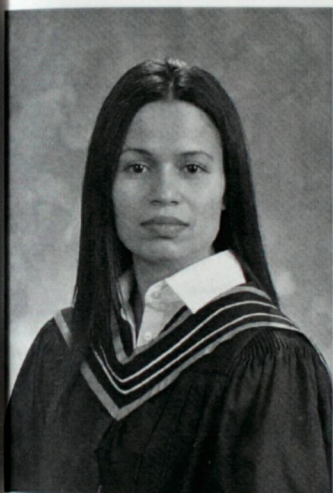
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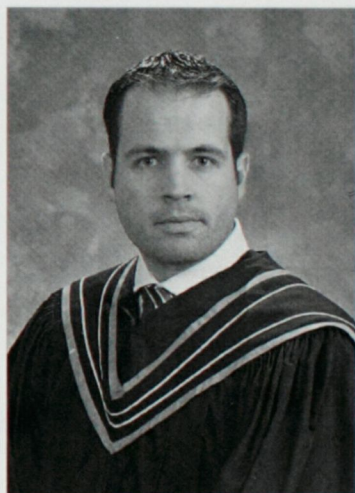
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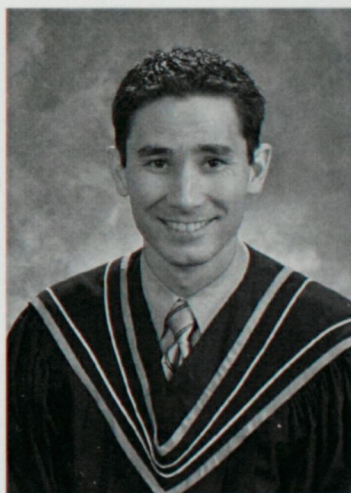
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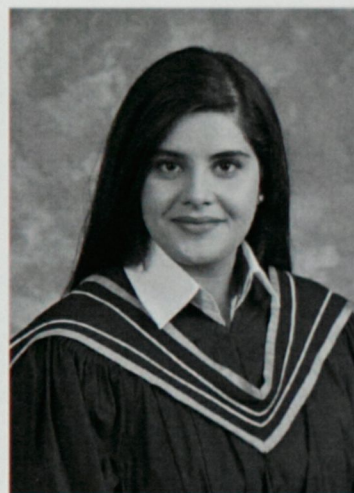
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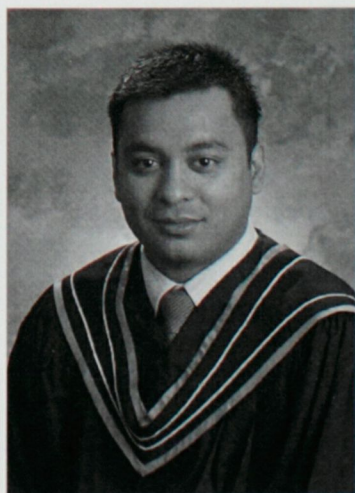
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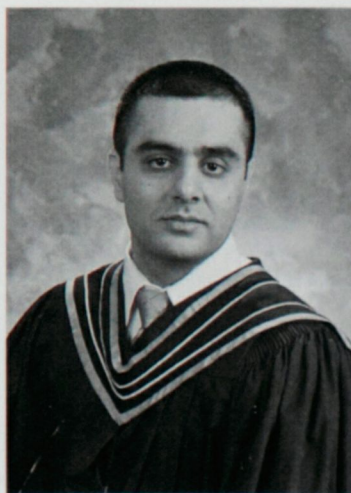
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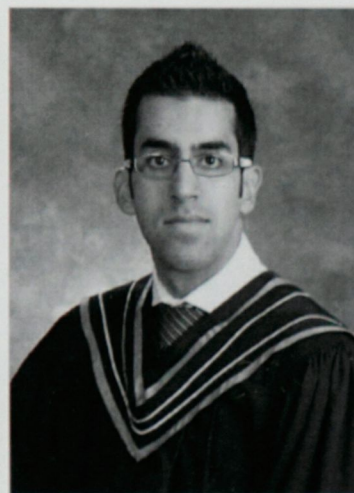
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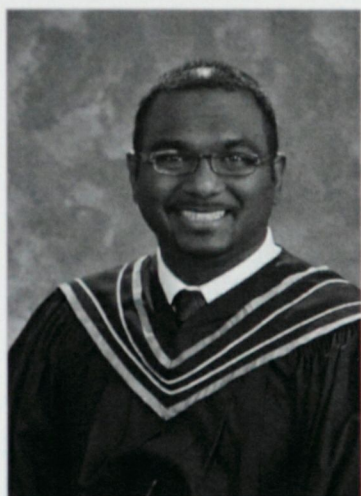
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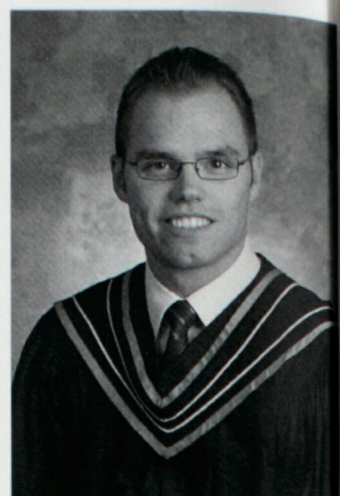
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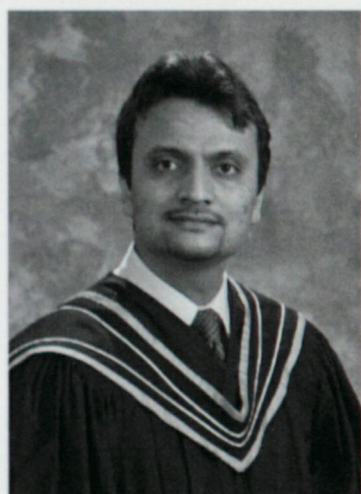
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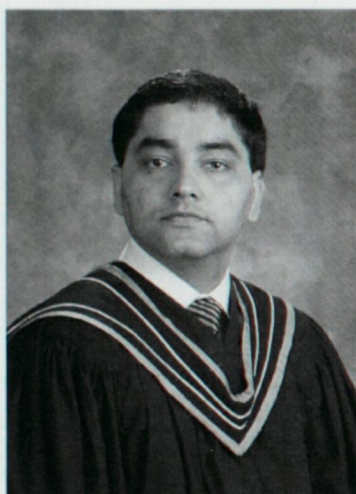
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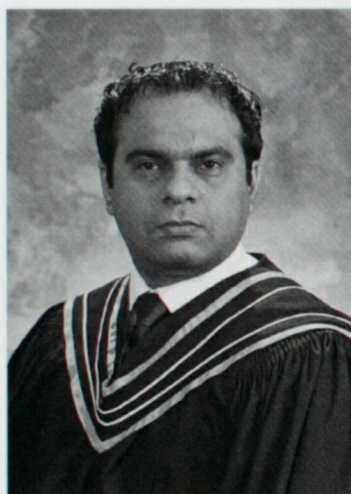
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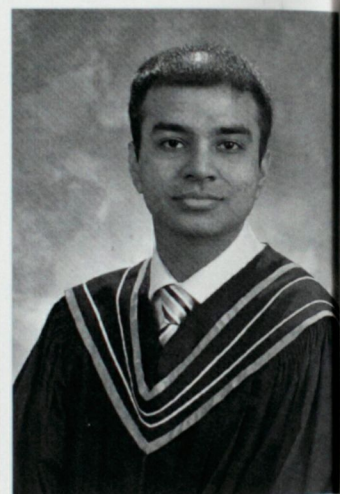
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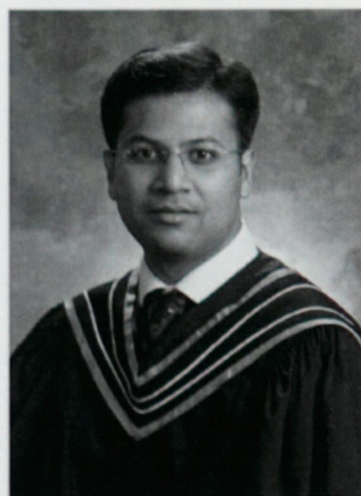
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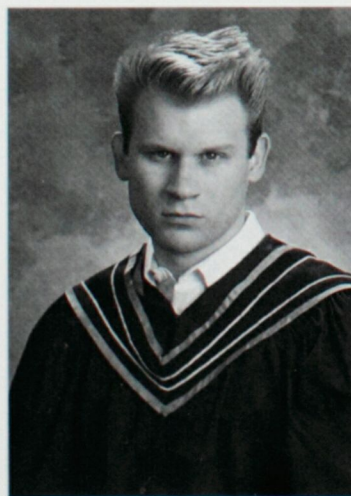
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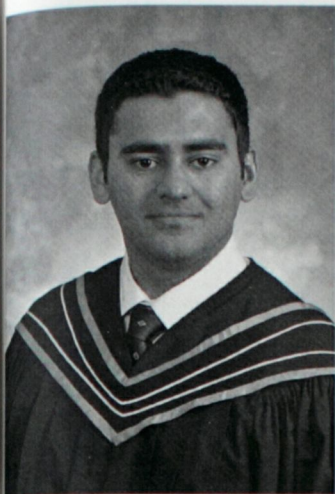
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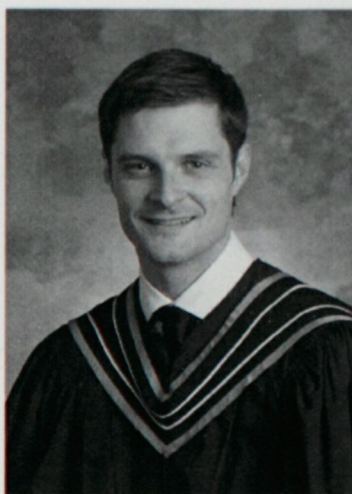
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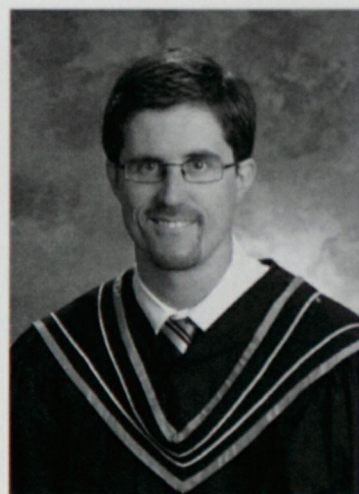
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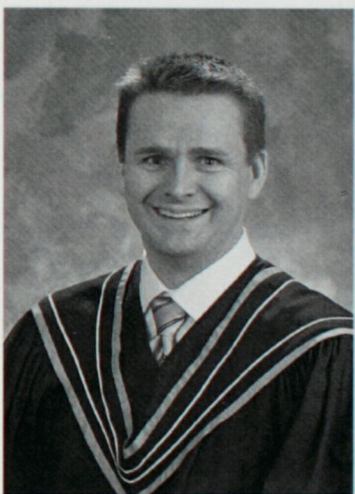
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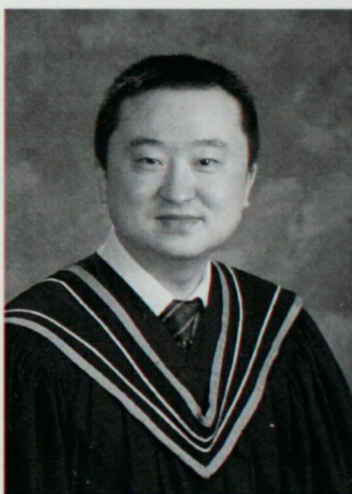
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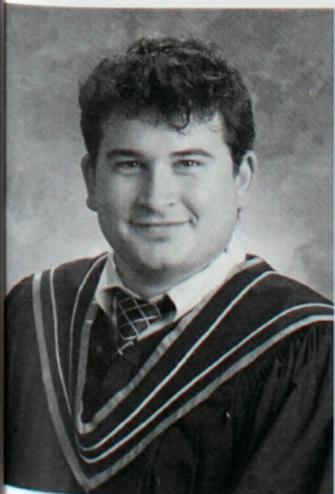
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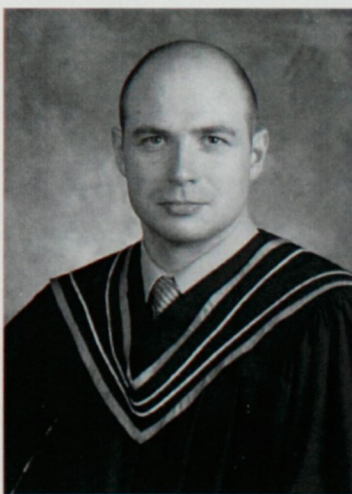
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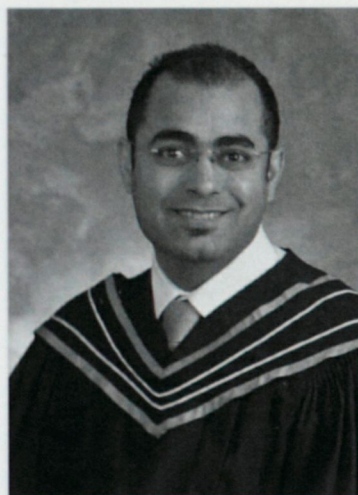
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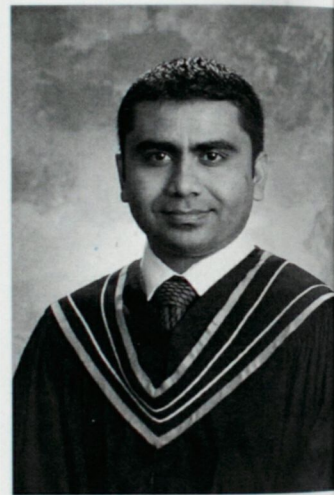
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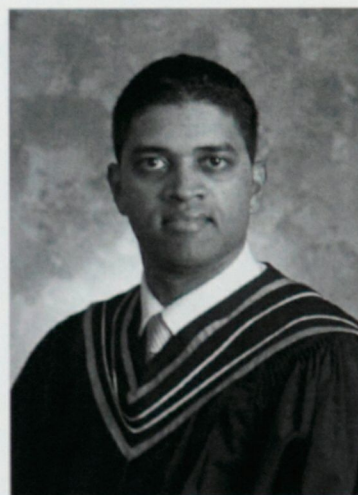
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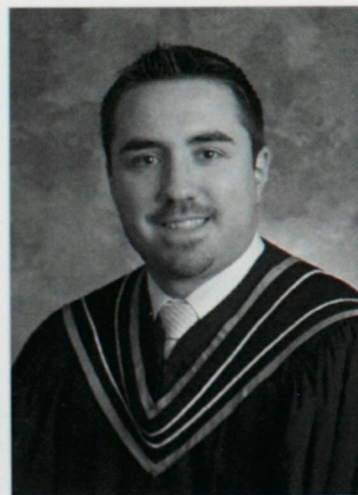
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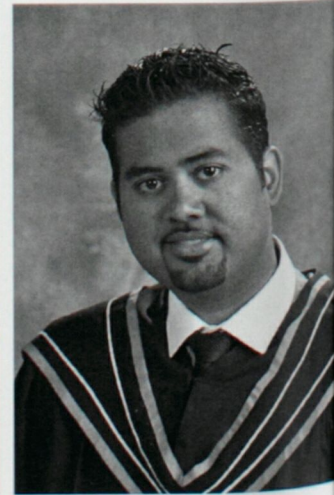
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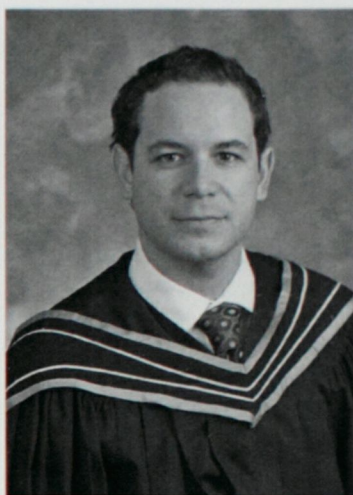
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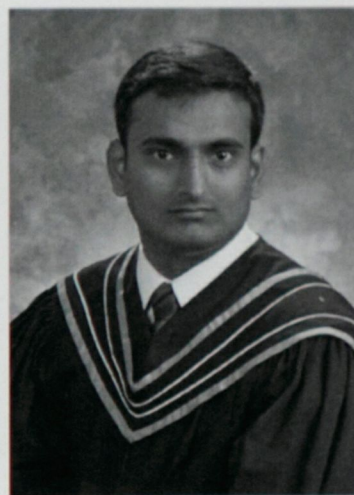
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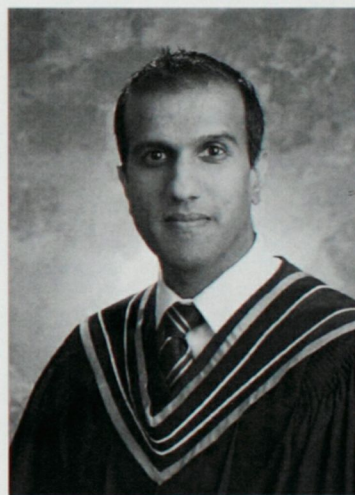
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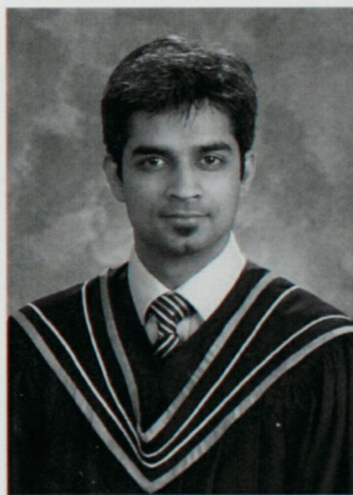
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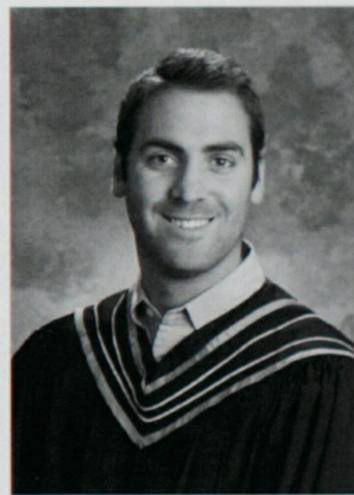
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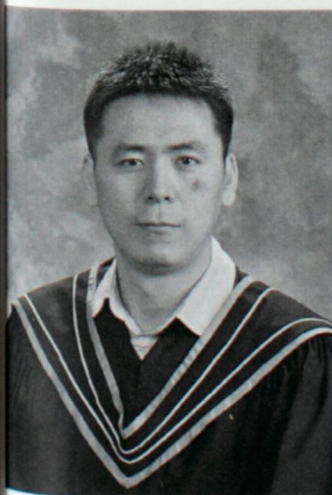
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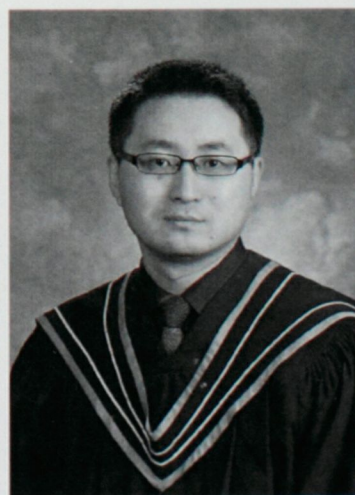
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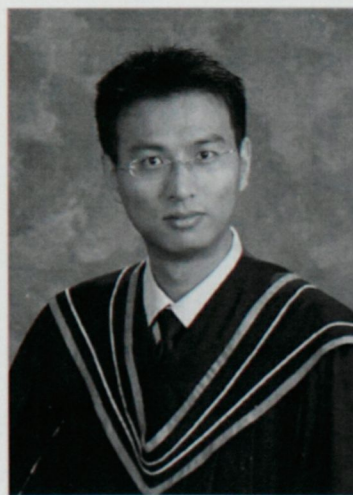
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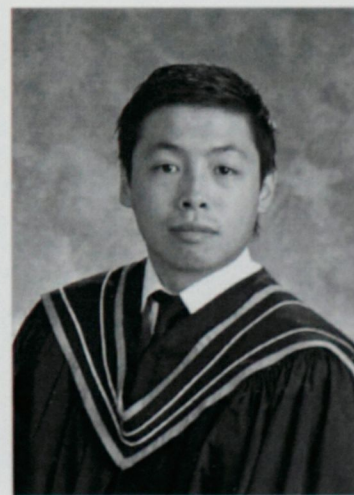
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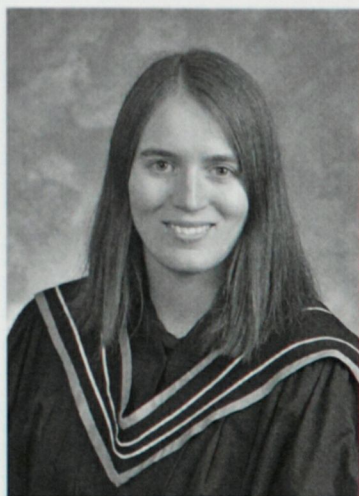
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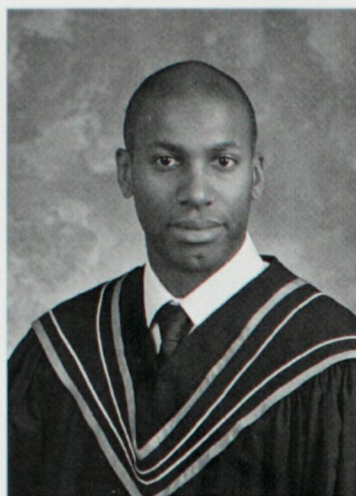
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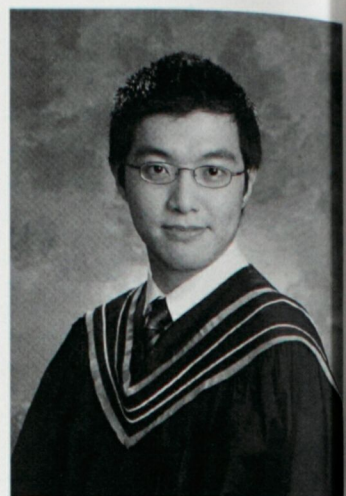
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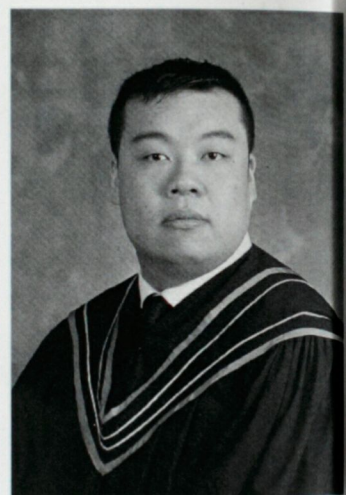
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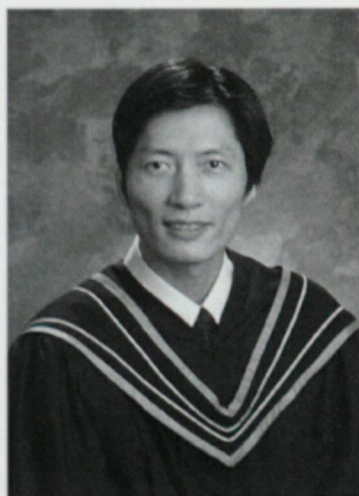
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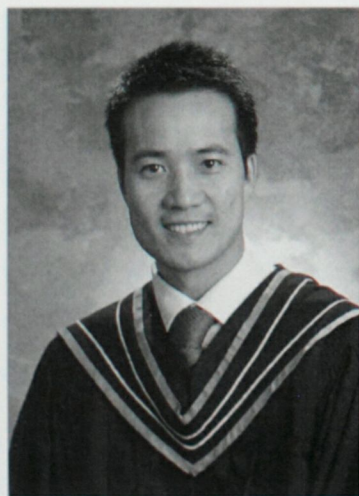
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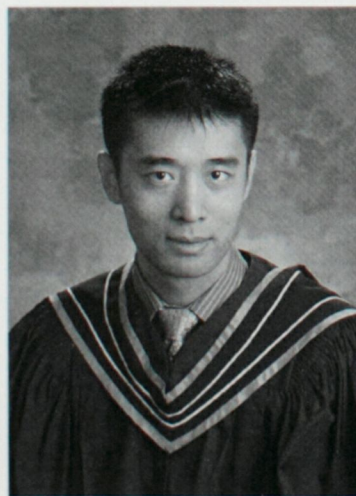
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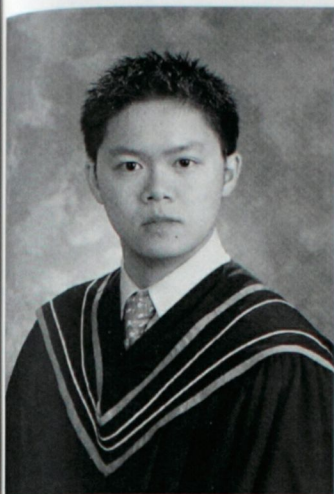
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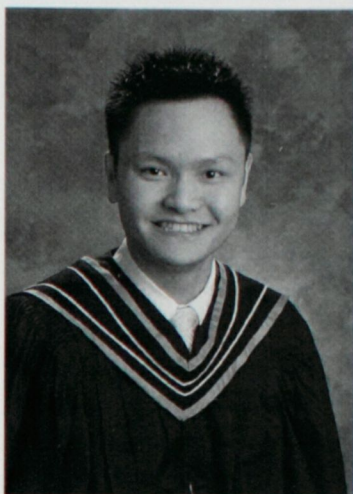
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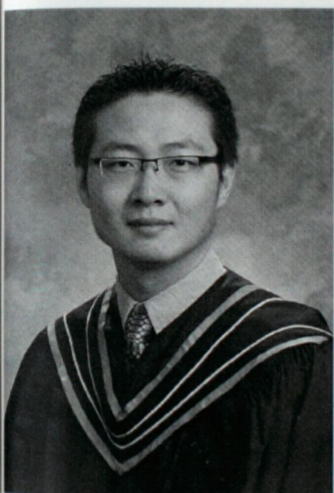
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World



▲ **HAITI'S DISASTER TOUCHED US ALL.** It lasted just 35 seconds, but the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that shook Haiti on Jan. 12, killed an estimated 230,000 and injured another 300,000. It left a million people homeless, and destroyed government buildings, hospitals, schools and the National Cathedral (top) in Port-au-Prince, the capital city. Amid the immediate chaos, international aid and rescue efforts began to pour in, bringing troops armed with supplies and medical assistance. It will take years to rebuild this nation, the poorest in the Western hemisphere, but the world opened its heart and its wallet in the face of the devastation. Contributions and commitments totalling more than \$2 billion will go a long way to get Haiti back on its feet.

(Carolyn Cole/Los Angeles Times/MCT) (Jean-Luc Leyssens/ABACA PRESS/COM)

▼ **NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK.** The young Obama family energized Washington and captivated the world from the minute they moved into the White House. People were intrigued by Michelle creating a vegetable garden on the historic grounds and Barack's enthusiasm for going out for burger lunches. While the Obamas tried to keep the lives of their girls (Malia, left, and Sasha with their parents below) as

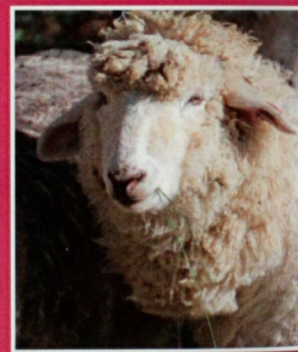
normal as possible, they did allow their children to tag along on foreign tours. Not every kid gets to brag that they had tea with the Queen of England!

(Olivier Douliery/Abaca Press/MCT)



► **LESSON LEARNED.** Elementary school kids in Britain took part in an agricultural project to discover where food comes from by studying all aspects of farm life. They raised lambs (like the one pictured right) and named one of them Marcus. Then, over the objections of parents and animal rights activists, the kids voted 13 to one to send Marcus to slaughter to earn money for the next part of the course: raising pigs. By pressing ahead with their decision, these kids learned about the full cycle of food production and insisted that no one was going to pull the wool over their eyes.

(Stockphoto)



► **GREEN FOR GOOD.** Thousands of Iranians, decked out in the opposition colour of green, took to the streets after Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was re-elected president of the Islamic republic by a suspiciously wide margin. When Tehran banned foreign media from attending the demonstrations, opposition supporters turned to cellphones, Twitter, Facebook and virtually every other form of social media to spread news about their activities throughout the world. Now every repressive regime has to worry not only about political opponents, but ordinary citizens armed with "weapons" of mass communications.

(BEHNAM PARSPOLABACA PRESS/MCT)





▲ **NATURE'S POWER.** The volcano under Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull glacier erupted on April 14 when a massive explosion sent a dangerous cloud of volcanic ash drifting across much of Europe. Since glass particles trapped within the ash cloud can destroy aircraft engines, aviation authorities quickly grounded virtually all flights on the continent, stranding thousands of passengers. Ominously, everyone waiting for the volcano to quieten down was aware that the last time it erupted, in 1821, Eyjafjallajökull continued belching noxious plumes for two years.



▲ **ERR, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** China's Communist party was determined that nothing interfere with a massive party to mark the 60th anniversary of the 1949 revolution that brought it to power. In addition to the usual parades and fireworks, the regime pumped billions into the economy to keep workers employed, tossed dissidents who could disrupt the party in prison and cracked down on protests by restive ethnic minorities like the Tibetans and Uighurs. Then, while the Asian power barreled its way through the Great Recession, experts blew out the party cake's candles by warning that China's real estate sector was dangerously overheated. (AP PHOTO/VINCENT THIAN)

► FIRST THE BANKS, THEN THE COUNTRIES.

After nations around the world spent billions to stabilize the banking system, those countries' balance sheets became a new source of worry. Many countries spent wildly during the good times and racked up staggering debts. Then, as the recession hit, their national accounts went from bad to worse and soon many were drowning in red ink. One of the most spectacular failures was Dubai, an emirate in the Middle East. Just before it opened its latest extravagance, the world's largest building, it was forced to suspend payment on its \$60-billion debt. Its stock market crashed. Concerns that larger, wealthier nations like Greece, Spain and Britain could go the way of Dubai are keeping financiers around the world up at night, as they wonder where the next crisis may hit. (Stockphoto)



► **A SHOT THAT SAVED THE WORLD.** Late last year, health officials were bracing for a deadly crisis to sweep the globe. Scientists raced to create a vaccine that could be used to fight off H1N1, the flu that many feared would kill tens of thousands of people. Fortunately, the race was won, and a massive inoculation campaign spared most of us from getting ill. Still, H1N1 did kill about 17,000 people worldwide, and the virus may still linger among us, which makes rolling up your sleeve to get next season's shot a top priority. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/PHOTO DOWNS)

▼ **UNBURIED TREASURE.** Prowling around a friend's farmland in Staffordshire, England, with a metal detector last summer, Terry Herbert stumbled upon what has been described as the largest Anglo-Saxon treasure ever discovered. The massive collection of 1,500 pieces, dating from the seventh century, includes gold and silver crosses, sword decorations and other items, some of which are shown here. Experts have valued the hoard at \$5 million, which will be shared between the treasure hunter and the landowner.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)



Canada



◀ **GOLDEN GAMES.** National pride spilled over in February as Canada hosted what many are claiming to be the best Olympic Games ever. From the dazzling opening ceremony—where 16-year-old Montrealer Nikki Yanofsky (above, on stage) belted out the national anthem—to the rollicking carnival atmosphere on the streets of Vancouver and our highest medal count ever for a Winter Olympics, it was a proud moment for Canadians. Everyone seemed to embrace a new patriotism, waving flags and dreaming big. There was a strong demand for everything Olympic: Yanofsky's rendition of the CTV Olympic broadcast theme, *I Believe*, quickly rose to No. 1 on Canada's Hot 100 and became the top song on iTunes Canada.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip) (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Graham Hughes)

▼ **THIS MUTT IS A HERO.** When a two-year-old toddler wandered away from his family's campsite into the Yukon bush last September, a frantic search ensued. But tiny Kale was not found before nightfall, and his parents were bracing for bad news. Apparently, the boy had trailed after a local dog that was wandering nearby, and the furry pet stayed with him through the night and through the next day until a helicopter spotted the pair. Police said it's likely the boy survived by cuddling up with the mutt to keep warm through the night.

Koda's owner was so moved by the incident that she gave the dog to Kale's family, where, she said, she knew he would have a loving home.

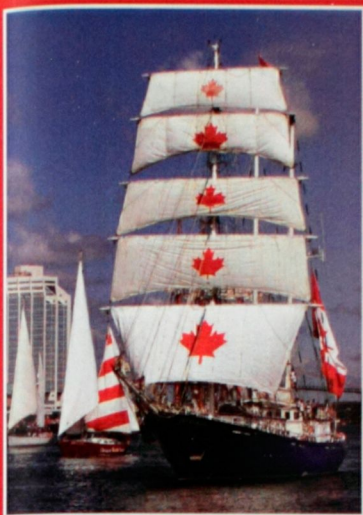
(Michael Peatrow)



▼ **LIPS WERE SEALED.** Governor General Michaëlle Jean (below) made a gesture of solidarity with Canada's seal hunters last year when she ate a piece of the animal's raw heart during a community festival in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut. While some found the vice-regal nibble to be in bad taste, others have since followed her lead. In March, seal meat appeared on the menu at the Parliamentary Restaurant in Ottawa for the first time in history. But despite our politicians' efforts to put their mouths where the money is, the European Union pressed ahead with a ban on the import of seal products.

(THE CANADIAN PRESS/Sean Kilpatrick)





◀ RESCUE ON THE HIGH SEAS.

Students, teachers and crew aboard the SV Concordia drifted for 30 hours in the Atlantic Ocean, 550 km off the coast of Brazil after their three-masted tall ship sank in heavy winds last February. The Concordia, a Nova Scotia-based floating classroom for senior high school students, was on a five-month trip around the world. When the ship lurched sideways, the students' emergency training kicked in, allowing them to scramble into life rafts where they and the crew, 64 people in all, floated until the Brazilian navy picked up their distress signal and got them to dry land. "It was like the Titanic," said one tired and shaken student.

(THE CANADIAN PRESS/Andrew Vaughan)

▼ **PROROGATION 2.0.** For the second time in a year, Parliament went missing in action for two months when the Conservative government suspended the session after Christmas in order, it said, to "recalibrate" its agenda. The prorogation came on the heels of weeks of tough questioning by opposition parties about the torture of prisoners turned over to the Afghan government by Canadian soldiers. Voters were not impressed with this extended vacation, and the Conservatives' popularity plummeted in the polls. Lesson of the day: Parliament belongs to the people, and we want our House to be in session. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Sam Kilpatrick)



◀ **CANADA'S BLACK EYE.** Canada distinguished itself among the 190 countries in attendance at the United Nations Climate Summit in Copenhagen last December by winning the Colossal Fossil of the Year award. The "prize" was awarded by the Climate Action Network, a coalition of environmental groups, to the country that most obstructed progress at the summit. Canadian politicians were criticized for failing to show leadership, especially when they insisted Canada had to hold off on our own greenhouse gas emissions regulations until the United States developed its policies. Since 1990 Canada's greenhouse gas emissions have soared 27 per cent, mainly due to the massive expansion of Alberta's oil sands (left). Emissions for oil sands production are on average three to four times higher per barrel than conventional crude oil produced in North America. The pressure on Canada, including calls for a boycott of oil-sands fuel, led Environment Minister Jim Prentice to call on energy firms to clean up their act.

(Mark Hoffman/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/KRT)



◀ **OPERATION AFGHANISTAN.** Fresh troops deployed from Edmonton for a tour of duty with Canada's military mission in Afghanistan, which began soon after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. More than 2,500 Canadian soldiers are based in the dangerous southern part of the country, and more than 145 Canadians have been killed since the mission began. After U.S. President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 more American troops to join in the fight, hopes rose that this surge will stop the Taliban before Canada begins to withdraw its combat forces in 2011.

(THE CANADIAN PRESS/Edmonton Star-Jordan Veitge)

▶ **ROAD WARRIORS.** To say the auto sector has suffered during the recession is the mildest of understatement. After sales crashed, Chrysler and General Motors had to be rescued with billions in aid from the U.S. and Canadian governments. Even Toyota was under siege as millions of its vehicles, including the popular hybrid Prius, were recalled after experiencing unexplained sudden accelerations. There was good news, however. Ford posted its first annual profit in four years and the car of the year award went to its Fusion. Best of all, the Big Three unveiled some stylish new cars and began to ramp up production. (MCT)



Music

► **TAYLOR STRIKES A CHORD WITH US.** Let's see now: Last year Taylor Swift won four Country Music Awards and five American Music Awards. She was named entertainer of the year by the Associated Press, and her second album, *Fearless*, was the best-selling album of 2009 in the US with more than 3.2 millions copies sold. Swift claimed both the No. 1 and No. 2 positions atop the most played songs chart (all genres), with *You Belong With Me* and *Love Story*, respectively. At the Grammy Awards in January, Swift won four statues, including one for album of the year. All these accomplishments were achieved before the singer had even celebrated her twentieth birthday. Her songs are usually highly autobiographical. And no wonder: this girl has a lot to sing about.

(Lawrence K. Ho/Los Angeles Times/MCT)



▲ SHE'S NOT LOOKING BACK.

After her very public split from abusive boyfriend Chris Brown, who subsequently pleaded guilty to assault, Rihanna has bounced back stronger and more confident than ever. Fresh from winning an award at the Grammys for the rap collaboration *Run This Town*, she began a concert tour, featuring her latest album *Rated R*, which includes the catchy single *Rude Boy*. Hmm. Wonder who that song was named after!

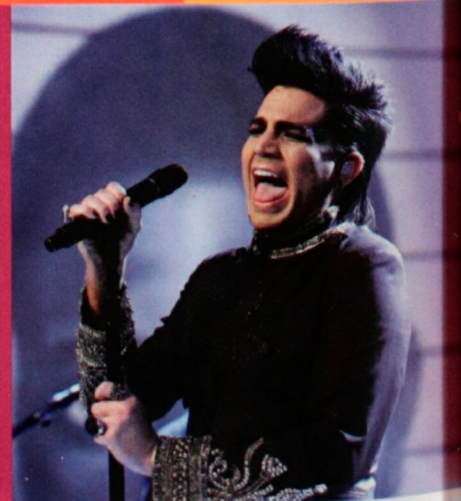
(Picture Perfect / Rex Features)

◀ **DISCO DIVA.** With her outlandish outfits, wild wigs and sparkly masks, Lady Gaga has grabbed centre stage. But behind her fearless fashion is a seriously talented performer who writes her own songs, and can sing, dance, play instruments and act. With her summer concert tour underway, fans are in for never-ending surprises, as Lady Gaga re-invents herself at every turn along the way. (Brian J. Ritchie/HotSource / Rex Features)



► **THIS IDOL ISN'T IDLE.** It's hard to believe that it was just last year when Adam Lambert grabbed second place in the eighth season of *American Idol*. With his flamboyant costumes and his tightly choreographed dance moves, Lambert asks *Whataya Want From Me?* But he already knows the answer, and he delivers. As his debut album explains, he does it all *For Your Entertainment*. And he does it with style.

(Paul Drinkwater/NBCU Photo Bank)





▲ **PEAS HAVE A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS.** The pop sound of the Black Eyed Peas, is alive and well. After a four-year hiatus, during which singer Fergie was working on her solo career, the band was back with a new album, *The E.N.D.*, which quickly became a multi-platinum seller. But then, who could resist that infectious party anthem *I Gotta Feeling*? Ooh-whooh! (Greg Allen / Rex Features)

► **THE WORLD IS WAVING K'NAAN'S FLAG.** As teams from 32 nations line up for this year's FIFA World Cup in South Africa, they're all moving to K'Naan's *Wavin' Flag*. The Somali-born rapper's song, which appeared on his 2009 album, *Troubadour*, is the official Coca-Cola anthem for the World Cup. For the artist, who was raised in Toronto, but who incorporates an African pride into his lyrics, being part of the world's biggest sporting event holds a deeper meaning. He hopes it will be an opportunity for the world to see Africa in a positive light, "because most of the images associated with Africa are negative." Earlier in the year, more than 50 Canadian musicians gathered in Vancouver to re-record *Wavin' Flag*. It was then released as a charity single, with all proceeds going to Haiti's earthquake victims.

(The Canadian Press/Steve White)



► **KINGS OF THE CASTLE.** For the Kings of Leon, four country boys from Nashville, the past year has been amazing. Their fourth album, *Only by the Night*, sold six million copies worldwide and earned them two Grammy Awards for the hit single *Use Somebody*. The hard-rocking band comprised of brothers Nathan, Jared and Caleb Followill as well as their cousin Matthew, have mellowed from their earlier albums and now produce more melodic tunes. The catchier, the better, we say. That way, we can sing along. (Lawrence K. Ho/Los Angeles Times/MCT)



► **SAY HALO TO BEYONCÉ.** The superstar set a record for the most Grammy Awards won on a single night by a female artist on Jan. 31, 2010, when she took home six awards. And now she is catching a new whiff of sweet success: her first fragrance, *Heat*, did \$3 million in sales during its first month on the shelves at Macy's stores.

(Jay L. Clendenin/Los Angeles Times/MCT)



▲ **THE HIT MASTER.** In its year-end wrap-up last December, *Entertainment Weekly* named Jay-Z's 2001 album *The Black Album* to its list of the 10 best albums of the decade. And it's just one of nine Jay-Z records that have topped the charts and made this rapper perhaps the most influential poet of his time. The most recent songs to ride the charts include *Empire State of Mind* with Alicia Keys (above) and *Run This Town* with Rihanna and Kanye West. (Hong Kim/Philadelphia Daily News/MCT)

Lifestyle

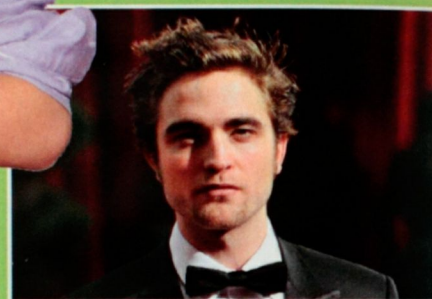
► **YOUTUBE SENSATION.** Thanks to the camera in every cellphone, anyone can be a star on YouTube. And no one found fame faster than Justin Bieber, from Stratford, Ont., whose golden voice and fresh face earned him second place in a talent contest when he was only 12. For family and friends who missed the competition, he uploaded videos on YouTube. By chance, a U.S. hip-hop promoter clicked on Justin's videos and soon set to work to build up his YouTube content before signing him to Island Records, Usher's label. Within a year Justin had played major venues in North America and Europe, including Madison Square Garden in New York City. He sang for President Obama in a Christmas show and appeared at the Grammy Awards in January. Meanwhile, his first album, *My World*, debuted at No. 6 on the Billboard 200 chart, attracting almost 2 million friends to his Facebook page. Next came *My World 2.0*, which topped the pop charts. Not bad for a guy who just reached the legal driving age in March. (AP Photo/Drew Pizello)

▼ **IWANNIT.** The new iPad tablet computer looks like an iPhone on steroids. With its touchpad screen and 140,000-odd apps, there's not a lot new here. But it's all so much bigger and better. This latest gadget from Apple makes using the Web easier than ever. Talk about having the whole world in your hands!

(San Jose Mercury News/MCT)

► **FASHION MEETS FUNCTION.** When it comes to footwear, there's a lot to be said for sensible. This year, Hunter dressed up the ol' tried-and-true rubber boot, offering a trendy way to keep tootsies dry.

(MCT/Handout/KRT)



▲ **MOP HEADS.** Actor Robert Pattinson (a.k.a. Edward Cullen in the *Twilight* movies) is the undisputed bed-head champion, sporting the look every time-pressed guy hopes for. Electrifying!

(Mindy Schauer/Orange County Register/MCT)



▲ **AIRPORT A-GO-GO.** What exactly are we allowed in the way of carry-on luggage these days? First there were restrictions on liquids: everything had to be trial size or smaller and packed in clear plastic bags. But after a would-be bomber tried to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear last Christmas on a flight to Detroit, the rules have tightened and slackened, causing lots of confusion. Things have again settled down to the old restrictions: all liquids must be 100 ml or smaller. But now there is something new at the airport: full body screening technology, a sort of high-tech strip search. It's enough to make you wish you'd taken the train.

(Michael Amersforth/Dallas Morning News/MCT)



▲ **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.** *Call Of Duty: Modern Warfare 2* takes a hard look at the disorienting effects of armed combat. The constant pace of the action challenges players' reflexes and accuracy, and ignites our survival instincts. It all adds up to some of the best shooter action money can buy, and millions of fans did just that, making *Modern Warfare 2* one of the top-selling video games of all time, with sales topping \$1 billion in its first two months. (COURTESY OF ACTIVISION)

► **MAD FOR PLAID.** The lumberjack look has taken over the nation's high schools. Even girls are wearing these checkered shirts. Checkmate.

(Michael Tercha/Chicago Tribune/KRT)



◀ **MAKE A SPECTACLE OF YOURSELF.** Big, bold and black: that's the only way to go if your eyesight isn't 20-20. These eye glasses get everyone looking in your direction and make Justin Timberlake (left) look rather like a college professor.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

► **THUMBS DOWN.** Texting while moving—whether walking, driving or cycling—can be tricky, treacherous, and sometimes tragic. In January, the U.S. government took aim at distracted drivers, and barred truckers and bus drivers from sending text messages while behind the wheel. The move followed a report from Virginia Tech that showed truckers who text were 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash or close call. Even walking can be a challenge for cellphone users. One New York teen fell into an open sewer manhole while texting as she walked. Fortunately what really hurt was her pride. (MCT/DOUG KANTER/KRT)



TOP 10 Googles 2009

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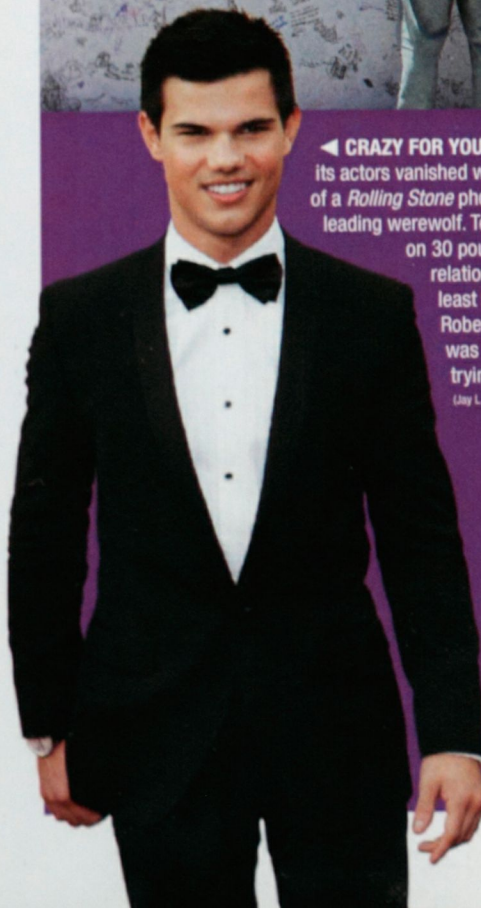
► **A DREAM FULFILLED.** Susan Boyle was a middle-aged Scottish spinster who wanted to be a professional singer. She got her wish with the help of YouTube when word of her amazing audition on *Britain's Got Talent* spread around the world. Soon more than 125 million people had watched her exquisite version of *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Misérables*. Though she didn't win the reality show contest, she did fulfill her wish. Last December her first album was released. It's sold more than nine million copies. (Photo by Ken McKay / Rex Features)



► **TIGER IN THE ROUGH.** After golfing superstar Tiger Woods had a mysterious car accident in the middle of the night last November, stories began swirling about trouble in his personal life as women went public with claims of affairs with the married father of two. As the scandal grew, sponsors dropped the billionaire sports phenom from their advertising strategies. Finally the ultra-private Woods publicly confessed his infidelity, apologized to his wife and fans, and vowed to make amends. (AP Photo/Eric Gay, File)



◀ **THE KING OF POP.** Michael Jackson was just days from starting a series of comeback concerts in London when he died suddenly in Los Angeles at the age of 50. The world grieved for his three children and devastated family, and questions were being asked about the drugs given to the pop superstar by his personal physician. While his song-making prowess was legendary, it was only at his memorial service that fans saw a more private side of the singer through the simple words of his daughter Paris: "Ever since I was born, Daddy has been the best father I could imagine. I just want to say I love him so much." (Olivier Douliery/Abaca Press/MCT)



◀ **CRAZY FOR YOU.** Any doubt that *Twilight* has made stars of its actors vanished when the paparazzi recorded every second of a *Rolling Stone* photo shoot featuring Taylor Lautner, the series leading werewolf. Teens swooned over his physique—he packed on 30 pounds of muscle for the role—and his short-lived relationship with singing sensation Taylor Swift. At least he's been spared the fate of leading vampire Robert Pattinson, who's so hunted by fans that he was nearly run over by a New York City taxi while trying to escape from a crowd of screaming girls. (Jay L. Clendenen/Los Angeles Times/MCT)



◀ **ITS TIME HAS COME.** Goofy 3-D glasses are here to stay. The hottest trend on the big screen right now is making films in 3-D. Hardly a week goes by without a major motion picture coming out in that format, as studios rush to film everything from *Monsters vs. Aliens* to *Christmas Carol* in the mind-bending format. And of course none was as successful as James Cameron's *Avatar*, which broke virtually every box

office record. The latest craze: 3-D televisions, all the better for capturing every moment of sports events. (MCT/Fort Worth Star-Telegram)



◀ **THE SOURCE.** Hollywood gossip site, *TMZ.com*, has developed a reputation for breaking big celebrity stories, from announcing Michael Jackson's death to showing Rihanna's bruised and bloodied face, after her then-boyfriend Chris Brown beat her on Grammy night last year. In addition to the big stories, the site, which stands for the "thirty-mile zone" within which most celebrities live in Los Angeles, has an amazing knack for reporting on the wacky behaviour of the high and mighty. It is the new cop on the Hollywood block. (TMZ.COM)

Television



▲ **A PERFECT 10.** How much would you sacrifice for a shot at Olympic glory? The gymnasts of *Make It or Break It* will take on anything, even each other, to reach their lofty goal. And that conflict, combined with superb athletic prowess, makes for a drama that lets audiences dream the seemingly impossible dream.

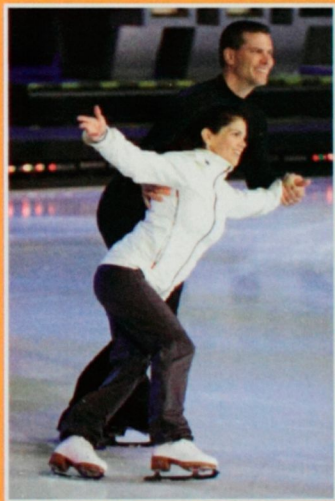
(Craig Spodin / © ABC Family / Courtesy: Everett Collection)



◀ **REVOLVING CHAIRS.** The drama normally reserved for *American Idol*'s stage moved to its judging table this year when the flamboyantly wacky Paula Abdul was let go after eight seasons, replaced by talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres (from left: judges Randy Jackson, DeGeneres, Simon Cowell, host Ryan Seacrest and Kara DioGuardi). In turn DeGeneres had barely settled into her seat when the curmudgeonly Cowell announced he was leaving at the end of the season to bring his British talent show, *The X Factor*, stateside. The judging twists and turns made the singing contest look almost staid in comparison.

(Michael Becker/Courtesy FOX/MCT)

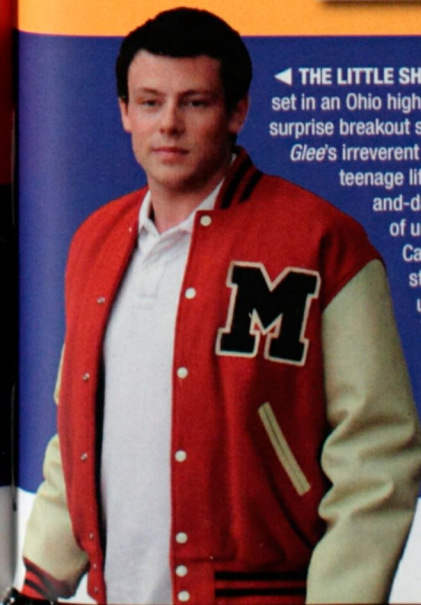
▶ **ICED PERFECTION.** It was only natural that Canada would have a hit reality show that paired female figure skaters with retired NHL players. From the start CBC's *Battle of the Blades* pulled in huge audiences, and nearly half of viewers were men who couldn't get enough of such hockey stars as Claude Lemieux and Tie Domi effortlessly hoisting their partners at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens. Jamie Salé and Craig Simpson (right) won the contest, proving once again that Canadians are masters on the ice. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Frank Gunn)



◀ **ADIOS, OPRAH.** America's sympathizer-in-chief announced she's leaving her syndicated daytime show at the end of next year's season, her 25th. Oprah Winfrey isn't abandoning her millions of loyal followers. Instead, the billionaire hopes to take them to her own network, where they can watch Oprah-approved shows around the clock.

(Lionel Hahn/Abaca Press/MCT)

◀ **THE LITTLE SHOW THAT COULD.** A series set in an Ohio high school glee club was the surprise breakout success of the TV season. *Glee*'s irreverent take on the traumas of teenage life, combined with slick song-and-dance numbers turned its cast of unknown talents, including Canadian Cory Monteith, into stars. By the time *Glee* picked up a Golden Globe for best TV comedy series, it had been renewed for a second season, and an album of songs covered on the show had sold more than two million downloads. (MCT)



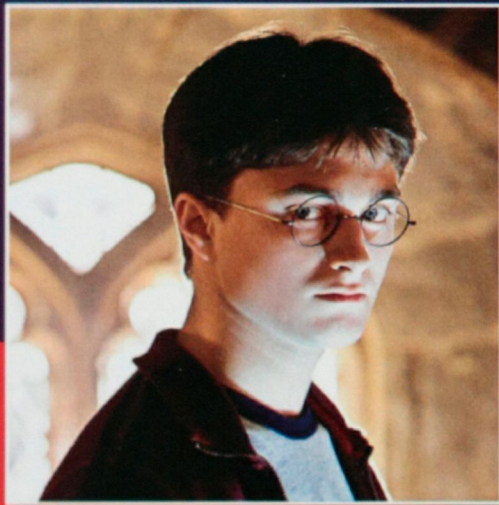
▶ **BITE ME.** Fangs and blood mix with romance and horror in *The Vampire Diaries*. Based on a series of books with the same name, the TV show revolves around a small town girl, Elena Gilbert (Nina Dobrev), and her complicated relationship with vampire Stefan Salvatore (Paul Wesley, right, with Dobrev) and his bad-boy brother Damon. What sets the show apart is that its creators have populated Mystic Falls with so many interesting characters who go bump in the night. (Alan Markfield/The CW/MCT)



Movies



▲ **THE ECO WARRIOR.** Thirteen years after James Cameron was crowned the "King of the World" for his blockbuster *Titanic*, the Canadian director finally released his follow-up, *Avatar*. Instead of delving into history, Cameron created a faraway planet named Pandora. There a blue-skinned people called the Na'vi were fighting to preserve their land and stop humans from destroying the environment in their quest for a precious mineral called unobtonium. To make the magical world believable, Cameron created a camera system that translated live action into a virtual reality. The extraordinary result rewrote the box office record books, as the 3-D film unseated *Titanic* as the highest grossing film of all time. (Courtesy WETA/MCT)



◀ **NEARLY FINISHED.** For followers of the Hogwarts saga, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* marked the beginning of the end of the beloved series. Only the seventh and final of J.K. Rowling's books remains to hit the big screen. At the heart of *Half-Blood Prince* was the increasingly close relationship between Harry Potter and headmaster Albus Dumbledore as they searched for the reasons why arch enemy Lord Voldemort is so evil. Even better for fans? The last book is being divided into two movies.

(Jasp Buttendijk/Warner Bros./MCT)

► **A SECOND BITE.** When *New Moon* premiered in December the question wasn't whether it would be a hit or not, but rather how much it would rake in at the box office. Fans of Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series lined up for hours to watch the second theatrical adaptation of the romance between Bella Swann and her vampire love Edward Cullen. It quickly made \$297 million in North America, another \$400 million overseas, and left everyone panting for the next instalment.

(AP Photo/Christopher Eise)

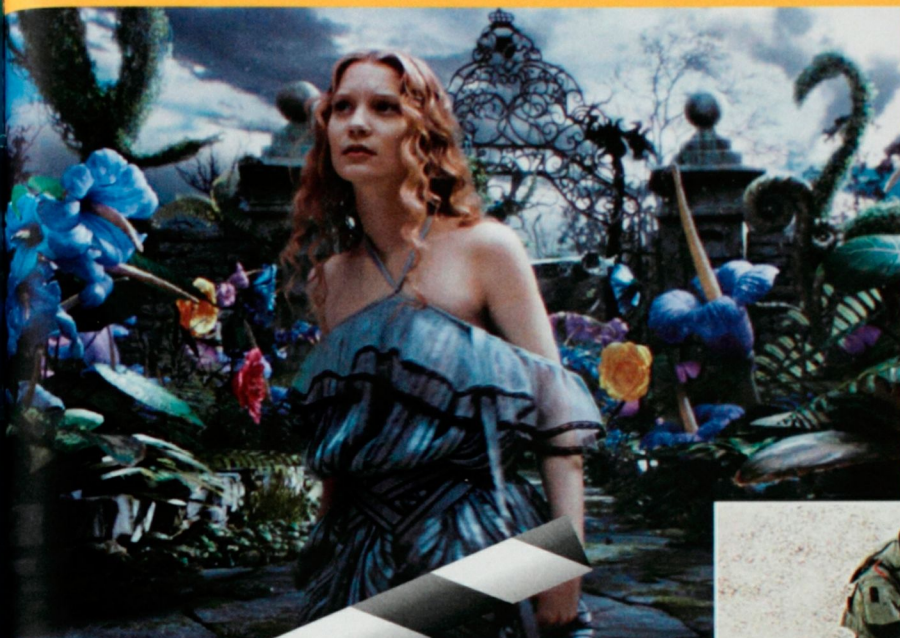


► **GOLDEN GIRL.** After decades building up a résumé of hit comedies and romantic chick flicks, Sandra Bullock finally struck gold in *The Blind Side*. She played Leigh Anne Tuohy, a Southern football coach's wife who takes in, and later adopts, an impoverished teen named Michael Oher. While Tuohy and her husband push the teen both academically and athletically, he, in turn, teaches the couple that doing the right thing can change their lives forever. (In real life, Michael Oher is an offensive tackle for the Baltimore Ravens.) When Bullock got her statue for Best Actress at the Academy Awards she thanked her mother "for not letting me ride in cars with boys until I was 18, because she was right."

(Kevin Sullivan/Orange County Register/MCT)



▼ **DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE.** Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* is a magical childhood fantasy, and also one of the most difficult tales to translate to the big screen. But when director Tim Burton, known for his quirky imaginative movies, took an interest in the book, he made two crucial decisions: to cast Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter and to release the film in 3-D. The result blew away the competition and racked up \$116 million in its opening weekend. (Courtesy Disney Enterprises, Inc./MCT)



▲ **TO BOLDLY RETURN...** After five TV series and 10 movies, the *Star Trek* franchise needed a shakeup. And that's exactly what director J.J. Abrams did. Viewers saw how the crew of the original *Enterprise* first met, long before the time of the classic 1960s TV show. James T. Kirk wasn't an arrogant captain but a brash cadet trying to stave off disaster. And Mr. Spock wasn't his trusty Vulcan sidekick, ears and all, but a fierce opponent. Though Abrams was faithful to *Star Trek* lore, his new vision of the future was so electric that a sequel was announced even before the first film hit theatres.

(Industrial Light & Magic/©Paramount/courtesy Everett Collection)

TOP 10 • 2009 Movies

1. Avatar	\$742 million
2. Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen	\$402 million
3. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	\$302 million
4. The Twilight Saga: New Moon	\$297 million
5. Up	\$293 million
6. The Hangover	\$277 million
7. Star Trek	\$258 million
8. The Blind Side	\$255 million
9. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel	\$219 million
10. Sherlock Holmes	\$209 million



◀ **BEST IN SHOW.** When it first came out last summer, *The Hurt Locker* garnered rave reviews as the most authentic movie to date about the war in Iraq. Director Kathryn Bigelow's action-packed film followed a bomb disposal team as they dealt not only with unexploded devices but also with the psychological toll of such a deadly profession. While *The Hurt Locker* didn't blow up the box office, it ended award season with almost every big prize, including the biggest of all: Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director.

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► **ROUND TWO.** The sequel to a film about cars that transform themselves into metallic warriors was bound to involve bigger fights and even louder action scenes than the original. In *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* the evil Decepticons resumed their feud with the Autobots, led by Optimus Prime (right), with Earth again their battlefield. Still can't get enough? A third film is already in the works. (Courtesy of Paramount Pictures/MCT)



Sports



◀ **KING OF THE HILL.** It took Alexandre Bilodeau 23.17 seconds to fly down the moguls course on Cypress Mountain, and in the process, to make Olympic history. On the third night of competition at the Vancouver Games, he became the first Canadian ever to win a gold medal on home soil. After his race, Bilodeau rushed over to hug his older brother Frédéric, who has cerebral palsy, and who, Alex says, is his daily source of inspiration. When he thinks of Frédéric's bravery and determination, and what it takes for him to get through a day, Alex says it puts all his own aches and pains from training "back in perspective." (Mike Siegel/Seattle Times/MCT)



▲ **THIS IS OUR GAME.** It doesn't get more dramatic than the Canada-U.S. men's hockey final at the Winter Olympics. With 24 seconds left in the third period, U.S. forward Zach Parise tied the game, 2-2, and forced the match into extra time. The crowd fell into stony silence, and barely breathed as the overtime play got underway. Then, seven minutes into the period, Canada's Sidney Crosby slipped the puck past U.S. goalie Ryan Miller (top), and secured the gold medal for the home team. With that shot, Crosby capped off a Winter Games that many said were the best yet. Of course the men weren't the only ones to secure hockey gold for Canada. The women (above) had celebrated their own 2-0 victory over Team U.S.A. three days earlier. (John Lok/Seattle Times/MCT) (Harry E. Walker/MCT)

► SPEEDING BULLET.

We're not sure what drives grown men and women to launch themselves upon tiny sleds head-first down a chute of ice at speeds of up to 145 km/h, but we do know that Jon Montgomery, a prairie boy from Russell, Man., captured a first-place finish in his skeleton competition and in the process became Canada's most lovable Olympian. When he jumped onto the medal podium and struck an exuberant victory pose, the whole country joined the party.

(Peter J. Thompson/Canwest News Service/MCT)



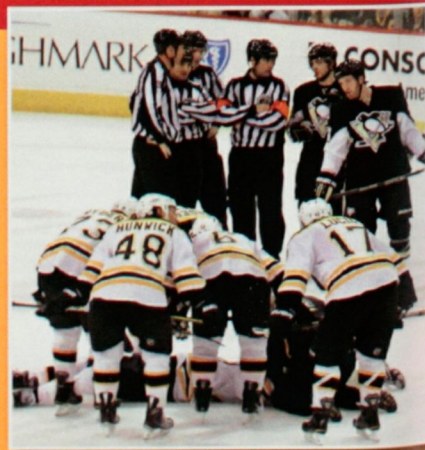
► ICE DEMONS.

Ten of Canada's 26 Olympic medals were won by speed skaters, with short-track phenom Charles Hamelin (far right) the only Canadian athlete to win two golds in Vancouver. On both the short and long tracks, the men and women who skate in circles kept Canada in contention.

(Clare Murray/Philadelpha Inquirer/MCT)



► **NO BRAINER.** After too many devastating injuries, including a hit to Boston Bruins' Marc Savard that saw him carried from the ice on a stretcher during a game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in March, the NHL finally activated a temporary rule which calls for an automatic league review and possible suspension for any hit to the head against unsuspecting players. It's about time the league got serious about reducing injuries and concussions. (AP Photo/Keth Srakovic)



Champions 2009



◀ **A SQUEAKER.** For most of last season the Montreal Alouettes rode the strong throwing arm of quarterback Anthony Calvillo (shown here hoisting the Grey Cup with teammate Anwar Stewart), but in the final seconds of the 2009 Grey Cup, when they were trailing the Saskatchewan Roughriders by two points, the Alouettes pinned their hopes

on kicker Damon Duval to boot a 43-yard field goal for the win. When Duval missed the kick, the Roughriders began to celebrate a bit prematurely. They had 13 players on the field and were flagged for too many men. So Duval got another chance to kick that field goal. The second time, the ball sailed through the goal posts, and made the Alouettes CFL champions, with a score of 28 to 27. (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Adrian Wyld)

Vancouver Olympic RESULTS

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
U.S.A.	9	15	13	37
GERMANY	10	13	7	30
CANADA	14	7	5	26
NORWAY	9	8	6	23
AUSTRIA	4	6	6	16



▲ **GOLD RUSH.** Lauren Woolstencroft's domination of the ski slopes during the Paralympic Games earned her five gold medals. Talk about owning the podium! (THE CANADIAN PRESS/Jonathan Hayward)

▶ **THE FACE OF COURAGE.** Rallying a calm demeanour in spite of the aching grief and turmoil welling inside from her mother's sudden and fatal heart attack just days earlier, Canadian figure skater Joannie Rochette took to the ice at the Vancouver Olympics and delivered a bronze-medal performance. She also delivered one of the Games' defining moments. (Robert Gauthier/Los Angeles Times/MCT)

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4-2 SERIES

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
OVER INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

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▶ CANADA'S SWEETHEARTS.

They started skating together 13 years ago when she was only 7 and he was 9. Obviously it was the perfect pairing. Ice dancers Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir skated flawlessly, executing intricate spins and high-risk lifts to capture gold at the Vancouver Games. One month later the pair, who aren't romantically involved, capped off their perfect year by taking the top prize at the world figure skating championship in Turin, Italy. Sometimes, fairy tales do come true.

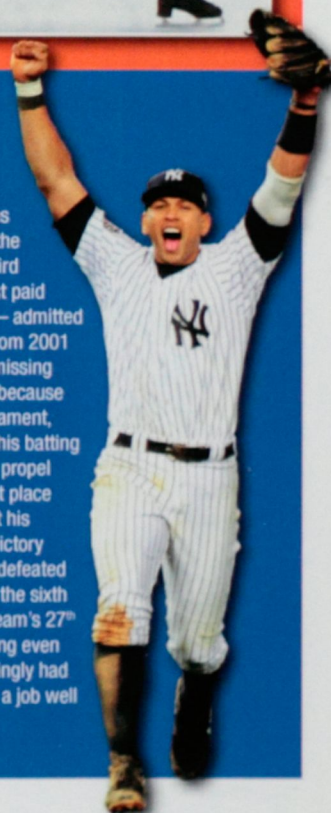
(Lionelle Schneider/
Canwest News Service/MCT)



▶ THE BIG APPLE

BITES BACK. For Alex Rodriguez, last year was a roller coaster. A few months before opening day, the New York Yankees third baseman—the highest paid athlete in baseball—admitted using steroids from 2001 to 2003. After missing spring training because of a torn hip ligament, Rodriguez and his batting prowess helped propel the team to a first place finish. Then he got his first World Series victory when the Yankees defeated Philadelphia 7-3 in the sixth game. It was the team's 27th series win, something even its opponents grudgingly had to acknowledge was a job well done.

(John Dunn/Newsday/MCT)



Science

▼ **MAIDEN VOYAGE.** Boeing's new "green" plane, the 787 Dreamliner, took its very first flight last December. By constructing the fuselage of plastic and other lightweight materials, the company says the Dreamliner will use about 20 per cent less fuel than a plane of similar size. With such huge savings in their operating expenses, airlines are eagerly awaiting delivery of the new planes. But whether those savings will mean lower airfares in the future, only time will tell. (Drew Perine/Tacoma News Tribune/MCT)



▲ **WELCOME BACK.** One of the world's rarest turtle species—the Arakan forest turtle—has been observed for the first time in the wild. A team of scientists discovered the reptile deep in the jungles of Burma in Southeast Asia last fall. The adult turtles measure less than a foot in length. The species was believed extinct until 1994, when conservationists found a few specimens in a food market in China. Before then, the last known record was of a single animal collected by a British Army officer in 1908.

(AP Photo/Gene Sytha)

► **GARDENS GO VERTICAL.** Patrick Blanc is a French botanist who observed that plants in rainforests often survive without soil. He has patented a technique for hanging plant tapestries on the sides of buildings, and has created multi-story living walls on urban structures around the world, including France, Britain, Spain, Korea, Japan and Thailand. Not only do these highrise jungles add colour to drab city streets, they also help to purify the air. Refreshing! (Courtesy Patrick Blanc)



◀ **WALK ON WHEELS.** Worn out car tires from California are finding new homes underfoot where they are being used as flexible, enviro-friendly sidewalks. Patented Rubbersidewalks not only add bounce to your step, but also assist urban trees whose roots were previously choked by concrete walkways. The new sidewalks let air and water reach the roots, and their flexibility means no cracks in the pavement. With less waste going into landfills, fewer cracked sidewalks and healthier trees, these walks are protecting people, trees and the planet. (Rubbersidewalks, Inc.)



▲ **MIGHTY MINI REX FOUND IN CHINA.** The nearly complete skeleton of a dinosaur that is believed to have roamed the earth about 125 million years ago was unveiled last autumn. *Raptorex kriegsteini* likely lived at least 40 million years before *Tyrannosaurus rex*. Though just three metres long, it has all the main characteristics of its legendary descendant—big head, sharp teeth, small arms and fast legs. One scientist studying the skeleton, which was discovered in China, said this mini *T. rex* was a spectacular carnivore. Weighing only 70 kg, *Raptorex* "was running things down, dispatching them with its powerful jaws, and clutching them with its two-fingered hands"—the same hunting strategy that apparently worked for six tonne *T. rex*. (Shobumichi Tamura)

► **BUDGET TRAVEL.** Space exploration isn't just for NASA anymore. Two students from MIT, recently put together a rig that flew 27 km into the stratosphere and took hundreds of photos along the way. Justin Lee and Oliver Yeh filled a weather balloon with helium and hung a styrofoam beer cooler underneath to carry a cheap Canon compact camera. Instant hand warmers made sure the batteries stayed warm enough to work, and a prepaid GPS-equipped cellphone inside the box was used to track the voyage. Eventually, as the balloon rose, the air pressure became so great that the balloon burst (right), allowing the cooler to drift back to earth, where it landed about 40 km from where it had been launched. Total cost, including duct tape? \$148. (Courtesy Oliver Yeh, Justin Lee, Eric Newton.)



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