



Nitin Gupta

Program: MBA with International Exchange
Graduation Year: 1999

Personal/Career Update: I am a firm believer of sustainable relationships in the workplace – as demonstrated by the fact that I have only changed jobs twice since I completed my MBA. The MBA program enabled me to understand the professional ecosystem around me in a completely new way. I am currently managing six rental properties, and continue to use the time management and organizational skills that I acquired through the program to balance my career with hobbies.

Chase Cedar

Program: BCom
Graduation Year: 2017
Business Name: Koi Research Group Inc.

Business Update: Over the past nine months, we have created an online network where blockchain researchers, instructors and students can discuss projects, share and learn from peers and thought leaders. Although we are an early-stage start-up, we have secured sufficient capital to bootstrap our venture and are on track for the release of our coin map application and opening a physical blockchain academy with a partner organization in Vancouver for 2019.

Personal/Career Update: Despite a fantastic trip visiting friends across Europe after graduation, I could not shake the dream of becoming a serial entrepreneur by starting in blockchain education. Very little time passed between my flight touching ground and Koi Research Group starting up.

Shout-out to classmate: Shout-out to Connor Brooks, BCom '17, who has helped me build this business remotely from Switzerland.



Andrew Johns

Program: BCom
Graduation Year: 2000
Business Name: Cash Management Group & HoneyBadger

Business Update: After 18 productive years at Raymond James, I decided to move my financial advisory team, the Cash Management Group, to Canaccord Genuity. We work with municipalities, public corporations and other entities across Canada. Currently, we manage \$2.5 billion in assets and are on track to reach \$3 billion by the end of the year. In 2016, I founded the bitcoin start-up HoneyBadger. Today, it is Canada's largest bitcoin kiosk network and we're growing rapidly. I thoroughly enjoy the daily challenges that both businesses present and I am proud to employ over 20 talented individuals, including several UVic graduates.

Personal/Career Update: Currently residing in Vancouver with my wife, Crystal, and our three children, ages two, five and six. I enjoy my nights at the rink playing hockey and visiting Vancouver Island, which I consider my second home.



Natasha Lacasse

Program: MGB
Graduation Year: 2016

Personal/ Career Update: In 2017, I dusted off my suitcase and moved to Austria to work at Fronius International GmbH in the international HR department. I support the managing directors and HR staff in our foreign subsidiaries with their local HR needs and work together with them to develop, implement and manage a variety of HR-related projects. I love working abroad: no two days are the same, and although it can sometimes be challenging, it is always rewarding.