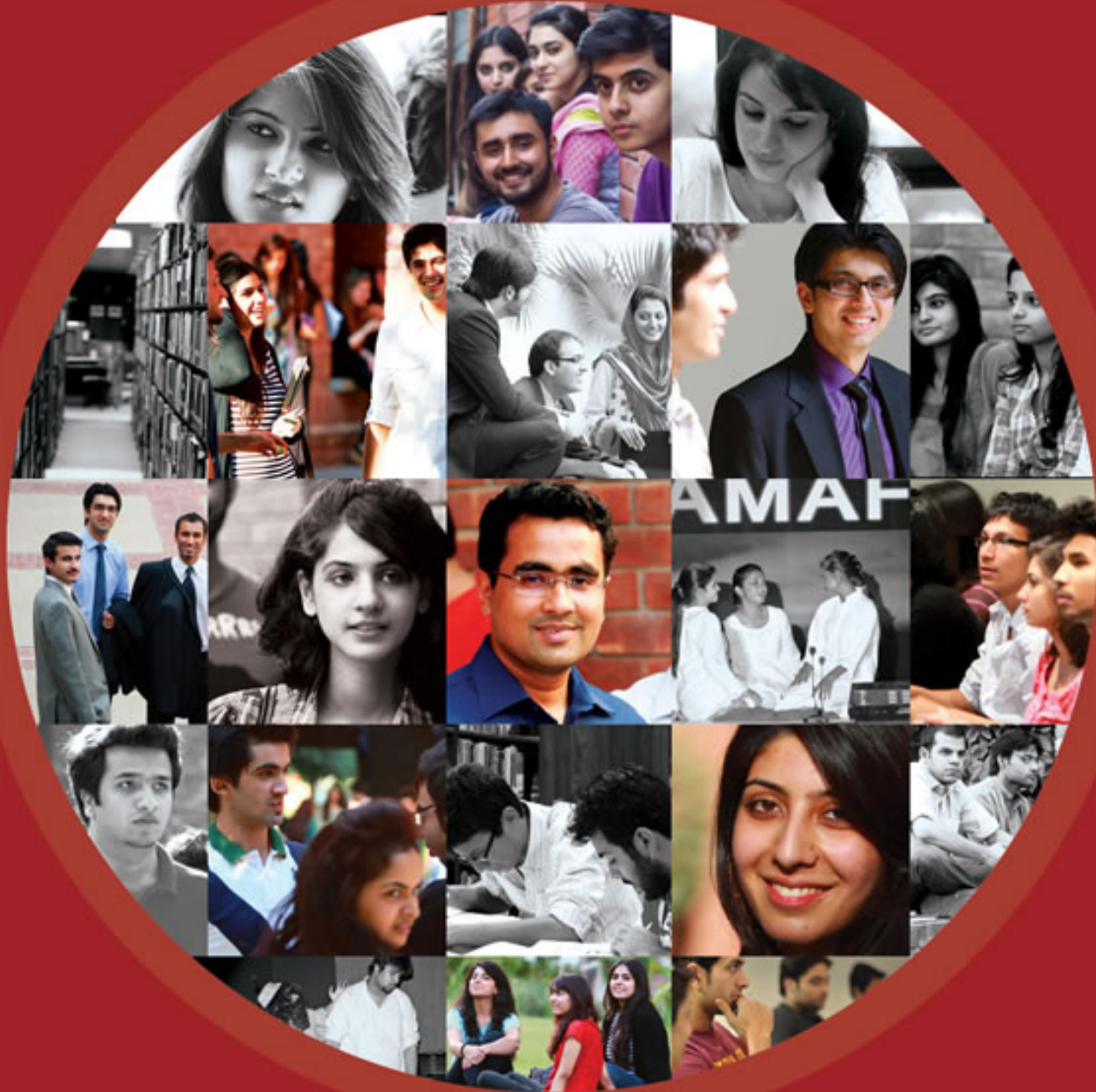


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# Message from the Alumni Affairs Office



Dear Alumni,

During my association of ten years with LUMS, I have been directly or indirectly involved with the alumni. Being a LUMS alumnus myself, I have always felt that we are part of one big family.

The year 2011 has proved to be a remarkable year for the LUMS Alumni Affairs Office. Many of our alumni made significant progress in their careers. They grew to leadership positions in corporate world and also expanded their businesses manifolds. Today we come across many LUMS alumni who are working in diverse sectors such as development, public, media and academia, among many others. Many alumni who are entrepreneurs received international awards for their outstanding performances. They not only made us proud but also received accolades for Pakistan.

The alumni participated wholeheartedly in local and international reunions organised in Seattle, Washington DC, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York to reinforce their bond with LUMS.

The LUMS alumni, who are more than 6,000 in number, continued to exhibit their generosity and supported many initiatives at their alma mater. They provided scholarships making it possible for their successors to avail the world class educational opportunities which were available to them at LUMS. They enthusiastically supported the National Outreach Programme and established scholarship and endowment funds. The alumni contributed towards the infrastructure development and worked hard in making it possible for LUMS to enhance its facilities in the new Suleman Dawood School of Business building.

I strongly urge you to stay connected with LUMS and continue helping it to change the lives of thousands of talented young men and women of Pakistan.

I wish you all the best in your endeavours.

Regards,

**Sheikh Ali Hussain (EMBA 2007)**  
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# Message from the Pro Chancellor



At LUMS we now have three Schools, namely the Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB); the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law (SHSSL) and the School of Science and Engineering (SSE), all of which are very active and centres of quality.

Over 6,000 of LUMS graduates are working or studying in Pakistan and abroad and are a source of pride to the country and us all. LUMS students and graduates are also participating with great enthusiasm in social work, which makes us proud.

We value all who are connected with the effort at LUMS during their stay on the campus and beyond.

*Syed Babar Ali*



# Articles by Alumni



## A Paradigm Shift for the LUMS Alumni

**T**he last few years have seen dramatic changes in the business landscape of Pakistan. The continuing energy crisis and resultant massive unemployment has led many a middle class citizen to the brink of poverty. A consequence of this is what is also known as Newton's law of motion described as "to every action there is an equal and opposite reaction". The counter reaction in this case is that many professionals have started working for the betterment of the country.

LUMS alumni have played a leading part in this cause. I have been lucky enough to have met and worked with some of these individuals who have contributed immensely beyond personal gains for noble causes.

As with any social or philanthropy work, it is very difficult to assess the direct contribution to the society and economy, though many models do exist. I have tried best to categorise contributions by the LUMS alumni, either as a direct consequence of their efforts or as a byproduct of their professional lives.

Kindly note that this article will only explain the business related contributions and does not account for donations or social work which are not business entities per se. I have also deliberately not given any names of organisations/persons involved in these ventures so that this article remains unbiased & impartial.

### From MNCs to Local Companies

LUMS graduates, especially MBAs, were known to work only for multinationals in the belief that getting a job there (like getting an admission in LUMS) meant "Life Set Hai!" i.e. you were to have the best car amongst your cousins, frequent coveted foreign trips and of course get married with the person of your dreams (in-laws simply loved you or your university!)

However that has changed. With MNCs now shrinking their operations in this country and providing less work opportunity, working for a local company now is a much more fruitful and rewarding experience especially since local players are becoming more aggressive and prominent in their operations and marketing. There is much more autonomy with policies being made by the Pakistani board members, compared to a MNC where a "gora" board makes decision from the comfort of its high-rise office in New York or London. Readers working for an MNC might be able to relate to this.

Local companies add far more value to the economy than their foreign competitors as they normally use local resources and re-invest back into the business or at least in the country. Even if they do not re-invest much, it is still beneficial as MNCs through transfer pricing techniques and dividends payout take back much more than their investment, putting pressure on the fragile foreign exchange of the country and cross subsidising other global operations.

So what does this all have to do with LUMS alumni benefiting Pakistan? A lot more that one realises at a cursory glance. LUMS alumni who are currently with many local companies have helped them compete with the top ranking MNCs.

Local players are now reaching economies of scale level, where they are able to develop local vendors and pass on technology locally. Few have also started going international with business units in Africa and Middle East giving Pakistan a better image and acting as its good will ambassadors.

The strategies of some local companies have also helped capture market share from leading global MNCs, which is a commendable achievement. In fact a few local companies have acquired foreign companies in western countries and are in the process of turning around their performance with the help of LUMS alumni.

## The Entrepreneurial Spirit

Some of our fellow alumni have resigned from their settled jobs to start their own business. It was because their careers were stagnant since most of them were doing fairly well. However, with the help of skills and best practices they acquired during their corporate lives, they are now managing their own small and medium enterprises.

This has led to a new lot of professional SMEs, which some times ago was a pure "Seth culture". Not that it has changed dramatically, but a visit to some of these offices shows us that feedback from employees is much more valued and the culture of the organisation is visibly more professional.

Hopefully such SMEs will create good employment opportunities as well as create more investment in areas of neglect. It will also help the local communities which depend upon such SME businesses.

## Wanna Be Cowboys

With the recent increase in agriculture related goods prices, it has motivated many alumni to take up agriculture as a full time job. This is truly an eye opening example where man has gone back to its ancestral roots, unsatisfied with the lifestyle that the modern professional life offers!

With feasibility of paybacks within a year or two and more importantly independence from the daily insecurities of corporate life, who wouldn't want to take the plunge? The reason this is beneficial to the economy is that currently agriculture in this country is one of the most inefficient, even when compared to our South Asian neighbours who have better yield per acre. There are many reasons for this, but its primarily due to lack of awareness and education.

Working for a company which has a



very strong supply chain and backward integration, I know for a fact that Pakistan employs century's old equipments in farming which is practically showcased in museums in developed countries. Such ancient practices make the land infertile and also results in very low yield.

My company works with farmers on a daily basis to improve their methods and techniques, as a result of which the crops yields are now equivalent to any developed country in farming. But this is only the beginning. Some global companies in Pakistan are now introducing genetically modified (GM) crops which are more resistant to external factors and give better yield; not to mention that the product can be tailored for contents as well (though there is a huge debate on GM crop/food but getting into this discussion will be a never ending story therefore the reader is at liberty to take any view on the GM crop).

Alumni going into farming, especially those with experience from companies involved in such projects have shared these best practices with the communities they operate in. This has helped in increasing the yields of various agriculture produce and resultantly improving lives of the many farmers who have small land holdings.

Another rising trend in Pakistan is of dairy farming. Our country again has a poor record of dairy production with the one of the lowest milk yields and poor hygiene standards. Other serious issues include forceful lactating production where one hears horrible stories of farmers injecting cows with harmful doses of medication to increase milk at the cost of quality and in the process making the milk itself unfit for human consumption. Some alumni have started dairy farming with cows of mix breed which produce twice the milk as village cows and are more resistant to diseases.

Once more professional people jump into this line of business we can expect to see vast improvements in the quality assurance and also increase production from the same resources available in an environment of a population boom.

## Conclusion

At the time when we were graduating, life meant very different things to us than what it does today. At that time it seemed incomprehensible and very eccentric to leave a MNC company to pursue such work. One my of class fellows at LUMS was made a social outcast by his family and friends when he

started his dairy business in the first few days after graduation.

Though a lot is happening to the business landscape but a word of caution here is that such contributions are still a very small part of the economy. Our only hope is that this trend catches on at a broader scale.

At the end I would conclude with what the late Steve Jobs mentioned in his very famous Stanford commencement speech "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary."



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## Do More

**T**he phrase 'do more' is not merely a random expression but has a very serious connotation. It seems our masters use it as if they have the exclusive copyrights for it for an indefinite period of time. We have already paid a very heavy cost in this regard and it appears the compliance mode is likely to go on. While driving down the urban cities, one unfortunate depiction of our loss is seen in the form of boulevards and crossings being named after 'Shuhada's' (martyrs). This observation makes me sad as one doesn't come across that many anywhere else in the world.

This loss aside, the compliance to 'do more' time and again is hurting our ability to challenge our status quo and to move on with new initiatives on the diplomatic front. The voices are curbed and reduced to minimal decibels. We are living in one of the most unfortunate times and the present generation continues to suffer. It's becoming an era of deception; we are increasingly wary of what is reported to us. The news seems to be engineered, serving hidden agendas of certain influential groups and factions. Gone are the days when television was supposedly a source of entertainment and relaxation. We switch on the television and are bombarded with news channels fighting, in terms of point scoring, with tall claims of breaking news to the public for the first time. The news itself is disturbing, as more often than not it is reporting loss of precious lives, strikes, injustices, deprivation etc. We are unsure of who is who and serving what ulterior motives.

It's a simple profit and loss statement and a no brainer to see loss and gains in this dangerous game. The incidents unfold in front of us on regular intervals and all appear to be linked, as if it's a grand plan being executed and we are the guinea pigs. It seems that ever since we participated actively as an ally in the war against the Soviets, we are at the mercy of our masters and we blindly take dictation as if there aren't any options left with us. We went nuclear over a decade ago and the West seems to be really active in neutralising our capability. The chain of events is all converging to the ultimate agenda of disarmament. One unfortunate fact is that there is no unbiased media available to us, and the Muslim world especially is totally dependant upon already establish-

ed news networks who are serving targeted motives. These channels often recruit individuals who are 'opinion makers' whereby we all end up discussing what was intentionally injected in bits and pieces.

However one refreshing change, especially in the younger generation, is that the overall awareness level is on the rise due to unrest. The general public's appetite for validating the news via alternative media is increasing. In general a lot of people now do not take any news on its face value and do check the credibility from other available sources. Now we do question controversial individuals and have started linking the dots. Having said that, where are we off to; are we well-equipped; what's our ultimate objective; where should we be heading; are we really sure if we are being guided by the right people; are we heading in the right direction and if yes, what are the chances of being successful and what are the measures of success? The list goes on. The idea is not to digress but find common ground and channelise our efforts towards pursuing our ultimate objective.

The dilemma starts when the objectives are not known and thus all good intentions and efforts become futile. In my opinion, the dilemma of today's times is that we lack clarity in terms of our objectives. Now where to start, how to come to a common ground and find our list of objectives are the million dollar questions. Have we done anything in particular in this regard? The answer, unfortunately, is no, as we all tend to indulge in lots of lip service without much being achieved at the end of the day. The words need to be translated into action.

We have had enough - let's rise to the occasion and contribute in some form as the country is in shambles; it is bleeding and needs us. What is done is done; let's start from a clean slate with good intentions.

First and foremost, we need to exercise our right to vote as citizens of Pakistan. Instead of shying away and resting at home on Election Day, we all should go out and vote for the right people. It is unfair and unjust to crib about the state of affairs if we do not vote. We also hear that we don't have much options; we certainly do as there are lots of people with great intentions who stand in elections and are voted out as they do not have any political affiliations and 'brad-aris' to support them. Let's try our luck

with them for a change.

Then there are issues which are peculiar to our society and can be dealt with at an individual level, provided we all are ready to sort those out. Austerity measures have to be practiced in our daily lives. We have a huge population and natural resources cannot be infinite and will deplete over time. We need to exercise frugality in consuming our natural resources. We need to be honest in paying our taxes. We know that the tax money is not spent judiciously but then let's have the right people at the helm of affairs.


We need to take some practical steps to relieve the suffering masses. The other day I was reading a report where Kaushik Bassu, the Chief Economist of India proposed that to do away with corruption, especially in interactions with public offices, we need to amend the law and legalise bribe giving while receiving bribes should be an offence. By doing so, the ones giving bribe would report the one receiving bribe who would be caught, the bribed amount would be recovered and work will be done. With this, the ones receiving bribe would be cautious in opting for bribe as it will be reported in most of the cases. Without going too much into the detail of implications and implementation of this proposal, the idea is to take such radical steps to relieve general public from daily painful experiences.

It would be unfair to blame the West and specifically the United States. Instead the need of the hour is to mend our own ways and make ourselves into a nation which can stand with pride. The tragedy is that we no longer have an identity. We are a nation of individuals, each thinking of him/herself without a collective purpose. Be it the country, extended family, community or the corporation - we are all in it for what we can gain individually. Our own personal agendas and the desire for more, consumes us, with total disregard for anything greater.

Until there is a unified purpose with the right leadership and until we address the overriding desire for consumption of the affluent, we will continue to be scavengers without a nation - the green flag a mere ornament for inflated ceremonies.

Nations without an identity become easy picking for scavenger nations - so, before we blame the USA, we need to look at ourselves.





Given this backdrop, the LUMS alumni in different parts of the world can pitch in their humble capacities. Pakistan has a serious challenge in terms of its perception across the globe and the way we have been depicted by the media. It is important to note that perception is at times stronger than reality. Therefore, Pakistan as a nation needs a massive face lift in terms of its branding as an independent sovereign state. Pakistan needs to be branded and projected for the sake of building a good image which it rightly deserves. We can all contribute in doing so. There are already some good examples of wonderful initiatives like [www.goodnews.pk](http://www.goodnews.pk) which is a dedicated effort in projecting Pakistanis in various fields and you get to read ONLY good news which is absolutely essential to boost ourselves and tell others as to who we are and what our abilities are.

God bless Pakistan.

Sheikh Taimur Nawaz  
MBA Class of 2003



# News from LUMS

## LUMS Holds its 23rd Annual Convocation

**T**he 23rd Annual Convocation of LUMS was held on June 18, 2011 at the Syed Maratib Ali Sports Complex at the University campus. The LUMS community celebrated the graduation of 567 students and honoured outstanding students with awards and medals for excellence in their academic performances. The convocation address was presented by Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Shahid H. Kardar. At the ceremony, degrees were conferred to the graduates and the National Management Foundation medals were awarded to graduates securing top positions in various programmes.

## Dr. Adil Najam Appointed as the Third VC of LUMS



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Adil Najam has been appointed the third Vice Chancellor of LUMS. He follows Dr. Ahmad Jan Durrani (2008-2011) and Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan (2002-2008) who have held this office before him.

Dr. Adil Najam is a leading authority on global public policy. He holds the Frederick S. Pardee Chair for Global Public Policy at Boston University where he also serves as the Director of the Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future and is a tenured Professor of International Relations and Geography and the Environment. Earlier he served as a Professor of Negotiations and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He has also taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the University of Massachusetts (UMass).

Dr. Najam received his PhD and two Master's degrees from MIT and a Bachelor's degree from UET (Lahore). He also completed a specialisation in international negotiation from the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.

Dr. Najam was a lead author for the third and fourth assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), work for which the IPCC was awarded the 2007 Nobel Prize along with Al Gore. In 2008 he was invited by the United Nations Secretary General to serve on the UN Committee on Development (CDP). In 2010 he was awarded the Sitara-e-Imtiaz by the government of Pakistan. He also serves on the Advisory Board for the 2011 Human Development report of the UNDP.

Dr. Najam has published over 100 scholarly papers and book chapters and is author and editor of numerous books. He is a past winner of MIT's Goodwin Medal for Effective Teaching, the Fletcher School Paddock Teaching Award, the Stein Rokan Award of the International Political Sciences Association, and the ARNOVA Emerging Scholar Award. Dr. Najam has also served on the editorial boards of various scholarly publications, including Global Governance, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, the Journal of Ecological Economics, the Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, and The Encyclopedia of Earth.

We welcome Dr. Najam's appointment and hope that he will further strengthen the vision and goals of LUMS.

## BAF SSE Scholars Project Featured in the United Nations Academic Impact Newsletter

The Babar Ali Foundation School of Science and Engineering Scholars were recently featured in the United Nations Academic Impact Newsletter for their community service efforts.

In May 2011, a group of BAF SSE Scholars co-piloted a distance-learning interactive science education project. This project was completed in collaboration with the Alliance for Advancement of Education, an organisation working to enhance teacher training in Pakistan. Using the distance-learning Tele Taleem software, the students tutored fifty middle school children from two lower income schools in Orangi and Khairpur (run by Developments in Literacy), Sindh Province on the importance of drinking clean water and how to create a biosand filter to purify water. The children were asked to construct biosand filters on their own and to document their experiences in video format. The BAF Scholars viewed the uploaded videos and gave their feedback to the students.

The response from the two schools was very enthusiastic and according to the students, their conceptual knowledge and interest in science were enhanced by participating in the project.

The United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also appreciated LUMS and the community service project in his "Message to Triennial Conference of the International Association of University Presidents".



## Dr. Syed Mubashir Ali Appointed Registrar of LUMS



Dr. Syed Mubashir Ali has been appointed the next Registrar at LUMS and assumed office from October 1, 2011. Dr. Ali would be taking over from Dr. Tariq Jadoon, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering at the School of Science and Engineering, who previously held this office.

Dr. Ali joined LUMS during the university's early years and is currently Associate Professor at the Suleman Dawood School of Business. He received his PhD from the University of Manchester. Case studies developed by him have been used at LUMS, Judge Institute of Management, University of Cambridge, and the Manchester Business School. His work has been published in interna-

tional journals and newsletters. Dr. Ali has worked extensively on the development of the financial sector in Pakistan. His research interests include corporate finance, privatisation policy, and regulation of utilities.

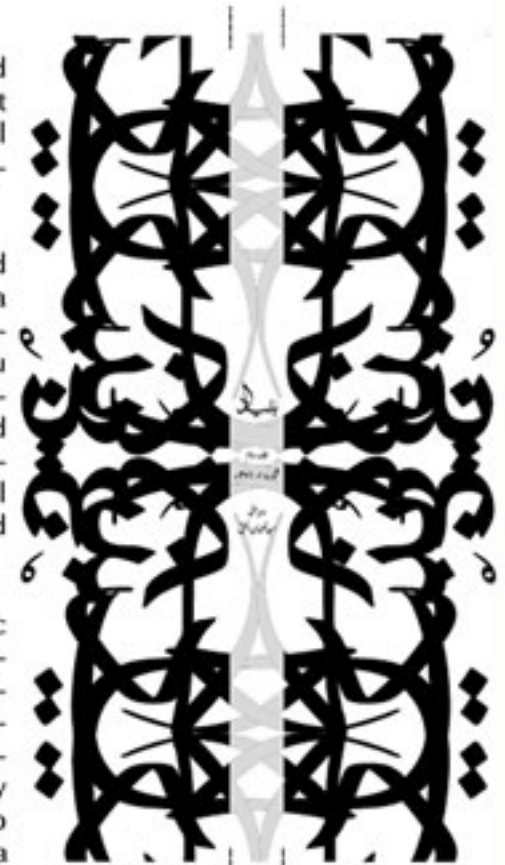
We welcome Dr. Ali's appointment and wish him the best of luck as he takes on this important position.

## Bunyaad Receives Excellent Response from Literary Circles

Bunyaad, an academic and research journal, published by the Gurmani Centre for Language and Literature at LUMS is the first Urdu journal following the international mode of journal writing. The journal has received an excellent response from literary circles.

Dr. Syed Nomanul Haq, the Chief Editor of Bunyaad, told the Communications team that the journal has received a very encouraging response from many credible institutions. He says that for the first time in the history of Urdu literary periodicals, the Library of Congress (LoC), Islamabad has requested permission to include Bunyaad among the publications that are sent by them to a network of libraries in the US. These include libraries of all top universities including Harvard, Yale, Columbia and others.

The Library of Congress collects books, journals, music and maps from a wide range of sources including government offices, research and scientific institutions, universities, NGOs and commercial publishers. Titles selected for the Library of Congress are cataloged by the Islamabad Office then added to the world's largest library collection. As part of its mission to enhance scholarship and understanding, the Library of Congress operates a participant programme with US academic and research institutions. Through the Cooperative Acquisitions Programme, the Islamabad Office sends copies of publications to libraries across the United States. This rich collection of Pakistani resources is consulted by scholars from across the globe furthering knowledge and understanding of the region.



The journal has also received very positive reviews by credible publications. A noteworthy one among them is the BBC website, which carried a review by author Arif Waqar, which praises Bunyaad and cites it as the 'first Urdu journal in contemporary scholarly mode.'

## LUMS Supports Faculty Research

Faculty Travel Grants (FTG) is one of the ways in which the University invests in the career and research of its full-time faculty at various stages of their academic careers.

The quality of the applications received, this year, demonstrates the full breadth and depth of research at the three Schools at LUMS: SDSB, SHSSL, SSE. They include participation (with accepted papers) in some of the world's leading research conferences as well as meaningful research collaborations with leading institutions across the globe. Another round of Faculty Travel Grants will be made during the Spring semester.



Recipients of the Fall LUMS Faculty Travel Grants are listed below:

Assistant Prof. Sadaf Ahmed	(SHSSL)	[USA]
Assistant Prof. Anjum Fayyaz	(SDSB)	[Denmark]
Associate Prof. Asim Karim	(SSE)	[UK]
Assistant Prof. Abdul Karim Khan	(SDSB)	[USA]
Associate Prof. Nadeem Khan	(SSE)	[Taiwan]
Associate Prof. Umar Saif	(SSE)	[USA]
Assistant Prof. Shazib E. Shaikh	(SDSB)	[USA]
Associate Prof. Zartash A. Uzmi	(SSE)	[USA]
Assistant Prof. Emma Varley	(SHSSL)	[Canada]
Assistant Prof. Adnan Zahid	(SDSB)	[USA]

The LUMS community congratulates the recipients!

## SSE Undergrad Secures Job at Microsoft



Maisem Jaffer Ali, a SSE senior majoring in Computer Science, has already secured a job offer from Microsoft, USA, almost a year before his graduation in 2012.

Maisem interned at Microsoft during the summer, after being selected through a rigorous and thorough interview process. "I was asked to solve a series of problems that ranged from simple algorithms taught in class, to complex puzzles that I had not encountered before," recalls Maisem.

After the interviews, he was selected for the internship at Redmond, WA, where he was given the task of developing tools to test their new Silverlight-5 and Windows-8 platforms. "Over the course of my 12 weeks I worked on developing tools for manual and automated testing and was also asked to write some of their SDK samples," says Maisem.

At the end of the internship, Maisem was asked to join the team as a full-time employee. Maisem, however, will be completing his studies first, and has deferred joining Microsoft for a year. Meanwhile, he has taken Fall semester off to work as a Research Fellow at Stanford Research Institute (SRI). Presently, he is based at SRI, working on novel data structures that allow fine-grained auditing and tracking of data provenance in distributed environments. This visit is part of an ongoing research collaboration between Dr. Ashish Gehani at Stanford Research Institute and Dr. Muhammad Fareed Zaffar, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, LUMS.

Maisem plans to return in Spring to complete his coursework before joining Microsoft.

## Students from MBA 2012 Win Prime Minister's Entrepreneurial Challenge

Students of the LUMS MBA Class of 2012 have won the second prize at the 'Prime Minister's Entrepreneurial Challenge', a business plan competition in which 250 teams, consisting of over 1200 students, took part.

Spanning a period of seven months, this business plan competition attracted students from over 30 Pakistani universities. It was organised by the Office of Research, Innovation and Commer-

cialization (ORIC) under the supervision of NUST Entrepreneurship Society, Cambridge Advisory Network, Ministry of Science & Technology and HEC.

The LUMS team was represented by Haris Bin Javed, Khurram Merchant, Muhammad Bilal Chaudhary, Adeel Shaffi and Omair Shabbir, who achieved second position and received an award by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Yusuf Raza Gillani. This talented team had also recently won the Fast Business Club's Business Plan Competition.

The LUMS team, Seraab's business idea focused on selling irrigation water to small farmers of Punjab, using solar powered tube wells to extract ground water. The idea envisaged ensuring cost-effective and reliable supply of irrigation water to small farmers, using the existing Nehar (Canal) System. Availability of year round irrigation water can increase crop yields, allowing harvesting of three crops per annum and thus leading to significant improvement in the quality of life of the farmers. Apart from the social benefits and the environment friendly nature of the idea, it also presents an excellent business opportunity as the low operating costs (compared to its competition's ever increasing electricity and diesel costs) would generate handsome returns for the investors.

The team continues to develop the idea into a business plan for implementation in a proper business structure.

## LUMS Welcomes Dr. Sohail Qureshi as Dean SSE



Dr. Sohail Qureshi, presently Professor of Biology at the LUMS School of Science and Engineering (SSE), has been appointed as the next Dean of SSE. He will assume responsibility from November 1, 2011. Dr. Qureshi did his PhD in Molecular Biology in 1989 from the University of

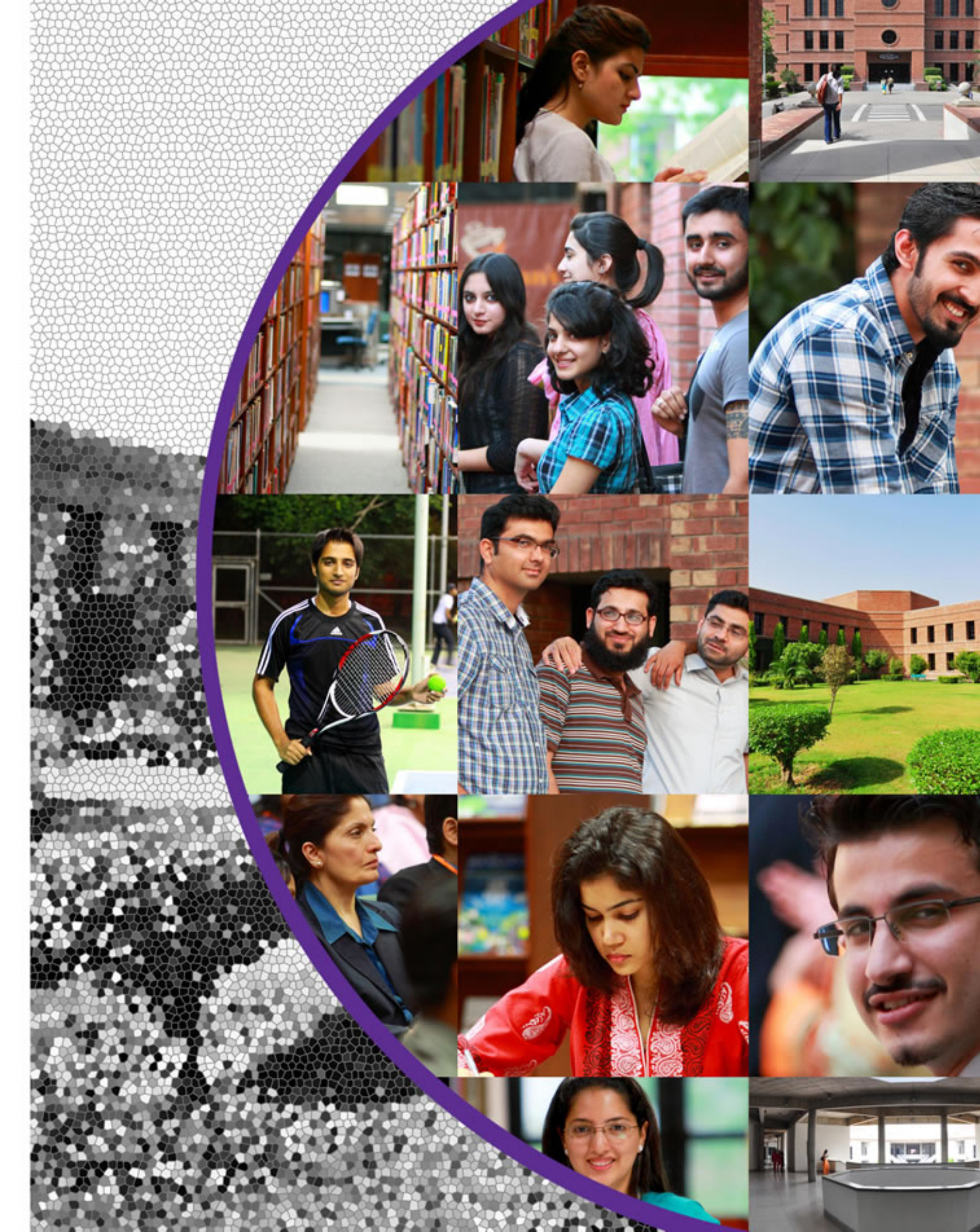
Maine-Orono, USA and subsequently carried out his postdoctoral research work at Glasgow University, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London and Cambridge University.

Dr. Qureshi has worked at the Aga Khan University for seven years and has also taught at the Department of Neurology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. In 2001, he joined PanVera/Invitrogen Corporation as a Senior Research Scientist of Molecular Biology and Assay Development. Dr. Qureshi has over 20 years of Post-PhD research, teaching and corporate experience. He has published a number of seminal papers in top-tier scientific journals. His research interests include gene regulation in hyperthermophilic archaea, hepatitis-C & E, cancer, epigenomics and neuroscience.

Dr. Qureshi's predecessor, Dr. Shahab Baqai has worked passionately to turn the newly established SSE into a centre of research, innovation and academic distinction. Dr. Baqai will continue his research and teaching career at SSE, LUMS.

The LUMS community welcomes Dr. Qureshi as the new Dean and is sure that he will lead the school to new heights of excellence in the future.







## LUMS Welcomes Dr. Anjum Altaf as Dean SHSSL



Dr. Anjum Altaf has been appointed the new Dean of the LUMS School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law (SHSSL). He will join LUMS in January 2012, assuming responsibility from Dr. Ijaz Nabi, whose untiring efforts have turned SHSSL into a hub of academic and research excellence. Meanwhile, till Dr. Altaf joins office, Dr. Ali Qazilbash will be acting Dean of SHSSL.

Dr. Altaf did his MS, Electrical and Computer Engineering from Oregon State University, Masters in Economics and his PhD in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University.

He has previously worked at the Applied Economics Research Centre at the University of Karachi, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the World Bank. His main interest is the influence of varying degrees of uncertainty on behaviour and its implications for strategic planning in the areas of development, urbanisation and the environment.

The LUMS community welcomes Dr. Altaf's appointment as the Dean and hope the school will continue to flourish under his guidance!

## LUMS Introduces New Major in History

The School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law at LUMS has introduced a new History major. Students at LUMS, beginning with the current 2011-2012 academic year, will have the choice of opting for a BA (Hon) in History.

The LUMS History Group comprises Ali Nobil Ahmad, James Beresford, Aurangzeb Haneef, Syed Nomanul Haq, Hasan Karrar and Nadhra Shahbaz Naeem Khan.

History is a multifaceted chronological study of the past based on extant sources and physical evidence. Combined, the History Group's teaching covers ancient and modern, cultural, intellectual, political, and social history over a geographic time span including most of Asia and Europe.

Students opting for the History major shall work with the History Group to devise a programme of study catering to their interests. At this stage, possible specialisations include, (but are not limited to): Asian History, Muslim History, World History: Global Connections, and The Modern World.

## LUMS Programmers Rank Amongst the Best in the World

Computer Science Seniors, Asadullah Naweed, Maisem Jaffery and Salik Nadeem, ranked 30th amongst 1500+ teams from 65 countries, participating in the IEEE Xtreme endurance programming competition last weekend. IEEE Xtreme is a global challenge in which teams compete in a 24 hour time-span against each other to solve programming problems. A second team from LUMS, comprising Husnain Lakhani, Safdar Iqbal and Alamdar Hussain, also reached the top 100.

"It was a lot of fun", said Asadullah, who had also participated in this competition last year. "We were at it for 24 hours, and I did not sleep till the end." Teams were ranked based on how many problems they solved, and how quickly they solved them. Official statistics listed 1510 teams and 4022 students from 65 countries in all 10 IEEE regions, making this perhaps the largest programming competition of its kind in the world.

## LUMS Annual Report 2009-10 Receives Honourable Mention at ACU PR, Marketing and Communications Awards 2011

The LUMS Annual Report 2009-10, compiled by the University's Communications Department, received an Honourable Mention in the Annual Reports category at the PR, Marketing and Communications Awards 2011, organised by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU).

The achievements of institutions offering higher education and the professionals who work there are recognised at these Awards. Models of good practice for the higher education sector are acknowledged through these Awards, where an institution's PR, marketing and communications activities are evaluated by a board of international experts.

Impressed with the LUMS Annual Report 2009-10, the Association of Commonwealth Universities will recognise the LUMS' Honourable Mention in the Network's magazine 'Impact', and in the ACU publication 'Bulletin'.

## Dr. Umar Saif - First Pakistani to Receive the Google Faculty Research Award



Dr. Umar Saif, Associate Professor, Computer Science, LUMS is the first Pakistani to win the prestigious Google Faculty Research Award. He gets this award for his research work funded by the US State Department.

The US\$ 100,000 Google Faculty Research Award makes Dr. Saif the first faculty member in a Pakistani university to receive the competitive grant,

awarded for the low-cost rural telephony systems that he has been working on for the past three years along with colleagues at UC Berkeley. His collaborators on the research include Eric Brewer, VP of Infrastructure at Google, currently on leave from his work as Professor of Computer Science at UC Berkeley; Tapan Parikh, Assistant Professor at the iSchool at UC Berkeley and Kurtis Heimerl, a graduate student working with Dr. Brewer.

Dr. Saif was also the first Pakistani to be acknowledged by the MIT Technology Review as one of the top 35 innovators (TR35). He was honoured for his work on technologies for the developing-world which are being used by millions of people. Notable among the many of these are: BitMate - that enhances the speed of Internet in the developing-world using peer-to-peer technology, and SMSall.pk - Pakistan's largest SMS social network which has sent close to 4 billion SMS for users in Pakistan.

Dr. Saif is currently on leave from LUMS, working as the Chairman of the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB).







# Student Societies

## Student Council



The Student Council is an elected body which serves the dual role of taking issues to the respective authorities, as well as bridging the gap between the administration and the student body. Notable accomplishments for the council this year included: improvement in security, changes to the Financial Aid policy, changes in timings of the Pepsi Dining Centre (PDC) along with improvement in food quality and additions to the menu, solving academic related issues and assisting the student body collectively and individually as and when required. Moreover, the Student Council was actively involved in assisting the administration in executing important university events such as the Convocation and the Orientation. Another prominent achievement of the Student Council was the formation of the committee for the LUMS Flood Relief Drive (LFRD) which worked towards generating funds, gathering relief items and visiting the areas affected from this natural disaster.

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## LUMS Adventure Society (LAS)



Due to the the recent security situation and the formation of the artificial Attabad Lake (Hunza), the LAS May Trip has not happened for the last two years. Consequently there seemed to be an apparent decline in the degree of adventure offered by LAS. To compensate for this loss LAS introduced a new weekend trip; a two day camp at the Saif ul Malook lake, along with a trek to Aansoo lake in the Kaghan valley which proved to be a huge success and had to be arranged again in October.

For the winter expeditions LAS decided to conduct three trips with Skardu as the centre. The first trip was the usual winter survival peak attempt (Humbroq Peak 5200 meters) by the LAS

council members along with a few other adventure enthusiasts from the LUMS community. The second one was a breathtaking (no pun intended) trek to the mysterious Bara Broq lake. Last but not least was an ice climbing expedition to the Barral glacier at an altitude of 4000 meters, which was some hundred meters above the popular Hushe valley.

The trip to Rattu has become somewhat of a tradition. Two trips of 29 each left for Rattu in January in the semester break and gave people a taste of what it means to ski. January Rattu trips had such an impact on the LUMS community that LAS had to arrange two more trips to Rattu in March which were wildly successful as well and left people wanting more.

The LAS Khanpur Trip in March offered a variety of activities. Rock climbing tested the physical strength and also challenged the ability to wisely use that strength in finding foot-holds as participants climb 60ft rock. Cave exploration took those on the trip, 400-500 meters deep into a cave where there is absolute darkness and silence. For the grand finale, cliff diving provided an adrenaline rush like no other.

On May 19, 2011, LAS took a group of 240 people from the LUMS community and quenched their thirst for adventure. The trips included the extreme and technical Rush Peak, the moderate Naltar trek, the Hopper glacier trek, the challenging Nanga Parbat South Side trek, the easy yet gorgeous Fairy Meadows trek, the Rakaposhi Base Camp Trek and the luxury trip: Karimabad. Whether it is the boys' euphoric chants of 'RUUSH PEAK' in the bus or the evening promenades in Karimabad, the May Trip 2011 was one for the ages.

## AIESEC

AIESEC held a learning event for its project "Tamkeen" which aims to empower women of the underprivileged class by providing them vocational training. This event gathered a lot of attention and many of its partners from the development side expressed their support in the launching of this project and promised assistance for its sustainability.

In November, AIESEC Lahore, one of the three Committees of AIESEC Pakistan, hosted the National Youth Development Seminar (NYDS) in Lahore. Catering to over two hundred AIESECers, this conference ran for 5 days. AIESEC's corporate partners, Unilever and JS conducted sessions, while its development partners shared experiences about contributing to society by working on social issues.

The Lahore Chapter of AIESEC sent eight students and alumni from LUMS and LSE for Development Traineeships in various countries including Turkey, Malaysia, Philippines and Sri Lanka. In a Development Traineeship students are provided the opportunity to work for greater community development through projects that are focused on HIV AIDS, entrepreneurship, children, environment, teaching English and tourism. AIESEC's platform also offers Management Traineeships, Educational Traineeships and Technical Traineeships. AIESEC in Lahore is proud to announce that a LUMS student, Anum Nasir (Class of 2011) was able to secure a Management traineeship in Reckitt Benckiser, Poland.

AIESEC held an event to create HIV/AIDS awareness amongst the students of LUMS. The chief guest was Shukriya Gul, who curre-



ntly heads a prominent NGO - Pak Plus Society. She shared the remarkable story of her life after her husband passed away due to an HIV/AIDS infection leading to her family being ostracised from their neighborhood due to the fear of her HIV that comes from being unaware about its facts. The event was marked by the presence of renowned ex-guitarist of the band Junoon, Salman Ahmed, who has been appointed by UNAID as a goodwill ambassador to Pakistan. He too spoke about AIDS and in the end rocked the jam-packed auditorium with his timeless songs.

On March 27, 2011, AIESEC in Lahore brought to the city a "Youth to Business Forum" (Y2B). It was an exciting platform to bridge gaps and hold a special dialogue between representatives of the youth and the business world to discuss and explore diverse topics. Speakers, conducting workshops included Mr. Badar Khushnood from Google, Mr. Umar Malik from Proctor & Gamble, Mr. Faoud Ghanfar from Nestle, Mr. Tyrone Tellis and representatives from Responsible Business Initiative, School of Leadership, Waste Busters, Gillete and Care Marketing. Students from all over Pakistan attended the event which will be held again next year.

## Alpha Society



Alpha Rung the signature event for graduating seniors was organised on April 23, 2011 at a farmhouse on Bedian Road. It was full of fun, food and music and the water pipes, pools and sprinklers were more than adequate to defeat the scorching heat. This year's Rung featured unlimited free soft drinks, quality BBQ and adventurous motor bike rides. The participants enjoyed time with their friends, thanks to the wonderful sound system and a rocking DJ.

The most notable event of the Alpha Society in 2011 was undoubtedly the screening of the Pakistan-India ICC World Cup Semifinal. It was Alpha's biggest event to date. The Alpha Society, with the help of RC M53, SWR and SLUMS had arranged the biggest screen in Lahore with carpets, bean bags and a huge surround sound system in the Sports Complex. Entry to this event was free and approximately 2500 people attended the screening. National songs were chanted during the intervals, viewers danced merrily whenever a boundary was struck, and flags were waving all around. Though the result was disappointing, the event itself proved to be a success.

The Alpha Society introduced an indoor games competition named "ShughLUMS" this year on February 5, 2011. The games played included ludo, carrom, darts, cards, checkers and foosball. As night approached, free Nando's coupons were given out to the respective winners. Inspired by the amazing response, Alpha intends to take this event to new heights next year!

## LUMS Arts Society

The SEDC, in collaboration with the LUMS Arts Society organised a mega event called "An Introduction to Naqsh". Naqsh is an arts school situated in the old Lahore city run by the Syed Babar Ali Foundation. The purpose of this event was not only to promote the Naqsh School of Arts, but also to provide a platform for students of Naqsh and LUMS to interact with each other.



In the first phase Naqsh students visited LUMS while in the second 30 students from LUMS visited Naqsh, providing both the opportunity to experience each other's environment.

From September 30 to October 2, 2010, the Arts Society organised a Beginner's Sketching workshop for the LUMS community to bring out the artistic talent of the students. Later from November 25 - 26, 2010, the Art Society organised its annual Black and White exhibition. As the name suggests, the exhibition showcased many different pieces of black and white artwork. It gave our artists a chance to show that color is not just what art is all about.

## LUMS Daily Student (LDS)

Keeping in view the vision of the LUMS Daily Student (LDS) - to inculcate the spirit of journalism and unbiased reporting in Pakistan, the society conducts the LUMS Convention for Aspiring Reporters and Media Anchors (CARMA) annually. The event attracted applications in excess of 800 applications from Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore and numerous other cities. This year's convention brought together some of the sharpest and brightest minds in the field of journalism, with an immense potential to bring about a positive change in the country's state of affairs, through the power of the media. The convention did not only help future reporters, anchors and writers with a platform to put forth their creative potential and educate them on the various genres of the media, but also provided them opportunities to network with prestigious professionals of the media industry including Talat Hussain, Atiqa Odho, Huma Amir Shah and Kamran Shahid. The significant exposure provided to the convention as a whole by the Express Media group also enhanced the profile of the convention as Pakistan's inaugural journalism event.

Also this year, the LUMS Daily Student (LDS), participated in the International Journalism Festival held in Perugia, Italy from April 13-17 by sending submissions for the competition, 'A Story Still To Tell - Peppino Impastato'. The annual A Story Still to Tell award invited the submission of short articles and/or videos on the circumstances surrounding the murder of an Italian journalist. At this global forum one of the entries submitted by LDS won the only Special Mention in the print category of the award, effectively winning the 2nd prize. The four students of the winning delegation are Syed Uzair Ahsan, Mohsin Iqbal, Maryam Farooq and Imran Ahmed Khan.



## Debates and Recitation Society (DRUMS)



The Debates and Recitation Society started off the year 2011 by adding another landmark performance to its already bulging portfolio. The DRUMS team, after some spectacular performances from our debaters, managed to reach the semi-finals of the World University Debating Championship for the second year in a row. The competition was brutal and unrelenting, but LUMS, like all years, stood out from the crowd and distinguished themselves as one of the leading universities of the region. Another feather in the society's

cap was the spectacular performance of Wasim Abid, who became the first Pakistani adjudicator to chair a debate at the Worlds. Due to success at the WUDC, LUMS is now ranked number 2 from the South Asian region in the debating power rankings.

DRUMS performance in the local circuit in the year 2011 has as usual been par excellence, bagging the winner's trophy at seven prestigious debating tournaments, including the Lahore School Debates, the LGS Kabana Debating Competition, the All Pakistan Kinnaird College Debates and the LSE Quadrangular Debating Series. DRUMS' speakers further won the best speaker awards, a coveted laurel, at almost all major debating tournaments this season including the 8th Annual Shahjiwana International Debating Tournament 2011 and the All Pakistan UET Debates 2011.

This year the Debates and Recitation Society took the initiative of arranging the first LUMS Urdu Debates. The tournament, based on the British parliamentary system, was a refreshing revival for our national language and attracted participants from throughout Lahore. The competition final was contested between SICAS and GCU Lahore with SICAS emerging victorious bagging both the winner's trophy and the best speaker award.

## LUMS Entrepreneurial Society (LES)

Each year LES organises the intra-LUMS Business Idea Competition (BIC) in order to promote and develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills amongst students. This year's BIC was held on October 10, 2010. Syed M. Umair, CEO of Sampak Fertilizer, Salman Mazhar, a specialist in branding strategies and advertisement and Muntazar Mehdi, an MBA student, were the judges for the event. The winning team came up with the idea of "E-Pay", the perfect way to make online payments without using a credit card and received cash prizes worth PKR 10,000.

'Play it' is LES's flagship event that allows participants to showcase their technical and creative skills by making an advertisement and a billboard poster on a brand. This year's Intra LUMS Play it competition was held on October 9, 2010. The event challenged the marketing and publicity skills of the participants, and commercials and jingles made by the students were evaluated by the judges on the basis of their originality, creativity and most importantly their success in getting the message across. This year the team assigned the Coca Cola brand won first prize, the ad for Energizer Batteries won second place and the third prize was shared by the teams assigned Picasso pen and AXE deodorant.

The Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs Summit (YLES) was held from January 19 – 22, 2011. The great effort of the host team combined with impressive sponsorship deals meant that the event was a resounding success. With the exception of a few power glitches, the academic events went smoothly - testified by the string of high-profile guests the society called upon to judge the contests. The Grand Dinner and the concert by Strings were also enjoyed by all. The YLES Cup was awarded to SZABIST.

## LUMS Media Arts Society (LMA)

This year the fifth installment of Olympiad was organised jointly by the LUMS Media Arts Society (LMA) and the LUMS Debating and Recitation Society (DRUMS). The event that comprised of a thousand participants from all over Pakistan included a variety of themes and competitions. Whether you are an aspiring actor, a budding musician or a debater in making, Olympiad is the forum for you. Some of the more popular events included The Battle of the Bands and the photography contest "Click Flick". Others such as chess, thematic art, speed filming, recitation, portrait, photo essay, debating, music video, Math enigma, mind quest, music singing, live art, law moot court and Fifa were also well attended. Events like Olympiad are crucial for the youth





to express and experiment in a safe environment and under the supervision of experts.

The LUMS Film Festival or FiLUMS, hosted annually by the LUMS Media Arts Society took place from February 11-13, 2011. At FiLUMS, students from all over the country and abroad are invited to gather and express their minds and creativity through the medium of film. This year, there were entries from different cities of Pakistan, as well as from around the globe. They were divided into different categories of short film, feature film, documentary and animation. Each was judged by a panel of judges which included the likes of Reema, Syed Noor, Adeel Hashmi and Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy. Workshops with Reema and Syed Noor were also conducted at this year's festival and premieres of two award-winning films, 'Children of the Taliban' and 'Heal' were held.

## LUMS Photographic Society

The LUMS Photographic Society organised a photography workshop conducted by Dody, who is the only freelance photographer from Pakistan to have covered the Olympic Games. The workshop was attended by many and the feedback was extremely positive.

The society also successfully conducted a basic photography course for aspiring photographers wanting to learn the skill. The course comprised of 4 extensive sessions covering theory, as well as the practical side of photography. The participants were handed gift hampers, T-shirts and certificates from Canon. The best participant was given a digital camera as a token of recognition.

The society also took a photography trip of around 70 students to visit old Lahore. The highlight of this trip was covering Ranjit Singh's Simadhi located right next to the Lahore Fort which is not usually open to the general public.

## Sports at LUMS (SLUMS)

This year saw SLUMS cross international borders to Germany, to take part in the 6th Eurokonstantia Sports Tournament hosted by the University of Konstanz. A delegation of 16 sportspersons represented LUMS in four sports which included football, basketball, tennis and beach volleyball. SLUMS athletes gave a superb account of themselves, grabbing a second place finish in tennis, a fourth place finish in female basketball, reaching the quarter finals in beach volleyball and securing fifth place in the male football tournament, losing out in the quarterfinals to the eventual winners.

In collaboration with the Office of Sports, Wellness and Recreation, SLUMS also hosted the first ever LUMS Sports Fest from March 26 - 29, 2011. With eight different sporting events and over 600 athletes participating from schools/universities all over Lahore, LUMS Sports Fest 2011 fulfilled its promise of being a sports extravaganza. FAST-NU Lahore, Beaconhouse School Defence and LGS Ghalib Market were winners in the university, male school and female school categories respectively.

The LUMS-FAST-LSE Tri Series was another unique event organised by the society. All major sports events were held separately and teams from the three universities took part against each other over three days. LUMS emerged victorious overall by defeating both LSE and FAST Islamabad.

Other noteworthy events organised by SLUMS included the Summer Cricket Championship, O Week Sports Gala and the Ramzan Fest.





# Shahzad Saleem



Shahzad Saleem graduated on the Dean's Honour List in 1989 from LUMS and laid the foundation of Nishat Chunian Limited as a spinning factory in 1990. The company has grown from a single spinning factory to a composite textile mill with sales of PKR 20 billion in 2010. It is now the 4th largest textile company in Pakistan. In 2009 Nishat Chunian ventured into private power generation and set up new project of 200 megawatt capacity to sell electricity to the national grid. The power company is 51% owned by the textile company and both are listed on the stock exchange. Shahzad and his younger brother, also a LUMS graduate, manage these two companies. Nishat Chunian is amongst one of the best performing textile companies in Pakistan and has never declared a loss in its 20 year history. Shahzad believes that LUMS has made a huge contribution in whatever he has achieved. Here is what Shahzad had to say about his journey from LUMS to Nishat Chunian.

## You were from the earliest batches at LUMS; what made you choose this new institution?

It's probably fate. I was born in Karachi, did all my schooling in PAF Model School and then I went to D.J. Science College for two years. I wanted to go into engineering but realised in two years that it did not interest me. Hence I joined B. Com in Government Commerce College, Karachi.

While in Govt. Commerce College I discovered my passion for accounting. In Karachi we used to have board exams for first and second year. The first year covered the quantitative subjects. When the results were announced I was shocked to find out that I secured first position in Karachi in boys group and an overall third position. I found it hard to believe as I never had such an amazing result in my life. I realised that I was a number cruncher. This was proved correct in the second year because I secured thirteenth or fourteenth position in Karachi since all the subjects were qualitative.

As I enjoyed accounting, I decided to go for an MBA and the obvious choice at that time was IBA Karachi. Getting into IBA was very difficult therefore I applied for admission into IBA and LUMS. I did not know much about LUMS but applied as a backup. I cleared the test for IBA and was called for the interview. At the same time I got the interview call from LUMS as well. The interview for admission into LUMS was held at Packages Ltd. office in Karachi by Syed Babar Ali, Razak Dawood, Javed Hamid, Yusuf Shirazi, Ehsan ul Haq and Waseem Azhar. I got accepted in both LUMS and IBA.

During this time, I visited Lahore for a family wedding and went to see the facilities at LUMS and also met some students from the first batch. The visit proved to be instrumental in my decision to opt for LUMS. The law and order situation in Karachi was quite bad in late 80's and this was also one of the factors which made me choose LUMS. I wrote a regret letter to IBA which created quite a ripple there. People could not believe it as only 29 people were admitted in class of '89 at IBA and I was one of them and had refused.

It turned out to be a very good decision for me.

## Please share with us your experiences as a student at LUMS.

It has been an interesting journey with LUMS. The institution has made a huge contribution in whatever I have achieved. The earlier days in LUMS were very stimulating because we had very close interaction with the professors, the classes were much smaller, and there were lots of debates and discussions which helped develop my thinking process and had a positive impact on my personality.

I believe the Class of '89 is the best class to graduate from LUMS in many respects. Our class was very instrumental in developing PLUMS, a publication which has now grown to a society. The first drama was also done by the class of '89. I was the official photographer for the DRAMALINE and PLUMS. Class of '89 was a unique class in the sense that we had a lot of heated debates on more or less everything but at the end of the day we all were very close friends. I was very lucky because there were a lot of number oriented courses and I felt very comfortable with that. In my opinion the most enjoyable part of my 16 years education was at LUMS. The subjects which I found very difficult were HR & OB, I found it very difficult to read the cases, but somehow I managed to do that. The Finance and Accounting Courses were a treat for me. We had amazing teachers like Salman Shah, Wasif Khan, Waseem Azhar and Zahoor Hasan.

## What in your opinion makes the LUMS student different or special?

When I was in LUMS, we were given so much work to do that it seemed impossible to complete at times. It seemed impossible at the start, but we understood later that it was possible. So, the first thing I learned at LUMS was that everything is "possible"!



I was reading a magazine from the Harvard Business School a few years ago which had interviews from various alumni. One of the alumni said, you have 24 hours in a day, and Harvard teaches you how to use all of them. While reading that comment I thought about LUMS and how it was very similar to Harvard in this respect.

But LUMS today is quite different from the time when I was there. It was very personal in those days; it was a small place. We were setting up new societies, there were lots of debates, discussions, there was exchange of ideas, and people learned to respect other's point of views. The LUMS of today is a well-known brand; people think that getting into LUMS is the key to success, not working hard or seeking knowledge. In those days there was a lot of passion and energy in the students and this is what I see lacking today.

## You are an alumnus, member and former president of the Alumni Association, and now in the LUMS Board of Trustees. Please tell us about your journey with LUMS.

I feel very passionate about the idea of setting up a business school which is a non-profit organisation and helping people like me get a world class education. I never applied for a loan or took any grant from LUMS but I still felt that it was a great effort by people like Syed Babar Ali and other members of the Board of Trustees involved in the initial setup of LUMS. It's important that you pay back to the society otherwise the system cannot function properly.

When I graduated from LUMS I wanted to be part of this setup so we started an Alumni Association, tried to get people together and do some activities. It continued for a few years, then everyone got very busy and unfortunately the idea fizzled out. Then after 15 years, Dr. Shaukat Brah, former Dean SDSB at LUMS, initiated this idea and the association was set up again. In 2001 our class got together and decided to sponsor a student every year in LUMS. For this we needed PKR 4.5 million every year to sponsor a student in perpetuity. We worked together and raised that money, thus setting up the first, Class of '89 Scholarship Fund in 2001-2002.

When the association was being setup, I was elected as the first vice president of the renewed Alumni Association and the next year I became the president. Mr. Razak Dawood helped us in raising almost PKR 60 million through alumni willing to donate generously for naming opportunities. Then on its 20-year reunion, the class of '89 donated another PKR 7 million.

Now I am on the Board of Trustees of LUMS which is a great honour for me. I hope to continue contributing to LUMS in terms of time, money and any other way possible.

## You are a successful businessman. What do you think is the key to being a success in today's world? What do you attribute your success to?

I think the first thing is that a person has to be very humble because achievements speak for themselves. You also have to be extremely hard working as there is absolutely no shortcut. There is no way that a person can succeed without hard work even if he is very smart. So you have to work hard and you have to be humble and respect people.

At the end of the day there is no secret formula, it's a combination of many things which helps a person to succeed; his education, the ability to work with and motivate people, learn from other people and constantly change. Improvement is a constant process; change is a constant process and in my view the moment you start believing it's not required, everything stops. The world is changing, societies change, people are changing, and if you refuse to accept change than you can't compete in this world.

## What is your opinion on the concept of work life balance? Tell us something about your family and your interests other than work.

It depends on what perspective you have or what is your expectation of a work-life balance as everyone has their own perspective. For me, it's the quality of time which is important and not the quantity which you spend with your family. I graduated at the age of 22 and got married six months later. Something that you don't realize is that time flies fast. When I was initially setting up my business and working very hard I didn't spend enough time with my family. I didn't realize it then, but now I try to spend more time with them. I have an excellent relationship with my parents, wife and children. They understand that I am an ambitious person and I want to do a lot more than just run a company. It's a delicate balance and there is no right answer. Everyone has to find their own answers and what works best for them and their families.

## What role can our alumni play in the success and development of LUMS and what message would you like to give to the alumni?

First of all, the alumni need to realise that LUMS has made a tremendous contribution to each graduate. They need to understand that it's a not-for-profit organisation. Giving back to LUMS, in my opinion, is the duty of all alumni and not something which is optional. The good news is that the alumni are ready to give back to the institution but it's the question of how we channelise the whole thing. I think that setting up the association is just one step in that direction; there are many other steps that we need to take to increase the interaction. Once you increase the interaction on different levels, people will come back and contribute.

In future, the role of the Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees will be to enable the alumni and the university to work even more closely together in terms of fundraising or advice or taking on various kinds of roles. We are proud of the success of our alumni. There are so many people who have done so well. We need to talk to these people, and I am positive that they would be happy to contribute in one way or the other.

I am extremely impressed by Syed Babar Ali's commitment to LUMS. He has not only contributed huge sums of money to LUMS but the time he gives to the institution and his passion is amazing. It's people like him who make a difference in the destiny of a country. The role he has played in setting up LUMS has made a huge difference to the quality of education available in Pakistan.





# National Outreach Programme

LUMS aims to provide equal academic opportunities to people of all social walks across Pakistan. To achieve this aim and to fully harness the potential of the human resources of the country, LUMS has been trying to provide a broader access to its programmes across Pakistan. The National Outreach Programme (NOP) was launched in 2001, with the objective of providing educational opportunities to bright and talented students from smaller cities, villages and inner city areas of large urban centres, who are unable to meet the programme's regular fee requirement. Deserving students with exceptional Matric and FAFSc results (80% and above) apply through the National Outreach Programme for a four year Undergraduate Programme.

## Coaching Sessions 2011

After the Preliminary Evaluation Test, 260 students out of 4900 were shortlisted for the Coaching Sessions on the basis of their evaluation test and Matric results. The competition was very ambitious and only the very brilliant managed to reach the merit list and make it to the NOP coaching sessions. The sessions started on July 10 and continued till August 1, 2010 and were attended by the shortlisted students who were prepared for the LUMS admission tests, LCAT (LUMS Common Admission Test) and School of Science & Engineering (SSE) Subject Test. For LCAT, students were given mathematics and verbal classes and for the SSE Subject Test students were given Additional Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology classes. The students went through rigorous training and their performance was gauged through weekly tests and quizzes. The candidates gave their best performance to try and benefit from this scholarship initiative.

## Remedial Sessions

Candidates, who went through the aforementioned stringent NOP admission process last year, were inducted into LUMS undergraduate programmes this year. These students were called 10 days before the start of routine classes at LUMS for remedial sessions, arranged by the NOP department. NOP scholars were taught English and Computing courses at the sessions. The aim of conducting these sessions is to polish the students' communication skills so that they can be at par with regular stream students.





## Some Significant Statistics

A total of 464 students have been inducted so far through the NOP, out of which 54 candidates were selected this year who were coached last year at the NOP Coaching Sessions. Till now, 81 students have graduated and are either placed in top multinational companies or have received scholarships to study in universities abroad. The area wise presentation of newly inducted NOP scholars is as follows:

### Provincial Distribution 2015



NOP Newly Inducted Scholars 2011

The male/female ratio amongst NOP scholars shows a demonstrable diversity. Out of the 464 students which have been inducted so far, 70 are females, as shown in the graph below:

### Gender Breakdown



Male Female Ratio of NOP Inducted Scholars to Date



## Businessmen Brunch at LUMS



The Fundraising Unit held a Businessmen Brunch on October 23, 2011 at EDH. Professor Adil Najam, VC, along with the Fundraising team welcomed the guests. The guest list comprised of some existing stakeholders of LUMS and some prospective donors mainly from Lahore and Faisalabad. The event started with Professor Najam briefly talking about LUMS as an institution and its recent initiatives. He also shed light on the National Outreach Programme (NOP), a unique initiative of LUMS for providing free education to deserving students of Pakistan. The event included a screening of the NOP documentary. After brunch at EDH, the guests were taken around the campus to show the LUMS facilities and infrastructure.

## Donations

### Hasania Foundation

Dr. Ali Naqi Syed set up a scholarship fund on behalf of Hasnia Foundation for the minority Shia deserving students in Pakistan. Hasnia Foundation is dedicated to Dr. Syed's late mother Syeda Hasnia K. Naqvi for educating the underprivileged students.

### Hassan Ahmed Fund

Mr. Hassan Ahmed stepped forward to support of the National Outreach Programme. He has generously contributed to LUMS by setting up one endowment and one scholarship to fund deserving students.

## Ferozsons family gives to LUMS



Saad Haleem, Afzaal Ghani, Salem Rehman, Mrs. Nasira Iqbal, Omar Khalid Waheed and Osman Khalid Waheed from Ferozsons have generously set up the "Maulvi Ferozuddin Scholarship Fund" to support one deserving NOP scholar enrolled in the humanities discipline.

### Lotte-PPTA

Mr. Asif Saad, CEO Lotte-PPTA, came forward to support the LUMS development initiative, National Outreach Programme, by committing to set up a scholarship to fund 2 NOP scholars for their undergraduate programme.

### Adamjee Foundation Joins Hands with LUMS to Aid Deserving Students

The Adamjee Foundation has given a commitment to collaborate with LUMS on the National Outreach Programme. Under this collaboration, Adamjee Foundation has agreed to provide financial support to 10 NOP scholars at LUMS by setting up a fund worth PKR 18 million.

Adamjee Foundation was set up as a charitable trust in 1962 by the heirs of the illustrious Sir Adamjee Haji Dawood for promoting and extending health, education and social welfare development in Pakistan.

From being a charity organisation, the Foundation has evolved into a non-profit organisation with emphasis on capacity build-



ing and sustainability.

During the last 6 years several dedicated projects have been established having linkages with national institutions of repute.

Supporting LUMS in its aim to provide quality education to the deserving youth of Pakistan, Engro Foundation has renewed its commitment to LUMS by committing to partially fund an NOP scholar.

#### Millat Tractors

Millat Tractors Limited (MTL), Pakistan's leading engineering concern in the automobile sector, generously contributed PKR. 30 million against naming of the LUMS School of Science and Engineering (SSE) auditorium.

An ISO 9002 certified company, Millat Tractors is known for its Assembly Plants of Tractors, Engines, Industrial & Agricultural Products, as well as Material Testing and Gauge Control Laboratory.

#### Brig. Rtrd. Sahib Daad Fund

Jahanzeb Daad, MBA 2003, came forward to support the LUMS development initiative, the National Outreach Programme, by committing to set up an endowment under his father's name to fund 1 NOP scholar in perpetuity.

#### Farhat Corporation Fund

Suleman Iqbal of BSc 2009 stepped forward with his generous support to establish Farhat Corporation Zakat Fund to support 1 NOP zakat eligible scholar.

#### Furrukh Munawar Fund

Mr. Furrukh Munawar, an individual based in USA, has generously committed to set up a zakat fund to support 2 deserving scholars at LUMS. We are grateful to him for believing in LUMS and its initiatives.

#### Friends of LUMS-Canada Fund

A small group of individuals, based in Canada, have set up a scholarship by the name of Friends of LUMS-Canada to support one deserving candidate for his/her undergraduate programme duration at LUMS. Their support will help change the life of not just one individual but his/her family and community as well.

#### PICT Scholarship Fund

To support the LUMS vision of equal educational opportunities for all and to express commitment towards the National Outreach Programme (NOP), Mr. Aasim A. Siddiqui, Director, Pakistan International Container Terminal Limited (PICT) extended his support towards the NOP by giving a commitment to fund 2 deserving NOP scholars at LUMS.

#### Dr. Kazi Ain Uddin Ahmad Scholarship Fund

Mr. Shahid and Faisal Kazi, along with their family members and friends have generously committed to set up a scholarship fund to honour the memory of their late father, Dr. Kazi Ain-Uddin Ahmad. The scholarship will be awarded to a National Outreach Programme scholar enrolled in the School of Science and Engineering. An MoU was signed on November 18, 2011 to announce the fund which will change the life of not just one individual but his/her family and community as well.

Kazi Ain Uddin was always an excellent student and orator. He was known at a very young age for his exceptional confidence, public speaking skills and extra-curricular activities, most notable and interesting of which was his role as President of 'The Bacha Muslim League' while he was still in 8th grade.

During both his MSc and PhD studies, his research work provided highly innovative solutions for previously unsolved engineering problems. His dream to have a department of Engineering at LUMS was much later fulfilled with the establishment of the School of Science and Engineering, after his demise. Hence his family and close friends decided to honour Dr. Kazi's memory by setting up a scholarship fund in his name.

#### Ahmad Scholarship Fund

A generous Saudi national donor has set up a scholarship fund to support three deserving NOP scholars at LUMS who are pursuing majors in ACF or Economics. He came to know of the LUMS NOP through an alumnus based in KSA. We are grateful to the donor for believing in LUMS by extending this generous support to help LUMS provide quality education to the deserving youth of Pakistan.

#### NOP Zakat Fund

A zakat campaign was launched just before Ramzan as a fundraising drive for the NOP students. The LUMS alumni, as always, reached out to their alma mater with full support. To-date we have collected PKR 1.3 million as zakat money for funding education of the zakat eligible NOP scholars. We are truly grateful to our alumni for such encouraging feedback.

## Class Gifts

#### MBA 1997 NOP Endowment Fund

The MBA class of 1997 has set up an Endowment Fund worth PKR 6 million to sponsor one NOP scholar in perpetuity.

#### BSc 2002 Establishes an Endowment Fund

LUMS alumni are constantly giving back to their institution. In line with this tradition BSc 2002 has also set up an endowment to support deserving students at LUMS.

The Class of '02 coordinators made zealous efforts and collected contributions from batch mates residing all over the world to fund the education of three National Outreach Programme scholars. Two of these students are being funded by the BSc 2002 Endowment fund and one through the BSc 2002 Zakat fund. To make procedures official, Umar Karim Khan, BSc '02 and the LUMS VC Dr. Adil Najam signed an MoU on December 22, 2011.

Praising the generosity of the class, Dr. Najam also expressed his pride for the LUMS alumni who have adopted the spirit of their alma mater and are now trying to give back to the society by furthering the cause of education.



## National Outreach Programme

### Salman Butt Continues his Support for the LUMS National Outreach Programme

To support the LUMS vision of equal educational opportunities for all and to express commitment towards the National Outreach Programme (NOP), Mr. Salman Butt recently enhanced his donation towards the NOP by PKR 10 Million. Mr. Butt is already in the list of LUMS Generous Donors as he had established an endowment for the NOP. LUMS is very grateful for his continued philanthropy.

### Irfan and Irfan Attorneys at Law Join Hands with LUMS to Support NOP



On behalf of Irfan & Irfan Attorneys-At-Law Mr. Hasan Irfan Khan signed an agreement with the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) on September 06, 2011 to provide two law scholarships in support of the LUMS National

Outreach Programme (NOP). This generous contribution by Irfan & Irfan will fully fund two academically competitive students from low-income background to obtain the prestigious LUMS BA-LL.B degree. Vice Chancellor Dr. Adil Najam signed on behalf of LUMS. Dr. Ali Qazilbash who heads the LUMS Law and Policy Department played a vital role in making this agreement possible, and attended the signing.

### Support for NOP Coaching Session

MBA 1991 stepped forward, once again, with its generous support to help LUMS with its initiative. Apart from Ikanway auditorium and Ikanway scholarship, the 91 batch was a major donor of the annual LUMS NOP Coaching Session this year. This three-week session is held at LUMS every year in summers to help the NOP applicants prepare for the LUMS admission test. All expenses related to the boarding, lodging, reading material and meals are borne by LUMS. Due to shortage of funds this year, we requested the alumni to help LUMS host this session and we are truly grateful to the MBA 1991 batch for coming forward with their much valuable support. Apart from MBA 1991, we would also like to acknowledge and thank the support of all the other alumni who helped sponsor this session in their individual capacity.

### Donations for SDSB Infrastructure

#### Funding for Auditorium in the SDSB building

Allied Bank and Fatima Group have pledged to donate PKR 20 million each for an auditorium at the building and have, to-date, donated PKR 10 million each.

#### Funding for Discussion Rooms in the SDSB building

The following alumni have stepped forward with their support to help LUMS build an endowment for the new SDSB building.

Shahzad Saleem (Class of 89)  
Faisal Fareed (Class of 89)  
Amir Zaidi (Class of 92)  
Soofian Zuberi (Merill Lynch)  
Sheryar Buksh (Class of 95)

Ibrahim Shamsi (Class of '95)  
Arif Nazir Butt (Class of '89)  
Faiza Haider  
Amina Tirmizi (Class of '93)  
Ali Naqvi (Class of '93)  
Class of '90  
Class of '94  
Class of '98  
Zarina & Ali Almakky (Class of '96)  
Saira Sajjad (Class of '94) & Aali Shafi (Class of '93)  
Ayesha & Naweed Sharif (Class of '08)







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# Alumni Events and Activities

## UAE Alumni Chapter Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of LUMS

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of LUMS, alumni all over the world organised a series of celebrations. Keeping in step with other alumni chapters, the UAE Alumni Chapter organised a get-together on June 17, 2011 in Dubai. Almost all alumni residing in UAE attended the get-together and enjoyed the company of their LUMS friends and reminisced over a sumptuous dinner.

## Alumni Get Together with Syed Babar Ali in Dhaka



LUMS Pro-Chancellor Syed Babar Ali visited Dhaka for a conference on October 22, 2011 and met LUMS Alumni in Ruposhi Bangla Hotel Dhaka. Mr. Nahid Ahmad, Managing Director & CEO of ValuePLUS Computer Systems Ltd. hosted the event.

We are thankful to Syed Babar Ali and LUMS Alumni for their participation, support and help in making the get-together a success. We are extremely thankful to Mr. Nahid Ahmad for all the coordination and help.

## Alumni Get Together with Dr. Adil Najam in Boston



To touch base with alumni as well as Pakistani expatriates in the USA, LUMS hosted a reception on November 1, 2011 at Fainsod Room, Littauer, Harvard Kennedy School, Boston. The turnout was great with a considerable number of alumni turning up at the event.

Dr. Adil Najam, Vice Chancellor LUMS, was in attendance and used this opportunity to update the audience about the progress that had taken place at LUMS. He spoke about the changing face of LUMS; its exponential growth over the years with the introduction of new schools and disciplines as well as its increasingly diverse student body that added to the unique learning experience that LUMS offers.

The alumni were shown a video about the National Outreach Programme at LUMS, an excellent initiative that ensures that LUMS offers a world-class education to all rather than a privileged few. The enjoyable evening also offered the opportunity to reconnect with classmates and network with many others. The LUMS Alumni Office is extremely grateful to Mr. Asim Jahangir, BSc 2009, for organising such a wonderful event.

## LUMS Alumni Get Together in Toronto



An Alumni get-together was organised in Toronto, Canada on November 19, 2011 by the Canada Alumni Chapter. Alumni residing in Toronto attended the get-together and made it a success.





## MBA '91 Celebrates it's 20 Years Reunion



The Alumni Affairs Office hosted a 20 Years Reunion for the MBA class of 1991 at LUMS on December 30, 2011. A large number of Alumni from the '91 batch attended the event. Sheikh Ali Hussain from the Alumni Affairs Office welcomed the alumni and highlighted the importance of alumni participation for the growth of LUMS. LUMS Pro-Chancellor Syed Babar Ali also addressed the alumni and welcomed them on campus. Syed Zahoor Hasan, Wasif M. Khan, Arif Nazir Butt and Dr. Suhail Qureshi from the faculty also participated in the celebrations.

The alumni were also shown a video about the National Outreach Programme at LUMS. The evening concluded with a sumptuous dinner and a group photograph session.

The Alumni Affairs Office is grateful to Sadia Bukhari and Shujaat Mirza for their efforts in coordinating the event. Also, LUMS is proud of the philanthropic spirit of the class of '91 and their continued support of their alma mater.

## Dr. Umar Saif Named One of the World's Top Young Innovators by MIT

LUMS Alumna (BSc 1998) Dr. Umar Saif, Associate Professor, at the LUMS School of Science of Engineering has been named one of the World's Top Young Innovators by MIT for the year 2011. He has been recognised by MIT Technology Review as one of the top 35 innovators (TR35) in the world. In the last decade, this is the first time a Pakistani has been selected for the prestigious TR35 award. He is the first Pakistani named as one of the top innovators in the world.

MIT Technology Review selects the top innovators after a rigorous evaluation process. Judges, who are leading experts in their fields from universities such as MIT, Stanford and Harvard, consider hundreds of high-impact researchers and entrepreneurs from all over the world, out of which top 35 are chosen for the award.

"We are immensely proud of this recognition for Dr. Saif and of how it reflects on the cutting edge work being done at our young School of Science and Engineering", said Adil Najam, Vice Chancellor of LUMS. "Dr. Saif's work demonstrates not only the potential for innovation in technology for development but also the level of enterprise and expertise that already exists within Pakistan and the larger developing world."





# class notes

BSc 1999

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- Abdul Mannan Abbasi is at RiskMetrics Group in London.
- Adeel Janeed Meer is at NorthPoint Solutions in New York. He and his wife Farah live in Jersey City.
- Adeel Jamil Siddiqui and Nadia Hussain are living in Redmond with their two daughters.
- Adil Paracha is at Kimberly Clark and, after eight years in the UK, recently moved to Bahrain with his family. Last year he got promoted to Regional Marketing Director, MEA and, as part of his job, regularly travels across four continents.
- Adnan Bhutta and Naira Latif Chaudhry are both at Microsoft in Redmond.
- Ahmed Hamidani is in Singapore.
- Alefiya Lotia is in Irving with her husband and three daughters.
- Aliya Salahuddin is in Washington DC and got married last year.
- Amanullah Jiffrey Kariapper is in Lahore. He is married and is re-learning to cook.
- Amber Riaz completed her PhD from Oxford and is now teaching at LUMS.
- Ambreen Gilani is working at UNDP in New York.
- Ameer Zia Khan is at Melbourne Water in Melbourne. You can connect with him on Twitter (@ameel) or Google Plus (+Ameer Khan).
- Amir Ali Jafri is at Microsoft in Seattle.
- Aqib Elahi Mehboob is at Elixir Business Research in Karachi.
- Ashab Naeem Iqbal is in London.
- Asif Amjad is at Savola Group in Jeddah. He and Sana were blessed with a baby boy, Ayhaan.
- Asim Memon is at AT&T in Los Angeles. He and Mariyam live in Pasadena.
- Assed Jehangir and Tania Tariq have moved to New Jersey.
- Babar Ghias is at Credit Suisse in New York.
- Faisal Wahab is a father of two sons and is looking after his pharmaceutical sourcing business in Karachi.
- Faisal Wasey is at Gulf International Bank and has moved to Jeddah with his wife and 4 year old daughter.
- Farheen Lotia is in Karachi with her husband and daughter.
- Farooq Mustafa Alavi is at Standard Chartered in Karachi.
- Fatima Ashraf is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Fatima Muzaffar is busy being a full time mom to her five year old son, Mikaeel, in London.
- Feroze Gulzar is busy playing polo while running his family business on the side.
- Fuad Ghazanfar is at Nestle in Lahore.
- Hasnat Ahmed Haider is running a jewellery business in Lahore.
- Hassan Ali is at Intrinsic Technologies in San Francisco.
- Hassan Javed is at Arryve in Seattle. He and Sara recently had a daughter.
- Hina Khar is the Foreign Minister of Pakistan - the first woman and the youngest person to hold this position.
- Hina Khawar Aslam is in London.
- Iftikhar Rafi is at Capinova Investment Bank in Bahrain.
- Imran Ahmed is at Emitac Mobile Solutions in Dubai.
- Junaid Bin Jahangir is in Edmonton.
- Khawaja Bashir is at Emitac Mobile Solutions in Dubai.
- Khurram Khaliq Khan runs Quadra Technologies in Lahore.
- Kiran Nanjiani is working in the media industry in Karachi.
- Laila Bushra is teaching at LUMS.
- Maha Ahmed is doing her PhD in the Netherlands.
- Mahira Daha and Fareed Zafar reside in Lahore
- Mahvash Ghous (formerly Akram) is in Helsinki with her husband and children.
- Makhmoor Ul Hassan is in London.
- Marium Hassan (formerly Naeem) is in London.
- Mariyam Memon (formerly Mansur) is at Bluebeam Software in Pasadena.
- Marukh Aftab is at Nokia in Dubai.
- Mehreen Tanvir Butt is in the US.
- Mehwish Zaman is in London.
- Moazam Ali Khan is at L'Oreal in Karachi.



**Monazza Aslam** is doing her post doc at Oxford.  
**Muhammad Amaan Akram** is at The Mill in London.  
**Muhammad Hasan Muzaffar** is at McKinsey in Dubai.  
**Muhammad Omer Iqbal** is at Microsoft in Seattle and is finishing his MA in Arabic and Islam from the University of Washington. He makes public presentations on Islam and Muslims (last one to the US Army) while occasionally blogging at Seattle-PI.  
**Muhammad Oosman** is in Silicon Valley.  
**Muhammad Rashid** is in Islamabad.  
**Mustafa Zulfiqar Rakla** is at McKinsey in Dubai.  
**Nabeeha Arif** teaches at the Convent of Jesus & Mary in Karachi.  
**Nadia Rehman** is working for the Government of Pakistan in Prague.  
**Nasir Masud Khan** is at eBay in San Jose.  
**Nauman Akbar** is a technology consultant at the British Council in Karachi.  
**Neda Mulji** is teaching in Dubai.  
**Nirmal Babar** is in Bethesda with her husband and two children.  
**Novira Sabir** runs her own business, Rusum (rusum.co.uk), in London.  
**Omer Mehmood Asad** is at Riverbed Technology in San Francisco.  
**Rana Sajjad Ahmad** is a partner at the Lahore-based law firm Rana Ijaz & Partners. It has been three years since he moved back from New York and he has transitioned fairly smoothly from practicing law in the US to practising law in Pakistan.  
**Razal Minhas** is in New York.  
**Rida Zaidi** is at RBS in London.  
**Runaas Deheem** is at P&G in Jeddah.  
**Saara Salim** is in Karachi.  
**Sabeen Pirzada** is in Houston.  
**Saif Nomani** is at Western EcoSystems Technology in Colorado.  
**Salman Ahmed** is at EDF Trading in London.  
**Salman Khalid** is in the US.  
**Salman Mahbub** is working as an eCommerce Architect at KnowledgePath Solutions in Washington DC.  
**Salman Mahmood** is at Oracle in Houston.  
**Saman Sheikh** is at Tribune Broadcasting in Chicago.  
**Sameer Mohammad Anees** is a strategy consultant with Arthur D. Little in Dubai.  
**Samir Zahid** is at British American Tobacco in Sydney.  
**Sarah Fatima Zaka** is in Lahore.  
**Sarah Naeem Qureshi** runs her own real estate business in Washington DC.  
**Sehr Sheikh** recently had a second son.  
**Sheikh Mohammad Ali** is at Techlogix in Lahore.  
**Shahzad Hasan** is at UBS in New York.  
**Shazia Farooq Rahim** is in Karachi.  
**Shayan Mehdi Zaidi** did his MBA from Kellogg and is a senior management consultant with IBM's strategy group in Chicago. Although he now holds three Masters degrees, and is widely regarded as a serial degree collector, he has not completely abandoned the idea of returning to school again.  
**Syed Mustafa Bilal** is at Microsoft in Seattle.  
**Haseeb Hadi** is in Karachi.  
**Syed Salman Zaidi** is at Deutsche Bank in Singapore.  
**Syeda Shehribano Kazim** is a development consultant at the Pakistan Microfinance Network. She is also a Director at the School of International Law in Islamabad.  
**Tayyab Rafiq Balagamwala** is working for his family business in Karachi.  
**Umair Jalil** is at Web and Mobile Solutions in Ajax.  
**Usman Waheed** is at PepsiCo in Lahore.  
**Waqas Ahmed** is in Karachi.  
**Yasir Ali** is at Cisco in Boston.  
**Zeeshan Mansoor** is working for his family business in Karachi.

Classmates not included in these notes are Aisha Hassan, Anita Manzoor Chaudhry, Mohammad Rizwan, Mohammad Zakria Khan, Muhammad Umer Farooq, Shama Saeed, Syed Hasan Hasnat, and Wasif Tanvir. Asim Butt passed away on January 15, 2010. His memories will always stay with all of us.

This is the sixth year we have compiled our class notes online. If you weren't aware that this compilation was happening, you're probably not in touch with the rest of the class on Facebook. Please do get in touch because we really would like to know where you are and what you're up to.



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**Atique-ur-Rahman** is working at Telenor, Islamabad as AM Content & VAS. According to Attique, work is great and so is Islamabad. Atique is happily unmarried and settled with life in Islamabad.

**Ayesha Umer** continues to stay loyal to her bank, Faysal Bank. She has recently started a small scale welfare project by the name of Shafaaf (look for it on FB). This was initiated after the floods and is primarily geared towards provision of basic necessities and rehabilitation. It is a small family run project mainly sponsored by close family members and friends but with ambitious plans to expand.

**Ahsan Chishty** moved to IGI Financial Services, moved out of brokerage, moved-up to being a school going kid's dad and moved to DHA. Thats a whole lot of moving. Other than that, if you need sound investment advice, pls drop him a line.

**Mustafa Aziz** is working with Indus Motor Co. Ltd. since the last four and a half years. In addition he is actively involved in real estate investments. Mustafa is happily married and has one son, Momin (4). Occasionally, you may see him outside Karachi Grammar School (Momin's school) as a volunteer traffic warden.

**Karim Furniturewalla** is working at Ufone, as Manager Channel Promotions. Work is great and so is travelling. Karim is happily married.

**Madiha Afzal** and **Salik Nur** have a 14 month old son, Amahl Izdeyar Shah, who prefers to be called Mr. President. These days he seems to be very confidently speaking Mandarin with a French accent. They live in Washington DC, where Salik works at Microsoft and Madiha is an Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the University of Maryland.

**Raza Kizilbash** bid sayonara to Tokyo late 2010, tied the knot and relocated to Hong Kong. Together with his wife, he is spending his spare time setting up [www.MySkolar.org](http://www.MySkolar.org) (take a look and feel free to drop him a note).

**Syed Murad Ali** is based in Toronto working on various software projects - these days focussing on Securities and Compliance Products for public companies primarily in the mining industry. After finishing the website for TSX (Toronto Stock Exchange), he is now working on the website for CNSX (Canadian National Stock Exchange). He is happily married since 2009.

**Jahanzeb Sherwani** continues to grow his startup, iTeleport, and is excitedly exploring how Siri can be used to enhance his apps.

**Nosheen Ali** has started teaching at UC Berkeley, and is loving every moment of it. Returning to her CS roots, she is also working on a web platform for archiving the poetic heritage of Pakistan.

**Syed Osman Bokhari** relocated to Kitale, Kenya in 2005 and has been working with Western Seed Company Ltd. as Commercial Director. *"We provide hybrid seed maize to small scale farmers in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda. Work is great, life is good. I have a baby daughter, Natasha who is turning 1 next week."*

**Mahrukh Javaid Quershi** recently relocated to Dubai. She lives with her husband Imran and kids Laiba and Mustafa who are driving her crazy during the transition. She loves her life and independence in Dubai and enjoys doing freelance projects every now and then.

**Qaseem Shaikh** joined a startup in San Francisco last year. For once, he's excited about work - using big data and the "cloud" to solve problems for farmers. On the personal front, he and wife, Farheen, were blessed with a baby boy, Omar, in July 2011.

**Kanwal Safdar** is in Northern California with her husband and precocious 2 year old, Sophie, whose favourite word these days is "No". She's working at Google and constantly struggling to catch up on chores, work and life in general.

**Mudassir** is currently living in New York with his wife Arooj. After completing his Masters from NYU in '08, he joined a Wall St. firm just in time to witness the financial meltdown. If anyone is in the NY area, please drop him a note.

**Zahra Zaidi** has just returned from the US after spending 2 years in the cold, cold state of Minnesota where most of her time was spent travelling, meeting up with old friends, making great new friends and generally having loads of fun! She also managed to dedicate some of her time to her MBA which the Fulbright had graciously agreed to fund. Zahra is happily unmarried and back in Lahore for the time being till she decides on a new destination to have fun!

**Amna Nisar** lives in Lahore with husband Nabeel and daughters, Zainab (5) and Fatimah (2). After completing her MS in CS from LUMS in 2007, she worked as a freelance technical writer for a couple of years. Currently she is working for Sofizar Constellation CK and is trying to keep her sanity while juggling work and family life.

**Rabia Ibtasar** is living in New York with her husband Babar and two wonderful daughters, Rayya and Zayna. With the arrival of Zayna six months ago life seems filled with too many things to do and not enough time to do them. She is hoping to start her free-lancing work again soon and maybe get a full night's sleep in the near future.



**Usman Aijaz** is settled in Southern California, happily married and has two lovely daughters, Alisha (4) and Zoya (0.4). He finished his Masters, worked for P&G, joined Deloitte Consulting, switched to Southern California Edison and now focusing his efforts on running an electronic medical record company ([www.echdp.com](http://www.echdp.com)). Usman always thought that newborns have 18 hour sleep days until he had his own and realised that his sleep time is being broken into mannyyy joyful(!) intervals.

**Sadaf** is settled in London. She had her second daughter last year and thoroughly enjoyed her year off work with the kids, Sara (7) and Anya (1). It was not to last long though, she decided to pursue an MBA and has joined the London Business School. She feels great being a student again. Presently, you can either find her reading cases or at home changing diapers!

**Irtaza** was blessed with twins a few months back (Haroon & Zainab). He enjoys teaching computer science in the day-time (Air University, Islamabad), and indulging in some masjid activities in the evenings. His eldest son, Ibraheem is learning how to be a responsible big brother.

**Faraz M. Shiekh**, father (myself), son (Isa) and wholly ghost (Isa's mom) are well and good..and hope to do good things..so you guys can all take a deep breath and relax...on a less serious note, I am in grad school, writing a dissertation, trying to lose weight..(who isn't)..and spend free time playing soccer with Isa and friends.

**Imtiaz Tariq** "Holler Back to most of you after a decade...! After moving into the banking sector 3 years ago, I decided to pursue a Certificate in Quant Finance (CQF). Currently, I am enjoying a typical Lahori lifestyle with my wife, Faryal, two lovely daughters, Minal and Maryam and a very naughty son, Ahmad."

**Mohammed Ali** is settled in Karachi and looking after his franchises, Warid and Zong and his distribution setup. Happily married and has a 2 year old daughter, Aleena.

**Saad Habib** is settled in Karachi, making frequent trips to Lahore and abroad. He has been looking after the family packaging business, where he continues to devote most of his time. He has also started Del Frio, a dessert company (all of you in Karachi should know about it, and those in Lahore, Islamabad, Multan and Faisalabad will know soon, Inshallah). On the personal front, he has a five year old son, Emad, and one year old daughter, Manahil. With all the hungama these two can come up with, any plans for the third one have been put on hold for the time being! :)

**Muneeb** is working in Corporate Lending at Silk Bank. He is happily married with two lovely kids.

**Nausheen Lotia** and **Omaid Hafiz** are still in Karachi. Nausheen continues to torment her A-Level students. Omaid sadly lost his father earlier this year, and is now single handedly running the family business. They spend their free time trying to convince their two year old son not to pry the keys off their laptops.

**Momina Piracha** is in California and was happy to complete her MS in Software Engineering from Cal State Fullerton last year, accomplishing a long awaited goal. She also worked at SmithMicro Inc. for a while, and thoroughly enjoyed it, before deciding to devote herself fully to her family. She is now fully occupied with raising two wonderful kids and has her hands full with their homework. She is also working side by side with her husband to expand their growing business and is ready to set and achieve new goals.

**Nadia Islam** lives in Washington DC with her husband and their beautiful one-year old daughter, Reya. She works at the forecasting unit of the World Bank and deals with more econometrics and programming than she had ever planned to when she was at LUMS. She misses the days when she was the boss of her own life, because these days she's the slave of her toddler daughter (and has no idea how people with two children manage to get anything done).

**Saira Gul** is living in Karachi with her husband Aly (an entrepreneur who moonlights as a blogger) and two sons, Ibrahim, four years old and Emaad, two months old. She thought her early days as an investment banker had been the toughest in her career until she became an unemployed mom to two boys!

**Suneel Sarfraz Munj** is working as a partner in Pak-e-Ventures, a group of websites including [www.pakwheels.com](http://www.pakwheels.com) (largest automobile community based website in Pakistan), [www.pakdonor.com](http://www.pakdonor.com) (e-blood bank), [www.tringtring.com](http://www.tringtring.com) (mobile market place ) and a few others. Apart from this, he also deals with the import and retail of luxury cars. Suneel and Sarah Suneel are currently enjoying the early school days of Zainah Sarfraz Munj (2.4 yrs).

**Nadia Khar** moved to Dubai last year when her husband Abbas Arslan (MBA 2002) joined the regional team at Coca Cola there. She is completely unemployed and seriously overworked in an attempt to meet the needs of her two demanding children and a husband (Noor and Wasay are 3 months and 3 years respectively).

**Faisal Chishty** is at IMD desperately trying to survive the MBA and missing having a normal job.

**Usman Khalid** "I have been associated with the agribusiness sector since 2008 after completing my Bachelors from LUMS. Currently working with the Syngenta Marketing Team as Strategy & BD manager. Apart from that, I help my brother in publishing a free student magazine, Students Blog ([www.facebook.com/StudentsBlog](http://www.facebook.com/StudentsBlog)) and also helping my wife, Sana in her small startup [www.facebook.com/MyWishPakistan](http://www.facebook.com/MyWishPakistan)."

**Ayesha Aslam** is living in Lahore with her husband Faisal and son Eisa, who is now 6 years old. She is working at LUMS as an Editor in the Marketing and Communications Department since November 2010.



**Mahira Ilyas** spent yet another two years of her life as a student while thoroughly, thoroughly enjoying the whole 'LUMS (JAM and the like) MBA' experience. She has recently joined an e-commerce company in Lahore where she is working as a Product Manager. On the personal front she continues to make the most out of the rewards of flying solo while carrying on her search for the missing co-pilot!

**Zaineb Waheed** is still based in Vancouver, juggling with her work as a Research Assistant at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and as a Personal Assistant to her 4 year old son, Ebrahim and her husband Usman Aleem who recently resumed his academic journey to complete his Doctorate in Information Systems from UBC.

**Qasim Saeed** moved to Toronto at the end of last year with his wife and their 2 year old daughter, Safa, who is already testing her parents' boundaries.

**Rabya Khawaja** is still settled in Virginia where she continues to raise her two wonderful children, Raiha (7) and Raahim (3). After breaking free from sleepless nights of raising little ones, she missed her night owl habits and enrolled herself into a Masters programme at the George Washington University. She is currently studying to be a CIO, while her early onset of a mid-life-cum-motivational crisis didn't end here, Rabya went back into consulting for the US Federal Government, though this time in improving Healthcare systems. Rabya is happy on days when she can juggle things seamlessly and find the time to watch some quality Pakistani dramas.

**Mehr Bajwa** is in Lahore and continues to work in the development sector. She is working as a Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist on an economic growth project funded by USAID, Pakistan since July 2009.

**Umair Qazi** has recently moved back to Dubai after spending two years in Manchester where he fell in love with student life all over again while pursuing his MBA. In Dubai, he has moved back to the dark and murky world of consultants and investors. He is an Associate Director at a boutique consulting and investment advisory firm called Markab Advisory and he wishes to become a partner there soon and become the slave driver rather than the slave. Besides that he's happy to be back in Dubai and he still enjoys playing cricket for his club team in the UAE.

**Saa'id Khan** is working for Microsoft as a Programme Manager, living near Seattle, along with his wife Amna and way too many LUMS Alumni who work in and around Seattle. He is looking forward to the next 7 months of consistent rain and if anyone else fancies rain the way he does, they shouldn't hesitate to drop by this corner of the world and look him up.

After graduating from LUMS, **Haider Rasul Mirza** completed his Law degree in 2004 and worked for a year as a trainee trial lawyer. In 2006 he qualified to be a Barrister of Lincoln's Inn and came back to join his father's law chamber in Lahore. He is now settled in Lahore and busy looking after his Chambers' criminal and constitutional litigation before the High Courts of Pakistan. He is currently busy conducting litigation and offering advice on matters relating to white collar crime, homicide and terrorism. In 2008 he got married to Sana who is a LUMS alumna (LLB 2008) and at present fully occupied with bringing up their two year old daughter, Noor.

**Maleeha Chaudhry** is settled in Karachi and a mother to two beautiful children, Lia and Nyle. She is working as the creative director for her label 'Daaman', a ready to wear casual clothing brand for the woman of today. Last year was amazing professionally and personally as her son was born in February, Daaman opened a branch in Lahore in May, opened another branch in Islamabad in July and got nominated for a Lux Style Award under the best retail brand category in September. Needless to say, she misses sleeping.

**Nadia Akram** is also settled in Karachi. She has been working on and off, but now is back in diaper mode with baby no 2, Sarim who was born in May. "After a gap of six years with my daughter Maha, its a tough task. Hope I'm up for the challenge."

**Usman Talat Butt** is working at Metro Cash and Carry Pakistan, a German based wholesale/retail company in their Marketing Department. "I continue to reside in Lahore. I have got twin boys who are mashallah now 6 years old. My wife Feryal teaches at Lahore School of Economics."

**Faraz Shahid Khan** and wife Shafaq are parents to three kids, Zain, Mikael and Leena. "We have settled down in Philadelphia. I work for a Nuclear Energy company in their finance department".

**Raza Bashir** shifted back to Pakistan from England a few months back and is currently working for HBL (Corporate and Investment Banking division in Karachi). During the past 9 years he has worked for FBL, ABN AMRO and Royal Bank of Scotland. He got married 4 years ago and has a 9 month old son, Hashim. His wife Saadia is busy these days completing her law degree and handling the young troublemaker.

**Waqas Bajwa** after working for 5 years at the FBR, Government of Pakistan is on study leave pursuing an MBA from LUMS. These days he is on a student exchange programme at ESSEC Business School Paris for one semester and having a great time travelling around Europe. He is happily married to Sana Waqas and has a very cute three year old daughter, Manahil Waqas.



After a futile half hearted attempt at dabbling in the development sector and policy consultancy, **Bilal Sami** finally succumbed to the realisation that he's not made for that world. So in 2007 he started a small production company called KCGL Productions (kaalay chotay ghareeb log!). Since then the company has produced a number of nationally televised sitcoms and tele-films. In 2009 Bilal found himself in Film School in Ohio pursuing an MFA in Film on Fulbright's dime. He now frequents New York in the hopes of becoming an independent filmmaker. His first feature film (which he wrote and is directing) titled 'Lavender Rocks' begins shooting in december this year. He is also in the process of writing Mehreen Jabbar's second feature.

**Hassan Rahim** is in London, working in an investment bank for the last 5 years and somehow has managed to avoid the chop to date. Got married last April and found out what all the fuss was about.

**Saim Razzaq** is working in Lahore as QA Lead Engineer for a start up software company. He got married in 2009 and now has a baby boy, 'Momin', 'who is 8 months old. He is happy to see most of us doing well in their lives and prays for a prosperous and successful future for all of us.

**Waqas Moosa** is still working as Marketing Director at Goody in Saudi Arabia - these days trying to expand business into new markets, including Pakistan. He has been married for three years and lives with his wife, Shazeen, in Jeddah, KSA.

**Umar Khan** moved back to Pakistan as Marketing Manager, Reckitt Benckiser. Prior to this, he spent 8 memorable years at P&G, working for the Middle East business in Jeddah followed by a HQ role in Geneva. His wife Aamna has taken a break from work and is looking after little Shaharyar, born August 2011.

**Zulfi Shah** and **Zahra Hayat** are still in the SF Bay Area. This year, Zulfi took the unorthodox step of leaving his comfortable job at PayPal to work on his own software company. He is usually found coding away in coffee shops around Mountain View, freelancing on wifi and fighting off others for power outlets. Zahra completed her fellowship at a legal non-profit and now works at Morrison and Foerster in Palo Alto, practicing patent litigation.

**Salman Tahir** has recently joined Namal Education Foundation (An Imran Khan Project) as Marketing Manager, after trying his luck in a self-initiated trading business for about three years. He got married in 2006. His wife Dua is a textile designer by training from Indus Valley and occasionally creates shoes and bags for ladies. Salman is father of two adorable children, Ameen (3 years) and Saleha (1 year).

**BSc 2005**

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**Ammar Baray** is working in M&A for a chemical company in Philadelphia. **Ayesha Nawaz** is currently working as Manager Monitoring Evaluation and Research in the National Rural Support Programme. She has immersed herself in all sorts of voluntary roles related to social entrepreneurship in Lahore such as Operational Director for Bliss: Business and Life Skills School and being an active member of Acumen Fund, Lahore. **Beenish Akbar** has just completed her BEEd from the University of Toronto and was awarded the William Pakenham Fellowship Award which is the most prestigious award at University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE/UT). **Faraz Kamrani** aka Uncle is settled in London working for Accenture and enjoying life with wife, Mehreen and 9 month old son, Zayn. **Faryal Khan** is busy juggling her job at SSGC as a Deputy Manager as well as taking care of her extremely energetic son who is now 3.5 years old. She will be moving to the US very soon. **Fawad Ahmed** got married to Amal Jafri in the early part of the year and continues to work at Unilever as Head of Customer Marketing for the Foods Division. **Haris Durrani** is still working for Teradata churning out data like there is no tomorrow while worrying about the sad state of affairs of the state. **Muhammad Ayaz Karim** is still working for Habib Bank AG Zurich, Dubai in corporate banking. He got married last year and can be found at various social gatherings. He still has a liking for movies and is frequently found at the premieres of Bollywood flicks. **Sana Khalid** is at home busy raising 2 kids, Abdullah who is 2 years old and Anoohey who is 7 months (that beats any 9 to 5 job). **Sanam Kubra Siddiqui** - Channo, Cobra and professionally known as SKS - the girl power of Engro Foundation, specialises in launching and managing the EF Education and Health programmes. After completing her Master's degree in Development Studies from UNSW, SKS is found treading the lands of Daharki, Sukkur, Sahiwal and Multan. **Sharjeel Musa** has recently graduated from LUMS with an MBA degree and has just been recruited by International Power - GDF Suez as an Assistant Manager for commercial and sourcing. **Zainab Cheema** did her MBA from LUMS and worked at Makro for over a year. These days she is doing a great job at being a mother and a home-maker.



**BSc 2006**

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**Aatir Abdul Rauf** is now the proud father of a little boy. Sleep is a state of being he has long forgotten.

**Adeel Shafqat** intends to spend significant amounts of time working in places like Afghanistan and Iraq in the coming months. Pro Evo sessions with the boys are at serious jeopardy as a result.

**Ahmad Khan Niazi** has just gotten married and it's everything he dreamed it would be and more! Work only gets in the way of finding the perfect aperture settings for different light conditions for his DSLR.

**Ahsan Saeed Kirmani** and **Rabea Haque Kirmani** are enjoying marital bliss in Dubai. Ahsan continues to work for a private equity firm, while Rabea has started working at the Dubai School of Government. Life couldn't be better!

**Ahsen Altaf** aka Tony is doing his MBA from LUMS and is currently on an exchange programme. He still has an indifferent attitude towards his studies despite the fact that he is ripping the MBA programme apart with his excellent grades.

**Ali Azar Abbas** remains bonded by the HSBC Group (still!!!). After putting in the last two years with the Risk Management Team in Singapore, he's now moving to the Global Banking Team in Dubai looking after a portfolio of multinationals. Lucky break I tell you - he doesn't know jack about sales and client management. It's going to be an exciting role though. He's worked so far in roles that are meant to save the bank. He will now be incentivised to put it on the line - making hay while the sun shines.

**Ali Wasim** has completed his MBA from LUMS and is planning on doing a PhD soooooon :) In the mean time he is enjoying his life of matrimonial bliss and awaiting the arrival of his young one who is due in December, is planning on jumping into the realm of entrepreneurs once he has saved up a bit more.

**Amer Mahmud** has been enjoying free credit for his phone for the past one year while working for Telenor, Pakistan. Even after his MBA, at times, he finds himself missing software related work and IT in general. However, the biggest thing on the horizon or as many of his friends say, "end of life as he knows it" is when he ties the knot in December.

**Angbeen Atif Mirza** is finally in the process of getting her license to practice in the High Court :D She's been teaching at Hamdard Law School, Karachi for a year and half and has spent this year working in legal aid, representing juvenile delinquents. She will be moving back to Lahore soon.

**Asad Anwar** recently had a baby boy, who is taking up most of his time. Suddenly pampers are the single most important thing in his life :). Other than that he is working at Nokia Siemens Networks in Kuwait and busy with photography on the weekends.

**Bilal Tanweer** thinks he's close to finishing a book of stories but he's been thinking such things for years now. Besides thinking things, he's teaching at LUMS (literature, fiction writing). He also writes a little column on poetry, called, 'poetry, etc.', which appears in the Express Tribune. Go read it at [columndump.tumblr.com](http://columndump.tumblr.com) in case you've got nothing better to do than reading random stuff (which, if you come right down to it, is actually an OK thing to do). Also, he agrees with Hassan Javid. This third person thing is not cool.

**Emad Nadim** is never going to compile class notes again. It's a serious hindrance to fulfilling his dreams as star marketer \*groan\* in London. He still hates the English Channel. He'd kill for a Pakistani mango but won't drive to the dodgy parts of the city where he can get one!

**Fahim Shelot** aka Sheelu and PK She is now working with a private equity firm in Bahrain after bidding farewell to strategy consulting with Ernst & Young. He has also passed CFA level 3 and is now clear of the headache that accompanies its preparation. "CFA bhee hogaya aur naukri bhee hogayee... ab sirf chokri ki talaash hai..... ;)"

**Faizaan & Mahvish** continue to remain happily married for the third year running. Faizaan is attempting to appear wise and distinguished by giving lectures and trainings to the youth and dispelling wisdom acquired over a long and illustrious career in HR at Unilever. Mahvish's entrepreneurial side is in hyper drive with her clothing label- Vish'z. She keeps in touch with her intellectual side by teaching Economics at IBA and Bayview High. They have recently become proud parents to a beautiful girl Minha Faizaan Ahmad and all their plans of touring Europe are now nestled comfortably in a bundle of pampers and formula milk.



**Farhan Khalid** (aka FreshFarhan) is enjoying the rooftop view of the Nile. He is the Lead for Device Applications (iPhone, iPad, etc.) at a software company. At the same time he is trying to make it big by setting up his own company that focuses on providing end to end services for the web and devices - design, development, architecture, deployment, you name it (he has around 4-5 great developers across 3 countries now, woohoo!). Combine that with insane partying, pretty women, and awesome Pakistani cooking, and you get a really happy, fun loving geek who's having a great time working.

**Fawad Farrukh** and **Alia Riaz** just celebrated their second wedding anniversary. They live in Dubai now. Fawad continues to work for Procter & Gamble and Alia for Standard Chartered. The last year entailed plenty of travel adventures for both.

**Jaffer Haider** is happily married and running the show at [www.postermywall.com](http://www.postermywall.com) from his cozy home office in Lahore.

**Hamad Aslam** had a beautiful daughter in April 2011 who takes up most of the time he can spare from endlessly pitching Pakistan equities to 'goras'. Meanwhile he is also competing for the record of longest duration of a job at a single company by any LUMINITE - yes 5 years at BMA Capital with the latest role being the Head of Equities Group.

**Hassam Hussain** is at UC Berkeley doing his MBA from Haas. He hopes the rest of his batch mates are alive and kicking and hopefully have another year of awesomeness ahead of them.

**Hassan Abbas** (aka Doctor) and **Samia Sohaib Siddiqui** are settled in Irvine, Orange County, California. Hassan is still working as a SharePoint and .NET Technology Consultant. Samia is finally taking a well-deserved break after four years of programming in front of a computer at work. She still spends multiple hours with her various gadgets, though without compensation. Their social calendar is booked months in advance and they have a hard time fitting in their travelling. If you ever plan to be in the Los Angeles/San Diego area, please let them know in advance, they would love to meet up! :)

**Hassan Firzok** is enjoying life in sunny California, working as a Systems Engineer at Broadcom. He lives a mile away from Hassan Abbas and Samia but hardly gets to see them because they are busy in a world of their own. Other than that, not much is happening in his life right now.

**Hassan Javid** doesn't normally refer to himself in the third person.

**Majid Niazi's** jaw is still hanging after fathoming the thought that five years have passed since he graduated. He can't decide whether he would be bracketed into having had a boring time over those 5 years since most of his best friends, and quite a few of his best memories, are actually from 7-8 years ago. But knowing a lot of people from his batch, he feels comforted by the thought that quite a large majority are probably in the same boat. On the professional front, he has recently joined his family business after his own adventures and is quite excited at the prospect of making it one of the top electronic brands in the country. He is also very happily married and will, for the third year in a row, try to finally go for his Masters.

**Mehran Gul** is disappointed in all of you for trading your youthful ideals for MBAs, multinationals and babies. How do you sleep at night? Do you have no soul? And are you hiring?

**Mina Farid Malik** welcomed Naintara Urmila in May this year! When she isn't hanging out with her fabulous girls, Mina is reading for an M.Phil in English Literature and writing when she can.

**Moaz Tariq** has recently completed his MBA from Australia and moved back to Pakistan. He recently got married to Meher from BSc 2011. While he settles down into the Lahori life, he is thinking of becoming an entrepreneur on the side and capitalising on his experience at the Global Academy from his LUMS days and do something in the education sector.

**Mohammed Zeeshan Chaudhry** (aka Choi), despite having just tied the knot, is spending enormous amounts of time trying to crack this aperture, shutter, iso and lighting problem along with Ahmad Khan Niazi.

**Moizuddin Sabri** (aka Sabri) has finally moved from Milan to Rome. He has spent a large part of this year in Pakistan, mostly attending weddings. Caught the fever too and 2012 will be the year. The European vacation home will remain open for business though: D

**Muzammil Shahid Bhatti** aka Bhatti is still working at UBL - Investment Banking Group and is seen daily, dodging the early morning rush hour traffic on I.I. Chundrigar Road, while trying to make the 0915 hrs deadline. According to news, he is the proud saviour of the 'LUMS Boys Weekly Chaye Hangout' tradition, which has been kept alive since '06.

**Nabeel Khan** finally sold his soul to the devil, and joined the private sector after what seemed like eternity in the non-profit sector. He still yearns for that graduate degree in Tourism which is his ultimate passion.

**Nadia Rana** finished her MBA from LUMS last year and now is so good at PR for AEDesign, that she outsourced this class note.

**Nida Rasheed** is too lazy to do this.

**Rabeea Haq** finally bid farewell to Kashf and singledom, all in one year! She is now working in market research for Nestle and is enjoying post-shaadi life with Salman Ahson. Life's good. :)



Saad Ali Khan, being the rebel and the trendsetter that he is, has just done a unique thing which is migration to Dubai. Camels and wedding bells light up his crystal ball.

Saad Waqas (aka Saadiboy) has left the world of the "Big 4" after half a decade of Ctrl+A, Ctrl+C, Ctrl+V, Ctrl+S and Ctrl+Q. He is now working at Colliers International as Manager Development Solutions. Still based in Riyadh, he is currently searching for a life partner.

Sakina Husain is an in-house economist for the Pakistan Credit Rating Agency. She is also a weekly columnist for Pakistan Today.

Salma Khalid is going to school in Michigan. He will forever be going to school.

Salman Suhail (aka Kala), met a beautiful and wonderful woman in the land of the Pyramids, who convinced him to leave Egypt after four and a half years and brought him to Washington DC where they are married and living a wonderfully happy life. Having finally found a place larger than a studio to live in, his spare time is spent browsing Ikea furniture, wandering the city, and relearning what it feels like to run outdoors. He is now the Product Manager for the north and south American regions at Zergo.com.

Saman Qureshi had been working with USAID as a communication, training and event management specialist ever since completing her Masters in PR and Corporate Communication from NYU in 2009. She decided to take a few months off to unwind, get married, travel to Greece, and has recently joined the Sindh Education Foundation as Manager, Policy and Development.

Siki has taken his revenge on Kazi by doing exactly what was done to him 3 years ago - He got married and went off to do his MBA from Boston University, yelling, "I hope you know how it feels!"

Sumayya Zubair continues to work for the same Public Trust in Melbourne, 3 years now! But has now successfully moved away from technology (maybe forever) and is working on getting the company's corporate strategy down right. Sumayya and her hubby have also been busy this last year with a couple of trips around Australia, Belgium, France, Switzerland and good old Saudi Arabia.

Syed Muhammad Hussain is in the final year of his PhD A long, LONG stay in graduate school finally seems to be coming to an end.

Talal Naeem is working at the Ministry of Finance. He is trying to lure in the private sector to provide facilities, which the public sector has failed to provide, by structuring public-private partnership transactions. And YES it's a job where he gets to EXPLOIT the capitalists! ;)

The Shadow spent the year attending random weddings. If you feel that your guests are not going to make it to your wedding then make sure you let the Shadow know about it.

Umair Ibrahim has been dodging life for five years now. He's based in Ankara, Turkey studying Architecture. Hassan Javid is right. It feels like I'm talking about someone else. Honestly you feel so ... he's doing that, she's doing that... Who is he and she? It's you or me!..

Umer Hafeez recently joined Citibank in Karachi after having grown tired of working for three different banks (ABN Amro, RBS & Faysal Bank) without changing his windows password or his seat. He is looking after Citi's eBusiness and Internet Banking business. He is also getting married to Sadia Ahmed, in December this year.

Usman Ejaz started working at Deloitte Canada in Toronto as part of their Infrastructure Advisory & Project Finance Group after completing his MBA from Rotman School of Management (UofT) in May 2011. Currently enjoying the slightly more relaxed life, out of the investment banking and MBA world. He will be tying the knot in March this year.



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**Afia Mahmood** is working as Assistant Manager Learning & Development at Telenor Pakistan, and plans to get married and move to the US this year. **Ahmed Javed** likes to believe he is ripping off the US economy under the guise of Fulbright and continues to live under the LUMS policy of no compulsory attendance. He is doing his MBA from UCLA and wants to move into the development sector afterwards. Occasionally, he wakes up to cravings for Muhammadi Nihari or Butt Karahi. He then goes to the kitchen and microwaves a pizza. **Bilal Javed** is in the beautiful city of Coventry, having recently kicked off his MBA at the Warwick Business School with 27 nationalities in his class. He is looking forward to a stressful but very exciting year! **Bilal Rana** has decided to give up pursuing a conventional career in a bid to do something exciting with his life. Various options are under consideration but for the time being gambling in global financial markets on his own account is providing a good source of living. Needless to say, with this approach to life, marriage is not a viable option for him for now. **Hamza Khan** recently stepped into the consulting world, and is looking forward to the long workdays coming up. **Hassan Pansota** is missing LUMS, his family and friends. He has survived the harsh winter of Canada while completing his MBA from Queen's University in Kingston. He is currently living in the Toronto area where he found a job in Rogers Communications, Canada's largest telecom, cable and media company. **Imaad Ud Din** is currently working as Senior Associate, Investment Banking at Habib Bank Limited. He looks after IPOs, M&As and Strategic Advisory transactions for "Advisory & Equity Capital Markets" business of the Bank. **Kamran Ahmed Khan** is currently pursuing an MBA from The University of Warwick. He has met up with all of the LUMS alumni at Warwick and hopes to have a great year ahead with them. If and when he gets time off from the MBA, he intends to explore the UK and EU and party like never before! After two and a half years in Karachi, **Maham Aziz** has finally gotten used to being a Karachiite; being the mom of a hyperactive, crawling, stumbling, biting 10 month old little girl is a whole new matter though! She is looking forward to baking a storm of desserts to keep the little one happy, and getting back to work soon. **Mahbano Yasmeen** mentioned in her note last year that she planned to travel. The plans were implemented with the support of her travel buddy / partner in crime Rabzi. She had a memorable time in London, Bath, Oxford and Scotland. She also got married in July 2011 and shifted to Dubai. In continuation of her long-lasting love for market research, she chose to stay a part of the Nielsen family, and is working in their Sharjah office. Blessed marital life, great people around and interesting work is the essence of her life these days. **Manal Khan** started working at the NY-based independent TV News programme "Democracy Now!" As a Video Production Fellow, she helps compile, edit and shoot video for the daily news hour, and gets to meet the exciting guests (Vandana Shiva, Michael Moore and Tom Morello) who appear on the show. She also went skydiving, zip-lining and white-water rafting this summer, continuing what was set off on that first trip to Khanpur with LAS. Next year, she hopes to take a break from journalism and work in human rights, or finally start writing that book of short stories that's been swimming in her head. **Maria Rahat** continues to surprise herself, churning lemons into lemonade and loving the zing of it all. After working at P&G as an Assistant Brand Manager for 1.5 years, she moved back to Lahore to work at Nestlé as Brand Manager, and has been there for the last 2.5 years. **Mariam Imtiaz** is spending quality time with her year old son Farooq, and is looking forward to a long vacation with her husband next year. **Mazdak Khan Luni** has started his MBA from the Haas School of Business, after a year of working on applications and interviews. He is requesting his batch mates to contribute to the BSc 2007 NOP Fund. Please donate generously! **Mudassir Sheikh** is spending most of his life 'half a mile high' in the skyscrapers of Dubai. He manages the Financial Markets Division for UAE based Ajman Bank and expects to soon triple hat between a Masters Degree, Corporate ladder and (behold!) Marriage. **Ramish Hashmi** is done with her Masters and an amazing time in Los Angeles (thank you Fulbright for everything!). She is now slaving away in Techlogix and hoping for the best (fingers crossed). After working in the gaming industry for over three years, **Saad Zaeem** recently cofounded a company (with his brother) in this space, Caramel Tech Studios. Saad and his brother are working with some of the leading companies from around the world. These guys are serious about making fun games! **Sahar Mahmood** has spent nearly 4 years working for ExxonMobil and is currently on assignment at the Antwerp Refinery in Belgium. In her role as a Global Analyst for Refining & Supply Procurement, she has travelled to 3 continents in the past 3 months, and can no longer feel jetlag. **Sana Farid Malik** is currently learning to navigate (thankfully in an automatic car) the multiple streets and khayabans of Karachi, having moved there recently after getting married. Still very new to the city, she is experimenting with cooking and other housewifely activities, while working part time at The City School, till she finds her dream job. **Sana Zia** couldn't be happier being married to Umair Javed (the best husband in the world!). She is working for UNDP Pakistan and dealing with a demanding work schedule due to one natural disaster after the other - the work is rewarding but tiring both at the same time. She is also working on youth empowerment initiatives in various capacities. Life is good! **Sohaib Athar** was one of the many LUMS folks who did his Master's degree in public policy after LUMS. He came back last year and has been working with the Pakistan office of the World Bank on disaster risk reduction and urban development projects. He is currently based in Lahore. **Sundas Haider** struggled through a lot of jobs since graduation, but is now finally working for what she loves: digital marketing. She's having a great time at Bramerz and is planning to start her MBA in the US soon. **Suzan Q. Jafary** is enjoying planning her son's first birthday next month, while juggling a full time job, her volunteer activities and a growing social circle. She is working as a Financial Consultant with IBM, providing services to USAid, and loving life to bits! **Syed Umair Javed** has been working with the Competition Commission of Pakistan as the Deputy Director (Cartels & Trade Abuses). The job entails conducting investigations into allegations of violations of the competition laws of Pakistan, undertaking legal research and drafting quasi-judicial orders for the Commission. He recently took a study leave to do a postgraduate law degree at the University of Warwick, which he hopes to complete by August 2012. The more exciting news is that he got married to **Sana Zia** in February this year and is living a happy married life. After completing her post graduate degree in International Studies from the National University of Singapore, **Zaynab Shakir** is now based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She is juggling between lecturing at Kuala Lumpur University, tutoring at the Princeton Review and running her own clothing label, Oomph! Zaynab writes on and off for the Friday Times, Pakistan and New Straits Times, Malaysia. She is married to **Syed Arsalan Ali** (BSc 2004), which also makes her a full time babysitter! **Zohaib Shaikh** followed through on his plans of pursuing an MBA and is currently living it up in Sydney, Australia, whilst successfully managing to ignore the (inevitable) vows of the dreaded job-hunt.



BSc 2009

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After working as a consultant for World Bank's Sindh Education Project, Aarij Bashir went to Simon Fraser University in Canada for his Masters in International Development. Upon completion of his degree, he joined Mazars Consulting and is currently enjoying married life and the traffic jams in Karachi.

Aliza Mahmud has been working as a Corporate and Investment Banker at Allied Bank Ltd. for two years now. She's become a victim to corporate slavery, but loves the fact that she can go to work after 10 am every day, and get away with it! :D

Eraj Gul got married to Syed Areeed Hussain from '07 right after graduation. They have an adorable one year old baby girl, Zoha. She is also successfully managing E&Z, a formal and casual dressing line. They are all set to move to Islamabad as her husband's got a great job opportunity there.

Omer Waseem is doing his MBA from LUMS.

Rabia Ghani is doing MPP from UCLA (Public Policy). This is her last year.. yeaayy!! "LA is awesome...wonder why all the folks from LUMS never try the West side!?"

Ravish Amjad is working as a Research Associate at Idaar-e-Taleem-o-Agaahi (ITA), a local NGO, after completing her MSc Economics from LUMS. The best part of her job is the travelling it offers (Kashmir to Karachi and everything in between). Ravish loves her work and misses LUMS. Reem Khan has completed her graduate degree in Canada and is currently working in southwestern Ontario in the immigration sector. In her spare time, she tries to pick up new skills and continues her passion for learning.

Saba Bilal is enjoying the high life in Dubai after getting married to Ahmed Zeeshan, a banker. Nowadays she has her hands full taking care of her daughter, Zoya, and managing her clothing line, Hues and Cuts.

After graduating from LUMS, Umair Yahya Janoo started working as an A-Level Sociology teacher at the Beaconhouse School System and Generation's School in Karachi. After working there for 2 years, he recently started his Erasmus Mundus Public Policy Double Masters Programme in the UK from the University of York. The experience of studying after a break of two years is very refreshing and the UK is a great place to study. Best wishes and luck for his batch mates!  
After partying/attending fashion shows and launches for a year while working at Maxus Media Agency, Zara Hussain started her MBA at LUMS and is enjoying every minute of her life.

The 2010 print of the "Family Photograph" of the Class of '99 had become a bit frayed at the edges, and somewhat duller for having lain in the sun far too long. So we decided to re-issue it in 2011, and it wouldn't have been very different from the one we took in 2010, were it not for the tubbier girths, the grey hair, the lost hair, the mysteriously re-appearing hair (Yes! Cosmetology), the extra layer of face-cake, the hand sneaking out to discipline errant offspring, the hand sneaking out to discipline the errant hand and, yes, the shock on almost everyone's face at having been caught in the blinding glare of the flash bulb. But for all the change, 2011 was a year in which most of us remained rooted in space, and some in time as well. There were a few notable exceptions that did manage to defy gravity yet again and rise to greater heights.....

.... and Khurram J. Butt, aka Uncle Butt, aka Wadda Butt, aka Big B was NOT one of them. It would seem that sense has finally begun to prevail at Banque Saudi Fransi, and KJB's unjustifiable (especially to himself) rise has been checked. In 2011, he did NOT get promoted, and the doctors were able to take Mehrukh off the life support machine. In fact, nothing much of note happened to KJB in 2011, except his Hajj (a fairy dies every time you say I don't believe in fairies), and his 35 days as a homemaker when his wife broke her leg and he had to juggle work

MBA 1999

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The deal was that I'd collect the contributions, and add some flavour, only where I could take the liberty, after which the notes would go under Uncle KJB's (yes, that's right, he's our Uncle) inimitable knife. His chutzpah and wicked sense of humor displayed in abundance on the MBA '99 email, energises an otherwise monotonous workday. In fact, we often wonder whether he is fibbing about his much touted investment banking deals in the land of sand, sand, and more sand. But this year, I literally got down on my knees to make him agree to this arrangement. Our collective appeals were falling on deaf ears. You see, Uncle KJB was flying very high. Apparently, the Queen (I suspect after hearing of his accent) had invited him to her palace for afternoon tea. Finally, it was that long-distance phone call, and my threat (which cannot be reproduced), that brought him on board.

I must confess from the heavy and diverse stuff that flows on the MBA '99 mail (which notwithstanding 12 years, remains a very active forum), we as a class are still very passionate about our CPs and we are by and large, left-leaning, thinking individuals. There are a few exceptions, of course. It's not only, the heated discussions about the abyss that we are slowly, but surely, drifting into that has the class revved up but also to quote, Asad, there is plenty of 'Sheila ke jawaani' going around. We may bicker, we may banter, we may take potshots at one another but ultimately, we are one class, united in this rat race.

This is where I take a bow, and bid adieu. Uncle KJB it's all yours.

Cheers,

Burki



(via DSL), the kitchen, three screaming children and a temporarily decommissioned wife. The wife recovered but the psychological trauma he got, acting as homemaker left permanent scars on KJB's mind. As a result, on Fridays he can often be seen dancing around the oven wearing an apron. This was also the year KJB finally accepted that he will not migrate to the UK (or pretty much anywhere), will not run the London Marathon, have washboard abs, weigh below 80kg, dance with Sushmita Sen or her look alike, and finish writing that novel. But after 12 years, some other truths have also finally come out, and the tabloids are rooting for an exclusive. Sheraz Khan did in fact fall for Saima Khalid all the way back in SOP when he saw her walking to the PDC with just one arm swinging at 50 rpm. They take the cake for the best kept secret of '99... atleast from the tattlers.

Muhammad Ali Butt, aka Nikka Butt, is aspiring to reach Big B's intellectual vicissitudes, and doing a good enough job of it. Asad Mir is approaching 5 years of chillaxed life in Dubai, working for the same employer. And he fully supports Big B as CMO (Chief Masala Officer). But at a heavily advertised summit in Dubai between the Rightwingers (Asad) and the Lefties (KJB), held over plates of fried fish and hummus, Asad confessed that he challenges any and all Liberals merely to pick their brains and pretend to be one himself in other internet forums... advice to Asad: stop sitting on the fence; the stakes can go high. The other target of Asad's faux fundu attacks is Ahab Minhas, who is at Gulf Investment Bank in Riyadh, and has been in the peninsula far longer than it can be healthy for a left of far-left fellow like him. His second best quote of the year was that "my doctor has advised me that praying is bad for my knees"; the first one is still lying with the censors awaiting clearance. His presence at KJB's Iftaar has cemented the impression that the Reds may be gearing to storm Riyadh.

In a fit of prescience, we predicted last year that Sophia Talal's notes on "Talal Management" will someday be read alongside Darwin's "Origin of Species". The evolution is well and truly underway and, by his own admission, Mustapha Talal Mahmood is the one wearing the apron around their house in Singapore. The only time she wields a knife is not in the kitchen but when she wants the ironing done right. We all hope he is managing Operational Risk at SCB better than he is at home. In the meanwhile, all those badminton matches with BSc girls continue to pay off dividends for Talal's GIK mate Ziyad Khan; the tech guru has moved to Islamabad to be close to his old pal and our newest Foreign Minister, although the cover story is that he has gone there to join Microsoft. Off the record, he's aspiring for that card which is the same colour as our national flag. We hope you were smart enough to let her win at badminton, back in the old days. Arash Abbas Siddiqui is considering 'copy pasting' his last year's class notes contribution for this year, given that so little has changed! Except that he's in a state of denial about his graying, falling hair and his widening pants.

Have you heard about the theory in Particle Physics where a particle exists simultaneously in several places but you see it in a particular place only because that's where you observe it? If you have, then you know Umair Hameed. He's the Project Development Manager in Tasnee's Strategy and Planning Department... but he's also the inveterate traveller to Bahrain... he also entertains at home... but he's also in Malaysia at the same time. The number of things this guy does just can't be done serially, so he must be doing them simultaneously.. living proof that Professor Hawking is right. And now the Breaking News: Zeeshan Saleem has moved to Emirates NBD, and his ever increasing responsibilities require him to shuttle between Dubai and Riyadh. The only time the laws of Physics have been suspended was when multiple observers were able to simultaneously observe the Umair Particle at Zeeshie's "iftaar" this year, which KJB missed only because that was his night for polishing apples.

A wise man (not Kanwer) once said: "You'll accomplish a lot more if, instead of being a lion all the time, you try to be a cat." Innocent that she is, it took Mehrukh Burki several years and a good many scrapes to appreciate the nuance in his words. So dear readers, like a cat that lives nine lives, she's going against her grain, by parroting the 'meow', and muffling the 'roar'. On the other hand, Kanwer Anwer Saeed is comfortably ensconced at Engro, doing what he does best - people management. He has developed a course for management trainees, titled 'Chirya ko marnay kay liye tope nahee chilatay'. The seeds for this course were laid during LUMS. To date, Wadda Butt happens to be the only exception to Kanwer's rule!

Haroon Khan Panezai, the sophisticated Pathan lad of our class, lives in Ireland, with his lovely wife Rabiya, and their two kids. He is the muse behind Bucha's makeover. And perhaps the reason that the latter decided to move to Sweden. So, have you heard about the movie, 'Jutt bun giya gentleman', starring Osman Bucha? At makeovers, Osman Bucha takes the lead. Although, we had a preview when he wore Haroon's clothes for the final MBA presentation. Don't know about the presentation, but the sight of Bucha all spruced up had us all falling off our chairs. Bucha and Haroon are now conducting research on the economic conditions of Sweden, where their favourite matrix seems to be based on rising hemlines and falling neck-lines. According to Bucha's most recent report, Sweden is doing very well indeed, and so is Bucha IN Sweden. Daniyal Fareed Malik is being hounded by the paparazzi these days. They are all gunning to shoot his picture for the centrefold of the next Fortune 500 issue. Yes, Cotton Web (Pvt.) Ltd. has made it that big. Now, perhaps Waqas will return that phone call. Moazzam Ali Anwer has finally agreed to a quid pro quo arrangement with Daniyal. For every pair of jeans that Daniyal, out of the goodness of his heart, had bequeathed to Moazzam up till now, the latter will provide 50 broilers from the poultry farm that he has ventured into. No such thing as a free lunch, ad nauseum!

And now the local news, Zeeshan Malik, our otherwise Good Samaritan, was spotted making frequent rendezvous to Thailand. Aamir Khan is spending too much time preening over his reflection in the restroom mirrors at Wateen Telecom, but they still won't offer him an advert. Naseem Aftab got married not once, but twice (and Burki still did not get an invite). Mahvish Bokhari has become an entrepreneur cum consultant, for further details, Mehrukh recommends the curious may contact Naseem Aftab. This is a very cryptic message left by the Burki, and KJB takes no responsibility for it! :) Waseem Javed alias Baoo (another makeover) was spotted at Veranda Bistro. The Unilever sheen is very visible in his persona, and he is a far cry from the 'baoo' back in those days. To prove that the world is very small indeed, he also ran into KJB at Jeddah airport, where he (the "baoo") has been transferred by Unilever. And finally, also in the makeover list, is Asma's metamorphosis ala Pygmalion: The hairstyle, the makeup, the clothes, all very impressive. The question that remains is where is Asma Farooq's Professor Higgins?



MBA 1994

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The Class of 1994 continues to make a mark in the professional arena. While this has been a year of great career growth for us, we have also had tremendous success in our philanthropic efforts. We have come together as a class and donated generously towards an endowment fund for deserving MBA students as well as contributed towards strengthening the infrastructure of our alma mater. Our efforts were duly recognised by the university at a donor ceremony held at LUMS in June 2011.

On the professional front, the Class of 1994 now boasts 5 CEOs (of which three head their own companies), numerous senior executive management positions at various multinationals and financial institutions and several proud homemakers. The one thing we can say about our class is that whether we are self employed, working in the corporate sector or investing in our home lives we have a reputation of excelling.

**Ali Mahoon** has been based in Jeddah for the last three years and working as Regional Risk Manager for Samba Financial Group. He and his wife have three kids, Aahmad (8), Dina (6) and Danya (5).

**Ali Nadir Syed** has been in Dubai for six years now and sits on the Board of Fairfax Middle East Investment Bank. His time is spent between Dubai and Lahore (where his wife and son are based) and also travelling frequently within Asia. His wife **Gul Nigar Bukhari** and their 10 year old son Amaan divide their time between Dubai and Lahore. After spending a taxing year with the Express 24/7 news channel, Gul has now moved to a slightly saner job with The Daily Times. Life, however, continues to be hectic with the constant commute between Lahore and Dubai as well as the singularly exhausting experience of being an Aitchisonian's mother!

**Amir Shah** has been successfully working for Bell Canada as Associate Director – Strategy & Planning. He and his wife Julie are happily settled in Ottawa, Canada for the last 14 years. Amir and Julie have two daughters, Yasmeen (15) and Sophia (13) and this year have crossed the threshold of having two teenagers in the house instead of young children! Amir also recently met up with Ubaid, Aamer Naseer and Ayesha after a gap of many years which was a major highlight of the last few months.

**Atif Baig** has been based in Singapore for the last 12 years with Deutsche Bank and working as Risk Manager Traded Credit for the Asia Pacific Region. He and his wife have twin girls, Tehniyat and Tehreem (15) and Hiba (5). Atif and his wife performed Hajj last year which he said was a wonderful experience for both of them.

**Awais Hassan** continues as Executive Vice President heading the Corporate Zone at Habib Bank AG Zurich in Dubai. His job involves a lot of travelling, however, nothing like Clooney's in "Up in the Air". Like most men during their mid life crisis, he is considering investing in a Harley Davidson, a Porsche, a yacht and a new babe! Best of luck Awais, for convincing your wife, Annie on the first three. However, if she comes anywhere near these class notes, bahut ziyada maar paray gee and you will also find yourself thrown out of the house faster than you can blink!

**Azeem Ullah Khan** continues as the CEO of his own immigration and settlement consultancy firm "AukSun Consultants" operating out of three offices in Canada, the UK and Karachi. In the last year Azeem has successfully added Management Consulting and Franchising departments to his company. He and his wife Sadiya have two kids, Anoush (7) and Ammaar (1).

**Behram Limbuvalla** has been in Canada for the last 8 years where he works with the Canada Trust. He is the only one in our class who has not tried a hand at matrimony which is so unfair considering he will be so much better at it than most people we know!

**Eiraj Saleh Daud** was an integral member of the launch team for Omore ice cream at Engro Foods Ltd. As GM Sales, Eiraj ensured that, keeping with Engro's reputation, this latest venture would also prove to be a tremendous success. He is based in Lahore with wife Ayela and three kids, Talha (15), Hira (12), and Danial (9).

**Haider Rafiq** continues to be one of our brightest stars at the helm of the Capital Group of Companies. With five companies under the corporate umbrella, he runs a highly diverse and successful setup ranging from manufacturing steel to producing biscuits and managing the supply chain/logistics operations for FMCGs. This year Haider is working on consolidating his existing businesses as well as working on a new leather production and marketing venture. He is settled in his home town Islamabad with wife Urooj and kids, Hamza (14), Aiman (12) and Hasan (7).

**Hammad Hassan** is still in Bahrain at ABC Islamic Bank where he manages the corporate / institutional (FI) team, covering MENA. Whereas, Hammad continues to live in Bahrain, his wife and three kids, Wardah (13), Rania (12) and Afraz (8) have relocated to Toronto. Hammad was in Bahrain during the brief and swiftly crushed uprising against the regime and felt that compared to the interesting times he witnessed while studying at UET Lahore, the docile unarmed protestors in Manama didn't stand a chance!

**Haroon Khalid** is currently the Head of Risk Management, at Bank Alfalah and recently also headed the HR function for some time. It was reported last year that Haroon has a secret project up his sleeve. Upon questioning, Haroon has woefully informed us that he has failed miserably at it and has given up on his wish possibly forever! Haroon lives in Karachi with wife Sophia and two boys, Rafee (9) and Emaad (4).



**Kashif Shah** is the proud CEO of Aisha Steel Mills, a JV between Arif Habib Group and Mitsubishi Corp., Japan. Kashif is also a Director on the board of Arif Habib Corporation and believes the move from investment banking has given him much to be thankful for. He lives in Karachi with his wife Uzma and three daughters, Saniya (10), Alizeh (9), and Zara (3).

**Lubna Saeed** continues to live in her beautiful home in Appleton, Wisconsin with her husband Khalid who is a highly successful gastroenterologist. Living on the lake allows Lubna to indulge in her favourite water sport activities with her two sons, Zuhair (8) and Karim (6). Lubna and Khalid love travelling and frequently visit Canada where her parents are now based.

**Mirza Hashim Baig** asked us last year to refer to the notes of previous years as he had nothing new to report except that he was a year older. This year (while he did not respond to our request for information) he did pen an impressively rhyming poem on stooping shoulders and the like. Hashim, I guess you haven't seen how well most of the women in your class look today! On a more serious note, Hashim manages risk for Burooj Properties in Abu Dhabi and lives in Abu Dhabi along with his wife Aysha and three girls, Fatima (15), Maryam (8) and Zainab (6).

**Mumtaz Kazmi** has swiftly risen to the position of Head of Mergers & Acquisitions for the MENA region since moving to Dubai with Credit Suisse two years ago. Even though New York will always remain an integral part of him, he likes Dubai's close proximity to his family and friends. He and his wife have two kids, Mekael (7) and Zahra (4).

**Nabigha Nasser** moved to Jeddah three months ago after living in Karachi for almost forever. Prior to moving, Nabigha finished a consulting assignment with ZIL Ltd. and successfully turned around their brand Capri. She considers this a special achievement as it was her first time working with a Pakistani company's brand. Even though Nabigha had to relocate and could not oversee the full strategy implementation, the re-launch has had spectacular top and bottom line results. She is currently busy settling down in Jeddah with her husband Farid and their three daughters, Zoya (9), Zara (7) and Zaina (5).

**Nauman Chughtai** is now Group Head - Risk Management for MCB while **Sobia Chughtai** heads Corporate Marketing for HBL. They are both well settled in Lahore with their two kids, Ayela (12) and Saad (15), who will give his O'level exams next year!

**Saira Hameed** has now been in Karachi for over 14 years. *"The highlight of my year has been the addition of a third baby to our family who is just under one year. Big achievement considering my eldest daughter sits for her O'level examinations next year. I have been working for UBL for the last six years heading the Investor Relations function. I am currently on long leave till the baby starts nursery school. Juggling physics with Fareeha (15), cricket practice with Mustafa (10) and diapers with Aman (11 months), has taken up most of this year for me."*

**Saira Shafi** is settled in Karachi with her husband Aali who heads Transactional Banking at MCB. She has added a highly successful Art Gallery to her furniture and interior designing business and has also introduced a contemporary studio NV line to further diversify her product line. All this has translated into strong growth both domestically and in the export markets and Saira has plans to further expand the business. Saira has been busy attending birthday parties all year with her twins, Sara and Sana (13), now beautiful young ladies and baby Alisha (4).

**Sajid Saeed** continues as the CEO of Advanced Petroleum Services Limited in Saudi Arabia. He has been living in Jeddah with wife Sumbleyna and kids, Safa (13) and Selina (6) for the last ten years. In between being CEO and building a house, he has informed us that he successfully scaled K2 barefoot this year which is the raaz behind his lithe frame!

**Salman Qutb** works for MCB Bank in Lahore and regularly plays host to his golf playing classmates. Salman recently took up swimming to keep up with his wife Saima and three lovely daughters, Zehra, Zeyneb and Eleena who all are much better swimmers than he can ever dream to be!

**Shazia Kamal** lives in Karachi with her husband and kids, Farishte (12) and Malhaar (2). Shazia is currently working for The Citizens Foundation while raising her two daughters.

**Syed Ali Athar Jameel** or Master has joined Haider Rafiq's Capital Group of companies working as a Director in Capital Marketing Services. While Nestle is sorely missing their Group Manager Distribution, Haider is thrilled to have Master's expertise which has been a force behind the success of the Group's logistics business. Haider and Master have proven to be a formidable team! Athar and his wife Tehseen have two kids, Nasir (8) and Zujaja (6).

**Tahir Aziz** successfully continues with Askari Bank as Group Head, Corporate & Investment Banking. Like all key members of the financial sector in Pakistan, he has been forced to bailout the GoP in endless rounds of circular debt financing, however, like the rest of us in Karachi, still has no bijli at home! He and his wife Ayesha have two sons, Taimur (12) and Nadir (10).

**Dr. Usman Bhatti** is growing from strength to strength with Nestle Pakistan. He is now the Country Business Manager, Waters which is one of the major business lines at Nestle as evidenced by Doc's latest set of hot wheels which is a brand new Mercedes! He and his wife Amna have two boys, Abuzar (12) and Ali (10).

**Usman Khalid** also continues with Nestle Pakistan in Lahore where he is currently the Controller for Milk Collection & Dairy Development. He and his wife Saima have two kids, Hamza (13) and Ayesha (9).



Yousaf Hussain continues to work in Lahore as the Regional Head North for Faysal Bank and is busy with the bank's integration efforts on the recently acquired operations of RBS/ABN AMRO Pakistan. His wife Tanzeela still heads the HR function for the British Council and is busy raising two lovely daughters, Emaan (7) and Amal (1.5). The couple is currently engaged with architects in constructing a house in Lahore.

Zahra Waheed lives in Kent, UK with her daughter, Noor who is now 10 years old. She has been working as an Account Director with the global digital marketing company, One to One Global. She recently organised a "philanthropy day" in London where the One to One crew carried out voluntary manual work at the historical site of Runnymede near Windsor. Most of her time is divided between being an employee, a Mum and a dutiful daughter to her mother. Outside of her busy schedule, she is currently involved in promoting an Urdu version of "Taming of the Shrew" which will be performed in London as part of the 2010 cultural Olympiad. She would love to have anyone from the class of '94 or other alumni to support the play which will take place in May as it is an ideal opportunity for Pakistan to be in the limelight for all the right reasons.

The following have not written back with their latest information hence I will post the last news which I have heard or which they previously submitted:

Aamer Naseer & Ayesha are both in New York. Aamer has left Leatherfields and has ventured into his own business with Haider and Ali Athar of producing and marketing leather garments. Ayesha is also involved in this project while raising her three sons, Ibrahim (11), Hamza (9) and Daud (1).

Abdul Rahim Butt is in Qatar, working for Standard Chartered Bank as Head of Strategy & Planning, Wholesale Banking. He is happily settled in Doha with wife and two sons, aged 13 and 8 years.

Amer Kamal has been in Dubai for almost 11 years now. He manages Shells's chemical sales in Middle-East and Pakistan. He is happily settled with wife Gul and three kids, Dua (12), Jazib (10) and Rafay (4).

Faaiz Hassan is now a Managing Director with HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd. and continues to be based in Dubai along with wife Amina Munir and their two kids, Omer (10) and Aadi (5).

Fuad Zuffer lives and works in Kansas, USA, where he has stayed put since graduating from LUMS. He works for Alcatel-Lucent and has two kids, Insia (16) and Faran (9).

Haris Ahmed continues to be work for Barclays Bank as their Regional Head Commercial. He is still based in Lahore with wife and twin sons, Wali and Razi (7).

Haaris Zafar continues to work as Director with RBS in London with wife Fatima and son Mikaeel (6).

Jayikar Vaidya is settled in Lalitpur, Nepal. We have not heard from him for some time now.

Kamran Khan joined SC Johnson as CEO last year and is well settled in Karachi. He and his wife Kehkashan have two kids, Marium (10) and Orhan (8).

Romana Malik is still in Dubai with husband Kashif and kids. She is now a homemaker and is busy raising her kids, Zain (7) and Zoya (2).

Shamoon Chaudhry has moved from Kuwait to Bahrain with Bahrain Islamic Bank. Shamoon and wife Rahla have three sons Shaheer (9), Rafay (5) and Siddiq (3).

Ubaid Saleem remains in Chantilly Virginia working for JP Morgan Chase. He is married to Hina and has twins, Zayaan and Zaynab aged 6 years.

Usman Hassan heads Credit Risk Management at MCB Bank, Lahore. He recently built and moved into his new house in DHA, Lahore. Usman has four kids, two girls and two boys.

Despite numerous attempts we have not been able to get any updates or information on Saman, Jayakar or Amir Chisti.



MBA 1995

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**Furqan Ahmed Syed**, once upon a time, "the little boy", is now transformed into somewhat of a "dandy"! Happily married, he still keeps his reporting line away in Bangkok, where Furqan, CEO of "Lays Chips" is often seen with his boss. Married and settled in Lahore, **Abaid-ur-Rahman** continues to work with the Nishat Group. Yaar, please do stay in touch with us, we are not all that bad, after all.

**Atiya** and **Hammad** live in Dubai, nearer than some of our other class-fellows' pastures. Hammad thrives at Mashreq Bank, and had a short rendezvous with Taimur at a café in London, circa July, 2011. Atiya, despite being a home maker par excellence, risks transformation into a "mall rat", largely due to her "oh-so-often" visits to Dubai malls.

For all concerned class-mates, **Ibrahim Shamsi's** hair is not only intact, but also thriving! He lives with his wife and children in Karachi, however, he does tend to remain rather busy with the demands of his family businesses.

**Asim Rehman** now flies the Airbus for the Pakistan International Airlines. Married and happy, his selection of cabin crew varies just as his destinations.....his personal favorites among flight stewardesses: Nasreen and Parvin.

**Adnan Younus Bhatti** is married, and coincidentally, his daughter, Rameen, shares her name with Ibrahim's daughter. Adnan remains happily ensconced within Lahore.

**Sajid Riaz** has been blessed with a lovely, lovely daughter. He's with the Standard Chartered Bank in Karachi, remains as confused as he always was, but still managed to enter into the strategic alliance generally called, "Marriage."

**Ayesha Nisar Ahmed** stays busy with her son, Ibrahim, and has also joined the Law Offices of her late husband. All of us wish her the very best for her future endeavors.

**Sitwat Jehan**, and her husband Irfan, appear well settled in Karachi, where Sitwat now teaches at the Karachi Grammar School (KGS). Sitwat, would you please offer a tip or two regarding your possible role in our children's admissions there?

**Seemeen Zahra Mirza** and husband, Jaffer, reside in California. Taimur is rather sad for each time she visits Karachi, she seems to be unable to spare even a few minutes to meet up with him!

In Vevey, Switzerland dwells **Aneela Ansari**, where she works at Nestle. Anila and her husband enjoy life in general, and travelling, hiking, and sports in particular.

**Mirza Rizwan Ahmed** finds himself occupied with running the "Casa Loota" Empire (no offence meant). He remains grateful to God that the Lahorites have still not woken up to the advantages of, and hence demanded, a "penetration pricing" policy, and therefore continue to throng his up-market outlets.

**Imran Naseer** is enjoying marital bliss (contradiction in terms?), as well as heading BlackBerry Sales for the African region. Although based out of Dubai, he is often seen navigating the meandering streets of Lahore.

**Uzma Salaam** is married, and settled in the USA. She's spotted frequently in Dubai where she visits to shop for designer brands. Uzma, those avant garde brands are available at your doorstep, right there in the US!

**Ali Aslam** is employed by the Packages Group in Lahore. Last seen, he was buried deep in designing systems to transport and re-install the famous paper and packaging mill from Lahore to Kasur.

**Bushra** and **Zahid** moved to Tanzania, where Bushra takes care of the three lovely, naughty boys, the two sons and Zahid. Zahid, now at Barclays Bank, claims to be well acquainted with the African wild-life, complete with habitat, whilst Bushra enjoys the high-quality education in schools for children that Tanzania is well-known for.

**Farrukh Atique Ansari**, children, and wife reside in Sialkot, based at "Leather Fields." Farrukh supplies the global markets with the highest quality leather jackets.

**Zulaikha Sabri** and **Syed Khurram Shabbir** reside in Toronto, where, Zulaikha shops at "Square One", whilst remaining immersed with children's swimming lessons, dentist's trips and the like. Whenever they complain of the cold, one cannot help but mutter, "Hey, now Lahore gets even colder than Canada sometimes, what with the nation-wide gas load-shedding."

**Jehangir Makhdum** resides in Dubai with his family. Another class-mate who's switched the entrepreneurial way, we all wish him all the best in his pursuits.

**Junaid Iqbal Sheikh** is rooted in Lahore and manages the businesses pertaining to his stud farm. He is often spotted, along with, his family by one class-fellow or another along the streets of Lahore.



**Tanzeela Waheed Khalid** and Yusuf Hussain are proud parents to two little girls. The younger one, Amal, is way too cute to miss, or to discuss. They presently reside in Lahore, where Tanzeela heads the Human Resources function of the British Council Offices, Pakistan.

**Ali Nauman Sheikh** has recently moved to Ottawa, where he helps one of those large Canadian banks with their financial operations for the Africa region.

We also have a class representative on the Australian continent, where resides **Shemyla Sharif**. She plans hurried trips now and then to Karachi. Pray, Shemyla, do try to meet up with the Karachi lot next trip!

The environs of Hong Kong happen to be **Usman Ahmad** and **Emma Saleem's** present habitat. Having recently made the move, they, among other activities, enjoy spending time with their children.

Among the Dubai wala people is **Mirza Ghulam Mustafa**, who is now father to two. Surprises of surprises, he appears to have shed off some of his weight!

**Saeed Sahab** is as was, and continues to move around Pakistan Railways' trains. Saeed Sahab, should we be bracing to see a fresh Railways' Minister springing to life from within our own good ol' LUMS MBA Class of 1995?

**Naeem Javed** presently carries the title of Corporate Bank Head at Standard Chartered Bank, and resides in Dubai.

While **Syed Abutalib Gardezi** has developed a great interest in agricultural pursuits, we wonder why the same is not true as regards tying the knot and, thus, deciding his own D-Day! Abutalib continues to live in Multan.

**Usman Mir** is self-employed at his own entrepreneurial IT firm. Usman, we do consider you the Oracle, so please divulge the closely held secret of how one may manage to get a full scholarship from Cambridge to earn another Masters' Degree from the Cambridge University, UK!

**Mobeen-ul-Haque** is married and settled with his family in Lahore. His day-time job being teaching at "UMT", he moonlights as a loving father and is regularly spotted with his children at Joy Land, Lahore.

**Taimur Shaique Hussain** teaches at the MBA Programme at Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi. An aspiring newspaper columnist, Taimur is active in Pakistan – Tehreek –e –Insaf, where Asim Rehman lassoed him in. All Karachi based, Saima and Taimur's three children have ever so gradually, and in turn, also been lassoed into PTI by Taimur!

One of our close batch-mates and friends, **Faisal Ali Asghar**, was recently blessed with a baby girl, "Alina". Faisal runs the family business concerns, and, as someone once said, "Needs not one, but two hair transplants."

**Imran Hamid Khan** was last spotted in California, where he had got together for a casual gup shup session with Seemeen.

**M. Aamer Ehsan** is a proud father to two lovely daughters, Hanna and Erina. Now settled in Mississauga, Canada, he is working for Scotia Bank, and, so far, loves the Canadian "outdoors!" Aamer, winter is gradually creeping in.....

**Nadeem Safdar**, happily married, heads a Telecom and is based in the national capital, Islamabad. "Skippy, my man!" still continues to pitch on the green, bouncy wickets of Islamabad.

**Sajeel's** wedding in Lahore was attended by many a class-fellow. The Curious Case of Sajeel Rasheed is his disappearing act ever since then. Would any of our Lahore-based friends please try to knock him conscious.....

**Ahmed Muneeb Ghazi** remains single and ready to mingle. He works for Bank of Scotia in Toronto.

**Tariq Rahman** was married (read: "enslaved") way back during his LUMS student years. Besides stealthily ascending the corporate ladder at the Standard Chartered Bank, he manages to squeeze out time for his entrepreneurial ventures.

The Citibank Corporate Bank Head, Africa, is none other than our own **Tariq Masaud**. Based out of Lagos, Nigeria, Tariq promises a warm welcome to any class-mates happening to be on visit thereabouts.

**Farooq Habib** is away in the UK and happens to be pursuing his PhD. Farooq, dare we say that even your email address suggests your unquenchable thirst for the academia.

**Dr. Imran Alam Dar**, Lubna, and the children live in Saudi Arabia. Doc Imran, is, unfortunately, an infrequent visitor to the homeland. May we plead, Doctor Sahab, that your Royalty, please join Facebook.....

**Dr. Ahmad Faraz** has two lovely daughters and is settled for now in Karachi. Doc Faraz, has been with the same employer for an umpteen number of years. As we write, he has brought his accumulated experience, as well as other qualities, to reach somewhat of an apex, and is presently Country Head, Roche.

**Amina Khalid Sheikh** lives in Bahrain with hubby Saad, and their three children. She carries the reputation of a serious, serious Face-booker, and bakes some yummy, sumptuous cakes. Amina, please do send a friend request to Dr. Imran Alam Dar on behalf of the class.....



In Bangladesh resides **Asher Y. Khan**, where he works now with Bangla Tel. We remain sure that as much as all other Pakistani television watchers, his four children also miss the pioneering advertorials Asher put together in "olden times" for Ufone.

Also in Dubai, is **Asim Hameed**, who appears happy both with work at Cupola and his wife at home.

**Faraz Ahmed** manages, markets and develops the family printing business based in Lahore. The grapevine has it that in his spare time, he lets out property to some sizeable MNCs, Pizza Hut being one!

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, has been home for quite some time for **Farhan Hassan**, who lends his efforts there to PepsiCo.

**Haroon Rasheed** recently returned to Karachi, still with his employers of long, Shell. While tip-toeing further up the Shell hierarchy, he does find time regularly for his friends.

**Muhammad Zubair Khan** appears to be missing in action somewhere out there in Saudi Arabia. Zubair, please either continue to stay in self-imposed exile if you really so desire, or do spare 1-2 minutes to get in touch with any one of your former class-mates.....

"Derivates at Deutsche" would perhaps describe appropriately what **Sajjad A. Cheema** does for a living while being stationed in London. Sajjad, CP time: "Please explain very briefly but in great detail, who is responsible for these three:- sub-prime lending; US likely recession; Greek debt crises?" – CP start.....

**Shariq Anis** had been working for quite some years at Aga Khan University Hospital in Karachi, when Taimur ran into him at a Frere Hall some time back at a used book sale. Shariq, please do try and establish touch with the class, and likewise.....

**Shehryar A. Buksh**, the "Olay! Olay!" boy is happily married and working for his family business as well as devoting time to his own ventures. His heart remains in Lahore, for Lahore is still what he calls "Home."

**Uzma Rashid** remains settled in Lahore with Nauman, bringing up their wonderful children.

**Tafweez-ul-Vakil** shuttles between Lahore and Karachi. As Director Marketing of a rather large corporate, he remains responsible for marketing and sales of tobacco-based products. Hmmm, Tafweez.....

**Usman A. Qureshi** is married to Humaira and lives in Dubai, and deserves a special note of congratulations for having earned his 2nd MBA degree, this time around from the George Washington University, USA.

### "LUMS MBA Class of 1995 Fund"

- Setting up of a "A LUMS MBA Class of 1995 Fund" has been suggested.
- Minimum amount for participation has been proposed at PKR 50,000/-
- The amount is payable in staggered amounts / installments.
- If you are interested in pledging, or participating, please contact Ibrahim Shamsi / Taimur Shaique Hussain.  
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MBA 1996

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Class of 1996 continues to be a diverse group, dispersed all over the world with pockets of us concentrated in certain areas and professions. The demographics of our class have changed dramatically since 1996...Some fun facts are: We have pro-created impressively – there appear to be 128 children (at last count!) throughout the class. That's a respectable rate of 1.80 per head!

Two thirds of our classmates reside outside of Pakistan. However, the highest concentration of classmates still remains in Lahore. Lahore is home to 23% of our class, Karachi 8% (6 people) and Islamabad 3% (2 people). The Middle East residents amount to 21% of our classmates including Saudi, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Qatar, (17 people). 14% of our classmates live in America (11 people) and 5% in Canada (4 people) making those resident in North America altogether 19%, (15 people). About 6% live in London (5 people) and 3% elsewhere in the UK. The remaining few live in Africa, Sri Lanka, and Iran. Our classmates are working in banking and investment (surviving the many troughs and patiently waiting the peaks), telecom, marketing, advertising, engineering, teaching and pharmaceuticals. Among us, hidden talents are starting to flourish with the likes of book-authors, travel guides, baking chefs, photographers etc. Not to mention, the huge philanthropic efforts by large numbers of the class.

Out of the 23% present in Lahore, **Aqueela Mumtaz** is CFO at our very own LUMS. She is also raising funds for a hospital in KPK and encourages all those who need a place to give zakat to look up [umtrust.org](http://umtrust.org). **Qurrat-ul-Ain** continues to enjoy teaching Business Studies to A'Level students in Lahore while keeping up with the busy lives of her two boys who are now 12 and 9 and heavily into sports. **Saima Rana** teaches marketing at BNU and PSFD, and spends the rest of the time running around after her three boys. **Babar Hamid** is the Owner/Director of Sign Source Limited a public limited company operating in the Out Of Home Advertising company in Pakistan. His two kids are now 12 and 8. **Dr. Farah** has been running a nutraceutical/pharmaceutical business in Pakistan called Route2Health. Its objective is to empower people with a better understanding of nutrients and their role in healthy living. She says her work keeps her busy but her daughters give her purpose. Amazingly for those of us who met her tiny little kids while at LUMS, Samar is back from Canada after completing her bachelors in commerce and Shereen is still there for her undergraduate studies.

**Ayesha Pervaiz** and **Mansoor Nawaz** are still in Lahore too. Ayesha is juggling raising her two boys who have now reached Middle School age and managing 'Mausummery' along with 'Origins Ready to Wear' while Mansoor manages his own brand activation agency with clients such as Telenor and Unilever and has finally made it to the marketing conference circus. He also assists his wife by managing the front end of the Mausummery business in marketing communications and retail expansion.

**Faaria** is married and very much a banker located in Lahore, still with UBL steering her region to calmer waters after turbulent economic times. She has also managed to squeeze two other side careers into her long list of achievements and has launched 'Melange', a baking venture she pursues on the weekend and also has a travel advisory called Word of Mouth Travels. We assume she has managed to find a time zone with 30 hour days!

**Huma Javed** is also still resident in Lahore pursuing her own Mausummery Lawn line.

**Awais Bin Nasim** moved back to Lahore with Tetra Pak a couple of years ago after spending 12 years in Karachi. He heads their Technical Services Division. He has four kids, two daughters and two sons.

**Saad Zahur Khan** lives in Lahore and works for Descon Engineering in an Overseas Business Development capacity. He lives with his lovely wife Zainab and his boys Jahangir and Taimur who are in grade 8 and 5 respectively. He is proud that one of his sons is into music and one is a sportsman. **Mian Hassan Javed** has stayed close to home and continues to work in his family business as the Chief Executive of Joy Foam Pvt. Ltd. in Lahore producing foam mattresses, slabsheets, cushions and pillows etc. He has a six year old daughter. **Majid Munir** moved back to Lahore a little over a year ago after being away for about 6 years and is now working as an independent investment advisor, working with clients to manage their investments and evaluate new business opportunities. He is still married to Sara and now has 2 boys; Shahveer (4) and Azlan (1). **Amir Saleem Khan** has a son, Muhammed Hadi (1) and a daughter, Nimeerah (3) and says he is still married to the same wife, Zara! He is still exploring Telecoms and has now ventured into food processing, marketing and distribution. He says, "We are still purely Pakistani, though recent events have forced us into looking for creating a second option now." **Sohail Mughul** has been working as an independent consultant in the development sector in Lahore for the last five years doing assignments with various international and national organisations. He says he enjoys life without a boss and nine to five work routine! And has no intentions of leaving Lahore. He is happily married to Sadia and has three kids, Uzair (11), Hamza (9) and Zainab (6).

Although un-contactable, other members of our class report that **Shahzad Chaudhry** is still with Fatima Memorial Hospital in Lahore. **Aamir Amjad**, by all accounts, is also still in Lahore in banking with his family of two kids.

In Karachi, we have **Fouad Farrukh** who has been Head of Islamic Banking for Faysal Bank Limited for the past two years. He has two kids. **Habib Haider** is still with Shell in Karachi as the Business Development Manager for the Middle East and South Asia. He is married with two sons Rayaan and Aaliyan who are 6 and 4 respectively. Also resident in Karachi is **Inam ur Rehman** who took a break from his own consulting business a couple of years back and joined the Dawood Group to lead their renewable energy projects and businesses. In his spare time he also manages the Lawrencepur Textiles brand. His wife is teaching and both his children are now in O'levels second year. Time flies! Although unconfirmed, it is understood that **Shirin Salamat** is still in Karachi with her son. Also, in Karachi (according to reports) is **Saima Irtiza**.



In Islamabad, you can still find **Natasha Javed** who has now been with MCB for 5 years and looks after the Corporate Banking Unit for the Islamabad Region as Corporate Head. She has a son, Daryus (10) and a daughter, Duaa (8). The only other person that we know of in Islamabad is **Sadia Anwer** who is at Mobilink Islamabad where she is Director Marketing. She has a son Raamiz (8).

In the US, on the East Coast you can find **Qumber Hassan** who continues to reside in New Jersey working in New York for Credit Suisse as a securitised products strategist. He is pleased to let everyone know that this year in spite of the growing amount of gray hair on his head he is as dashing as always! **Sohail Khan** continues to work in New York at an investment bank he has set up with some Citi colleagues, StormHarbour. He is happily married with three boys, Ahmer (9), Raaid (7) and Hassun (3). Also in New York, is **Saleem Ahmad** where he focuses on investing in emerging markets and continues to worry for Pakistan. **Saadia Munir** is now living in Florida where she is starting a teacher certification course that should hopefully get her a teaching job this year. She juggles that with taking care of her 3 boys, ages 13, 10 and 7. Moving inland a bit, you can find **Abid Baloch** who just celebrated the birth of his second child, daughter Leena which has pleased the whole family no end including his 8 year old son. He works for a Telecom company called Neustar in Northern Virginia and the Finance and Strategy group. **Dr. Omer Shehryar** can still be found in the wilds of Montana where he is a Professor of Marketing. His daughter turns 5 this October. On the West Coast, you can find **Abid Zaidi** who for the past 5 years has been working for Microsoft Corp. in Seattle and is currently their Group Finance Manager, responsible for generation of over 4 billion revenue from Microsoft's core office and Windows products. He is married with 3 kids and enjoys every bit of spare time with his family. **Ajmal Saeed** (Baba-e-MBA!) has been in Sacramento, California since 2006 working for an investor-owned utility PG&E. Although he admits that California is beautiful, he still misses Lahore. His kids are growing up fast, Shaheryar (15), Aliza (12) and Mustafa (6). He also encourages anyone visiting Sacramento or San Francisco, to please stop by. It is reported(!) that **Fawad Razzaque** is still resident on the West Coast in the US. Any news, anyone? Get in touch before next year!

Down in Texas you will find **Amir Khan** who moved from Islamabad to Houston back in 2004/2005. He is involved in energy lending and advisory. He says he is the only luminite in Houston (probably in Texas also!).

Moving up North to Canada, you can find **Nauman Muzaffar** in a suburb of Toronto. He is Executive Director at CIBC within Global Derivatives and Strategic Risk. He lives there with his wife Mona and three kids aged 10, 7 and 4. Also in Toronto is **Tehmina Shah** who is also with CIBC but a year back switched from the Business to the Technology side within the bank. She is very interested in the future of mobile technologies. In her spare time she is going to chef school for fun and also manages to maintain a slew of extra curricular activities including painting, writing, and travelling. **Kashif Sarfraz** is also in Toronto where he's worked at Johnson and Johnson since 2004. He is currently Director Marketing and Sales for the Cardiovascular Division. He is married with 4 kids ranging in age from 12 to 3.5 years. He encourages anyone visiting Toronto to get in touch. Also resident in Toronto is **Ahsan Masud** who moved there last year after many years in Singapore. He is married with two kids.

In the Middle East, you can find **Faraz Inam Siddiqui** who is still managing a Corporate Unit of Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank based in Dubai. He is happily married and his children are now 12, 11 and 6. However, perhaps his main achievement this year has been that he has written a novel called 'The Misunderstood Ally' which is about the lives, perspectives and challenges of a Pakistani Army officer, US CIA Agent and Afghan Militant Commander. It is available on Amazon and other similar internet distributors. **Saira Mian** moved to Doha, Qatar last year in September where she has spent the last year settling down with her two children. **Shahab Faraz Mirza** is married with 4 kids and is working as General Manager, Reckitt Benckiser looking after North Africa and Egypt. He lives between Dubai, Cairo and Casablanca. **Tauseef Farooqi** still enjoys his life in nearby Abu Dhabi where he is still with the Private Power Industry and Marubeni of Japan. His girls are now 6.5 and 2.3 years. In his spare time he works out, does yoga and plays squash and his latest passion is photography. **Nadir Jaferey** moved to Abu Dhabi almost a year ago. He is working in Global Transaction Services in Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank. He is married to Sameen, with three kids, Zaid (11), Myra (6) and Yusuf (4). He says he misses the homeland and hopes to go back eventually when things get better Insha'Allah! **Omar Samee** switched his career last year and moved to UBS in Wealth Management. He is still married to Afshan (15 years in December) with two daughters, Anushe (12) and Mahe (9). Although uncontactable directly, other members of our class report that **Usman Saeed Khan** is still in Dubai working for HSBC. **Sajjad Leghari** (according to reports) also lives in Dubai with his wife and daughter. **Faisal Bashir Gill** (FBG) is reported to be working for Blackberry, Dubai and has three children. Also, unconfirmed is the report that **Imran Chaudhry** resides in Dubai with his four kids. Dubai Alumni, if you're in touch, please pass on their contacts for next year!

Leading a cushy life in Saudi, are **Fatima Haider** and **Ali Kazi**, who are getting spoilt by Riyadh's easy living. Although not SO easy as they are not only raising their two sons who are almost teenagers now but also revisiting early parenthood with their daughter, 9 month old Alizeh. Also in Riyadh is **Usman Sikander** who continues to work for Saudi Fransi Capital as Co-Head Investment Banking. He has a 2 year old son. **Ammar Ali Qureshi** is fairly nearby in Jeddah (moving from London after a 6 year stint) working for Ernst and Young in their Climate Change and Sustainability Services division.

In Africa, we have **Nasir Naim Mian** who lives with his wife Rana in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He has two kids aged 10 and 4. He continues to work for Citibank in their Treasury Business. Also, in Africa, are **Ayesha Seemab Ansari** and **Shehzad Altaf** who live in Accra Ghana in West Africa. They say that it is their 5th and last year in the fabulous country. They have two daughters of 9 and 6. Ayesha works from home on consumer research assignments and Shehzad is Finance and Account Director at FrieslandCampina. They enjoy their life there and welcome anyone coming that way to stay with them!

In London, you will find **Ali Almakky** and **Zarina Hadi** who moved last year. Ali works for BOA/Merrill Lynch as their COO for Global Sales. While Ali toils, Zarina provides the support at home taking care of their two children Adam (9) and Alina (8). Zarina also manages to squeeze in work outs on most days and takes short courses from time to time to keep her mind working! Just round the corner, also in London is **Nauman Amjad** who still works for Citibank and travels from time to time. He enjoys living there with his wife and son, Zain who is now 4. Still in North London, a little further away is **Naima Khar** who is the busy mother of three children aged 12, 9 and 4. She also manages to find time to help with her mother's charity, Dara Foundation. There are also unconfirmed reports that **Faiz Farid** is resident in England too!



Moving up north to Scotland, you can find Umer **Kitchlew** who has now been working for slightly over a year with Habib Bank AG Zurich as their local manager in Glasgow. He is married to Henna and has three kids, Jalal (11), Ahmad (7) and Amal (2). Disillusioned with the political and economic future back home, they moved to the UK in July 2008 and says he has no regrets to date.

Some members of the Class of '96 who are forging new frontiers away from the clusters of us in concentrated locations, include **Sherbaz Saleem Jan**, who is General Manager for Eram Noush, the Pepsi franchised bottler for the West of Iran. He lives in Tabriz with his family. He has three kids of 7, 5 and 2. **Atif Hassan** is resident in Sri Lanka where he continues his career with British American Tobacco as Financial Controller. He is happily married and has a 7 month old son and has lost no time as he is expecting another baby early in the next year! By reports, it is understood that **Nishanta** is still living in his home country of Sri Lanka, although he was unreachable.

**Jehanathan Anadakumar** (Johnny) is still in Sunny Queensland, Australia. He has been there for over 11 years! He is married to Sudhara and has 2 sons, Hari (11) and Haran (6). He is working as a Relationship Manager looking after Medium/Enterprise level companies from IT infrastructure, software and services point of view. **Tehmasip Ali Khan** is married to Amna and still in Sydney. It has been 11 years for them in Oz this year. They both still work in asset management, and their lives have been blessed with the company of **Mustafa** (6) and **Zoya** (1).

Unfortunately, it was Ramzan so Aameir couldn't enjoy the temporary return to bachelordom for which he is quite sad - these are his words that I quote!

**Adeel Rafiq:** According to Adeel, the last year has been the most rewarding - professionally and personally. He tied the knot last November with Amna and was blessed with a beautiful daughter this year. They have named her Raniya and she is truly a princess!

**Adnan Nusrat:** Still lives in Wah Cantt and commutes daily to and fro from Islamabad, where he works at Telenor as Business Manager, Financial Services. He has two kids.

**Aisha Akhtar:** is also at LUMS with the REDC.

**Aliya Khan:** Aliya is currently based in London. She has one child, Adam Khan, and another one is on the way. Aliya, recently launched her party and beach wear line. Any free time is spent painting and doing school runs.

**Anjum Fayyaz:** is a faculty member at the SDSB at LUMS and is completing his PhD. His wife is a successful doctor and his children are in senior stages of school now.

MBA 2000

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It was interesting to get in touch with everyone and try to get people together from across the globe. The first hurdle, of course, the date! A decision was finally achieved after a month's frantic emailing.

Since the date didn't suit all, our reunion was preceded by a smaller reunion at lunch, on a Friday, with some of our classmates. Mariya Akmal (and Mona Akmal, who drove her over), Aliya Khan, Ashar Shami, Hafiz Abdul Baseer and I got together for lunch. We had an enjoyably relaxed couple of hours to catch up and chat. We missed everyone else and as is always the case there were resolutions for meeting more regularly.

On the reunion a week later, around 15 of us arrived at LUMS on a foggy morning. We were joined by Syed Babar Ali (SBA), ZIQ and Dr. Arif Butt. Also present were Sheikh Ali Hussain, Ayesha Zafar, Zainab Nawaz and other team members.

We had a great lunch, followed by some words by SBA. This was followed by a case study conducted by ZIQ. It was interesting to see our classmates still have the spirit for CP going strong! The dabbas and the anxiety flew about, almost as if the ten years in the midst had never happened. Don't believe me? I've got video evidence! Jamshed also joined in at the end and added merriment to the group.

We missed all those who couldn't come and hope we can have a larger group at the twentieth reunion. We thank the Alumni Affairs Office and especially the teachers for attending our reunion and reviving many memories.

Another important reminder: our SDSB Alumni Association representative for 2011-2012 is Yasser Effendi. He is collecting updated contact information and if you haven't already gotten in touch and updated him, please do so.

Some thanks are due for the class notes. I had precious help from Sarmad Khan, Hafiz Abdul Baseer and Najia Butt in compiling this. Thanks also to Yasser, to whom many people sent their class notes mistakenly and he had to spend time forwarding them to me.

So here are the notes, in no particular order:

**Aameir & Sabeen Alihussain:** have two kids, Zenab (9) and Abbas (3). Aameir is busy with work as usual and Sabeen's busy handling the kids as well as Aameir. They enjoyed being in Pakistan last year for a brief period. Sabeen was in Pakistan again in July- August visiting her family.



**Arif Piracha** is currently trying to take multi-tasking to the next level by managing his 3 businesses - Smartprep, Evenement and Nayna. In addition to this, he has two sons whom he calls his monkeys and is also volunteering part-time at LUMS.

**Arshina Nasim Khan:** After living in the UK for the last four years, Arshina and her husband are relocating to Australia. She has recently resigned from Barclays, UK and has taken a career break to spend time with her two daughters. Arshina is eagerly looking forward to the changes in her life.

**Fareeseh Chaudhry** is in Stockholm and working with P&G. Her two girls keep her hands full, so life is a routine oriented haze - most days.

**Faisal Bokhari** became a father, in early 2011, to a lovely baby girl. He is presently based in Dubai and looks after Credit Risk for select countries in the MENA region.

**Hafiz Abdul Baseer** is Managing Director in Behreen Leather Enterprises. He has opened a new casual apparel brand outlet in May 2011, Lahore by the name Z-XIS. His family was also blessed with the arrival of daughter Mannal, in October 2010.

**Irfan Ahmad:** is currently in UAE with the IFFCO group in Tiffany Foods Ltd. as Sales Head for UAE. By the time this comes out, he would have moved into another role. Irfan joined the group one year back in marketing and in January, was asked to head the sales team for the biscuits, wafers, snacks and confectionery business. On the personal front, Irfan's 4 year old daughter was overjoyed at the arrival of a baby brother this year.

**Mariya Akmal:** is in Chicago working as a Project Leader with the Boston Consulting Group.

**Maryam Afnan Ahmad:** After moving back to Lahore in July 2010 with her two kids, Maryam is working on introducing Parent Effectiveness and Personal Effectiveness Training by GTI to Pakistan. She is also a Certified Trainer with Franklin Covey, Pakistan. Simultaneously, she is promoting her book; 'Slurping soup and other confusions', which she co-wrote while in Beijing. Maryam also coordinates small support groups for parents and small business owners in Lahore.

**Muhammad Pervaiz Hamayoun:** After working for ICI and Engro for 3 and 8 years respectively, Pervaiz moved to Jubail, Saudi Arabia six months ago. He is working as Commercial Manager for Olayan Descon, a Saudi-Pakistani joint venture company. Wife Sofia teaches at Jubail International School.

**Najia Butt** is in Lahore and is the Director Operations at MARIA B. She has also opened up a makeup and photography studio. Najia has a 7 year old daughter.

**Sabrina and Arif Qayyum:** Arif is still at Telenor Pakistan as Director Financial Services, and has become an expert in this emerging field. In fact he and his team have been working quite closely with Dr. Zahoor Hassan on an Easypaisa case study, and have been approached by Harvard University for a similar case study. They also recently became proud parents of twin boys, who along with their daughter comprise much of Sabrina's job description these days.

**Saima Sandhu** has given up the corporate life for the time being to be a stay-at-home buddy to Hariz - who turns 3 this month. Hariz keeps her busy with his antics, the latest being his craze for Green Lantern, all-things Ferrari and not to mention mom's electronics! Saima has now been living in, and loving, Abu Dhabi for 6 years.

**Sarah and Saad Karim** have recently moved to the Netherlands as Saad will now be working for AkzoNobel N.V. Netherlands. Saad completed his 10 years in ICI (AkzoNobel) Pakistan in 2010. Before moving to Holland, they were in Khewra, Pakistan with the Soda Ash Business of ICI for almost two years. They have two children, Mahdiya (4) and Shaheer (2). Saad's office is in Amsterdam, however, their home is in a nearby city, Almere and if ever in Amsterdam, they'd love to have you look them up!

**Sarmad Khan** is still committed to serving SMEs of Pakistan and is working with SMEDA Peshawar and trying to stop the SME Drain. His daughters Malaika (9) and Rameen (6) are both in school, while son, Sami Muhammad Khan (3) is all set to join. Sarmad has also been involved in managing his late father-in-law's agricultural lands. His wife Ayesha has resumed practicing dentistry after a break of ten years. The credit for the break and re-start goes to Sarmad (he thinks), though there is no consensus yet on the matter.

Sarmad provided the following updates for JP, Somar, Aon Raza, Abid Shah, Kamran Mansoor, Moez Ahmed, Khalid Qaiyum, Tahir Abbasi (listed below in his own words):

**Junaid Parwaz:** JP is in Karachi and was blessed with a daughter, Zainab, this year. His son, Abbas Haider, is going to school and giving his father a tough time.

**Syed Omar:** Somar is in Islamabad, trying to legalise smoking for those under 18 and Sarmad thinks he can do it.

**Aon Raza, Afzal Malik, Abid Shaji, Kamran, Moez sb** are in Saudi Arabia, helping out in financial management.

**Khalid Qaiyum** is with the Bank of Punjab and has recently moved to Islamabad with Tayyaba Khalid and their two sons Rayyan and Musa.

**Tahir Abbasi** is with Standard Chartered Bank, Karachi and taking care of all bhuta money.



**Shahzad Ahmad** is in Lahore, and as per a decade old prediction in year book, has started his own business in fuel export to Afghanistan. He is also operating a poultry house in Faisalabad. Two years back he was planning to move to UK; he did go there, lived in London for a month and then moved back to Pakistan as he missed the quality of life back home. Now he is trying to make some contribution to Pakistan.

**Sohail Iftikhar:** Sohail's first job remains selling industrial automation software to plant floors. However, to add spice to life, he has additionally become a Certified Aerobics Instructor, and is loving it! Well on his way to achieving less than 8% body fat, he has set himself the objective of passing as a Calvin Klein model. He continues to serve on the board of the International Society of Automation, serving as the Membership Chair for the Houston Section. He's also an avid member of the Houston Atheists forum, and a growing fan of Dawkins, Hitchens, Rushdie et al.

**Sonia Karim** is working with Nishat Chunian Power as the CFO of their 200 MW IPP. Sonia and her husband were blessed with another son in December last year. Taimoor is now 4 and Faraz is 10 months old.

**Usman Anwer** is currently at the senior management level in Zong (China Mobile). His three older kids Zehra (3); Eishal (5) and Afnan (9) were joined by the youngest daughter Abeeha who arrived in Aug 2011. All three older kids are enjoying school and an active lifestyle, while his eldest is a big fan of PSP and Xbox etc.

**Wasif Mustafa** is in Islamabad and is Director Sales and Distribution and also Director Sales Analysis & Planning for Mobilink GSM.

**Wasif Sheikh:** Since Dec 2010, Wasif and family have moved to Riyadh where Wasif is Senior Manager Corporate Banking at Samba Financial Group. The family likes being in Riyadh so far and their son, Abdullah is beginning school this year.

**Yasser Effendi:** After having spent over 10 years selling Shell Lubricants, Yasser is in the process of moving over to the aviation business within Shell Pakistan. His son Amaan will turn 4 this October and has just begun school.

**Zahid ul Islam** is currently doing a Masters in Financial Accountability (MFAc) at York University whilst also working as Research and Teaching Associate at York. His MFAc programme will finish in December after which he's planning to enroll in CMA in Jan 2012. In his personal life, he's blessed with two daughters Alana (5) and Aliza (3). His wife is also studying Psychology at York.

**Zubair Khan** his wife and two sons have just completed two years in Tehran. After making a move from tobacco (BAT) to healthy food (Danone) and from one Islamic Republic to the other, Zubair has realised that "you can only exchange your problems". Life in Tehran is great but Zubair misses Pakistan sorely and feels that love for country multiplies once you're away from it. Currently Zubair, as Finance Director – Danone, is trying to bring Danone to Pakistan, if the security situation allows it.

## MBA 2001

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Ten years since graduating from LUMS! Let me and everyone else take the opportunity to congratulate ourselves on reaching this milestone. So much has happened in our lives during this time; be it marriages, having children, changing jobs, starting business ventures or relocating to greener pastures abroad. One of my batch mates recently remarked that time had flown by. I disagreed and remarked that for me, time had just passed normally.

In one word how does it feel? Ummm- Good. Feel any wiser? – Yes definitely.

This year's class notes are a joint effort. To be honest, I was not sure if I was going to write the class notes again this year. However, whenever I thought about the ten-year milestone, it would have been sad to see our class not represented in the LUMS Alumni Magazine. My friend Osman Maqbool also agreed to volunteer in helping me compile the notes.

What has each of us been up to in the last twelve months?

Aaminah Saeed is with Coca Cola... doing great with Coke Studio.

Aamir Sagheer Chaudhry is still working for ICI in Lahore. I happened to meet him last year for the first time since graduation.

Abdul Malik is working for the Agha Khan Foundation.

Adnan Cyprian is in Riyadh working as a Pricing Analyst at Mobily and a regular film contributor to Facebook.

Adnan Kareem joined Wateen around eight months back or so... but I haven't heard back from him despite repeated attempts... apparently, he shuttles a lot between Lahore and Islamabad.

Ahmad Naeem Bajwa is currently studying for his PhD in Alabama, USA. Who knows what new theories or innovations he has in mind.

Ahmad Salman is working for Unilever, Singapore and contemplating a new role with the same organisation.

Ahmed Umair is still running his own business of manufacturing agri-chemicals. We don't know if he is still teaching at Punjab University in the evenings. He has also ventured into the control shed poultry business and has his hands full with some other ventures here and there.



Ali Murtaza was last heard to have moved on from Citibank, London... not sure where he is now. Ali please update.

Ali Zayad moved to Karachi to develop a microfinance bank for the TCS group... he is enjoying the almost entrepreneurial experience.

Amna Sajid is still with the World Call Group and has been loyal to them since 2001. Not bad!

Aqeel Hayat recently shifted to Lahore from the Askari Bank Head Office in Rawalpindi and is Regional Head of Consumer Banking, dealing with auto, personal and house loans. I met up with him and we caught up on all the news and our days at LUMS.

Arif Raza recently switched back to Citibank and is still in Egypt. It was great to have him over during last Eid.

Arshia Hassan is in Doha, Qatar.

Asad Aman should have received his PhD now from Lancaster University, UK and would be expected to be happily teaching. Asad do give us your latest update.

Asad Saleem has joined the corporate banking side of National Bank of Pakistan and is dealing with the business conglomerates of the country. He jokes that whichever bank he joins ends up getting merged! He has recently facilitated the merger of Atlas Bank with Summit Bank where he was heading the Compliance Group. Prior to that, he was heading Risk Management at PICIC when it was merged with NIB Bank.

Asghar Hayat Khan is working for BHP Billiton.

Azam Haq is still with the Gulf International Bank, Bahrain in investment banking and has now been there for the last ten years. Well done!

Chaminda is a regular on FB... doing great in the academic arena... traveling around the globe delivering lectures.

Ayesha Akmal is with Shell in Karachi,

Faisal Saif is at PTC (BAT)... has completed his ten years there... well done to him as well... making us all proud...!

Faisal Wahab is still working for his own pharmaceuticals business in Karachi. We chatted on the phone a few weeks ago after a long time.

Faisal Wasey decided to leave the shores of Pakistan by moving to Bahrain and has joined the Gulf International Bank in personal loans. He will be moving to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in November this year.

Farhan Ahmed Khan is in Jeddah working for a multinational.

Fraz Pervaiz and Immad Ali Malik are still with Nestle according to last reports.

I am with Askari Bank in Corporate Banking in Lahore. It's been five and a half years and sometimes I can't believe it. I have experienced so much in my job during this time both in terms of ups and downs...not to mention late hours and office reporting. I think I have learned a lot. On a personal note, 2011 has also been a happy year for me, since my wife Amber and I welcomed our second son Umar.

Javed Iqbal was last heard working in Karachi with Engro Foods.

Kashif Habib Mehdi is working with IBM, Lahore and we also bumped into each other a number of times in DHA, Lahore.

Kashif Raza Bukhari is working in Standard Chartered Bank in Lahore in corporate banking. Another 10 years veteran at his first organisation... well done!

Khalid Abdullah is in Vancouver, Canada.

Khawaja Bilal Hussain was last heard to be with KESC but we believe he has moved on from there as well... not sure where he is now. Billy boy please update.

Khurram Sarfaraz is working for Pepsi Co and is now managing the bottling facility as a GM for one of the bottlers.

Mariam Zubair Khan is running her own business by the name of Farm Kings... as per my last discussion... enjoying the experience and very happy being an entrepreneur.

Mohammad Hassaan Idriss is in the UAE with Reckitt Benckiser, whilst wife Samia Shahnawaz is with Barclays Private Bank. Samia is perhaps the most regular contributor to Facebook.

Mohammad Jaudat Amin is with Bayer but apparently in Philippines.



**Mohammad Shafiq-ul-Islam** moved to Qatar...talked to him over BBM a few months back... but have lost touch since... Shafiq... we need an update.

**Mohammad Usman Bajwa** has been working as Director Treasury, Mobilink for the last 6 years.

**Mohammad Usman Khalid** is in the UK with Standard Chartered Bank.

**Mudassir Shafique** is still working with Engro Chemicals and is working in Multan but living in Lahore.

**Mustansir Saleem** is now in Dubai working for an Indian FMCG... doing great!

**Nadeem Chawhan** is with KZR... doing fabulously well at what he does best...(I don't think we need to highlight what!) and he has a staggering 2800 friends on Facebook!

**Naveed Khalid Chaudhry** is still running his family business Medipak.

**Omar Mohsin** is now a Director at Telenor.. still dozes off at 9 pm.. SHARP! If you want to meet him over a meal, please plan for a lunch... was lucky enough to catch up with him in Lahore over lunch at YUM over Eid.

**Omayer Arshad** (Captain Sb) has joined Engro foods in the International Business Development Unit.

**Osman Maqbool** is happily running his own Subway franchise near LUMS in Defence, Lahore and is a key contact person for our class in Lahore.

**Rabia Fida** is in Lahore and is doing great as an independent Financial Consultant.

**Raza Moinuddin** is at Mobilink in the Customer Retention Department.

**Saad Ali** is running his own business - (KARMA) in Lahore.

**Sabha Qureshi** is now living in Beijing, after spending one year in Jordan and Islamabad.

**Shaharyar Ali** is still with the Army Welfare Trust in Rawalpindi.

**Saira Khan** was last heard having moved to BP.

**Salman Altaf** is at Telenor and is seriously considering becoming an entrepreneur for the last one year at least... take the leap buddy... burn the old boats.

**Salman Amjad** recently started his bill boards advertising venture with another LUMS alumnus. He still provides consultancy to his older employers, METRO.

**Shahzad Nazir** is currently working for KASB in SME financing. I was in touch with him a few months ago which was good. We tend to meet up in DHA, Lahore now and then.

According to last reports, **Syed Ali Abbas** is with Nestle in France.

**Tahir Ejaz** is with Habib Bank, Islamabad and is well settled there.

**Waqas Javed** is still with Unilver in Dubai...hopping all over the world... easily trackable over BBM.

**Yasser** is working for an NGO in Islamabad...met him a year before last at the LUMS home coming... haven't heard from him since. However, he seems to be in touch with **Ali Zayad**.

**Zille** is in Lahore working in HR... tried catching up with him but couldn't... promise to try again.

Unfortunately we have not heard from the following batchmates, **Mohammad Chazanfar Ali Shah, Rabia Basri, Arshad Majeed Khokhar, Adil Qureshi and lastly Ayesha Aziz**. Please do get in touch whenever possible.



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9 years on, the MBA Class of 2002 has grown in every field and are well placed in every part of the globe.....This is where they stand....

**The MIDDLE EAST Clan - Abbas Arslan** is into his 6th year with Coca-Cola and 5th year of marriage with Nadia. They've moved to Dubai and Allah has blessed them with a beautiful daughter who they've named Noor. Abbas spends most of his time at the office.

What is left, is taken up by family and friends. He doesn't mind any of these commitments. **Adnan Rafiq** is working for Banque Saudi Fransi as Vice President in its investment banking division in Riyadh. **Alina Farhan** is happily settled in Jeddah and is running an online magazine for Pakistanis living in the Middle East. **Asif Amjad** is an Executive Director Mergers and Acquisitions at Savola Group in Jeddah. He and wife Sana were recently blessed with a baby boy, Ayhaan. **Asim Riffat** is in Dubai looking after marketing for Infant Nutrition products for Nestle in the Middle East region. **Harris Masood** is in Dubai working with Barclays Capital. Haaris and his wife had their first baby last year. **Numan Qureshi** is with Rabea Tea in Saudi Arabia. Runaas is at P&G currently managing Tide for the Arabian Peninsula region, based in Jeddah. He continues his marital bliss with Sarah, and looks forward to returning home every day. **Saara Hafeez** is working as Senior Relationship Manager at Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank in Dubai. Her son is now 4 years old. **Umer Waheed** claims to be looking after peoples' hearts in the Middle East, by ensuring they get good healthy and edible cooking oil. He is working as Marketing Manager for SAVOLA GULF, in Dubai.

**ASIA Pacific - Farhan Iqbal** is at Deloitte in Australia. **Faiza Kamran Baloch** is based in Australia and runs a small entrepreneurial venture and occasionally shuttles between Australia and the US. **Fizza Rizvi** is savouring the luxuries of being a housewife, managing 2 kids in Singapore while her husband trots the Pacific region for work.

**SOUTH ASIA - Binod Prasad Shrestha** is working in Winrock International, a US based NGO in Nepal, as one of the Directors. He is leading the clean energy team in Nepal working in renewable energy, micro finance, energy financing, information and communication technology and climate change. His main role is to help with rural community development in off-grid areas to increase their access to energy and enhance their livelihood. **Nahid Ahmad** is managing his computers business in Dhaka. **Shuvaas** is with the Himalayan Bank in Nepal. We have not been able to connect with **Rahish** and **Muzahid**.

**Across the Atlantic in the UNITED STATES - Mahwash Rahman** has once again moved and this time to the US, after her husband took up a new job. Her passion for photography has reached new heights after acquiring a professional degree in the discipline from Indus Valley. **Maleeha Ali** is in California busy bringing up her two boys Hamza and Hamaad. **Nabeel Arif** is a Consultant with the United Nations in New York looking after international peace-keeping efforts. **Maria Hamdani** has completed her PhD and is now a certified doctor in organisational behaviour. **Sabeen Pirzada** is enjoying being a mother to her very active one year old daughter, Alizeh, while working as a Senior Manager at an accounting firm in Houston, Texas. **Saim Kashmiri** has now completed his PhD from UT Austin and is doing the country proud, raising the green flag to new heights, as he presents his marketing papers in international marketing conferences and receiving accolades in high international echelons. **Surya Binayee** is settled in Washington and is working on USAID projects for South Asia.

**Our Initial Footprints in EUROPE - Makhmoor ul Hasan** is with Shell in London working as Treasury Manager, Downstream Europe. **Samira Mairaj** moved to Switzerland (Nyon) with her family and loves the life there. She is still with Novartis but in a new role as Head of Talent Management and Organizational Development for Europe. Her son Sulaiman is 4 now and together they are enjoying exploring all the playgrounds in their vicinity.

**The dwellers of lovely & green ISLAMABAD - Ali Ikram** is moving rapidly up the ladder at Ufone in Islamabad and heading the marketing of multiple divisions. **Amin Piracha**, is with British American Tobacco. He has moved back from Sri Lanka and is now based in Islamabad looking after the insights division for South Asia. **Hina Najam** has recently relocated back to Pakistan after working for over 5 years in Dubai. **Husan Bano Burki** is based in Islamabad working on trade related USAID projects. **Taimur Nawaz** who was the 5th employee to be hired by Telenor Pakistan, remains deeply rooted to both the company and the city. He heads the Mobile Number Portability and Supply Chain division. He has 2 kids, Daniyal (2 yrs) and Minahil (6 months). The dilemma of his wife Maryam is that she got married right after her engineering degree and never got a chance to work. As he puts it "ghar ghar ki story in our part of the world". His patriotic sermon to his wife is inspired from Randolph Hitler's golden words "give me good mothers, I will give you a good nation" **Usman Khalid** is the Chief Executive Officer and lead Consultant of Aspire Nurturing Potential and is settled with his wife Sobia and daughter Ilhaam in Islamabad.

**Moving on to the bustling city of KARACHI - Haider Ali Isani** is with Engro, looking after procurement, at the Head Office. His wife is now a seasoned fashion journalist. As he puts it, "The Boyz are growing up fast - 13 & 8 and just like their dad, only have girls as friends". **Khusro Nadir Gillani** is currently working as the Marketing Manager for Engro Fertilizers. He has 3 kids, Manahil 14, Mahnoor 9 and Wassey 8. Manahil is an excellent swimmer and competes in national competitions. Mahnoor is a child artist and Wassey is a math magician. **Saara Salim** is happily going strong with Moazzam Ali Khan. They have 2 kids, Ebrahim and Noor. Saara recently started her own designer label "essess" and has had roaring success. So all you LUMS fashionistas, give her a call and she'll make you a trend setter! Moazzam joined L'oreal in 2009 and was part of the initiation team. He is currently General Manager L'oreal Pakistan. **Muhammad Umer** is with Standard Chartered. **Sanullah** is Director at Siddiqsons Industries, a company engaged in textile processing and fabric exports. He has 2 sons - Ali and Rayyan.

**Finally LAHORE - the Original Home Ground - Almas Iqbal** is a well established anesthetist at Shaukat Khanum Hospital. **Faisal Sabir** is working with Warid Telecom and living happily with his wife and 3 kids Abdullah, Khadija and Muhammad. **Faisal Shafi** is heading Shafi Texcel, a company producing textile fabrics for apparels, home textiles, and work wear. He is happily married with 2 daughters and has been based out of Lahore since graduation. **Fawad Khawaja** is the National Sales Manager for the industrial coating business at Kansai Paints. **Fuad Saqib** is working as Group Brand Manager for dairy at Nestle Pakistan while his wife is at Wateen.



Their son Musa who was born last year has further livened up their lives. **Hasan Shahid** is running his business under the name of Western Traders; a firm that is involved in trading and indenting of textile items ranging from commodity to specialised products. **Hasan Rauf** is back in Lahore after completing his PhD from the US and is busy setting up the Operations and Supply Chain Management Department at the University of Central Punjab. **Ilyas Peracha** is managing his Arabian Delights chain in addition to taking his school business to new heights while **Nazish Peracha** is working full time with **Ilyas** in their school project. In her free time she's also doing free lance HR consultancy work for Sidat Hyder. They have two kids; an 8 year old daughter and a son who turned 4. **M. Attique** is with Faysal Bank. **Nadia Zahir** is with Nestle Paksitan, working as a Group Brand Manager on the Fruita Vitals brand ..... for many who don't know, aka Nestle Juices;). Her girls are 8 and 3 now, so after a long time, she has once and for all said goodbye to sleepless nights! **Shermeen Lasharie** is happily married and enjoying time at home after the birth of her son Ghazan. **Usman Waheed** has moved from Coke Middle East to Pepsi Pakistan as Franchise Manager, hence proving that the cola boundaries are certainly not impermeable!

That's all for this year!

catching up on their sleep! **Kashif Irfan** is living the dream... well, nearly. Don't hesitate to drop him a line or give him a call if you live in/around London or happen to visit; it will be good to catch up over coffee or something. **Khizer Bilal Usmani a.k.a KBU** is happy in Dubai, and has graced the rest of his friends with a couple of visits this year. However, they are still random one-day visits for a wedding or a hiking trip only. **Kiran Qureshi** is simply enjoying life. Nestle is good. Friends are awesome. **Maliha Shahid** is Group Product Manager of all consumer and SME products at Silkbank; a bank that enjoys a monopoly in consumer and programmed SME financing despite the current economic situation. She joined MCB as Management Trainee, looked after product development and management of auto and personal loans before moving onto Silkbank in July 2008. On the personal front she is single, enjoying life, travelling, looking great, and making heads turn as always! **Muhammad Umer Farooq a.k.a Fooqi** moved back to Pakistan, back to Bahawalpur and is now teaching young children (something!) Inspired by Abida Parween, he is refusing to cut his hair but takes baths on occasions. **Omer Bin Tariq a.k.a OBT** is still working with Telenor but has moved to Malaysia to head something called pricing, analytics and business planning area, which he thinks is too big a title than actual work (well that is true for 99.9% of corporate world :)). He misses Pakistan, family and friends like anything and is sure that he cannot stay out of the country for long, so plans to move back to some small village of Pakistan and do some farming away from this corporate world, money and whatever!! **Omar Moeen Malik** is working on easypaisa at Telenor, trying to provide easy paisay for the people of Pakistan when all they want is a continuous supply of electricity. **Salman Ahmed a.k.a Sally** got married and moved to Singapore. He would like to visit Pakistan but there are just so many things happening in the Far East! Meanwhile, **Sarah Pervez** continues her domestic training and her ultimate goal is to bake her own bread from scratch! **Suneel Munj** has branched out his business to luxury cars and is currently driving a Corvette Convertible. He is also an elected member of the SDSB Alumni Association. **Taimur Cheema** is comfortable at Ufone and has no plans to move anytime soon. Married life nay probably saray kas bal nikal diyay hain. **Tamania Jaffri** is living in Calgary and took on the additional role of being Mommy to beautiful baby girl Zeynab- a promotion like no other! **Yasir Sajjad Qureshi** lost 22 lbs in about 3 months. Some believe that helping his wife in household chores after their first born (Sarim) is the reason, while others think that starting the entrepreneurial venture, a manufacturing concern, and that too in a difficult country has done the trick. Few know that he has actually followed a diet plan. He is not revealing any secrets of the diet as he cannot afford to tell people not to consume "packaged fruit juices". **Zain Tayyebi** is making it happen at Tayyebi and also running his handmade paper company - Kaagazi. **Zaineb Waheed** is still based in Vancouver, juggling with her work as a Research Assistant at the University of British Columbia and as a Personal Assistant to her 4 year old son.

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**Abdul Moiz Penkar** is hoping for the best. **Adnan Tariq a.k.a munshi** has been a corporate slave for too long and at times wonders where his munshi-ness is, but then he gets his paycheck and life is good! His proudest accomplishment over the last few years remains his pot-belly! **Ali Anwerzada** also moved back to Pakistan, got married and is happily teaching young children in Karachi. He has recently become the proud owner of a dog and spending time with Ali is like watching Marley and Me all over again. **Ali Nawaz Khan a.k.a. ANK** is based in Singapore and still working for Unilever. **Amnah Ajmal** is still working at Citibank, a corporate slave for a hot gori chick and doing whatever she is told. **Asim Mehr** is still working for Telenor (and has decided to dedicate his life to Telenor till either it becomes no 1 or goes out of business ) where now he is commonly known as the guru of mobile banking and part of the team which launched the first brand of mobile financial services 'easypaisa'. **Aun Hussain** is enjoying life in Ontario with his wife and 2 year old. He has also recently joined Rogers as prepaid Pricing Manager. After all that swimming and calorie counting **Bilal Ahsan Malik a.k.a BAM BAM** has re-united with his bum. He is still in Boston and hopes to stop studying... sometime... soon... and move back to Pakistan. **Bilal Khalid** is with Standard Chartered and currently based in Riyadh. It is actually entertaining to be at work here. Family is fun and exciting. **Hajra** and **Aamir Alavi** were recently blessed with a beautiful baby boy. They would add more details to their note but are busy changing diapers and



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**Abubakar** has recently switched jobs after four years. He has moved from Standard Chartered's Corporate Relationship Department to the relatively low-pressure environment of the Credit Risk Department at Dubai Islamic Bank.

**Adeel Lakhani** has expanded his business empire and has included "Gourmet Burgers" in the long list of successes. The joint is delivering the best burgers in the Clifton/ Defence area of Karachi at the moment and Lakhani recommends beef burgers to get the true taste (that is if you are a beef lover). You can all get a franchise at discounted rates for your respective cities.

**Afzal Khan Shinwari** still has his sleeves rolled up and trying to wrap up his construction 'thaikas' in Kashmir by the end of this year. He is the star contractor of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region, building whatever needs to be built in the northern areas. He is fed up of Kashmir!

It's been an awesome year for **Ahmed Bilal**, who, along with his wife Samrah, celebrated their daughter Wania's first birthday this year in October. Meanwhile on the professional front, he moved on from Nestle to the Head Office of Dabur International in Dubai, and then to the Al-Muhaidib group in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, as Category Brand Manager for their foods business. Ahmed is grateful to the Almighty for His blessing and is looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

**Aisha Khan** recently changed her name to Aisha Pakistan, which shows her patriotism and also works better for signing autographs. Until last confirmed news, she was teaching film-making at Indus Valley School.

**Ammar Muqet** has just left the investment banking industry to join VIVA (Saudi Telecom) Kuwait as Business Intelligence Manager. He is looking forward to the challenge. Now is a good time to have a short position in the Telecom industry ;). Ammar will also get married this year – on 11/11/11 – looks like he's found the perfect "1"!

**Arsalan and Sanaa** continue to work in Islamabad. Arsalan has completed two years at IBM since moving from Teradata, and Sanaa has moved to Ufone as a Segment Manager. Arsalan is anxiously awaiting the upcoming movie The Hobbit. Sanaa and Arsalan have also become entrepreneurs and have started baking novelty hand-crafted cakes under the brand-name of Buttercup.

**Asif Idrees Agha** is sticking it out at MCB; late working hours are being compensated by a banking boom and a beautiful view from his office. Masroor Hamid has agreed to be his son's gym instructor so Asif Jr can expect a proportionate body.

**Atif Iqbal Malik** is still in Dubai, working in the strategy department of Emirates NBD. This has been his longest job stint - 3 years. His family has grown with the addition of twins Ibrahim and Musa. His wife is putting up nicely with the long hours and 3 crazy kids for a fair financial gain that hits her account, which keeps everyone happy and satisfied. He is currently focused on acquiring all Apple gadgets by Q1 2012.

After trying out FMCGs, banks, and a few telecom companies, **Azher Javaid** (Rao) has decided to stay in Ufone in Islamabad for now. He's the father of a beautiful girl who is just a few days old.

After causing ripples and damaging eardrums at Engro, **Babar Cheema** has moved to Saudi Arabia. He is currently importing rice and anything that can be imported from Pakistan. He failed to mention the city so that no one shows up uninvited. On an unrelated note, he is also suspiciously absent on Facebook.

After 5 years of being a banker (3 years with Citibank, Pakistan followed by 2 years with Standard Chartered, Dubai), **Beenish Abbasi** has joined a market research company. She has been living in Dubai with her husband Fawad Memon (who also happens to be a LUMS alumnus - BSC 2003), and does NOT enjoy the scorching sun!!

**Faisal Saleem** is still in the pharmaceutical business, working at BF Biosciences, Pakistan's first bio-tech pharmaceutical plant. His recently launched Hepatitis C treatment has reduced the treatment cost of Hepatitis C by three times and helped the nation to save huge foreign exchange.

**Faiza Mawjee** recently joined Moody's Investors Service as a Credit Analyst in public finance. Given the state of public finances in the US, this might not have been the best career move. Much like Khalid Farid she wants to find ways to help Pakistan - maybe we should start an MBA 2006 group to accomplish this purpose and pray it does not go the way of the scholarship fund!

**Farhan Riaz** has remained loyal to the Corporate Banking Group of Dubai Islamic Bank Pakistan since his MBA, and recently this loyalty was rewarded with a promotion to AVP. He would ideally like to pursue his future career within Pakistan since despite all what is going around, life has been Alhamdulillah good here. He has entered a new phase by marrying Azka, who has a BSc in Architecture. He does hope to get a lot more from life.

Karachi refuses to give **Farrukh Ali** up to anyone. He's stayed in Karachi ever since graduation and worked one bank to closure. He is working for another bank right now, but for the sake of the bank, we will not disclose its name.

**Hafiz Jawad Ahmad** is happily married to Misbah Ahmad who received her MBA from IBA. After four years with HBG Holdings he is moving to British Telecom still in Dubai. He is a member of the Dubai Hockey Club and enjoys regular practice and matches.



Telenor made the best move when they hired **Hammad Kabir** as Segment Marketing Manager – Mass Market. The sales are up, new products are rolling out and Hammad Kabir is doing it all. Telenor decided to send Hammad away to Montenegro and then to UK for a couple of months to keep the competition away from him. Nowadays he is lobbying hard to have the Telenor offices shifted to DHA, as he is sick of his daily commute to this office. His younger daughter Arifa is almost ready to start school but he seems to be using delaying tactics to manage cash flows ;)

**Haroon Moomand** shuttles between Hunza and some unknown towns along the Baluchistan/Iran borders for his marble mining. He calls his friends once a year to confirm that he's still on this planet and plans to come back to civilisation within this lifetime.

**Hasan Kabir** is working at Faysal Bank as Senior Relationship Manager. His daughter Zoya turned one in July this year and he, along with his wife Huma, is enjoying the different growth phases of their adorable little doll.

**Hasan Zulfiqar**, after spending two and a half years in Dubai, has just moved back to Islamabad this September. He has rejoined PTC as Brand Marketing Finance Manager. He married his beautiful wife, Rawish Zahra in early 2010, and is still enjoying the honeymoon period (i.e. no kids so far!).

**Hassan Munir** is working for Citibank in UK. Recently married, he plans to stay there for as long as he can.

McKinsey is not keeping **Jawad Khan** (JD) busy enough so he has decided to get married this year. He is engaged and soon to be married.

**Junaid Ata (Moji)** resigned from Engro after 5 great years and joined Shell Pakistan as Business Development Manager - Commercial Fuels. He is excited about his new assignment but worried about shifting to Karachi with his family.

**Junaid Lodhi** is putting his people skills to work – selling machinery to the textile sector in Pakistan with supplies from China, India, and the UK. He has gone all in – from managing sales, to overseeing government issues, to supplier handling to financial management. His experiences have taught him that recovering money from buyers is a fine art between charming them and sending goons to their offices – the art is in finding the right balance of the two.

In 2009, **Kamil Hassan** married Ayesha, a graduate of PSFD. In 2010, he became the first Pakistani to become a Risk Management Professional (RMP) from PMI USA, and conducted a RMP seminar in Avari Lahore for the PMI Lahore chapter. Kamil has left Warid to join Transworld, an Orascom submarine cable company. His belief that a person has complete control of life and can change it for better or worse reinforces his goal to become the president of a telecom company.

**Khalid Farid** is in his 6th year with P&G working as the Brand Manager for the laundry category while he continues to live a happy married life. God has been gracious to him, however he often ponders over two questions: (i) what role can he play in making his country a better place and (ii) how/when should he start his side entrepreneurial venture. Perhaps it's time to stop thinking and to start taking some action.

**Khurram Mushtaq** is successfully fumigating the city of Lahore and making us safe against the dengue virus.

The last year for **Majnun Mammadov** passed extremely busy with ice-cream, to the extent that all other things in his life were "frozen", except that he became father of a lovely daughter. But by the end of October, he left the ice-cream company and is currently looking for new opportunities.

**Mansoor Aziz Ahmed** has gone international. He moved to Dubai, set up a trading business and is now enjoying the good life while contemplating where to utilise some creativity. Making music or making gourmet cuisine ... Hmmm.

Speaking of **Masroor Hamid**, he's practically running Alcatel Lucent in Qatar now as he has sent his seniors to long golfing trips. Masroor is happily married and refuses to divulge any further information.

**Mehtab Haider** has decided to stay with the State Bank of Pakistan until they start printing his portrait on our currency or at the very least put his signature there.

**Mian Usman** is still with Shell, but is fast-tracking his way up the ranks - from Territory Sales Manager to Brand and Communication Manager to Channel Manager. This year he has been promoted to Regional Sales Manager - in a mere four and a half years. He is now married to Shazia Gohar Usman who received her MBA from IBA, and currently works for the UN as the Head of Finance and Operations in Sindh.

**Moiz Syed** survived bad advice and decided to stay with Unilever. He has recently moved to Karachi and has been promoted by Unilever for his loyalty, commitment and hard work.

**Muhammad Bilal** is still working with Dubai Islamic Bank in Karachi. Allah has blessed him with a son named Ibrahim, who is, now one year old.

**Muhammad Imran Sargaana** is now working with NetOp Technologies as Director Sales - MEA since March. He is still based out of Islamabad.

**Muhammad Saad Khan (Jaggu)**, is unstoppable this year! He married Khadija, wiped out the competition in the snacks category (so all you see at retail outlets now is Lays and Cheetos), was promoted to Head of Marketing for PepsiCo, and will now Insha'Allah be



performing Hajj this year.

**Nabeel Ilyas** is working as the Marketing and Sales Head in his family business of GFC Fans. His company recently received the 13th Export Trophy award for the highest value of exports from the fan industry for 2010-2011. He has been happily married for the past five years and now is the proud father of a beautiful one-year-old daughter.

**Nasir Bashir**, the youngest of our classmates, has moved to Multan and is working in Maersk. He is currently helping landowners move their mangoes in time. He might also go for another master's degree as he was too young for the last one.

**Nosheen Akram** has turned her back on marketing, steady income, and sunny California. She has moved across the country to the city that never sleeps (the two have much in common) to launch her own web startup. She is hiring, but candidates must have sales experience and be fluent in Korean (this is not a joke). In her free time, she helps build houses for the homeless, and occasionally backpacks through whatever wilderness she can find.

**Omeir Zahid** has moved to Denmark for an international joint venture, Creadore, for Sapphire. Those of us who keep in touch with Omeir have heard a lot about 3.0, and at this point might be a bit skeptical, but he still believes that it will one day see the dawn of day. While Sapphire clearly hasn't taken the 3.0 plunge, Omeir has taken a few plunges of his own. Firstly, he got married this past year! After his first (and only) gliding experience, he has decided to keep his feet firmly on the ground (sadly, the sky is just not his playing field).

Wateen has **Omer Aziz** and they are lucky to have him. He is currently engaged with the new management at Wateen and together they are planning world domination.

**Raja Ishaq** has moved (pause for applause)! He has finally moved to the main Head Office of Nestle Pakistan. He now heads the Demand & Supply Planning function where people still don't appreciate his creative writing skills.

**Rana Shuaib** is still working in United Bank Ltd. However, he is a LUMS graduate, and while he managed to stay within the same organisation, he made sure to transfer from the Credit Risk Management Department to Commercial Assets. Not only that, he also transferred from Multan to Lahore.

**Saad Tawwab** and Saroop Gul became proud parents of little princess Fatemah Saad in August 2011. Both of them are still with P&G: Saad as Brand Manager Paper Category and Saroop as Logistics Manager. However, they now spend their time at home with Fatemah testing Pampers first hand ;)

**Saadia Rehman** is currently working as an HR Manager at PepsiCo International.

Alcatel Lucent's longest-serving Islamabad employee, **Salman Ahmed**, recently made major changes in his life and got married. He plans to stay in Islamabad, whatever it takes.

**Saniya Bhutta** has remained one of the most loyal graduates from our MBA class, by staying with HBL in Dubai since day one. She has plans, but refuses to disclose them at the moment.

**Shamyle Javed** (Shummi) has broken all records within Nestle, be it the fastest career growth or the record sales jumps in the Multan region (which he is overseeing). He has recently gotten married and instead of going on a honeymoon anywhere else, took his wife to Multan to show her around so that she could help out in sales as well.

We have only two of our class fellows in HR and one of them is **Shmaz Mir**. After launching Fatima Fertilizer by hiring thousands, he has moved to Engro Corporation in Karachi. If anyone needs a job in Engro, call up Shmaz's boss.

**Uzma Ali** refuses to take Citibank's rotation to UK. The weather in Dubai is predictable, people are manageable and the shopping is amazing. Khaddi has planned to open up a shop in Dubai to save Uzma the round trips to Karachi. So what's the UK got that the UAE don't?

**Wajahat Ali Khan's** love for Citibank will continue overseas. He is moving to their office in Dalian, China (somewhere between the Yellow Sea, and suspiciously close to North Korea). He is moving into transaction banking within a corporate bank, in a controls and service delivery role for APAC countries, so he will finally achieve the capitalist dream while living in a communist bubble. The two lovely ladies in his life will accompany him, and Avivah Nahl Wajahat (the girl with the curl) will grow up learning Mandarin. Sadia is putting her accounting degree to good use, providing qualified reports daily at home.

Ni Hao! Warm wishes from Beijing :) **Waqas Zafar**, aka GD, has recently transferred to China on a short-term international assignment for a year within Shell. He is in the process of settling down, trying to remember the names of people and places that sound similar. People here are very warm & welcoming. The pace at which China is growing is phenomenal and it's very exciting to be a part of this growth. Communication remains the biggest challenge, as people struggle to understand English. Facebook is completely blocked while Gmail has restrictions – so there goes his social life & connectivity. Be sure to drop Waqas an email if you plan to visit this part of the world and he will be honored to be your host.

**Yasar Rashid** is the youngest Group Head at Bank Alfalah and currently sits in their Lahore Head Office. He is keeping us proud as our representative in the LUMS Alumni Association. He tries to enjoy Lahore whenever he is there, because he now has to travel a lot. He recently experienced one of his proudest moments when the title of CFA was placed in front of his name. These days he is busy constructing his home in Lahore.



**Yasir Maqsood** has done it all, na. Record-breaking production, successful product launches, remarkable sales and now he has been called in to the PTC headquarters in Islamabad. He's making us proud at Pakistan Tobacco.

**Yasir Nafees** continues to work for Ericsson, where he has passed the 5-year milestone. He has not changed his job since beginning his professional career after MBA, something which might surprise everyone, knowing the track record for LUMS graduates :). Yasir is enjoying his stay in Ghana, and is getting used to the African culture and environment. His son is almost 3 years old now, and has joined playgroup this year. Life is sort of passing at the same pace, time flying and trying to stay in the race. He misses the student life, and especially the time spent at LUMS.

After spending almost three years in corporate banking (primarily HSBC), **Yasir Siddique** moved to Descon's chemicals business area as Treasury Manager almost two years ago. He is still with Descon and has been promoted to the position of Senior Finance Manager, looking after treasury and business partnering. He plans to stay a while due to the commuting convenience. He is also the father of MashaAllah, two sons, Ibrahim and Ayaan.

It took **Yasser Sharif Khan** years to get himself released from HSBC. With a heavy heart and a lighter pocket, they let him go. He is currently planning a move to Dubai to expand his family business. He is currently on a strict diet as even the Americans refused to make jeans for him. We wish him all the success for his new business and the weight loss programme.

If anyone knows where **Zarak Khan** is, please update us as well. He was last seen wandering the streets of Faisalabad.

looking after overall affairs of the Lahore office which gives him enormous opportunities to network with many of the most accomplished people of Pakistan. On the personal front, Anwar and his wife Asma were blessed with a baby boy in October last year whom they named Ibrahim. In his own words, "being a daddy is the most beautiful experience of life". Anwar's passion for alma mater related activities continues; he got elected as Secretary of SDSB LUMINITES Alumni Association for the year 2011-12.

**Arshad Moazzam** is working at Etisalat in Dubai, where he also gets to host 'in-transit' family and friends. He is married and his daughter has just started going to school. He has also joined the gym recently as he is now approaching his thirties.

**Asad Shafiq** has moved from the corporate sector in Kuwait (where he was at Alghanim industries) to academia with his leap towards PhD in Operations at the Richard Ivey School of Business. Asad with his wife and daughter lives in Ontario, Canada and they open heartedly invite guests and visitors in the area. We wish him the best with his

## MBA 2007

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**Abdul Jawwad** is working on a development project for primary education in Punjab while on deputation. He is back again in income tax as deputy commissioner and also works as an education consultant.

**Abubakr Siddique** is working as Customer Relationship Manager at Metro Pakistan. He has a cute little baby girl named Zuhaa. Metro is wasting a lot of money in pursuit of developing Bobby's skills and has sent him to Dubai, Vietnam and Singapore in last couple of months for extensive training sessions. His passion for Imran Khan is increasing with each passing day and he considers Mr. Khan as the sole remedy for Pakistan's misfortune.

**Adeel Allawallah** has been working at Unilever Dubai as Assistant Manager Marketing for almost a year now and finally seems to have put an end to his job-hopping spree. **Adnan Nisar** has been staying loyal to the cigarette industry though he has not yet developed a taste for it. And his loyalty has paid off as he won Best Area Award in 2010. He also got promoted and now is working as Cycle Planning Manager. On the family front, he has a one year old son.

**Ahmed Shiraz** believes that it only takes first three years to learn the tricks of the corporate world after which the learning curve turns flat. Realizing that the corporate world isn't making much contribution to his personal development, he has chosen to learn and pursue photography as his new found passion in life.

**Ali Abbas aka Pujji**, now a CFA Level III candidate, is still with Habib Bank AG Zurich. He lives in Sharjah and his beautiful daughter just turned two this June. **Aly Yousaf** is working in the Finance function at Unilever. He has completed all CFA levels in first attempt! Aly is happily married and just returned from Holland where he took out time to visit some 'not to be mentioned' places as well.

**Ali Imam** is working at Mobilink HR department. **Amina Ijaz** is working as Brand Manager with Coca Cola Pakistan.

**Ammar Farooq Butt** is attached with his family business in Lahore and enjoys working there. On the personal side, he is still leading a bachelor existence and grasping every globetrotting opportunity; having recently explored Malaysia and Dubai on brief visits. Currently he is missing his love affair with tennis amidst the dengue phobia in Lahore. **Anis Sajid** has moved from Shell Pakistan, after a three-year tenure, for greener pastures. He is happily married and living with Bobby Butt [as a tenant of course ;)]. He has changed his car and looking forward to changing many other things in his life.

**Anwar Kabir** is enjoying his career in advertising in Lahore. He got promoted to Deputy General Manager position at Lowe & Rauf in early 2011, while continuing his responsibilities as Business Director

for the company's largest account in Lahore; Nestle Pakistan. As DGM, he is



PhD - after all this might change the lives of many future LUMS MBA students who could now hope for a change in the 'younger' lot of faculty in Operations Management :p (MBA 07 would get the hint).

Asad Mahmood, after having followed his legacy of serving organizations for no more than 1.5 years, has done it again. But this time, there was a revelation when departing from Mantaq Systems that technology is fascinating enough for him to do something for himself. And, hence the journey begins...

Ashhad Saeed lives in Dubai and still commutes to Abu Dhabi everyday for work (Etisalat). He and wife Mehreen got their bundle of joy, little Abdaan, earlier this year. They are more than often found hanging out with the rest of the gang over weekends.

Bilal Malik returned from Australia after finishing his Masters at Monash University. He has resumed his services at the Income Tax department. His major accomplishment in the last one year was his huge popularity amongst females in Australia which was witnessed with surprise on Facebook. We are still trying to figure out, what went right for Bilal bhai.

Farooq Soomro is working at Byco Petroleum and his passion for sports still continues. He is happily married.

Haleema Muniba has recently joined Supply Chain function at Pepsi Cola International. She is happily married with a daughter. After tying the knot last December, Hamza and Fizza are now based in Toronto. From Tarang, Hamza has now moved onto managing marketing and sales for Engro Food's recent Canadian acquisition, "Al Safa Halal". Fizza is enjoying the summer and setting up their new home. Their next undying goal is to travel across the region starting from Brazil down south.

Husnain Alam and Umair Mukhtar have decided to take a property Tycoon head on with their recent real estate venture. Saud is still at SECP and pulling Hotplate along. Mehdi a partner in crime of Hotplate is searching for a gold making opportunity after working on electricity making business for 4 years. Imran will eventually become Professor of Islamabad as he is visiting faculty in multiple universities and his fan following is likely to exceed that of Imran Khan. Telenor is still funding our beloved Ahsan Maykan, Dr. Ammar Yasin, Jasim Ahmed and Fasahat Feroze (Fasahat is usually abroad these days). Umer Mehmood aka Spikey has relocated to Isloo at Nestlé and is hibernating in the same den as Jasim.

Kanza Fida is still working at Warid. Her adorable one year old boy keeps her really busy though she still wishes to keep cats :) Kashan Yaqub being with Engro Foods for the last couple of years recently got promoted to Innovation Manager. We wonder, what kind of innovation Kashan can possibly bring to Engro Foods. Kashan is happily married and has two kids.

Mehtab Lasharie has completed her four year anniversary at Cisco, which makes her wonder if she can ever revert to a Gregorian calendar which doesn't work on fiscal weeks/quarters. During her free time she enjoys stretching the functionality of her DSLR for landscape and heritage photography in hopes of capturing the perfect sunrise.

Muhammad Ali Jawed (AJ)'s love for photography and his job at Petrofac both continue. He, Fatima and Mazin can always be counted on being present at all social events of MBA 07. Muhammad Ayaz Karim completes his four years at Habib Bank AG Zurich as Corporate Relationship Manager and is still with the organisation. He continues to be most socially active, even after marriage. Muhammad Bin Shahbaz is working as Regional Sales Manager in Nestlé Waters and is currently based in Gujranesburg (formerly known as Gujranwala :)). Relationship Scorecard: Very simple Life, 1 Daughter, 1 Wife :)

Muhammad Luqman Awan recently got promoted to National Sales Manager at 3M Pakistan. His company sends him overseas on training trips quite frequently with the most recent one being to the US. He and wife Sheema have been blessed with a second baby boy, Ibrahim. Luqman is found checking out pre-school academies for his older son Suleiman these days who he intends to make a future Aitchisonian. Luqman has remained very active with various activities of SDSB Luminites Association. One key area of interest for him has been Entrepreneurship in which he has been engaging with different stakeholders.

Muhammad Usman Ahmad (aka techno) has taken a similar route as Asad Shafiq leaving Alghanim Kuwait to pursue a PhD in Management at York University, Toronto. We're quite curious to find out the link between Alghanim and PhDs! We have not been able to fish out more info on Usman but we trust he is enjoying academia life more than the corporate race.

Still employed with Mashreq Bank at Treasury on the Rates Desk, Rabia Tirmizey also completes her four years in Dubai along with most of the '07 batch mates. Rai Usman Mujahid has been working with Barclays Bank for the past four years. He lives in Dubai with his wife. Raza Rehman Khan has been working as Brand Manager with Nestlé Pakistan now for more than four years. Allah has blessed him with another son, Asad, making him father of two, and going through sleepless nights. This year he ventured on another adventure to Rakaposhi base camp with Butts of MBA 2007; Bobby Butt & Wasif Sikander Butt. Trip was called Alaakaa!!! (for reasons we cannot disclose here)

Raza ul Haq is now working as Value Chain Analyst at Chevron. With each passing day, his salary growing and all his friends getting married, Raza has finally obtained the position of "Most Eligible Bachelor" in Karachi. His family intends to get him married ASAP. After faithfully serving First Gulf Bank for over four years and being awarded with the best employee award a couple of times (Source: Sarmad only, no verifications as of yet), Sarmad Balouch has now joined Citi in credit risk and is presently based in Dubai. Shahrugh Durani also joined Citi a couple of months back while Maryam still works for Thuraya. The couple residing in Dubai are usually found barbecuing on the beach over the weekends in good weather.

Shahzad Ahmad finally succeeded to break away from Faysal Bank after adding "CFA" designation to his name and is currently managing fixed income portfolio of Qatar National Bank. Thanks to Qatar's eagerness (restrictions & limits) to accept Pakistani expats, he is forced to enjoy bachelor life in Doha till RP formalities are completed.

Shelina remains loyal to Alghanim and we hear she has been enjoying her travel adventures from Turkey to Oman.



## MBA 2008

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**Sohaib Hashmi** is working at Habib Bank AG Zurich and resides in Dubai. **Syed Aamer Asif** still continues to work for Mashreq Bank and is having a nice time in Dubai. **Syed Ali Haider** has switched his loyalty gears once more and has started new innings at Commercial Bank of Dubai. He has recently been seen in the mountains of Switzerland partying with his family. Folks looking for tourism info on Swiss Land - please contact Ali!

**Syma Ansari** is working as Brand Manager Sunsilk at Unilever and recently organized Sunsilk Fashion Week in Karachi. She has been blessed with a baby girl and is successfully balancing her time between work and family.

**Umair Shabbir Butt** claims to be the owner of a mobile connection that never sleeps, partially due to the fact that he now heads the Products and Platform segment for Mobilink. He was recently blessed with a baby girl named Eshal. He was last reported to be making a business case on use of diapers versus cloth nappies.

**Yashrah Masood** is still working at Mantaq Systems, as Supply Chain consultant. This gives her ample opportunities to learn more about retail, and the more she gets to know about retail the more she wants to pursue a career in it, no matter how demanding an industry it is. On a softer note, she is really working hard to listen more, speak less and with LOWER volume... no one is going to believe this, but she already has accomplished some of this, meet up with her and you'll know :) She has also discovered that baking could be her new passion!

**Zeeshan Bhutta** has finally left Daily Times. He played a pivotal role in launching the new newspaper "Pakistan Today" with the Nawa-i-Waqt group, which he left recently to join FC College now as a permanent faculty member. God bless FC College!! He is still single and ready to mingle, providing a great bachelor pad for old married friends.

**Zenobia Qureshi** has been in Dubai for over a year now. She along with her hospitable husband, **Arsalan** are often found organising get-togethers at her home for the batch mates.

came back to Pakistan from China, ensuring that brotherly love lives on at NetSol. **Usman Jameel** working at Pepsico (I think he can tell us kai pepsi Rs. 65 ki kis nai ki). **Umar Tariq** is back in PTC, pretty amazing. **Muhammad Asim Hussain**, seems to have settled down with Land O'Lakes (though still looking forward to start his social entrepreneurship venture [www.milk-op.com](http://www.milk-op.com)). **Syed Mahir Salahuddin** is looking at Segments at Moblink. **Hassan Shahid** is dedicatedly working at Moblink. **Zeeshan Mirza** trying hard to manage Moblink customers life Cycles, not sure how he does that. **Rabia Ahmad** is planning business of ENI Pakistan. Its hard to believe but **Umair ur Rehman** is the Financial Controller for GEI Pakistan. **Waqas Safdar** is also there, he should have no problem getting his projects financed. **Awais Umar Nawaz**, is managing Procurement at Lotte Pakistan PTA. **Syed Khurram Hussain** is selling Engro Polymers & Chemicals. **Gibran Ahmed** has switched around here & there but is now at Nestlé, I hope he does not drink all the juices which he is managing. **Farhan Ahmed Shiekh** has joined Servis Industries knocking us out with the Knock out sales. **Salman Javaid Butt** is Exporting Bata shoes, hard to imagine with China around.

### Walaiti Slaves:

**Usman Javed** (man who worked for the Hassas Adaras of Pakistan) left PTC to pursue a career at Reckitt Benckiser, UAE (get some good dengue products in the UAE market also). **Adnan Adil** is still sticking with HBG holdings as financial analyst (you can guess why Dubai is in financial trouble). **Ehtesham ul Haq**, man behind Pakistani Umra passenger crisis in KSA, is working for Saudi Arabian Airlines, in Jeddah KSA. **Ahmed Shahan Khalid** & **Muhammad Umair Afzal** both working for Mobily in Riyadh, KSA. **Zubair Anwer**, recently got married and is working for Zain KSA Telecom, KSA. **Abdul Mannan** and **Saad Khwaja** are associates at Mckinsey & Co. I sure hope you can come up with some good solutions for Pakistani institutions. **Moazzam Ali** currently working for Albatha Group, UAE, so to be equal in ranks with **Miltals & Ambani's** ;). **Fayaz Ahmed Shaikh** leading the middle eastern revolution from Therir Sq. Egypt, is associated with Barclays. Our very own **Asad Abbas** has finally managed to leave Pakistan and Pepsico to pursue a suitable life style in Denmark. **Bilal Khan** is presently working

The world is changing, may it be US (Wall Street protests), Europe (Debt crisis) or Middle East (Revolutions). Batch of MBA 2008 was the one which hit the job market before the global recession hit us hard. To date, MBA 08 is successfully coping with this change and determined to become the GBLs of the Future.

### Corporate Slaves:

**Haider Ali Khan** said goodbye to Tetrapak to pursue a career in Banking at Habib Bank. **Jibran Khurshid**, working at PTC, in planning & reporting, I sure hope PTC can survive this chain smoker. **Osama Ashfaq**, (his name says it all), is currently working in the telecom sector with, Alcatel-Lucent, looking after both Pakistan & Afghanistan. **Usman Gul**, is looking after the supply lines of Jotun paints. **Saad Asif Ali**, looking after Coca-Cola supply lines, (I think he has set the mood for Coke Studio). **Mian Fahad Ashraf** & **Kashif Bashir Bhatti** are two pillars of US Denim marketing department (they still owe jeans & discount coupons to their batch mates or atleast start making jeans for their kids as they are both are proud parents now). After leaving Monsanto, **Usman Khalid** joined Syngenta and is currently working as the Marketing Manager there. **Nimerta Sirichand** is crunching numbers at Uni-lever. **Khurram Javed** is looking after products & services at Telenor (trying to come up with some Dhanso products to beat Ufone). **Murwa Ishaq Bhatti** is working in NetSol (Working towards expanding the size of the business as "size does matter" ;-)). **Amir Shezad Bhatti** is working hard at Maple leaf Cement, trying to build a stronger Pakistan. **Maheen Binte Shafqat**, educating the nation, currently associated with Education Services (Beaconhouse Group) & busy raising the family. **Jahanzeb Khalid Toor** is trying to solve the energy crisis by supplying Wartsila generators to us. **Baber S. Khan** left Karachi in darkness (Ex-KESC) to provide fuel starved Pakistan with Toyota cars. **Salman Ahmad** is our very own internet marketer at CCK Inc. **Shazad Valliani** after saying no to Gulf banks has joined UBL again. **Umer Hiyat**,



at the National Bank of Abu Dhabi, in Risk Management (thinking to be or not to be) and **Armaghan Zafar** is still working with Standard Chartered Bank in Dubai.

**Sadaf Shahid** resigned from NetSol Technologies North America, recently got married and will be moving to UAE. **Mariam Minhas** is still with Nokia working as the HR Manager based in Dubai. **Faisal Kasuri** is visiting us from Canada and will be performing hajj, after which he plans to return to Canada.

### Back to School:

**Muhammad Tayyab Safdar** is PhD Candidate at University of Cambridge. **Farid ul Islam Pasha** left the oil & gas sector to pursue PhD from USA. **Hassan Mahmood** is back in LUMS as RA after completing his Masters from the US. **Khwaja Muhammad Shoaib** is currently pursuing an MBA degree at Harvard Business School. **Amir manzoor** working as Assistant Professor at Bahria University Karachi.

### Our Batch mates from Abroad:

**Fuad A. Tanjil Hosein**, our friend from Bangladesh, is currently working with HSBC in UAE. **Kabindra Shrestha** is handling all the Nepalese remittances at Western Union Nepal.

**Zheng Weida** is in China & doing good.

### Masters of their Own destiny (Our Entrepreneurs):

**Gibran Ali Malik** left Tetrapak's slavery to take over the Family business, United Iron & Steel.

**Jamal Nasir** is also handling his family business S.A Hamid & Co. successfully.

**Tayyab Noor Mohammad Ghandi** is regularly commuting from Khi-Lhr-Khi, to successfully manage Phoenix Chemicals.

**Ahsan Malik**, enterprenuer by hear is heading his own venture Retailment, he can finally wear 7 different color Khadi kurtas to work.

**Khurram Shahzad Samad** is CEO of GeniTeam Solutions and developing the next Angry birds for us.

**Mustafa Hassan Arif**, as always is under low profile, heading MAK International.

**Salahuddin Chaudhary** is heading Grey Density.

### Sarkari Mulazam (Establishment)

**Athar Mansoor** is closely working at Prime Minister Secretariat in Islamabad to ensure that the Gillani Govt. survives its tenure.

**Adnan Awan** has joined police force after clearing CSS examinations and has been posted as DC Sindh.

**Javed Hussain Nayar** is still with State Bank of Pakistan.

### Batch Couples

**Ahmad Ali** after having worked with Wateen Telecom as their "Product Manager for Broadband Services" and Telenor "Pricing and Segments", has shifted to Monsanto - Marketing and is settled in Lahore. He is married to **Jalila**, who has worked for the last 2 years at Nestlé as their Communication Manager.

**Ali Irfan** has moved to PTC. **Kiran Riaz**, is still associated with UCL.

**Umer Aziz Baber** and **Hira** are living a peaceful life in Model Town, Lahore.

Lastly for those who I have missed in this class note, you are requested to join the batch google group [lumsmba2008@googlegroups.com](mailto:lumsmba2008@googlegroups.com) so that next time we are able to include you in the batch notes.



MBA 2009

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It was a stimulating year for the MBA Batch of 2009. A lot of our batch mates got married during the year and are settling in their lives. A few had their babies as well and became mom/dad. Job hopping had been limited and there had been restricted shifts. When checked for class notes, most of the people were found maintaining a status quo. Cohesion in the batch is very strong (touchwood), and most of the friends are very much connected with each other.

**Aamna Ajmal** just had a baby. Those of you who by any chance missed to congratulate her on FB can do it now. She is back in Pakistan. **Abid** got married recently and is working for Telenor. **Ahmaed Kanjoo** is having best of his times with loxi poxi (**Umair Luqman**) and Jibby, away from Lahore in Islamabad. **Ahmed Khawaja** has been to Europe once and the whole Europe has not recovered till date. He is having a good time at ENI. **Ali Ibrahim** is settled in his job. He is still single and is a frequent visitor to South Africa. **Ali Raza** is back from Mars and is now depending on his entrepreneurial instincts.

**Ali Tahawer** (Mafia Gang) is championing the HR cause in Pakistan. **Ammar Talat**, our squash player, is still with KESC. **Aqil Bahi** is HR big shot in PTC. **Arshad Bajwa** is with Fatima-----Fertilizer and is making their procurements.

**Asad Anees** is the next King Kong. He is in Karachi these days with his wife and works for PMI. **Asif** is still unmarried and is working for 3M. It is IT (**Asim Ali**) and IT is still in Mobilink. The moment this "nash" guy landed in Egypt, riots started there. **Atif Shah** got married and moved to Lahore. He is working for Mobilink. **Attique** is still unmarried and is working for Telenor. **Ayisha Zia** is busy teaching and bringing up her kid. **Azhaar Sb** had been to New York on TRG's expense at last. He had pics with Mickey Mouse there, cuteeee. He is not of marriageable age yet but very soon he would be so please start looking up proposals for him.

**Baqa** (PAPA) is actually a papa now. He just became a DAD. **Bhibhu** and **Manjita** are much settled in Nepal. **Bilal Ansari** is also in Telenor. **Chaudhry Nazim Hussain**, BATA vich PATA. **Ehsan Shahzad** (Shikari) is still in LTC. He is determined to improve the transportation system of Lahore. **Fahd** just became a father and is working for Telenor. **Farooq Mushtaq** is in Ufone and got married recently. **Fazal Ashfaq** (Phaja) is working on his social marketing projects. This year he had twins and is very happy to understand the concept of economies of scales. **Furqan** is in ICI. **Harris** (Harry Putar) is lost.

Please stand in respect, if you are reading this text. Mafia gang ke aik aur sapoot, **Mr. Imtiaz SB** is with Interwood as Showroom Manager. **Jawad** (Raula) is at Interwood. The very talented **Jazib Zahir** is still multi-tasking by working for Tintash, writing articles, doing Ted Talk and numerous other activities. **Johar** is in Dubai these days, working for Standard Chartered Bank there. **Kamran Afzal** is enjoying his job in Karachi. **Khalid Hameed** (alias Khalid Maseeh) has still not embraced Islam and is working for ICI. **Khuram Rashid** became Alumni Association's class rep for our batch. His wedding is planned in the last week of October.

**Mahvash Murad** is also at KESC.

**Mariam** is doing very well at Telenor. She got married a few months back.

**Mehr** just ran a marathon to Bangladesh and is back now.

**Motti** is one of the few people who are still with KESC.

**Mubashar Chohan** is working for Subway. For the last one year **Muhammad Adeel Tufail** has been hopping all around Pakistan and setting meaningless FB statuses. He is working at Mobilink by the way.

With the frequency **Muhammad Ali Khan** changes the job it is very hard to tell that where he would be the time this edition publishes, so keep guessing! **Muhammad Jehanzeb** moved to SCB Dubai after his "Qaide Ba Mushaqat". **Muhammad Junaid Saleem** is in KESC.

Have to, have to, has to, had to (**Nabeela Fatima**). **Najam** (Najm Jamal) is far away from civilization and **Mr. Jamal**. He is working for PMI and is placed in Sargodha.

**Numair** is working at PMI but is heard whining about the lack of brand jobs in Lahore. **Omer Chaudry** is with Mantaq and is often found in LUMS Gymnasium.

**Rabia** and **Babar** are enjoying their married life in Karachi. **Raheal** is working in COK, oh Coke it is and Coke is working on **Raheal**. Let's see who succeeds! **Rai Tahir** (Mafia #2) is in Nestlé, Karachi.

**Rattu** has yet again changed his job and has recently moved to Islamabad. He is working for Trans-world International. **Rizwan** (Chan) is in Engro Vopak.

**Saad Ikram** (Turtle) got back to Lahore and is working in Style Textiles. **Saad Muhammad** left TWI and has started off an entrepreneurial venture.

**Saba Pervez** has joined Sunni Tehreek. No, actually she is teaching in Fast. **Sajju** is progressing in the social sector and got married this year. In the last meeting **Stalker Salman** had reservations about his CEO's mode of communication for the announcement of Metro-Makro merger. He is referred to **Faisal Khokhar**. **Sameera** is very much settled in Unilever. **Sana Hai** has said goodbye to Pakistan and is in UK these days with her husband.



MBA 2010

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Sana Kazmi is in Telenor with Adil Khabir. Sanobar is still in TRG. Sarmad Abbasi is sent on secondment to UK from PTC/BAT. He got married this year. Sarwan is with Telenor and got married a few months back. Sheharyar aka Sherry finally completed the 2 year "Qaide Ba Mushakkat" of the SCB IG program and lady luck has smiled as he has moved to the Structured Finance group in SCB Singapore. Shoaib Mulla is in KESC and was one of the affectees who lost their cars in a recent protest against KESC. Shovan found his hidden talent in LUMS that he can be a very good student so he is doing his PhD in USA. Shumyl just moved to Coke. He also got married this year. Sumaira is happily married and is making box shaped rotis in Iran. Tikki (Syed Zeeshan Haider) has tootay tootay haath but buhat lambay lambay connections. Please keep a constant follow up of this guy because very soon he would be something very very big. Tahir Ghafoor (TG) has moved to the sales world of IBM. Talha Tahir and Waqas Dhilion are in PMI.

UZL (Umer Zafar) is still with Kansai paints and got engaged. Usman Saberoni just got married and is still working in Mobilink.

Theetaa (Waqas) is polarized and is now a Tan Theeta. He is in SCB, Dubai. Wardah is still working at Mobilink and just had a baby. Yamin is off for Hajj at this point in time and is getting settled in life.

Yasir Mahmood Khan (but sir) is a HR Manager for Style Textiles. Who says a man stops growing after 25 years? Uncle Zafar Ahmed is right hand man of Shahbaz Sharif and is working for LTC.

Zahra Arshad is happily married and is still working at Nestlé. Zainab, one of the introverts of our batch, is busy with her family. Zunaira got married and moved to Canada.

Usman Ahmed Mirza, Ayesha Ali, Maira Hameed, Umer Javed and Sohaib (faujee) are the other ones working for Nestlé.

Yousriya, Azeem Hayee, Gull Hasan, Muhammad Arshad Saleem, Ahmed Waqas, Javeria Habib, Abdur Rob, Ali Usman, Usman Qureshi, Samia Aslam, Khalid Chapra, Usman Shahid, Adnan Budhani, Nadia Saqib, Ayesha Nawaz, Nauman Ali and Umer Farooq are lost.

It gives a lot of pleasure to see our batch mates settling well in their lives. It also provides an immense gratitude to find one of our batch mates in any organization. Keeping the spirit alive, we promise to help each other in any capacity we can!

Ali Azhar is mulling over marketing strategies to implement at Abacus Consulting.

Ali Wasim is planning on doing a PhD soooooon :) In the mean time he is enjoying his life of matrimonial bliss and awaiting the arrival of his young one due in December InshaAllah. He is planning on jumping into the realm of entrepreneurs once he has saved up a bit more.

Amer Mahmud has been enjoying free credit for his phone for the past one year while working for Telenor Pakistan. However, he is still not quite sure what he wants to do. The biggest thing on the horizon is, as many of his friends say, is the "end of his life" as he knows it when he ties the knot in December.

Asad Malik is an ABM in the Unilever New Initiatives team where he has turned the chore of washing clothes into a moment of romance by launching Sunlight detergent.

Abdullah Tariq feels he has had a great time since after graduation. Starting with the puppets of Sesame Street hung in the basement of Pakistan Children's Television, he learnt the art of spreading cheers through simple surprises. But after having enough of surprises, he is now managing some interesting media at Servis Sales Corporation.

Adnan Chaudhry is in the UK enjoying the English summer whilst seeking enhancements to grow customer base and Profits for a High Street Retailer.

Aemad Mehdi has been working at Telenor Financial Services ... while looking for excuses to be in Lahore as often as possible.

After getting rejected possibly from every MNC, Ahmad Aslam has finally settled at Fatima Group as Product Manager. He also got married to Zainab Amir (BSc 2005) in October 2010 and since then has been wishing he had a rewind button and could go back to being single again....Daddy was right...."Shadee rola hee hai!"

Being in Lahore, Ahmad Khan is enjoying his time with his family and occasional visits to LUMS. He is working as Planning Manager at Pepsi Co & plays cricket in Pepsi's Cricket team on weekends.

Ahmed Mahmood Khan still thinks he is too cool for Isloo when (as Ali Shahid would verify), he really is not. When not taking smoke breaks or scheduling his Friday rides to Lahore, he is managing VAS services with the weight of Mobilink on his fragile shoulders.

Ahmed Farooq Lateef has enjoyed 4 Honey Moons (plus 1 for his wedding, if that counts in the corporate world) in 4 different wonderful companies so far but is now trying to be a banker in Standard Chartered. Also he tries to stick around in Lahore as much as possible apart from a few domestic and international trips. He is planning for some side venture, in the very distant future, along with the more permanent day activity...

Ahmed Sajjad is now fluent in bovine languages and is now looking to have a meaningful conversation with a wagyu steak on a plate. Being a food buff all his life, he has backward integrated his interests to the soil on which his food grows. That's what he reveals, the rest of the shadyness, still lies behind the shades.

Aizah Ashraf can't wait to put her marketing plans into action working at the correctly rumored slumbering giant known as Packages. The great part is she gets off early and gives her time to pursue other interests as life is short, and plans a-many.



**Black Cat** looked for his mojo in all the wrong places before finally settling down in Islamabad at Mobilink in Business Planning & Strategy. When he's not micro-segmenting, he's working on top secret business plans and planning to sneak to Beirut to test out his theories.

**Faiza Ashraf** is selling and marketing leasing technology solutions to Asia-Pacific markets at NetSol.

**Ghulam Farhan** is so happy that Rabia Shafiq has finally realized that there is nothing better in life than to sit in a cozy sofa and enjoy a weekend full of Premier League games :P He is enjoying his notice period at Kansai Paints these days and is eagerly looking forward to joining Nestlé Professionals as ABM Beverages. He has no clue how life at Nestlé will pan out as he will share the same floor with Rabia Shafiq who currently plies her trade in Corporate Planning for Nestlé Pakistan.

**Hassan Fawad Khan** has pretty much settled in Karachi and P&G and is trying his best to manage unrealistic expectations and celebrity tantrums in the complex world of Brand PR. Whatever little time he has left from his job he spends exploring Karachi's culinary delights and travelling with his wife and little one.

**Hasan Mubarak** is still travelling around Europe, and working in the realms of social media and business development at Vopium along with it. Life is good, so is his love for food. When he's not on Facebook, he's probably out of battery or doesn't have an internet connection on the train or plane or metro or whatever. Still out discovering his true passion in life while looking for that one thing that strikes a Mozart and makes it all clear to him... And yes, misses his LUMS fellas like anything... :) :

**Hina Sayeed** is trying to create a brand out of otherwise commoditized category of fertilizers and looking forward to an eventful and exciting year ahead IA! :)

**Humbal Tariq** has started his own business of Meat Retail in DHA Lahore, after heading Marketing for Lahore Meat Company for almost a year. Currently he's developing meat export markets for Pakistan.

**Ibrar Javed** is enjoying the challenge of introducing Mobile Financial Services to masses with Telenor's Easypaisa. It could have been so much more fun if his office was in Lahore...

**Irfan Abbasi** is still challenging the system!

**Junaid Iqbal** currently leads offshore financing and risk management team at Mobilink. He also manages Mobilink's investments in Pakistan. As of writing this, he is packing for his month long 'Asia Tour' which begins in less than 9 hours :)

**Khizar Ali Khan** is discovering FMCG, KSA and his culinary skills...and feels most grateful to have visited the holy mosques.

**Jaadu** is working as you know what at you know where. Although she was determined to never have anything to do with CS and IT again, she is remarkably really enjoying her work in the world of e-commerce (from the business side of things of course!). On a different note, she has still found no cure to prevent reminiscing over the MBA memories that trigger smiles and LOLZzz at random occasions.

After passing out from LUMS, **Malik Naveed Ahmed** Khokhar, started working with Samin Textiles Pvt. Ltd as Marketing Manager but soon realized that the textile sector is not fitting well with his engineering background. After seven months, he came across an opportunity at Descon and availed it. Naveed is enjoying his work in the Business Development Department. as it is offering both technical and commercial learning and he is planning to spend a couple of years in this role.

**Mariam Qadeer** is bringing sexy back to the cement industry while she collects money to buy the biggest bag yet!

**Mudassir Ahsan** is working for big tobacco.

**Muddassar Nazar** is working to revolutionize the MobileMoney Market in Pakistan. Currently working for Mobile Financial Services in Mobilink, he is trying his hardest to screw people out of their hard earned money. When home on time, he tries to find ways to get away from this 9-6 culture.

**Muhammad Farooq Salim** is busy crunching numbers at Engro & is already dreaming of another happening trip to Lahore. On a personal note, he now realises how important it is to 'never say never'! ;)

**Muhammad Hassan Khan** has taken up the challenge to bring innovation in otherwise commoditized Milk category as ABM Milk-Pak.

**Muhammad Wasiq** is lost in the world of brands and their financial models with quite a hectic and happening work life being part of the Finance team for Walls at Unilever. His passion for Tennis is still alive but late work hours and lazy weekends are preventing him to pursue it at all. On the personal front, he would be tying the knot in January.

**Muneeb Maqbool** is trying to change the way his\* company works, and waiting for that final \*showdown\* that happened in ford case [hint: iacocca]. Also, on a side note, Muneeb Maqbool is also trying to find a family who would accept him as their own.

\* the pronoun, his, is used in a generic sense, although Muneeb is also trying\*\* to start his own thing.

\*\* he is also aware of the great philosopher Yoda's saying: do or do not, there is no try.



Working for Philip Morris, **Mutahir Mahmood** has officially remained 'up in the air' half of his corporate life and is loving every bit of it. He is an aspiring photographer and realised his passion by launching his new venture by the name of O'Shoot Photography ([www.facebook.com/oshootphotography](http://www.facebook.com/oshootphotography)). (Jee bilkul, bachpan se he us ko camera se lagao tha :p) He got engaged earlier this year and still acts like a bachelor!! :)

**Nadia Rana** is so good at PR for AEDesign, that she outsourced this class note.

**Qasim Iqbal** is currently in Supply Chain Planning at PMI, which is quite ok. Wonders where fate will take him next...hopefully away from Karachi and soon! :) Wishing true happiness to all friends!

**Rebea Firdous**: three changes, husband, brand new job as Research Executive in Nielsen Social Sector Research wing, and waiting for brand new addition to family.

**Saad Aziz** has been pushing hard for the past one year to meet his sales numbers at Nestlé. With the economy contracting, he needs all the luck that he can get.

**Saad Farooq** has been spending very nice and enjoyable time with his 2 months old son, Alhamdulillah. Apart from that, he is working in the Marketing Department of Ovex Technologies looking after Search Engine Optimization, Google analytics etc.

After more than a year out of LUMS, **Saadi Rauf** has experienced brand and media management at Engro Foods and is working hard on challenging assignments back and forth. In addition, he's keeping the LUMS MBA 2010 Karachi chapter alive and kicking with regular movies/khapays/GTs.

**Sadaf Latafat** has in the last two years mastered the art of eye rolling (as Ali Shahid wud certify) - a skill which stood her in good stead during her brief but harrowing sojourn at a textile mill. After a "eureka" moment which made her reevaluate her priorities, she is happily (albeit trifle stressful-ly) working towards establishing a university in her city, while simultaneously juggling family, friends, yoga classes and reading.

**Sadik Aale Mohammad** after having tried a hand at bringing some sense to the education sector has decided to sit back and philosophize about the 'forces' responsible for all that happens in the Islamic Republic.

**Sana Farooq** is exhibiting a never before seen inner rebel by working at less than 150% efficiency at one of Pakistan's golden MNCs.

**TAS**, was being too idealistic when he wanted to become a disciple of Farzad and now after leaving one employer after 6 days and another after 10 months, is finally doing what, according to Dr. Ehsan, every MBA wants to do i.e. to sell soaps.

**Umar Sharif** is busy enjoying milk shake breaks at Mobilink campus tharra with his LUMS buddies, where they ponder on things such as exploiting 3G potential in Pakistan, app store penetration & what differentiates a pindi boy amongst a crowd. Currently he is enjoying capturing vivid lights in the concrete jungle that is Manhattan. With the amazing amount of coolness he has, he has managed to make followers out of two poor souls at Mobilink.

**Umer Khalid** after a failed attempt to introduce wind power in Pakistan, has overcome his fear of washing dishes and is now an expert in it.

**Usman Ali Asif** is enjoying his life with two kids Allhamdulillah and is planning to pursue PhD soon InshaAllah. In the mean while he is enjoying the teaching experience at a public university in Lahore.

After wasting a lot of his time in doing IT based project management of which he had no clue, Usman Bajwa is now doing B2B Marketing in Telenor. Had the most wonderful past few months of his life. He is now happily married, yet still enjoying the bachelor life ;)

**Usman Noor** is managing customer lifecycle at Ufone and has no idea about his lifecycle. Trying to adjust to the boring and dull life of Islamabad and is planning to have another bachelor trip of Europe :)

On Steve Jobs' death, **Usman Sharif** is still trying to stay hungry and foolish; currently busy introducing 'first ever' in the paint industry as ABM at Kansai Paint.

**Waleed Elahi** is keeping the LUMS corporate tradition alive by changing three jobs/responsibilities within a year. He is currently dreaming about starting his own business while having fully embraced the corporate slave world...

**Waqas Hashmi**, started with sourcing, and is now stuck with business development with almost no handle on what lies ahead. But all that misery had one thing in common, our most knowledgeable of mate **Naveed Bhai** (Nido), really having a great time together.

After 4 role switches, **Yasir Hameed** is looking after Djuice in Telenor. Every day seems like a business case, only with lots of numbers and no sense of it mostly. Makes him wonder how many times can one avail the "do nothing" option.

**Zeeshan Mann** says thanks to Allah that call of the conscience finally prevailed and he got rid of Big Tobacco. Instead of being a contributor to selling cancer, now he has decided to serve the masses through rice nourishment.

3 years have passed since the SOP at LUMS but **Zeeshan Saeed** feels he is still going through it at a BPO where the boss and the client are the new JAM(s)... The future looks encouraging but the present is crazy! He has recently moved in to a nice apartment and slowly but surely setting it up and waiting for someone to make a home out of it. ;)



MBA 1993  
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Saira and Aali are in Karachi along with their three daughters. Aali has an interesting portfolio at MCB, looking after Transaction Banking; Saira is involved with her family business. The twins are thinking of the career they want to pursue and the little one now 4 is a bundle of joy. Ahsan is working as a Director in Citi London covering Europe Middle East and Africa region for Treasury & Trade Solutions Operations. Of his three kids the eldest is now 15 and on his way to becoming a doctor. Ahsan actively supports a charity, Kawish Welfare Trust. Everyone is encouraged to Google it. No whereabouts of Abid, he was last reported in UBL. Ali Bajauri is living in Toronto and is working as an independent consultant on developmental projects. Ali has three kids. He has coined the idea that the 20th anniversary of the class should be held in 2013 and in a destination like Turkey. Comments awaited!

Aamir has moved back from his position in Al Khalij Commercial Bank at Doha to Lahore in May 2010. He has been working as CEO of Mikaael Foods, a Dairy and Food Company. Aamir is in the right city for this business. Ali Mehdi has become a venture capitalist by founding M-Cap Inc. a financial services company and is based in Calgary Canada. He is still an eligible bachelor, even after 18 years of graduation. Amena has moved from a successful career in Banking to becoming a Director at Hikmah, a consulting firm in Karachi. Asim continues to manage the brand empire he has created and amazes us all with the names it caters for. Amna and Ali continue to make all of us proud with their achievements in Hong Kong. Faisal is working as Manager Finance at Research In Motion in Canada, guess we know of one person who does not use iPhone! Farah and Shahid are in Karachi. Shahid is working as the Chief Risk Officer of Tameer Micro Finance Bank that he co-founded. Fatima work's part time in Barclays Bank and has managed to beat the full timers in achieving targets. She lives in West Yorkshire with her husband Omar who works for HSBC. They have a son (9) and a daughter (2). Mansoor works for Roche Diagnostics for the last 12 years and has now moved to the company's UK operations. He is well settled in West Sussex and has three children, who are all high achievers. Mustajab is a PhD, no surprises here. He has three kids and has moved to Hong Kong from Singapore in 2008 where he is an Assistant Professor at FAST-NUCES.

Hassan is in Karachi and is teaching Marketing and Advertising. He is actively broadcasting on several blogs. Khaqan is in Islamabad and is an Advisor to the Finance Minister. Mehmosh is heading Henkel detergents business for Arabian Peninsula region. He has a one year old daughter and is looking to contribute towards Pakistan's development. Sadeed Sb has moved to Barclays Bank, Karachi. No news of Sabd-e-Zar and Moeen, last reported in U.K. Imran's association with aviation industry continues to touch new heights; the family is well settled in Karachi. Haseeb has moved as Head of Nestle Global Marketing at Nestle Global Head Office – Switzerland. Way to go!

Salman Saleem is nowhere to be found. Naveed Asghar is working as Marketing Director, Foods & Beverages, Unilever Gulf. He is based in UAE. Naveed Chawala runs the family business engaged in distribution and is very much in Karachi. Omer is based in Lahore and heading the prestige portfolio of corporate bank central region for MCB. Nevertheless during banking hours he has been spotted in Liberty Market. Osama is associated with LUMS Law School but is in USA for a PhD. Osman is reported to be with Al Noor Bank in UAE. Qamar is in the Middle East for the last few years and has been managing Regional SME Portfolio at Standard Chartered Bank. He has just been blessed with a baby girl. Rauf is Dubai based and working as Deputy Head of WholeSale credit at Noor Islamic Bank. Complete radio silence on the whereabouts of Dr. Saleem Dar. Salman Nisar relocated from Standard Chartered Bank, Africa to Malaysia as Head of Process Management & Governance. Sarah has been teaching Business Management and Marketing courses at various schools and institutes in Karachi and Lahore and has recently joined Shahbaz Group in their HR. Saroj was reported to be working in Nepal. Soofi is well settled in Dubai and managing compliance for 10 African countries for Barclays Bank. He and his wife have also ventured into business by providing landscaping services for domestic and commercial clients; kids have grown up and keep reminding the parents that they are from an ancient race of B&W TV and postal mail. No news on Haider. Taimur has moved back to Lahore and is with MCB HR and actively manages our financial fates. Yahya is Lahore-based but travels extensively and continues to manage the family textile business. He has also earned international recognition on his insights on cotton and its trade. Zulfiqar is our home grown Consumer Banking Expert and Risk Professional working with Barclays in UAE.



**MS 1999**

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**Abdul Aziz:** This is the 10th year after graduating from LUMS and I am still doing the same old thing, which is running LumenSoft Technologies. Work was, and is, fun and exciting. During these years, for a change, I was able to shift my office to four different locations. I am still living at my

Lawrence Road, Lahore residence. My youngest son Omar Aziz has just started going to school. Daughter, Zainab is in class two and eldest son, Saif-ul-Aziz is in class four.

**Abu Zar:** I am GM, Information Technology at Worldcall in Lahore. So don't call me if your cable isn't

working.

**Adeen Farooq Malik:** I am working at Teradata Corp. since 2004. Currently I am with the UK office and live in Ascott,

UK.

**Ahmed Raza Malik:** I am teaching at the Computer Science Department at FAST, Lahore. I contribute to not letting the GPA of FAST undergrads become healthy!

**Ahmed Najeeb Lateef:** Finally there was some change last year - I moved from California to Ontario to stay with my father in his last days. For the first year in Canada, I "worked from home" and after discovering interesting facts about "life at home during office hours" I was forced to switch from Teradata to RBC (Royal Bank of Canada). Though I am Technical Specialist now but still struggling in Data warehousing and on top of everything I have added a daily struggle to get to downtown Toronto. My eldest son is now in grade 5, Zainab is 5, and the youngest, Eesa, is not 3 yet and hopefully he will remain the youngest. You can reach me at [ah.najeeb@gmail.com](mailto:ah.najeeb@gmail.com).

**Asim Ali:** After, teaching at COMSATS, Lahore for three years I went to Paris for my PhD degree in 2005. I completed my PhD in Distributed Systems from the University of Paris in September 2010. Currently, I am finishing my one year Post Doctorate in INRIA, France and applying for jobs. Recently, got an offer from DOHA but still undecided about it, maybe some friends from the middle-east can give me some good advice. During studies, I got the chance to visit most of the countries in Europe and some parts of Canada. My daughter, Abeera started going to school with her mother (lol, to make it clear mother goes for teaching) and son Shayan still enjoying happiest days of his life at home. Best of luck to all friends and be in touch. You can reach me at [syyedasimali@gmail.com](mailto:syyedasimali@gmail.com).

**Atif Alvi:** I have been at LUMS as an Assistant Professor since 2009 in the Computer Science Department. My son is in A' Levels and daughter is in grade 10 in high school. I can be reached at [atif.alvi@gmail.com](mailto:atif.alvi@gmail.com)

**Atif Munir:** Too much to do in a short time! Last year I left Ericsson Belgium and moved back to Mobilink as Core Networks Planning Manager. I enjoyed the thrill of the job, burning mid night oils (company's oil!) during my stay in Islamabad. Now I am ready to fly to Aussiland to explore new areas. I am enjoying the notice period at Mobilink these days. My wife has already reached Sydney and my son, Omer Atif is waiting for me to pack up and join him. Anyone in Australia, please share your contact information with me. ([atif\\_1976@hotmail.com](mailto:atif_1976@hotmail.com))

**Fakhir Anwar:** I am working with Worldcall Telecom Limited, an Omantel Company, as Senior Manager Billing Solutions, leading the Development and Operations of LDI Billing System. Telecom billing solutions are very huge in terms of data volume because daily records processing is in millions. Our company did not give an award for "Employee of the Year", but I am sure my probability of winning it is 1/2000 (approx). My children, Ibrahim (5) and Saleha (3) are now school going so their mother has got time to relax.

**Ahmad Adnan:** I was HoD of Computer Science at UMT, Lahore, but my desire of not to be bound to one job for long took me to University of Central Punjab, as a Civil Engineer, very recently. I am happily married, with kids.

**M. Sibghat Ullah Siddiqui:** I now have more white than black hair, both are falling fast. After the demise of my father in June 2011, I returned to Canada and am living with my wife, mother, son, Muhammad Mustafa and daughter, Farwa Siddiqui, now in grade 2. This is my fifth year with Travelex and I am now working as Programme Manager. Besides reading and golfing, I am actively associated with the affairs of the local mosque and spend good time on community development in central Mississauga. I can be reached at [consultsib@gmail.com](mailto:consultsib@gmail.com)

**Naveed Arshad:** I am an Assistant Professor at the Computer Science Department at LUMS. Currently I am in Saudi Arabia for a few months, teaching at a university here.

**Numan Sheikh:** I am teaching computer science as an Assistant Professor at F.C. College, Lahore. My quest for the holy grail (PhD) continues unabated.

**S. Sami uz Zafar Naushahi:** I am working as Associate Director at Business Beam (Pvt) Ltd. Recently I did MS in IT Management from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). I was fortunate enough to complete it with "Highest Distinction" and also received "Award of Excellence" besides winning a couple of leadership positions there. Currently I am living in Islamabad with my wife and daughter, Zainab (5.5).

**Tahir Hameed:** As you read these notes, you can expect me to be looking for a position (in and outside Korea...don't read Koreas) because hopefully I would have cleared my final PhD defence. Life had been bumpy over the last couple of years but never more fulfilling, especially in terms of learning. Kids, Abdul Rafay, Abdul Moez and Mohibbah keep wife, Shamaila and me wondering what were we up to during our childhoods!

**Zubair Nawaz:** I am back in Lahore after completing my PhD in Computer Engineering from TU Delft, The Netherlands. I recently, joined Punjab University again as Assistant Professor. My eldest son, Dayyan is in Class 4 and younger son, Rayyan aged 15 months is enjoying the family reunion. I can be reached at [zubair.nawaz@gmail.com](mailto:zubair.nawaz@gmail.com)

**Muhammad Razeen:** I am working in Deloitte & Touche Middle East (World's no. 1, Big 4 Company) as Manager in Enterprise Applications / Technology Integration Service Line. I am based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. My areas of responsibility are SAP, Enterprise Architecture, Programme Leadership and Business Intelligence. I have three kids, Zainab (7), Muhammad Ismaeel (5) and Muhammad Haroon (2). I can be reached at [razeen@gmail.com](mailto:razeen@gmail.com).

**Ans Mahmood:** There is nothing to write home about!!! I have been working with the same company, Volvo, for the last 8 years and have been living with the same wife for almost the same number of years (quite a feat in its own right in this day and age!!!) Recently my company made a blunder by promoting me to the position of Country Sales Manager. I have a son, Rayaana, who turned 5 a couple of months back.



## MS Computer Science 2006

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Aamer Zaheer is STILL doing his PhD at the Computer Vision Lab at LUMS. All his friends want him to wind up his work as soon as possible. He is still single and always busy providing hospitality to friends visiting Lahore.

Ahmed Jawad is in the final year of his PhD at the Fraunhofer Institute for Intelligent Analysis and Information Systems. He is living in a small and beautiful German town – Bonn- with his wife Hina and 2 year old son Aadil.

Asad Anwar Butt is working towards his PhD at the Pennsylvania State University. He got married in June, 2011, and is happily living in the small college town of State College with his wife, Noshin.

Asif Tasleem is working as Principal Software Engineer at Vopium. Previously, he worked on mobile commerce extensively. In his personal life, he is a father of two, Ahsan and Alishbah and happily living in Lahore.

Atif Nauman is busy with his business routine and trying to make his products more valuable in the Pakistani market. He resigned from Telenor last year to join his business yet again with a new aim and new ideas. He is currently living in Rawalpindi with his wife and 3 year old son who are a source of courage for him in this tough life.

Jahanzeb Umair is still working with Dubai World. He got married last year and is trying to live happily with his wife in Dubai.

Khawaja Muhammad Fahad is continuing his PhD at LUMS. He is living a peaceful life with his parents in Lahore.

Khurram Mehmood Chaudhary has now moved to Boston, MA, with his immediate family and is working as a Mobile Architect at KAYAK. Although all this happened suddenly, it was a welcome transition. Kids already love the place/ city. His wife and him are excited about their elder kid, Abdullah, stepping into in pre-school in October 2011, while their younger one, Atir, remains a handful.

Khurram Qadeer is currently working as General Manager, Corporate Affairs for the Geo TV Network. He has now been with the network for over 4 years. After resisting for as long as he could, he tied the knot last year. He has been missing in action since on the friends front, for which he really apologises to them all.

Malik Jahan Khan is working as Assistant Professor and Head of the Computer Science Department at Namal College, Mianwali. He is married and living happily with his one year old daughter Fatima Malik.

Umair Alvi completed his 5 years at Teradata Global Consulting Centre, Islamabad. On the personal front - he had an addition to his family, his daughter Mina.

Usman Chaudhry left the now defunct Motorola Solutions and joined SONUS Networks; a US based telecommunication vendor as Technical Presales. On the personal front he just got married and is settling down with his wife Amna, in Dubai.

Saeed Ahmad is working as Practice Manager in Xavor Corporation and has relocated to Pakistan after spending three years in the Middle East. Currently, he is living in Lahore with his wife and cute son.

Saqib Ashfaq is shifting from IBM Pakistan to NCR Middle East. He was blessed with a baby boy a few months ago.

Shahrukh Arshad is now working at InfoTech as a Senior Software Engineer. In addition to this, he is helping his father with the family business on weekends. Moreover, he is discovering the joys of being a dad to his 9 month old daughter, Wanya.

Sher Shah Khan after completing his MS worked in Techlogix, Lahore for 6 months. He has now been working in Teradata GCC, Pakistan for the past 5 years. He received the 2006 New Associate of the Year, 2007 Associate of the Year and 2010 Consulting Excellence awards. His current assignment is in Stockholm where he is the Technical Lead of the financial data warehouse programme for a bank.

Sheeraz Akram is now working as Assistant Professor of Computer Science at the Institute of Information Technology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi since September 2009. He is still single . He misses his friends, especially Aamer Zaheer a.k.a AZ. After five years of teaching he still feels that the best life is the student life and that too at LUMS.

SM Irteza is teaching Computer Science at Air University - Islamabad, and is enjoying the special blessing of recently having twins (Haroon & Zeinab), in addition to Ibraheem (eldest son).

Nothing new in Taimur's life. He is still working in Mobilink as Team Lead – Information Security. In the last year he just got through a couple of new international certifications. Other than that, he is spending a peaceful life with his family in Lahore.

Zeeshan Rana aka Peter is once again in his last year of PhD at LUMS. He has completed all LUMS requirements except thesis submission and hopes that he will be a Dr. soon. One change in his life is that he got married this year.



## MSc Economics 2003 Coordinator: Fatima Inayet finayet@gmail.com

**Fatimah Inayet:** Studied Broadcast Journalism at the University of London in 2010 under the Chevening Scholarship Programme and is now working as a Media Officer at the Australian High Commission. She is married to a musician Ibrahim Akram and is trying to learn drumming and singing from her husband.

**Jawad Haleem:** Eight years after graduating, Jawad has landed at Ernst & Young in Bahrain, putting in endless nights with the Transaction Advisory Team hoping that a 'transaction advice' gets materialised in this tiny nation. This after six years of jumping from one brokerage house to another, churning out research reports on forecasting stock prices, earnings, returns, etc, etc, etc... dearly hoping that reality acts accordingly! In the interim, he too like many others became a victim of the epidemic disease called 'marriage'. Soon after, was blessed with a handsome son who just turned five - now one of the youngest fans of Salman Khan!

## MSc Economics 2006 Coordinator: Fatemah Javed fatemah\_javed@hotmail.com

5 years on... Strange how no one from our little batch of 7-8 people ever thought of compiling class notes.

Every time I read the Alumni magazine, I wondered what my batch-mates were up to. So, this year I decided to take the initiative.

Thanks to facebook, I was able to get in touch with a few...

5 years have passed, and the world has changed! As for myself, I have seen a boom, a recession, and a merger; all in the last 4-5 years of my corporate banking career (pretty much a roller coaster ride!). I started off with Citigroup as a Credit Risk Analyst, and later in 2010, decided to move on and joined RBS (now Faysal Bank). Corporate banking has been nerve wrecking-challenging and intellectually stimulating for me.

Let's look at what the others have been up to...

**Ahsan Shah;** our very own Shaw is now a professor at Lahore School of Economics! Besides lecturing, he also works on the research front at LSE's Centre for Research in Economics and Business.

**Ayesha Raheem** is happily married with two kids, has recently enrolled in the PhD-Econ program at John Hopkins University. We wish her all the luck in managing a strenuous degree along with kids.

**Haroon Saleem** has made it big in the "cigarette" world and is currently the Area Manager for sales at Pakistan Tobacco Company. Besides having a successful professional career, he is also a proud father of a baby boy named Zayd.

**Muneeza Alam;** our miss genius is working day in day out at Yale (PhD-Econ), cracking economic assumptions and making theories of her own. It's her 5th year, and we expect her to return very soon to her homeland as Dr. Muneeza Alam (from Yale...oh yeah!).

After teaching for a few years at LUMS, **Sonia Rashid** decided to tie the knot with **Atif Khan** (BSC 2004). She's happily settled in Sydney with her husband; enjoying her break for now, but intends to enter the teaching profession soon.

**Sualeha Hussain** spent three years working at CDO LUMS, after which she got married and moved to Canada with her dearest hubby who is pursuing an MBA. Eventually plans on settling down in Pakistan.

## MSc Economics 2010 Coordinator: Hassan Goreja Center for Economic Research hassan.goreja@gmail.com

**Ayesha Aftab** is a Research Analyst at the Business Recorder. With her wedding just around the corner, she plans to move abroad and apply for MPhil next year.

**Ayesha B Costa** is teaching at NUST and doing research for ITA (Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi). She has been married for more than a year now and is very happy!

**Hassan Goreja** finally finished his studies. He has an M.Phil in Economics and is working at Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP), Lahore. He takes pity on those (read Usman & Hira) who are pursuing a PhD. He is happily engaged to Mehr Toor and will be married soon InshAllah.

**Hira Jilani** is pursuing her Masters leading to PhD degree at the University of Warwick in financial economics. With an MSc degree and a year's teaching/research experience at LUMS she says with serenity 'life's good' :)

**Kiran Javaid** is a Research Fellow at Development Policy Research Centre (DPRC) at LUMS. With a Masters' degree in hand and a year's worth of job experience, she grudgingly reports that despite her best efforts, the last threads of adolescence are slipping from her hands.

**Mahrugh** is happily married and is busy doing nothing

**Mariam Nusrat (Adil)** is currently juggling a World Bank consultancy and a corporate lawyer for a husband. While her brain cells seem to have developed with her juggling acts she still can't find A13 in the academic block.

**Rabia Ghani** is doing MPP from UCLA (Public Policy). This is her last year.. yeaayy!! She'll be graduating soon. Oh! and LA is awesome...wonder why all the folks from LUMS never try the West side!?

**Ravish Amjad** says: "I am working as a Research Associate at Idara-e-Taleem-o-Agahi (ITA), a local NGO. I love my work! The best part of my job is my colleagues (especially Suwaibah Mansoor) and the travelling my job offers (Kashmir to Karachi and everything in between). Miss LUMS a lot!"

**Saqlain Sumrani** is a Fixed Income Analyst with the Carlyle Group and would like to go swimming more often.

**Suwaibah Mansoor** writes: "I am working as a Research Associate in the NGO Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi. The work is fun as it involves traveling to places in Pakistan which I would never have visited otherwise and the best part is Ravish my friend from MSc is also working with me. Work and life in general is good but still miss my university days."

**Usman Khalid** is living in Sweden and is quite happy with his life. With two Master's degrees in hand, he is now admitted in the PhD programme in Sweden with a focus on Development and Institutional Economics.





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