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Why did you decide to pursue an MBA at SFU's Beedie School of Business?

Having spent six years working in a few different industries and gaining experience in different roles and functions, I felt it was the right time to pursue a higher education degree. I knew for a fact that I did not want to spend two years in a classroom doing theoretical studies, and that helped make it very easy for me to select where I wanted to go. SFU Beedie's curriculum gave me the opportunity to gain an incredible amount of knowledge in a concise and precise manner while having a focus on interactive and experiential learnings. A major positive for me, which helped me make my decision, was the school's focus on co-curriculars and learnings outside of the classroom.

What is it like to study and live in Vancouver, Canada?

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to move to Vancouver almost 10 months before starting my MBA, and that allowed me to truly experience this wonderful city. Vancouver feels like the perfect amalgamation of multiculturalism. Living here has given me new context in terms of what it means to be free. People here have an amazing confidence to be who they truly are and have a great respect for who you are. With the resources available all around the school and in the city in general, studying is a lot of fun as well. Everyone feels comfortable in helping each other and the atmosphere in general promotes learning.

**What has been your favourite moment or experience at SFU Beedie so far?
What are you looking forward to?**

It is tough to single out a favourite moment since I have truly enjoyed every moment so far, but the ones that stand out for me have been the experiences of the classroom learnings. Considering how different these are to the regular sessions that I have experienced back home, the openness of the dialogue and peer learning in class is something that has blown me away and something that I am enjoying greatly.

When I look at the future, I can't wait to be a part of the BC Games and the MBA Games. The experiences of events like these games are immensely valuable to me and I am extremely excited to be a part of the team that will represent SFU Beedie at this year's games.

How would you describe SFU Beedie's culture?

If I'm allowed to use just a couple of words to describe the culture at SFU Beedie, the two words that would exemplify the culture would be Inclusive and Coherent. From day one, there has been a such a welcoming atmosphere around the school that has made everyone feel at home. The whole cohort feels like one large family and this is felt throughout each classroom session, each team project, each co-curricular activity each and every day in school.