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

Living and studying in Vancouver provides me with the perfect microcosm in which to apply and relate the lessons we have learned in SFU's MBA program. As an international city and a hub for technology, finance, and innovation, there are few other places in the world that can compete in terms of having an education that is readily apparent in the neighbourhoods we occupy.

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

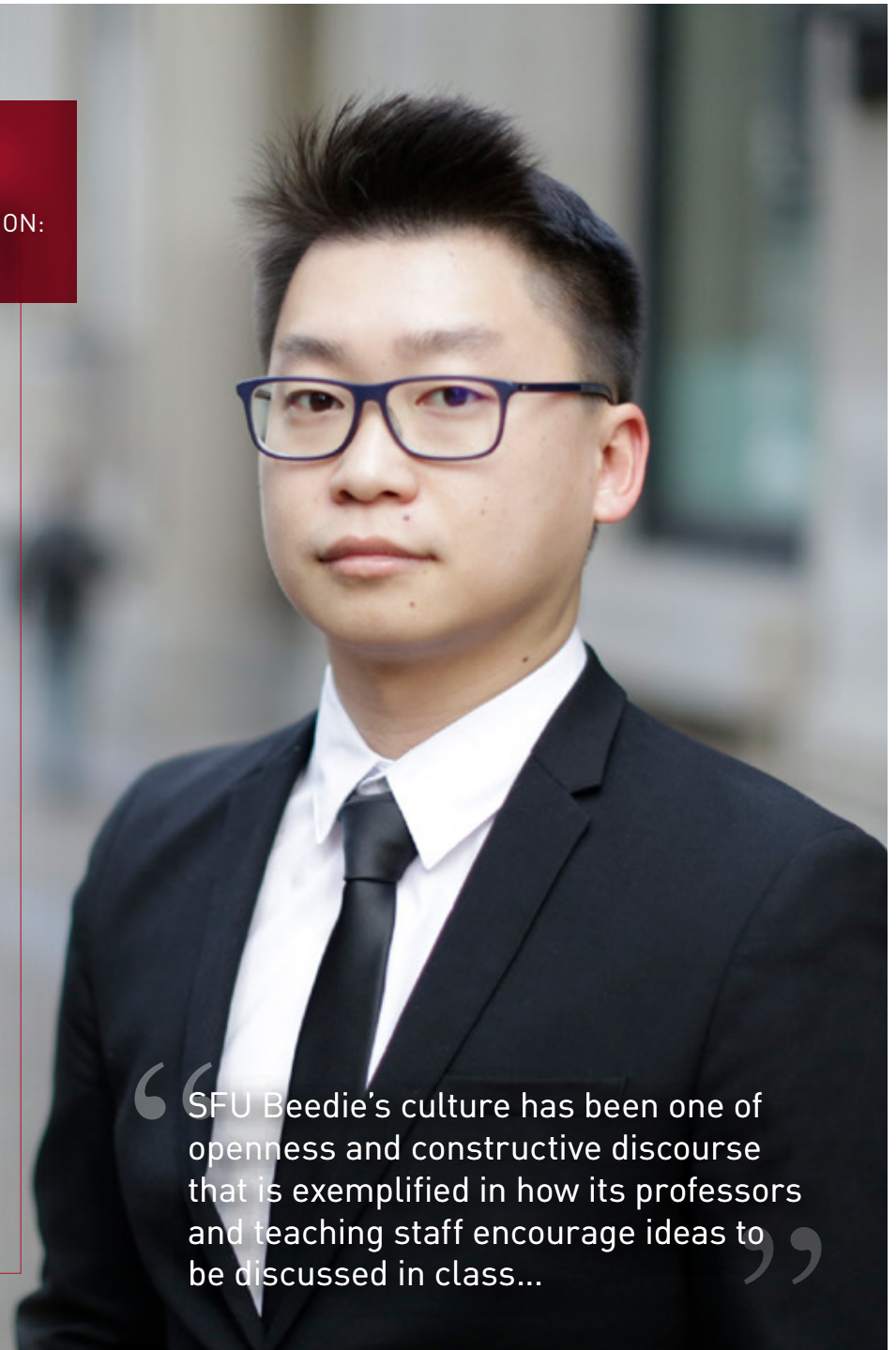
My favourite experience at SFU Beedie thus far has been finding out how strong my cohort is in terms of work experience, intelligence, and their drive to succeed, which are all balanced with their easygoing attitude and humour. My cohort will undoubtedly become lifelong friends and their quality shows that the school tries very hard in their recruitment for the MBA program.

**How would you describe SFU Beedie's culture?**

SFU Beedie's culture has been one of openness and constructive discourse that is exemplified in how its professors and teaching staff encourage ideas to be discussed in class and debate to occur in the pursuit of effective education. There is a strong acknowledgement that as MBA students, we have significant work experiences that contribute to the overall class with some professors going as far as acknowledging "50%" of the class is dependent on your learning from your cohort as much as from the professors themselves. Thus, SFU Beedie's culture is also one of active participation and not passive lecturing. That culture also extends to its administrative and support staff like the CMC which actively assist the students for all their needs.

**What is the most important thing that you have learned from your experience at SFU Beedie?**

The most important thing I have learned at SFU Beedie is the strength of good public speaking skills by which classes and co-curricular activities all incorporate and offer the opportunity to practice every single day. Whether it be a class on accounting or ethics, the persistence on presenting, speaking, and addressing large audiences, are always a constant and will ensure some modicum of proficiency when we graduate.



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