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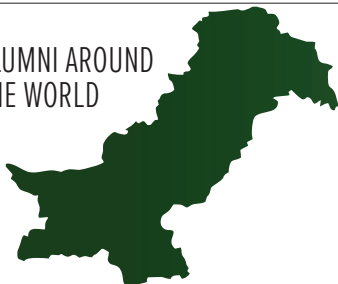
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MESSAGE FROM  
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Welcome to the 2018-19 edition of the Alumni Annual. LUMS continues to forge ahead in every endeavour it undertakes, and its alumni play an important role in that. From working on research around the world to contributing to the development of our nation, LUMS alumni are making their mark.

We always take pride in our alumni's success. Our hope is to see them continue to give back to their alma mater and support LUMS in all the ways possible.

LUMS welcomes suggestions from alumni for improving this magazine.





MESSAGE FROM THE  
VICE CHANCELLOR

# DR. ARSHAD AHMAD

Dear Alumni,

It has been a remarkable year for LUMS!

I have had the privilege of meeting and connecting with many of you in different cities and countries, at interactive retreats and exciting reunions. You have been extraordinary hosts! We want to do more this year to support local events, talks, and share exciting new directions now underway at LUMS.

You are our MVA's (most valuable ambassadors!) and this magazine is a celebration of your achievements, including stories of demonstrated leadership, and acts of social and ethical responsibility. I want to thank you for your strong sense of loyalty to your alma mater and a commitment to serve others who are less fortunate than us. Together, we share LUMS values that enable others to achieve their potential and make a positive difference for a brighter future for generations to come.

You will be proud to know that LUMS graduated 1,034 students at convocation this June. For the first time, the Graduate Night address was given by Hattaf Ayub, outgoing Student Council President who will stay another year to serve LUMS through the Office of Student Affairs. The Valedictorian address was given by Waqas Haider, born in Basti Dhup Sari in Multan, who is one of eight siblings and the son of a tea-stall vendor. Waqas founded Chiraagh to empower young



people in rural areas, collected over PKR 3 million for student financial aid and in a few months, will inaugurate Chiraagh's vocational school where sewing skills will be taught to females from his village.

Both Hattaf and Waqas have humble beginnings as Financial Aid and National Outreach Programme (NOP) scholars at LUMS. The NOP is now in its 19th year and has served over 10% of the student body. More significantly, over 35% of all LUMS students receive significant financial support. Last year, LUMS disbursed over PKR 1 billion as financial aid, which is substantial when compared to other private universities anywhere in the world. We are proud to increase financial assistance by 15% in 2019-20.

Financial support systems at LUMS are by no means perfect as those who do not qualify or wish to have higher levels of support feel excluded. The point is that LUMS is not a school of privilege and status but rather a footprint of diversity from all corners of Pakistan. Meeting this challenge to support diversity is a commitment that differentiates LUMS from other universities.

We are proud to support students in need, especially because we are not a public institution dependent on provincial or federal funds. We are instead a private but not-for-profit institution. This means our support comes from donors who believe in higher education – donors from public sector organisations, the business community, and philanthropists.

LUMS will continue to attract students from every corner of Pakistan and champion diversity so that no meritorious student is turned away. The major international funding agencies are eliminating support forcing LUMS to rely on other sources of funds for students from poor socio-economic backgrounds. To cushion the impact of external shocks of high inflation and currency depreciation that are affecting Pakistanis across the country, we need

to redouble our commitment to fundraise for our students.

Most universities regularly ask alumni with pledges to give back to their institutions so that other students can follow in your footsteps. As Babar Sahib often says, giving never makes you poor. We urge you and the diaspora to give generously. Join our effort to give what you can which may be as little as \$10 a month, or form a group as some alumni have, by pledging to support one or more deserving students through their 4-years of study at LUMS. The easiest ways to give can be found at <https://giving.lums.edu>. We recognise your peers and their generous donors in our inaugural new publication *Nighebaan*, which we hope you will enjoy reading.

We are very excited to begin the implementation of a new vision for LUMS that positions it as a model Asian university. With new centres for water, energy, business in society, policy and more, LUMS is doing its part to tackle challenges faced by all Pakistanis. LUMS has also matured into a fully comprehensive University with five schools in Business, Social Science and Humanities, Science and Engineering, Law, and Education. These global quality programmes provide an unparalleled opportunity for students to experience an integrated curriculum on campus that few universities can match. We highlight some of the activities in the University's Profile 2019-20.

We look forward to engaging with you more than ever before. Please reach out to your organisation and networks to participate in celebrating your achievements with LUMS and multiply our impact. We count on your generosity to strengthen the LUMS family and the tradition of building on our mutual achievements. Together, let's keep writing the LUMS *Kahani* in the legacy of great institutions.

I look forward to seeing you in the weeks and months to come.



MESSAGE FROM THE  
DIRECTOR ADVANCEMENTNUZHAT  
KAMRAN

Welcome Alumni!

As part of the LUMS family, I believe we can all vouch for the fact that the University holds a special place in our lives, reminding us not just about the lasting power of hope and friendship, but also the value of collective effort. Our alma mater is a testament to the fact that a single idea can develop into something great if the right motivation is there. As LUMS continues to grow, we at the Office of Advancement are fully vested in supporting its growth by reaching out to all stakeholders with the consolidated effort of the four departments - Marketing, Communications, Alumni Relations, and Development, under our belt. It is more important than ever for us to foster meaningful relationships with our stakeholders, alumni being at the forefront of that.

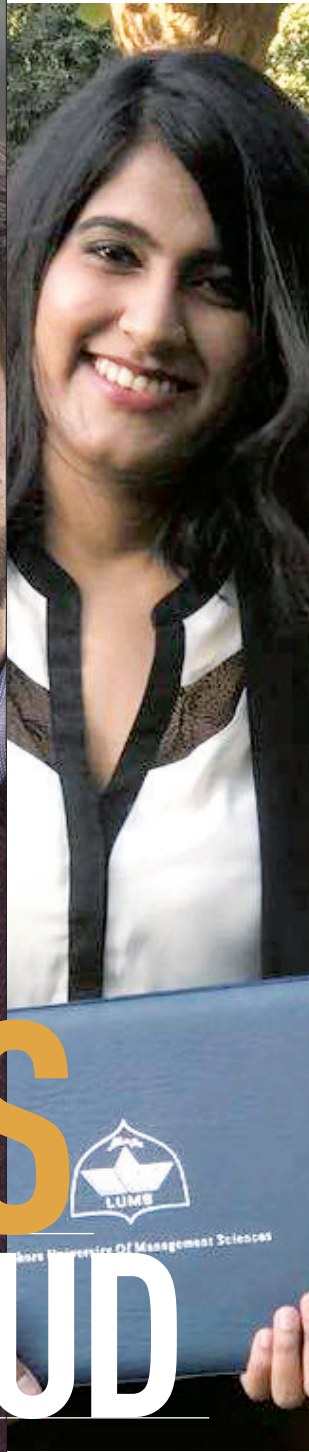
LUMS alumni have played a pivotal role in helping the University reach its stature. They have shown admirable generosity and paved the path for many deserving and meritorious students to become part of the University. Graduates belonging to different chapters, local and international, regularly engage and connect to share their experience and wisdom. The vibrant LUMS alumni community continues to grow and the story does not end here. As we cross into the next phase of our evolution as an institution, we want all of you to join us on this journey. Our doors are always open for you, and we encourage you to come forward with ideas, suggestions, and advice.

This issue of the *Alumni Annual* celebrates alumni who are doing LUMS proud. The list is endless and requires many more issues to cover, and that is the plan – more stories will follow in subsequent issues. We are eager to hear from our diverse alumni voices and ask you to please share stories with us, whether they are your own adventures and successes or someone else's. We are planning many events in the months to come, and will be in touch with you for guidance and participation very soon. I am sure you'll be more than willing to do your bit for your much revered alma mater.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Marwa Mohkam Sheikh from my team for her efforts in bringing this magazine together.

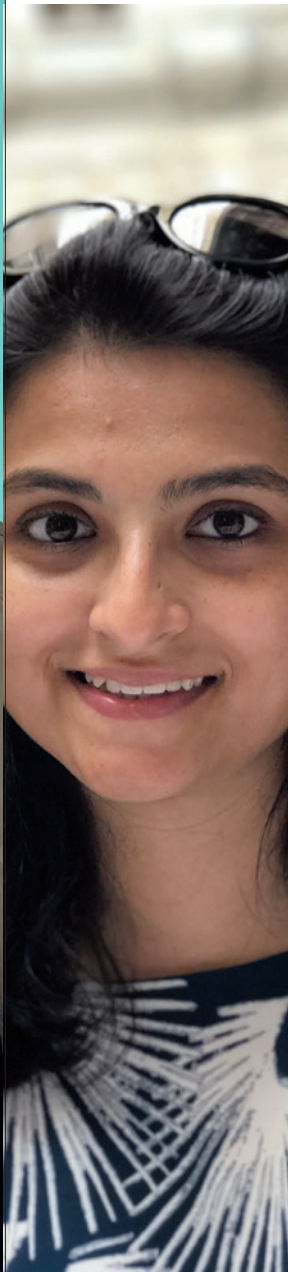
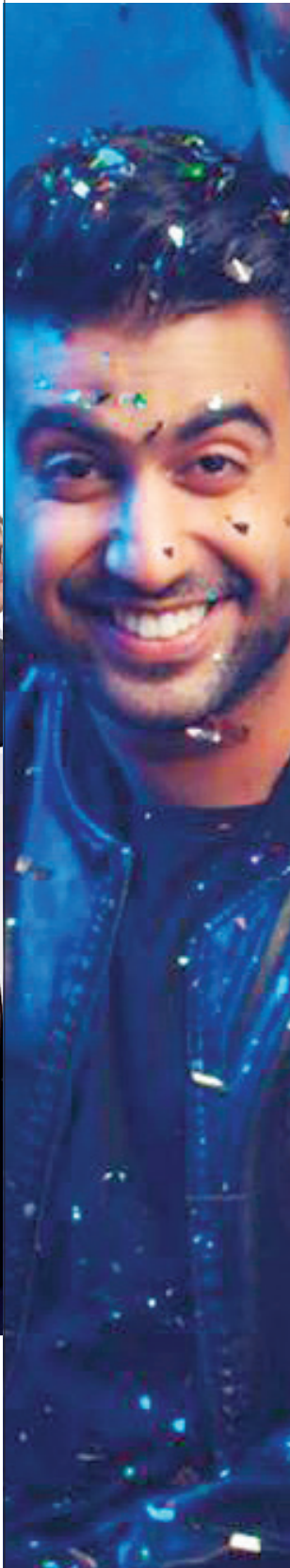
On behalf of the entire Advancement team, I wish you all nothing but success and I look forward to your support moving forward.





# DOING LUMS PROUD





**FROM LUMS TO STANFORD:**

KNIGHT-HENNESSY SCHOLAR 2019

**M**ansoor Aslam Rathore (BSc 2014), a politics and economics major from LUMS has been selected as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar at Stanford University, the largest fully endowed scholars programme in the world. He is one of 69 students from 20 countries selected for the 2019 cohort, and is pursuing an MA in International Education Policy Analysis at Stanford Graduate School of Education. While at



LUMS, Rathore was a recipient of the National Management Foundation Gold Medal. "I am extremely humbled, grateful and thrilled about joining the Knight-Hennessy community at Stanford. Without a doubt, the intellectual curiosity that LUMS

helped me develop has been instrumental in this achievement," said Rathore on his achievement. Knight-Hennessy Scholars address complex challenges through collaboration and innovation. Rathore aspires to develop an innovative classroom-teaching model to transform education in Pakistan in line with the rapidly changing needs of the 21st century. ■



**TOPPING  
THE CSS EXAM**

**S**hanza Faiq (BA-LL.B 2016) topped the Central Superior Services (CSS) exam this year and has been inducted into the Foreign Services of Pakistan Group. In 2018, over 11,887 candidates appeared for the CSS exam from all over Pakistan, out of which only 567 were able to qualify. To not only top the list of qualified candidates but to also do it on her first attempt is no easy feat, and undoubtedly is a milestone to be proud of. Faiq previously won a fully-funded Women of Pakistan Scholarship at the University of Warwick to pursue an LL.M in International Development Law and Human Rights, as well as the Fulbright Scholarship. "I feel extremely humbled and grateful for this privilege that has been bestowed upon me. It will take a while for this moment to sink in fully," said Faiq. On her aspirations as she prepares to join the Foreign Service, Faiq says that she firmly believes it is a platform where she can carve an indelible niche not just for herself, but all women in Pakistan who wish to break the patriarchal glass ceiling. ■



**AWARDED  
'PRIDE OF PERFORMANCE'  
FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**T**he Government of Pakistan honoured Luqman Ali Afzal (BSc 2002) with the prestigious Pride of Performance award this year. This is the first time ever that the Government has added the entrepreneurship category for this award, one of the highest civil awards of Pakistan. Afzal attributes his flair for entrepreneurship as a student at LUMS, managing the student convenience store (Khokha Inc.) with two employees, which spawned into a flourishing enterprise engaging many students and generated enough money that paid for his university fees. Today, his enterprise, the Monal Group, employs over 2,100 people at four restaurants, two banquet halls, and two amusement parks spread over Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Lahore. "I am thrilled that the Government has finally recognised entrepreneurship and the effort of entrepreneurs on a formal level. It is a great honour for me and LUMS has definitely played a huge role in my achievement," said Afzal on receiving the award. ■

**RECEIVING THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIP AT OXFORD**

**B**atool Abid (BSc 2017) won the Queen Elizabeth House Departmental Scholarship, a full scholarship awarded for outstanding academic ability by the Department of International Development, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford this past year. Abid is pursuing an MPhil in Development Studies at the University. Speaking about the diverse liberal arts courses offered and the excellent faculty mentorship available at the School, Batool acknowledges the significant role of Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGSHSS) in helping her secure this scholarship. "My time at LUMS provided me with diverse prospects, like internships at reputable organisations such as USAID and exposed me to a rigorous curriculum preparing me to apply to competitive graduate schools abroad with confidence and certainty," she said. Batool appreciates the faculty at MGSHSS for their mentorship, guidance and support without whom this achievement would not have been possible. ■







## SECOND POSITION AT TUFTS 100K NEW VENTURES COMPETITION

**M**ohammad Uzair Akram (BSc 2016) was runner-up at the Tufts 100K New Ventures Competition this year. The annual competition, organised by the Tufts Entrepreneurship Centre, draws entries from alumni, faculty, staff, and students from all 10 schools across Tufts University. Teams compete for prizes and in-kind services totaling more than \$100,000 in three tracks: General or High-Tech Track, Social Entrepreneurship Track, and Medical Devices & Life Science Track. Akram is the first LUMS alumnus to secure a position in the competition. He competed in the Social Entrepreneurship Track and was able to win \$5,000 for his startup idea 'Kisaan', an asset-based micro-finance product aimed at incentivising smallholder farmers to adopt risky yet potentially profitable technologies in Punjab. Akram has also been able to secure additional funding from the Institute for Business in Global Context (IBGC) and the Institute for Global Leadership (IGL) at Tufts. He will be conducting a pilot to check the feasibility of Kisaan in the summer of 2019. He credits the diverse courses and constant support from faculty members at LUMS for this achievement. ■



## AUTHORING A THIRD CHILDREN'S BOOK

**A**yesha Aslam (BSc 2002) authored her third children's book titled *School Rules* this year. Other books in the series include *The Mealtime Battle* and *Lost and Found*. This series of books has been published by the Oxford University Press (OUP) Pakistan and all three books are available in stores and online at the OUP website. The books are aimed at children between three to six years of age. Sara Aslam illustrated the first two books, while Faiza Farooq is the illustrator of *School Rules*. The book follows the story of a little boy who at first is reluctant to go to school, but then in conversation with his mother discovers the benefits the school offers and how much he will miss if he does not go. The previous two books in the series follow the same characters in different adventures. Aslam is a communications consultant working in managing digital and print channels. Her children's books are included on reading lists at local schools and she intends to continue writing for children. ■

## ROCKING PEPSI BATTLE OF THE BANDS

**L**UMS alumni are not just making strides in every field, but also winning hearts with their plethora of talents. One such talent being music. '21', a punk rock band comprised of three LUMS alumni, and 'Bayaan', a band with three out of five members as LUMS alumni, both stole the spotlight on the last season of Pepsi Battle of the Bands by making it to the top four and winning the season respectively.

Yahya Farid (BA-LL.B 2013), Moheet Us Islam (BSc 2012), and Naveed Masood (BSc 2011) are all members of 21, and Shahrukh Aslam (BSc 2014), Haider Abbas (BSc 2014), and Muqueet Shahzad (BSc 2015) are Luminites part of Bayaan. The foundations of both bands were laid when they were involved with the LUMS Music Society and took part in late night jam

sessions on campus. Making it to the top four in such a competitive show is a source of immense pride for the band 21 and they consider it a valuable learning experience. As alumni, their message to aspiring musicians studying at LUMS or elsewhere is to "never make music a compulsion" but rather let it be an "enjoyable process." Winning the entire competition was a "surreal" experience for Bayaan and one that they still cannot believe happened. They described their journey on the show as "tiring, thrilling and fun", in the image of a whirlwind of activity and emotions. "The roller-coaster imagery might be a tired cliché, but if the shoe fits..." Aslam said. Both bands are going to continue to make music and live their dream, giving the rest of us a lot to look forward to! ■





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## GIVING BACK THROUGH EDTECH INITIATIVE

**K**hud is an EdTech initiative that was started by New York-based alumnus Salahuddin Khawaja (BSc 1997), who has been working in the financial sector for more than 15 years, with support from fellow LUMS graduates, in an effort to give back to society. Recognising the magnitude of the education crisis, Khawaja believes that education technology, coupled with self-learning, is the 21st century solution that will help tackle this crisis. *Khud's* EdTech programmes are run across its four schools in Lahore and house cutting-edge digital learning by students. The children in *Khud* programmes are disadvantaged with limited access to technology but are extremely curious and eager to learn. This curiosity motivates them to make the most of the Schools' EdTech programmes and take giant strides towards

digital literacy. Such exposure allows the children to self-learn in other more advanced areas and uplift themselves and their families out of poverty. With this aim, *Khud* is also establishing mini-startups to facilitate the community. A group of young women, who had never heard the concept of a blog, are now running an automation blog: Autome. Four years old, *Khud* now offers programmes such as Presentation and Storytelling: learning new topics (e.g. Artificial Intelligence) and developing a presentation and Software Programming (starting with Scratch and moving onto Python). Vice Chancellor, Dr. Arshad Ahmad visited one of the *Khud* schools earlier this year and appreciated *Khud's* "tremendous vision" of trying to tackle Pakistan's education crises in innovative ways. ■

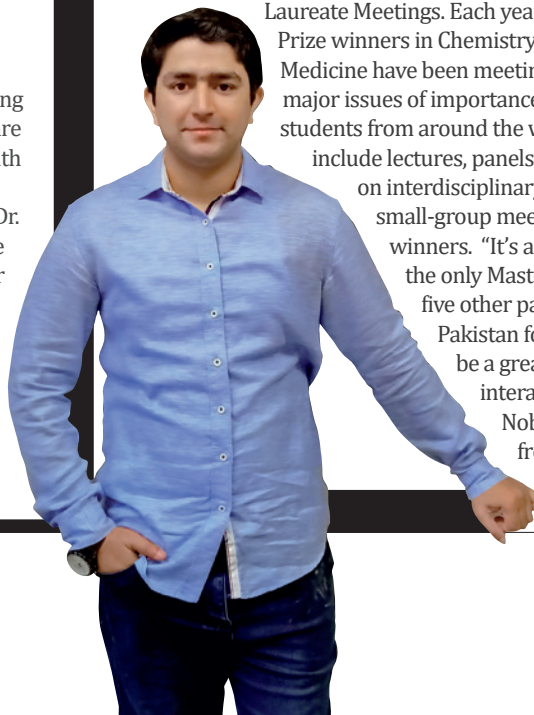
## WINNING BIG AT THE INTERNATIONAL PHYSICAL INTERNET CONFERENCE (IPIC 2018)

**W**hile pursuing her Masters in Supply Chain Engineering as a Fulbright Scholar at Georgia Institute of Technology, Sahrish Jaleel Shaikh (BSc 2016) was working on a Physical Internet (PI) project related to the Hyperconnected Network of Marine Containers from Port to Cities, focusing on the South Eastern region of USA. The Physical Internet Initiative aims at transforming the way physical objects are moved, stored, realised, supplied and used, pursuing global logistics efficiency and sustainability. Shaikh was selected by her university during her second semester to present at the International Physical Internet Conference (IPIC 2018) held in Netherlands, Europe in June 2018. She was declared the winner of North America at this conference and brought back the award for her university this past summer. ■



## MAKING IT TO THE 69TH LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETING

**J**unaid Saif Khan (MS 2018) was selected for the 69th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting taking place in June and July 2019 in Lindau, Germany. Getting selected for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting is an acknowledgement of a researcher's work in his/her respective field. The selection is exceptionally esteemed for researchers as only the 600 most qualified young scientists from around the world are given the opportunity to participate in the unique atmosphere of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. Each year since 1951, Nobel Prize winners in Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine have been meeting in Lindau to discuss major issues of importance to their fields with students from around the world. The meetings include lectures, panels, round-table discussions on interdisciplinary topics and informal small-group meetings with the Nobel Prize winners. "It's a milestone for me to be the only Master's graduate among the five other participants selected from Pakistan for this conference. It will be a great opportunity for me to interact with some of the great Nobel minds congregating from across the world at Lindau," said Khan. ■



# ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD



SAN FRANCISCO

“Nothing can dim the light that shines from humility and kindness.”

**SOPHIA KHAWAJA**  
BSc 1998  
Chapter President



EU MAINLAND

“The EU Mainland Alumni Chapter started off with six alumni back in 2012 and today it consists of more than 300. This is a manifestation of the quality of alumni that LUMS produces – alumni that excel no matter where they are in the world.”

**FOUAD YASEEN**  
BS 2012  
Chapter President

Canada

New York

UK



JEDDAH

“Our Chapter is an influential support group for alumni living in a foreign city like Jeddah who want to connect and network with each other for personal and professional growth opportunities.”

**AMIR ALTAF**  
MBA 2005  
Chapter President



ISLAMABAD

“LUMS is always home for its alumni and student body alike.”

**TAIMUR SAEED**, BSc 2009  
Chapter President



MULTAN

“Verily, aith Heardsip comes ease”.

**SOHAIB BODLA**, BSc 2010  
Chapter President



UAE



“There’s nothing more satisfying than the feeling of fraternity in a foreign land - our UAE Chapter gives all of us that sense of belonging.”

**SHAHZAD BASHIR**  
MBA 1998  
Chapter President

HONG KONG



“My investment thesis relies heavily on an idea that Google’s ex CEO Larry Page called the ‘toothbrush test’. He would ask, “is this something that you will use once or twice a day, and does it make your life better?”

**SARDAR AHMED DURRANI**  
BSc 2005  
Chapter President

Sri Lanka

Malaysia

Singapore

Melbourne

SYDNEY



“It’s not where you live, it’s how you live.”

**FAREEZA KHAN**  
MBA 1990  
Chapter President

FAISALABAD

“Serving LUMS is an honour.”

**AMMAD AZIZ**, BSc 2006  
Chapter President

BALUCHISTAN

“Alumni Relations is extending the LUMS core values across the globe, which is remarkable.”

**SHAHARBANO RAZA**, BA-LL.B 2015  
Chapter President

# THE LEADING EDGE

Alumni CEOs share highlights and insights from their journey to the top, and the obstacle-turned opportunities on the way.

## Memosh Khawaja (MBA 1993)

### CEO, HALEEB FOODS

#### ON HIS CURRENT ROLE AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE:

I have been in this role for a year and a half. It started when I decided to return to Pakistan and was looking for a professional group and challenging business to manage. Having been out of Pakistan for 17 years, my short-term ambition upon my return is to successfully do business here and to be able to influence the business environment in Pakistan. ■

#### ON THE CHALLENGES FACED OVER THE YEARS:

You name it, and I have been through it. Loss making businesses, war-struck countries, unfavourable regulation changes, compliance issues, multi-cultural teams, JV companies. It has been a great experience and I am sure there are still many different challenges out there to be experienced. ■

#### ON ADVICE TO YOUNG LUMINITES:

Choose your first company and your first boss really well, and then stay with them for at least 4 to 5 years. ■





# Haroon Rashid

(MBA 1995)

## CEO, SHELL PAKISTAN

### ON HIS JOURNEY WITH SHELL PAKISTAN:

I became Chief Executive of Shell Pakistan in July 2018. I joined as a fresh graduate in 1995, straight out of LUMS. Shell came to LUMS to recruit and offered me a position. Interestingly, Shell wasn't the first company to offer me a job at that time. Engro made me an offer but I had not accepted it when Shell came in with one that was higher by PKR. 3,000. This came out to be 20% more, which is a lot for a fresh graduate! I accepted Shell's offer and have never looked back. ■

### ON THE BEST PART OF THE JOB:

The people. No matter what role I've been in or where I've worked in the world, the one thing that I've enjoyed are the people I work with. There is so much talent in Shell, and so much heart. We have intelligent people who inspire and challenge me every day. And at the end of it all, we all care about each other and strive to help each other succeed. ■

### ON ADVICE TO YOUNG LUMINITES:

Remember, what you cannot get ethically is not worth getting. This is important advice for you professionally and personally – build and maintain a reputation for honesty, and never do something you wouldn't want to see reported in the paper. ■







# Maheen Rahman

(BSC 1997)

## CEO, ALFALAH GHP INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

### ON THE TURNING POINT OF HER CAREER:

If there was one defining moment, it would be accepting CEO-ship of a company and industry that I was not familiar with. But the true accomplishment would be to actually stay in that position of leadership for 10 years and deliver on my commitments to grow and manage the company. ■

### ON STRIKING A BALANCE:

Managing a balance between home and work is challenging, especially when raising children. Getting established as a serious player in the financial sector was initially a challenge due to my age and gender, as I was only 32 when I was appointed CEO. ■

### ON ADVICE TO YOUNG LUMINITES:

Make the most of your experience by getting involved in as many networks and activities that LUMS offers. The greatest gift you will carry with you is your experiences with your friends and professors-so cherish and build those relationships as they will serve you throughout life. ■



# Yousaf Hussain

(MBA 1994)

**PRESIDENT & CEO,  
FAYSAL BANK**

## ON WHAT DRIVES HIM IN HIS CAREER:

In addition to self-belief and confidence, there are three basic ingredients that have driven me and my career. The first is the pursuit of excellence in terms of always pushing to do better and improving on past performance. The second is self-development and constant learning, which is necessary to effectively navigate the opportunities and risks created by the increasing complexity of the world around us. The third is team building and teamwork. These three factors, along with the support of my family and gratitude towards my Creator for everything He has blessed me with, are key elements that keep me both grounded and thoroughly motivated. ■

## ON WHAT HE STILL HOPES TO ACHIEVE:

I hope to transform Faysal Bank into an institution that people love to associate with. Banking does not have to be a dry, mundane activity that one has to do out of sheer necessity. The aim is to make it enjoyable, stress-free and most of all, rewarding for our employees and our customers. ■

## ON ADVICE TO YOUNG LUMINITES:

Stay driven. Stay hungry. Stay focused. Contribute to causes that can change lives and impact the future. Do not let your failures define who you are; use them as life lessons on your path to success. Reach for your dreams and enable others to dream. Only then can you leave a legacy that will outlive you. ■







# Inside a Lifelong LUMS Connection

By: SAADIA BOKHARI (MBA 1991)



**W**hen I graduated from LUMS in 1991, the University was still at the old campus in Gulberg. It was a small powerhouse of faculty, research associates, case writers, and a growing community of students and alumni. It had a brand equity that commanded, at the time, very high salaries of PKR.12,000 to PKR.14,500 per month. I don't think there has been a success story like LUMS in my lifetime anywhere else. From its original home to the DHA campus, which is a mini-city, bustling with students; it's so much larger, more diverse, and should, logically, not even be relatable to those of us who never studied here.

Still, strangely, it feels like home.

There is an unexplainable connection between LUMS and its products. We have gone on for decades (the first batch graduated in 1988 so 31 years now for them in the 'real world', and 28 for our batch!), to work and live

in many cities and countries, some even to other universities for more studies, and yet, LUMS binds us.

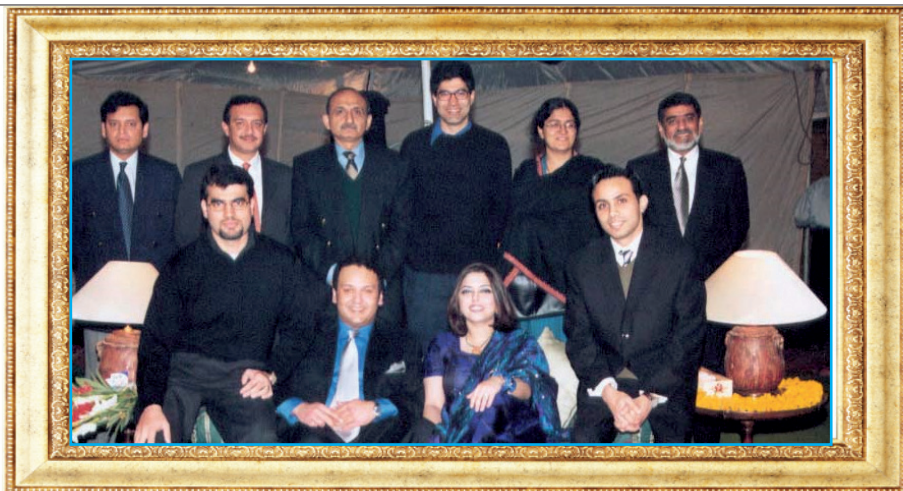
Whether it is on a flight, at a conference, in a meeting, or at some social occasion, running into someone from LUMS is a true pleasure (well, around 97% of the times!). [If that isn't so for someone reading this, you're either in the 3% or you did LUMS wrong, please go back for another programme.]

There is also an unexplainable sense of confidence that is common to all who've been to LUMS.

Just before we graduated, our classmate, Akbar Zaman, sagely summarised what LUMS gave us as 'thinking power'. To this day, I think he nailed it 100%.

Having studied largely in the rote system, we experienced a paradigm shift in our ability to solve problems. To an annoying degree, where I have recently been dubbed 'WickedPedia' by my sister, we attempt (and often have) an answer to





**“There is an unexplainable connection between LUMS and its products.”**

strengthened me when I lost my husband, Haider Salahuddin, may he rest in peace, shortly before our son Emil’s first birthday.

As I got ready to and then practically moved jobs, countries, and home from the US to Pakistan, I had that same unexplained sense of confidence and strength. Of course, there is spiritual faith and religious belief, but that’s too personal to talk about here. On the human side, family aside, the biggest pool of strength, advice, and practical support came from the same pool of LUMS friends and mentors, the most precious of whom has been Syed Babar Ali.

Now, eleven years later, I’m back, full circle to consulting, this time at MarketBridge – a company I’ve formed in alliance with the Cap Ventures Group, also owned by LUMS alumni, Ali Nadir Syed and Aamer Zaidi. There’s that same unexplainable energy and confidence as the 23-year-old me at Channel, to the 50-year-old me at MarketBridge. It’s knowing that my insights, support, and opportunities will continue to come from my friends at LUMS, those I knew when I was there, and many more I have come to know after that.

When I fell in love with Harry Potter, and read all the books multiple times, I started to realise that LUMS was my Hogwarts. Just like “help will always be given at Hogwarts to those who ask for it”, help is always given at LUMS to those who need it, and ask for it.

I also realised that LUMS is what it is because of its Dumbledore, Syed Babar Ali, whose kindness, wisdom, and selfless devotion to education and progress in Pakistan is what gives LUMS its soul and character. I am so fortunate to have had his time and advice at so many stages of my life, and luckier still to have been part of bringing one of his ventures, Packages Mall, to a reality.

Syed Babar Ali will always be my Dumbledore, LUMS shall forever be my Hogwarts, and all alumni shall always be my strength. I hope that each one of you has had as rich and rewarding an experience at LUMS and if not, you can find something or someplace else to feel as passionately about as I do for this great institution. ■

any problem and situation. Would we have had that without going to LUMS? Well, we’ll never find out, will we?

This thinking power has been the biggest asset for many of us professionally, but also in personal lives. A certain amount of fearlessness and independence that I don’t need to peek at someone’s paper, or find out what Jim really did at the end of the case study, to solve the problem at hand and solve it well!

It was an asset when I was a 23-year-old, successfully selling and delivering market research with four MBA ’88 alumni under the brand of Channel, to then VPs and CEOs of Citibank, Mobilink, Paktel, Pepsi, Coca-Cola, SmithKline Beecham, or Rafhan.

It was an asset when the partnership was dissolved and we all branched out on our own, with me landing at Abacus Coopers & Lybrand to set up their Market

Research Practice and meet (hopefully exceed) the expectations of consulting veterans like Mr. Asad Ali Khan and the late Dr. Akhtar Awan.

It was an asset that made me survive for around 12 years in the US, where I started with Coopers & Lybrand, which merged with Price Waterhouse to become PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and then got acquired by IBM Business Consulting. Outlasting the merger and the acquisition, working with senior leadership at US Government Agencies and Departments, rising to project leadership and a significant role in the firm’s practice and client account management, without ever having gone to any school outside of Pakistan was indeed humbling. It was a matter of surprise for many as well, especially those I hired or worked with from Ivy League schools.

The training I received from LUMS





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Alumni





MEET THE INAUGURAL  
VICE CHANCELLOR'S  
ALUMNI  
ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD WINNERS





## AHMED HALEEM KHAN

(BSc 2000)

FOUNDER & CEO,  
**CHEETAY.PK**

### How does it feel to be one of the first VC-AAA winners?

It's hard to stay humble at moments like this when you just want to say 'Yeah, I am just the coolest thing', but you also have to understand that you are one of many. Being the first is very prestigious, but I don't think it's important to be the first. I think that the important thing is getting there. It's a phenomenal feeling to be celebrated and to rub shoulders with

the kind of talent that LUMS has produced in the fields of business, politics, technology and so much more, not just in Pakistan but globally. So being celebrated is a great feeling.

### What would be the most interesting part of a day in the life of Ahmed Khan?

Most days are pretty much the same. One thing that I think has been really helpful, and I wish everyone would do it, is that at night when everyone has gone to sleep and no one is around to disturb me and it's just me and my thoughts, I go over my entire day - literally conversation by conversation, word for word, event by event. I think about what happened, why it happened, and most importantly, what I could have done better to improve the situation. I try to give myself an alternate perspective. It's a lot of introspection and reflection.

### What's something that you always keep on hand?

You will be surprised to know that I am always packing. I have a Swiss knife, a lighter, a smoke, a safety pin and more. I have all manner of things because you never know when you might need them. ■

## LUQMAN ALI AFZAL

(BSc 2002)

FOUNDER, **THE MONAL GROUP**

### With an award like this under your belt, what would you say to inspire alumni who strive for similar success?

What I have learned in all these years is that there is always a way to find solutions to our problems. I had a teacher in my school who would always say, "*Dost ghabrana nai!*" (Friend, don't worry). Over a period of time. I have come to realise that this is a very strong approach to handle your life because there will be so many issues while running a business, such as dealing with departments, customers, staff, the government, and sometimes your personal life also. At the end of the day though, you need to continue with this spirit of not worrying and just be consistent.

### What do you still hope to achieve?

I want to have a bigger team. I want more people employed in this company. I want to be more beneficial for them. I want to help them grow. I want to help them educate their children in a better way. So we will *inshAllah* keep spending back in this economy with this business, and continue to provide great employment. My team makes me happy; when I see their children going to nice schools, that makes me happy.

### What's your biggest challenge with a successful venture like Monal?

The restaurant, or any service industry for that matter, is all about maintenance. You need to keep providing your customers what you provided them the first day, and with passing time, you need to improve that. It's all about maintenance. Continuous maintenance is one thing you need to do every single day and that's a constant challenge. ■







**DR. TANIA  
SAEED**  
(BSc 2005)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
MGS HSS, LUMS

**How do you hope being a recipient of this award can help influence other alumni?**

I hope it encourages some of my old friends to reconnect with LUMS, because the thing about LUMS is that once you graduate you have opportunities around the world. You will see LUMS alumni everywhere. It's not always easy to keep in touch. I would encourage them to reconnect, come back, and see what's going on here. LUMS is still as magnificent as it was when we were students.

I am biased because I teach here as well. This award gives alumni an incentive to reconnect with the institute and see what's going on here and give back to LUMS. I see it as LUMS reaching out to its alumni, and I think alumni need to respond.

**What advice would you give to younger alumni and students?**

Don't be confined by what is expected of you. It's a roundabout way of saying follow your dreams, but it's not just that. I feel at times you are supposed to do what is expected of you in terms of getting a certain kind of job, and fulfilling certain roles that are defined for you. I think LUMS gives you the opportunity to break

that wall. I would advise young people that if you are confused when you are leaving LUMS or are still figuring out where you want to be, that is fantastic because you can do anything and LUMS gives you the tools to do that. So tap into the LUMS network and see if you have a brilliant idea. You can actually be happy in doing what you want to do, so please don't be confined by expectations.

**What's your favourite spot on the LUMS campus?**

It's the bench with the little green space we have right behind the academic block. It has trees there. It's the perfect place to be when I am thinking or when I want to eat something. It just calms me. ■



**SHAHZAD BASHIR**  
(MBA 1998)

CREDIT AND RISK GROUP, **COMMERCIAL BANK OF DUBAI**

**What drew you towards heading the UAE alumni chapter?**

The LUMS alumni community is like a large family and it feels great to be associated with my alma mater through it. I have been part of this family for the past 23 years. I feel proud to hear and see the success stories of fellow LUMS graduates. So with great fervour I joined the UAE chapter in 2005-06 and ever since then I have been associated with it. I have been heading the chapter for over 5 years and I hope that in time, our younger graduates will take over this role with great zeal and passion and I can join my colleagues on the UAE Alumni Advisory Board.

**How would you like to use being a recipient of this award to influence other alumni?**

The VC-AAA is a high recognition of your own success as well as serving the wider LUMS community. The award winners are a role model for our alumni to continue their pursuit for personal and professional success and at the same time give back to the University in whatever way possible. Sharing resources whether it is your valuable time, support, collaboration, alumni events, helping students through counseling or mentorship, and fundraising are all examples of how one can contribute.

**What's your favourite device?**

My old faithful calculator! ■





# DR. MADIHA AFZAL

(BSc 2002)

VISITING FELLOW, **BROOKINGS INSTITUTION**

**What interests you the most about the Pakistani political and economic landscape?**

Pakistan is relentlessly fascinating—from the story of its

birth to its present. Perhaps what is most interesting is how deeply its history continues to drive its present, in a way that the country finds it difficult to escape its

# MUSA AAMIR

(BSc 2017)

CO-FOUNDER,  
**RIZQ**

**What inclined you towards philanthropy?**

I think two things did. The first was that almost all young people like me inherit this need and desire to do good; if the youth today had an option to earn as well as do good they would always go for it. Secondly, I think we saw this as an opportunity of growth for ourselves because right now we are doing the same sort of things that we would have done in any corporate office. It's the same research and the same analysis, but at this point of time, I'm doing it for something I feel really content about, so I think that's what motivated and continues to motivate me.

**What do you struggle with the most as you continue with this work?**

The biggest struggle is managing expectations from different people, because when you run a start-up you tend to disconnect from many people that you were really close to. It is a continuous struggle to balance. Many people also think we shouldn't be doing this work because we are really young. The line of work we are in is usually taken on by people who are in their late 40's or early 50's, which is why people often question our sincerity and motivation because philanthropy as a whole is associated with a certain age. We have been at it since our sophomore year though, and we are still learning and will continue to learn.

**If you could describe yourself in one word, what would it be?**

Chill. I'm almost too chill. Even my friends would say that no one should be this chill! ■

# DR. IHSAN AYYUB QAZI

(BSc 2005)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & CHAIR OF DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, **SBASSE, LUMS**

**What made you come back to LUMS?**

I have had a long relationship with LUMS, first as an undergraduate student and then as a faculty member. When I was a student, I loved the environment here and I think that has to do with its people. LUMS has this amazing environment where





own demons. The big question is whether and how it can do so.

**What has been your biggest learning from all the development and foreign policy work you've done over the years, and if you could offer a silver lining to Pakistanis worried about the future, what would it be?**

Curiosity and asking good questions, and then dedicating yourself to answering those questions, will almost certainly

lead you to something meaningful to say. To Pakistanis worried about the future, I would say, don't be. It sounds clichéd, but a country with as much talent, brains, and sheer resilience as Pakistan will be fine. The question, though, is whether it will thrive. What every Pakistani should worry about is how he or she can work, individually and collectively, to ensure it does. The question is not how to

avert disaster; it is how to build something great.

**What's your favourite news source?**

I get my news from a number of different sources, almost always from reading newspapers online - the *New York Times* is my go-to; for Pakistani news, I read *Dawn*. Journalists tweet out breaking news before it gets published anywhere, so their Twitter feeds end up being another source as well. ■

you have such a lot of diversity, not just in terms of students and faculty, but also diversity of ideas that are respected and nurtured. You experience this amazing freedom at LUMS, which I would argue is quite rare in a region like Pakistan, so it's the essence of this culture here at LUMS that I love and that made me come back.

**What is a lesson you would pass along to younger alumni?**

I've come to the conclusion that there are three very important things that I hold dear to myself. The first would serve everyone well: whatever one does in life, one should do it with all their heart and soul. No great thing can be achieved without immersing yourself in that pursuit. The second is to be a lifelong learner. This is deeply valuable to me as an individual. The third is to have the perspective to contribute to the lives of others. I think we should always be trying to help and lift others up whether it be in terms of advice, in terms of mentorship, or in any other way.

**What's the number one thing on your bucket list?**

Playing cricket at Lord's! I have been playing cricket for quite some time and that would be wonderful. ■

## DR. HARIS AZIZ

(BSc 2003)

SCIENTIA FELLOW AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

**What drew you to Artificial Intelligence (AI)?**

The challenge of enabling strategic and autonomous agents to cooperate drew me to AI. Mathematical research has a sense of timelessness to it, which I find fascinating. My driving force is the excitement in solving fundamental algorithmic problems that not only have a touch of elegance but also address **significant societal issues.**

**What do you hope to achieve with your research?**

My research is geared towards designing algorithms, systems, and markets with better fairness and efficiency properties. It includes incorporating ethics and fairness into Artificial Intelligence systems. Applications include efficient

refugee allocation, optimal exchanges of life-saving organs, and the design of representative voting systems.

**What's your biggest pet peeve?**

Unsportsmanlike behaviour and inability to be gracious in defeat.

Other peeves include:

- (1) pretentious restaurants serving bread that is not freshly baked;
- (2) lack of appreciation of Rafael Nadal's all-court prowess by some tennis fans; and
- (3) misuse of "it's" by highly-educated native English speakers. ■





# SALEEM AHMAD

(MBA 1996)

MANAGING DIRECTOR,  
**HIGHBRIDGE CAPITAL**  
(JPMORGAN)

**What is the most enjoyable aspect of your career in finance?**

The ability to have transformational impact, especially as an investor. From fostering entrepreneurship, and enabling growth of businesses to generating employment, being an enabler in this transformative journey of people has been truly gratifying. As an investor at a hedge fund, private equity and venture capital funds, to being a creditor from a bank to a microfinance

institution, I've been fortunate to witness the positive impact firsthand across a wide spectrum of the economy and population, both in the emerging and developed world. On the other end, generating returns for pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, public-sector entities and institutions entrusted to preserve and grow the wealth of their people, fulfils my primary ambition to do well by doing good, all the while making markets more efficient. The villainization of Wall Street is the antithesis of everything I have experienced in my 25+ year career in global finance.

**What motivates you to keep serving the LUMS community as an ambassador?**

LUMS is great at selecting and building a great community and instilling it with values that foster a natural and longstanding affinity. Any opportunity to remain connected, and to serve and benefit from this great community, is an invaluable privilege.

**If you could have any three people (living or dead) over for dinner – who would they be?**

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Naseem Ahmad (my father), and Ibn-e-Sina (to add a fourth!) ■



# SUNEEL SARFRAZ MUNJ

(MBA 2005)

CO-FOUNDER, **PAKWHEELS.COM**

**How did you become involved with PakWheels?**

PakWheels was always my passion. It was more of a hobby as I was into cars. My partner, Raza, and I happened to be at the right place at the right time. We didn't have any magic in us. We were members of PakWheels before, but we took charge in 2008. Year on year our interest, our timing, our involvement with the company has been

increasing. I think the market need was there because nobody was in classifieds. We were the first ones to start online-classified drive in the country. Inherently, online classifieds are superior to offline classifieds. There was a time when cars were sold only through newspaper ads and people used to laugh at us, asking us what kind of revolution we were trying to bring. Who would buy a car online? Now you can see there is a hundred percent shift. You will hardly find 10 or 20 ads of cars in the newspaper on Sunday, but we have more than 60,000 verified ads online on PakWheels.

**What does it mean to you to be recognised for your entrepreneurship?**

It means a lot. I always tell people that if the definition of success is making money, then we are not successful. PakWheels is not there yet. It has been a long journey. PakWheels was formed in 2003, and even 16 years later PakWheels is not that profitable. So if the yardstick of success is only money, then we are not successful. The very fact that LUMS has recognised my efforts actually redefines the yardstick. LUMS has paved the way for entrepreneurship, so getting this award means a lot to me because it is recognition from your own family.

**What's your favourite travel destination?**

I am not that fond of travelling out of Pakistan. Within the country, I like Gilgit Baltistan. I think it is the most beautiful place in the world. Everyone reading this should go. ■



IN CONVERSATION WITH

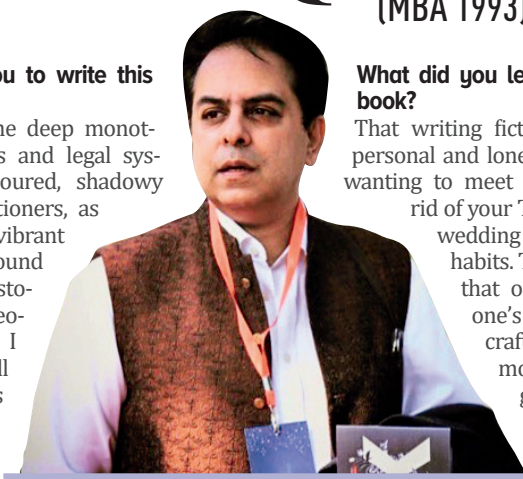
**SNUFFING OUT THE MOON** AUTHOR

# OSAMA SIDDIQUE

(MBA 1993)

**What inspired you to write this book?**

Several things. The deep monotony of legal texts and legal systems. The discoloured, shadowy life of law practitioners, as opposed to the vibrant colors of life all around them. Fascinating stories of ordinary people whose stories I couldn't quite tell using the forms of expressions I was trained to use as a lawyer, as a scholar and as a policy consultant. The fact that I felt that I was not doing justice to these people by not writing about them – truly, deeply, multifariously. A certain sunset in a ruined monastery in ancient Taxila that I wanted to capture. A description I wanted to write of how winter mist makes the dimly lit streets of old Lahore appear tantalizingly mysterious; of how on certain summer afternoons the heat haze makes the domes of Badshahi mosque appear to swim in a phantom ocean. A dialogue I wanted to write amongst two small-time Mughal era fraudsters planning to rob emperor Jahangir. A harrowing massacre of native sepoy escapees from the Mianmir Cantonment at the hands of a maniacal colonial deputy commissioner that I wanted to bring to the world's attention. A rendition of the past romantic life of the Dancing Girl of Mohenjodaro. An exploration of the true nature and many faces of evil. The loss of someone really close. A speculation on what will happen to us in half a century when we will have very little water and much too much hate. The desire to pay tribute to lovers and dissenters. To our glorious poets. My motivations and inspirations are multiple. One day I discovered that the book was writing itself and that I was just a tool – a conduit.



**What did you learn from writing this book?**

That writing fiction is an immensely personal and lonely process. Hence not wanting to meet many people, getting rid of your TV, and throwing away wedding invitations are useful habits. That craft is something that one keeps learning all one's life. That even though craft is essential, it is even more important to have good and honest stories to tell and the anxiety to tell them with passion and integrity. That to

say that you have no politics and that you just write stories is a lie and self-deception. And if it isn't a lie it is an abomination. For if you feel you have to be feeling and you must develop empathy and a sense of justice. And if not, then high time to acquire these essential human traits. You learn also that inspiration comes and goes but a true writer has to persist. That creative writing classes may or may not help but reading good books and writing regularly does. And so does observing life closely. And sensing it deeply. And thinking. Often. In other words, there are plenty of things that can definitely help that are not creative writing classes.

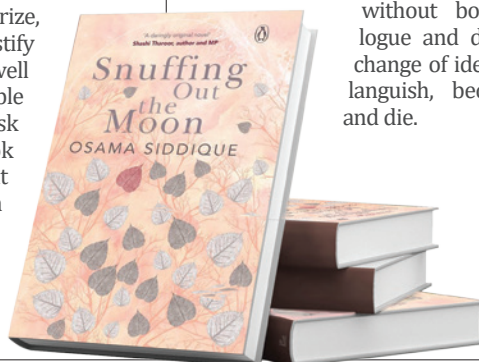
Also, that in our part of the world you have to not only write the book but also help procure, stock, inventorize, promote, sell, explain, and justify it. But that ultimately it is still well worth the effort. That people who are well heeled and yet ask you for a free copy of your book deserve to go bankrupt. That those who take open pride in not procuring and reading books deserve the hideous pink curtains and golden sofas in their houses, their

gormless spouses, and their uncouth children. That it is always better to invest the time and write a novel if you are so inclined. Almost always. Unless your novel aims to include more terrorism than wit, more upper class angst than romance, more immigrant alienation than native belonging, more current affairs than history, and more chatter than wisdom. That once you have finished the first, take a break and then start the second. Since nothing is more pleasurable except jungle ruins, kids (when younger and your own), and good friendships.

**What do you hope for readers to take away from this novel?**

That there is much more to this place and to ourselves than the shallow, reductionist and often misleading picture painted by many books. That we have a history that is long, cyclical, multi-textured and fascinating and that understanding it may help us understand who we are and where we are headed. That there is a lot to life that is to be experienced through travel and exploration and it is truly wonderful. That we are not special and many others who thought themselves equally or even more special are not survived today by even a broken piece of pottery to hint at their existence. And that yet we are also very special in terms of what we have accomplished and can achieve and that we can one day actually head for the stars. Also, that we are lifted and bolstered by the achievements of our ancestors as indeed our successors will be lifted and bolstered by us. That it is important, even vital, to dream. That fear is natural. That it is as essential sometimes to hate as it is to love. That dissenting boldly against the unjust – the evil – is what makes some truly exceptional and worth admiration and sets them apart from the crowd. That the human civilizational journey continues and there are lessons for those who want to learn. That the written word remains and shall probably remain the most outstanding human achievement and that those fortunate enough to savour it are the truly blessed. That sometimes reading longer, and somewhat more thoughtful books can also be rewarding. That there is no point in living life without curiosity, reflection, and

child-like wonder. That without books and dialogue and debate and exchange of ideas, all cultures languish, become soulless and die.



# Behind the SCENES

with  
**Shazia Ali Khan**

(MBA 1998)

THE WRITER-DIRECTOR OF THIS YEAR'S GLOBALLY ACCLAIMED PAKISTANI FILM *PINKY MEMSAAB* SPILLS ON HER JOURNEY FROM LUMS TO LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! AND THE ADVENTURES ON THE WAY. 



**How did you come up with the idea for *Pinky Memsaab*?**

*Pinky Memsaab* is an amalgamation of my experiences as an expat trying to make a home away from home for many years now. When we moved to the UAE about four years ago, I felt the physical proximity to Pakistan and India was a good opportunity to execute the story into a film.

**What inclined you towards filmmaking?**

I've always liked writing and telling stories. While working in brand management at Unilever (after my MBA), I had to work closely with ad agencies to develop television commercials. That's when I was introduced to the world of cameras and realised that this is what I really wanted to do. I then went on to film school in London to pursue this dream.

**What kind of a message do you hope to relay with your film?**

As a filmmaker, you try not to relay too many messages as it can easily border on sermonising. What you do is present your truth; your own take on life, hopefully in an entertaining and engaging manner and let the audiences connect emotively.

**What did you struggle with the most as you got this movie off the ground?**

*Pinky Memsaab* was never a commercial film. It goes into the unfamiliar territory of 'art house cinema' for Pakistani audiences. It was tough getting financing for it and having shot most of it in Dubai, with talent and crew from outside, the budget was difficult to control.

**What has been your favourite part of this journey?**

I saw audiences roll over and laugh their heads off watching some scenes; in others, they cried their eyes out. The feeling you get at that moment is unbeatable.

**How was your experience at LUMS?**

The LUMS experience was nothing any of us were prepared for. It was liberating, uplifting, and empowering. It gave us wings to soar and yet took us down a peg or two (especially the ones who thought they were the next best thing since sliced bread). But more than anything, it gave us a fraternity and a sense of security that will last a lifetime.

**How has LUMS played a part in where you are right now?**

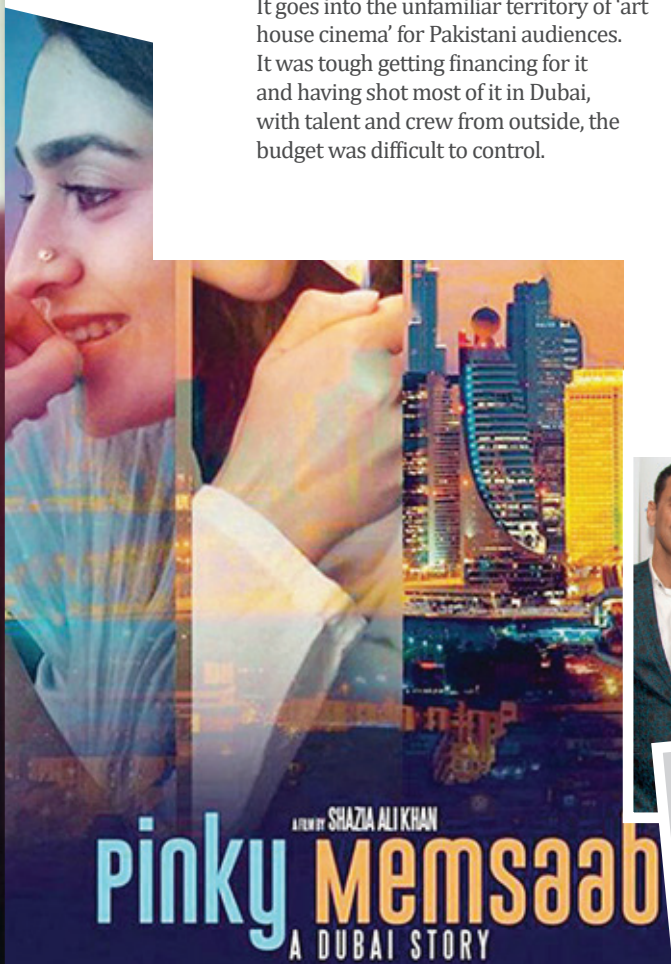
In every way possible and this is coming from probably the only alumnus crazy enough to go into filmmaking. Producing a film is no different from any start-up venture and the skills you learn at LUMS can help you chart the way.

**What's next?**

Trying to keep my small production house in Dubai afloat. We do creative marketing content for the 'small business', and on the side I'm working on a new script. Again, a subject very close to my heart and quite controversial especially for Pakistan. ■



“PRODUCING A FILM IS NO DIFFERENT FROM ANY START-UP VENTURE AND THE SKILLS YOU LEARN AT LUMS CAN HELP YOU CHART THE WAY”.







# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ LUMS?

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## SYED BABAR ALI AND HIS FAMILY INAUGURATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION



The launch ceremony of the Syed Ahsan Ali and Syed Maratib Ali School of Education (SOE) took place in September 2018 at the School's premises at LUMS. The event, hosted by LUMS Founding Pro Chancellor Syed Babar Ali, was attended by his family and key members of the LUMS community. Syed Babar Ali shared

how the SOE initiative is very close to his heart. He talked about the love instilled for learning from his father Syed Maratib Ali, and his uncle, Syed Ahsan Ali, and shared that naming the School after them is his way of paying homage to his father and uncle who have made a strong impact on his life. ■

### DR. ADNAN KHAN APPOINTED DEAN, OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



Dr. Adnan Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics at the Syed Babar Ali School of Science and Engineering (SBASSE) has been appointed the Dean, Office of Student Affairs (OSA). Dr. Khan's tenure started July 2018 and ends June 2021. On his appointment, Dr. Khan shared that the LUMS Management cares a great deal for the academic and nonacademic development of its students. "I encourage and welcome students to contact me or any of the OSA staff regarding any concerns they may have. I hope through these interactions, we will be able to learn from each other and help develop a vibrant and thriving community," he said. ■

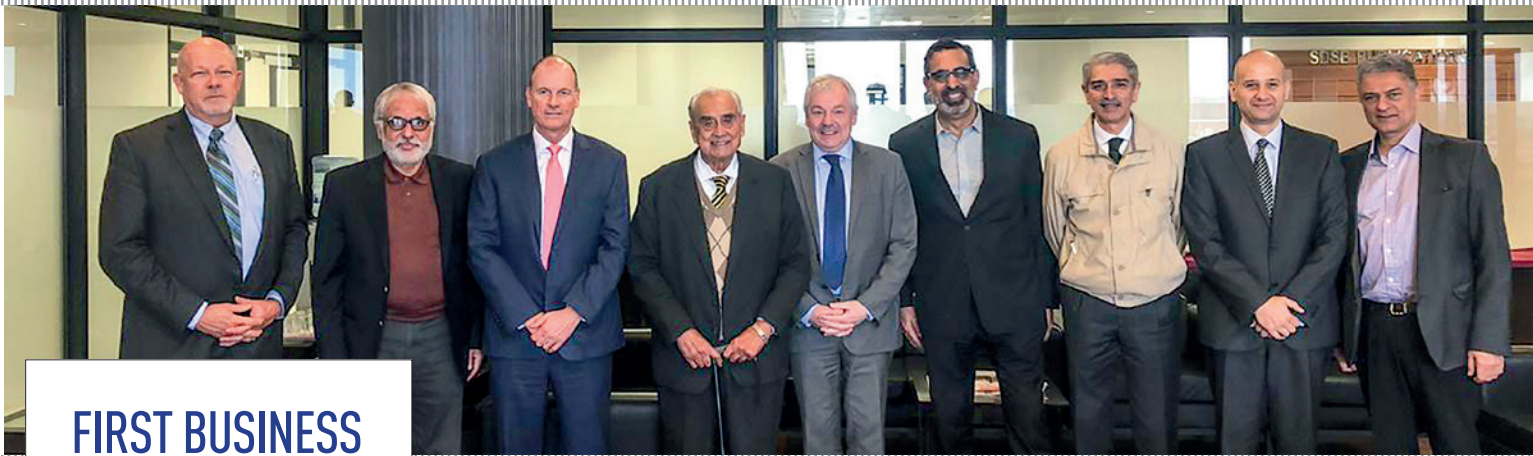
### JAZZ AND LUMS COME TOGETHER FOR DIGITAL EXCELLENCE

Jazz and LUMS have collaborated to prioritise innovation and digitisation as core strategic goals to advance the overall development of Pakistan's vision 2025. The launch of the series **DisruptEd: Ideas that matter** took place at LUMS in April 2019, where Jazz CEO, Aamir Ibrahim gave the first talk on 'Leadership in the Age of Rapid Digitalisation'. This on-going series is a platform for stimulating discourse and disruptive ideas that connect different facets of the contemporary digital ecosystem. Jazz and LUMS are engaged to leverage digital learning in Pakistan and beyond, including an initiative to launch LUMSx in partnership with Arbisoft, a leading tech firm led by LUMS alumnus Yasser Bashir, which will host a series of open online courses. ■



### HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE INAUGURATED

In collaboration with the National Hospital and Medical Centre (NHMC), a Health and Wellness Centre was inaugurated at LUMS in June 2018 for the provision of emergency medical services to all members of the LUMS community. NHMC offers a state-of-the-art medical care facility to the community and also ensures the operations and management of the Centre. The Centre caters to all first aid medical situations on campus, while those that require further treatment or diagnosis are referred to NHMC. The facility is active 24 hours, 7 days a week including all national holidays. The Centre comprises of a doctor and two staff members, beds for patients, basic emergency equipment, basic medicines, and an active ambulance service. ■



## FIRST BUSINESS SCHOOL IN PAKISTAN TO EARN AACSB INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

**T**he Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB) achieved AACSB International accreditation this year and is the first business school in Pakistan to attain this prestigious recognition. Synonymous with the highest standards of quality, AACSB Accreditation has become the most significant accreditation body for business schools. Connecting students, educators, and businesses worldwide, it has been earned by only 5 percent of the world's schools offering business degrees at the bachelor level or higher. ■

## LUMS BRINGS 'LEARNING HOW TO LEARN' TO PAKISTAN

**A**s part of the 'DisruptEd: Ideas that matter' platform, LUMS was thrilled to welcome Dr. Barbara Oakley to Pakistan in June 2019. Dr. Oakley is the creator and instructor of Coursera – UC San Diego's 'Learning How to Learn', one of the world's most popular massive open online courses (MOOC), with 2.5 million registered students. She is a Professor of Engineering at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan and her work focuses on the complex relationship between neuroscience and social behaviour. The 'Learning How to Learn' keynote sessions by Dr. Oakley took place in Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi, and were met with packed auditoriums in all three cities. The virtual outreach of the talk exceeded hundreds of thousands of viewers, who watched the live stream. ■



## LUMS ENERGY INSTITUTE INAUGURATED

**L**UMS has taken a step towards addressing Pakistan's energy challenges by inaugurating the LUMS Energy Institute in November 2018 in a ceremony hosted by Syed Babar Ali School of Science and Engineering (SBASSE). Esteemed guests at the inauguration included Federal Parliamentary Secretary of Power Division, Mr. Zahoor Hussain Qureshi, and Syed Babar Ali, LUMS Founding Pro Chancellor, along with many prominent individuals from the government and power sector. This Energy Institute at LUMS will serve as a think tank, centre of technical excellence, knowledge network, and capacity building ground for the nation to institutionalise a renewable rich future for Pakistan in the most sustainable and cost-effective way possible. ■

## SDSB APPOINTS HONORARY DEAN

**T**he Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB) announced the appointment of Dr. Alnoor Bhimani, as its Honorary Dean in October 2018. Dr. Bhimani is a Professor of Management Accounting, and the Founding Director of 'LSE Entrepreneurship' at the London School of Economics (LSE). He has also headed the Department of Accounting at LSE during his 30 years' service at the institution. Dr. Bhimani is an advocate for quality education and innovation, an accomplished scholar, and a dedicated teacher. ■







## FACEBOOK INNOVATION LAB AT LUMS TO BOOST TECH INNOVATION IN THE COUNTRY

Facebook and Pakistan's Ministry of Information Technology along with the National Technology Fund (IGNITE) launched the first Facebook Innovation Lab in April 2019 at the National Incubation Centre (NIC) in LUMS. This is the first innovation lab launched by Facebook in Pakistan and aims to nurture South Asia's spirit of entrepreneurship and start-up growth. It will focus on providing infrastructure access to developers, entrepreneurs, and community groups enabling them to network, train, and grow their expertise. It will also help developers build products and applications using emerging technology like Virtual Reality (VR). The Lab will give start-ups the infrastructure and the access they need to refine and scale their business models so they can succeed in Pakistan and internationally. ■

## MYLUMS: CONNECTING ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD



With LUMS graduates spread all across the world, the SDSB Luminites Association realised the need for a single mobile platform solution to bring SDSB graduates together, for greater connectivity and networking. Thus, the 'myLUMS' app was born. Launched officially in December 2018 at the SDSB Luminites Association Alumni Reunion, the app was handed over by the Association to the Office of Advancement, to increase its scope and include all members of the LUMS community. Available for both Android and iOS, the app boasts multitudes of great features and is now under further development. It will be available to the entire LUMS community in the months to come. ■

## FULBRIGHT

### HOME TO THE LARGEST FULBRIGHT ALUMNI COMMUNITY IN PAKISTAN

LUMS Fulbright community has become the largest Fulbright Alumni community in Pakistan, with 567 Fulbright scholars from LUMS, from the classes of 2004 and onwards. Fulbright scholars from LUMS exemplify not just the diversity in Pakistan, but also the talent and hard work that LUMS is built on. ■



## LUMUN WINS 12 AWARDS AT HARVARD WORLD MUN 2019

The LUMS Model United Nations (LUMUN) Society delegation bagged a total of 12 awards — 9 Outstanding Diplomacy Awards and 3 Verbal Commendations — at the 28th edition of the Harvard World Model United Nations (WorldMUN) conference held in Madrid, Spain, in March 2019. ■

# TO OUR ALUMNI-IN-ARMS, THANK YOU!

## ALUMNI GIVING BACK TO LUMS



### 'FRIENDS OF LUMS-USA' SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY'S GOALS

LUMS benefactors from the USA continue to extend their benevolent support and the University has seen a significant increase in contribution. This past year, a total amount of

**USD 141,000** was donated, out of which **USD 113,000**

was directly contributed by alumni. Contributions from our US-based alumni including graduates from the classes of 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2008, and 2010 have helped the University provide generous scholarships to academically brilliant, but needy students. ■

### INAUGURAL MBA CLASS PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE STUDENT

In February 2019, the MBA Class of 1988 came back to the University to extend their support. Ayesha Naweed, accompanied by classmates Nuzhat Kamran, Burhan Khan, Adeel Aslam, Aliya Adeel, and Nauman Khalid Butt, pledged to establish an endowment grant worth

**PKR 11 million**

to support the studies of one graduate level student in perpetuity. ■

To date, thirty-one batches of students have graduated from LUMS, many of whom have given back to their alma mater in an effort towards helping other students achieve their dreams as well. In the fiscal year 2018 - 2019, we received a total donation of PKR 214 million, out of which our alumni contributed PKR 40.4 million. Notable alumni, who have contributed this year through different funds globally, include Mr. Ali Alvi, Ms. Fatima Kardar, Ms. Ambreen Hamza, Mr. Tauqeer Mazhar, Mr. Farhan Khan, Mr. Ali Abbas Syed, Mr. Ali Almakky, Mr. Asjad Yahya, Mr. Luqman Ali Afzal, Mr. Shehryar Channah, Mr. Muhammad Kashif Riaz, Mr. Hasnat Haider, Mr. Talha Arshad, and Mr. Abid Mohsin. In addition, earlier this year the pioneering MBA Class of 1988 pledged to set up an endowment grant worth PKR 11 million to support the studies of one graduate level student in perpetuity. LUMS is committed to enrolling the brightest minds, regardless of their financial circumstances, and this has been made possible due to the support of our alumni benefactors. We thank you always for your patronage and hope that you will continue to support the University's aspirations.

### SPONSORING AN NOP SCHOLAR

Farkhanda Hanif signed a Memorandum of Understanding this year on behalf of her daughter, Ambreen Hamza (BSc 2006), to support a partial scholarship grant for a LUMS National Outreach Programme (NOP) student from her native city, Sahiwal. Ambreen's brother, Adeel Hamza (BSc 2011), was also present at the ceremony, where he expressed gratitude to LUMS for assisting their family with financial aid when they needed support during their studies. In this remarkable alumni story, the power of paying it forward is more evident than ever. ■





## ALUMNI HELP INCREASE CORPORATE GIFTS



### UBL CONTRIBUTES TOWARDS THE NOP

A cheque worth

**PKR 10 million**

was handed over to LUMS by a delegation from the United Bank Limited (UBL) at a ceremony in December 2018. Tauqeer Mazhar (MBA 1989), Group Head Branch Banking and an alumnus, commended the efforts of the University in transforming the lives of thousands of individuals. ■

### CONFIZ LIMITED TO SUPPORT NOP SCHOLAR

Confiz Limited, a tech consultancy provider, stepped forward to provide full support to one NOP scholar at LUMS by signing an agreement in May 2019. Their CEO and LUMS alumnus, Muhammad Raza Saeed (BSc 2004) is highly committed to the NOP cause, and plans to take this partnership forward with more zeal and rigour. ■



### FAYSAL BANK SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Faysal Bank Limited lent its support to the National Outreach Programme (NOP) earlier this year by presenting a donation cheque worth

**PKR 10 million**

to provide full scholarship to two NOP scholars for the full tenure of their studies at LUMS. The bank, led by their President and LUMS alumnus, Yousaf Hussain (MBA 1994) handed over the cheque to LUMS Rector, Mr. Shahid Hussain. ■



### UNILEVER PAKISTAN TO SET-UP ENDOWED GRANT

LUMS and Unilever Pakistan signed an agreement to support the studies of one NOP scholar in perpetuity by setting up a named endowed grant of

**PKR 18 million.**

Alumni involved in the process of finalising the agreement included Syed Fawad Ahmed (BSc 2005), Field Sales Director, Unilever Pakistan and Aly Yusuf (MBA 2007), Director Finance, Unilever Pakistan. ■







# BRINGING DREAMS TO LIFE

**L**UMS is a national University because it is home to students from every corner of Pakistan, representing a wide range of educational and socio-economic backgrounds. We take pride in creating an inclusive space to champion diversity as no meritorious student is turned away if he/she qualifies for our programmes. For more than three decades, the LUMS community - students, parents, staff, donors, alumni, faculty - has sustained the aspirations of generations of students by supporting the University with its contributions. Since its inception, LUMS, a not-for-profit institution, has given approximately PKR 5.85 billion in financial support to students.

During the current academic year, LUMS will disburse over PKR 1 billion as financial aid to its student body while in the past academic year PKR 871.3 million was given. Each year, over 35% of students are assisted financially in their academic journey. This figure is significant in comparison to other private universities anywhere in the world and translates into 20 to 135 per cent support in the tuition fee of a deserving student.

The LUMS National Outreach Programme (NOP) is an endeavour of the University to reach out to talent all across the country. The NOP selects brilliant individuals from underprivileged backgrounds from across Pakistan by covering their full tuition and board expenses.

To date, over 1,100 NOP students coming from some of the most underdeveloped areas of Pakistan have been enrolled; of these, 595 students have graduated so far and 35 of them have received scholarships to top international universities, proving that Pakistan's youth flourish with the right opportunities.

By supporting the LUMS scholarship initiatives, you will influence the future of Pakistan and support one of the University's highest priorities — to educate the brightest and most motivated students, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Every donation, no matter the size, is a form of activism, as investing in education makes you an agent of change and progress. Any form of financial support that you give is an investment – not only in academic careers, but in the future of the nation. ■



# MAKE A DONATION TO LUMS

Join us by supporting students and educational efforts at LUMS! We encourage you to contribute to LUMS for student scholarships, research or infrastructure by designating your donation. Start with any amount you wish to donate or help to create an endowment that would support a student in perpetuity - you have a wide range of choices. Become part of the transformative experience of bright minds in Pakistan and around the world. Some of the ways in which you can contribute:

## ANNUAL DONATION (ONE-TIME/RECURRING)

| CATEGORY  | ANNUAL REQUIREMENT (PKR) |
|---|--------------------------|
| Unnamed, unrestricted gift for university needs and requirements  | ANY AMOUNT               |
| Named scholarship, donated annually, to support the studies of 1 financially needy scholar at the Graduate level (except MBA). This sponsorship covers the following expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuition Fee</li> <li>● Lab Charges (If any)</li> </ul>  | 0.5 MILLION              |
| Named scholarship, donated annually, to support the studies of 1 financially needy scholar at the Undergraduate level. This sponsorship covers the following expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuition Fee</li> <li>● Lab Charges (If any)</li> </ul>  | 0.9 MILLION              |
| Named scholarship, donated annually, to support the studies of 1 National Outreach Programme scholar at the Undergraduate level. This sponsorship covers the following expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuition Fee</li> <li>● Lab Charges (If any)</li> <li>● Hostel Accommodation</li> <li>● Reading Material and Living Allowance</li> </ul> | 1 MILLION                |

## PERPETUAL/ENDOWED GIFT

| CATEGORY   | AMOUNT REQUIRED (PKR) |
|--|-----------------------|
| Unnamed, unrestricted endowed gift for university needs and requirements   | 1 MILLION             |
| Named endowed grant for support of 1 Undergraduate/Graduate scholar's studies. The sponsorship covers the following expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuition Fee</li> <li>● Lab Charges (If any)</li> </ul>  | 14 MILLION            |
| Named endowed grant for support of 1 Undergraduate National Outreach Programme scholar. This sponsorship covers the following expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuition Fee</li> <li>● Lab Charges (If any)</li> <li>● Hostel Accommodation</li> <li>● Reading Material and Living Allowance</li> </ul> | 18 MILLION            |

To sponsor high impact research in any field of study, interested donors can fund a project or set up an endowed chair.

To help the University build and maintain state-of-the-art infrastructure, donors can donate towards constructing a new building or name an existing infrastructure.

## HOW TO DONATE TO LUMS

Please visit: <https://giving.lums.edu.pk/overview-givings> or drop an email at [giving@lums.edu.pk](mailto:giving@lums.edu.pk)

### US-BASED DONATIONS

As a US citizen, you can donate through "Friends of LUMS - USA Association", a tax-exempt entity registered in the United States under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

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 380 S Mathilda Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
 1-800-448-2265

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# A YEAR IN PICTURES



▶ The Canada Alumni Chapter gets together with the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Arshad Ahmad for an interactive meet-up.

▶ Alumni in Brussels enjoy an evening with the LUMS Rector, Mr. Shahid Hussain.

◀ The BSc class of 1998 plants two Gulmohar trees on the LUMS campus in honour of their 20-Year Alumni Reunion in December 2018.



# A YEAR IN PICTURES



◀ The New York Alumni Chapter reunites at the Rubin Museum of Art with members of the Management Committee.



▶ The Riyadh Alumni Chapter hosts its first meet-up.

◀ The Islamabad and KPK Chapter ambassadors welcome Vice Chancellor, Dr. Arshad Ahmad to their annual reunion.

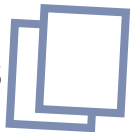


◀ The Qatar Alumni Chapter hosts its very first alumni reunion.

▶ UAE alumni enjoy on a cruise over Dubai waters at their annual reunion.







▲ The Bay Area Alumni Chapter holds its annual reunion with Management Committee members, Mr. Shahid Hussain and Mr. Osman Khalid Waheed in attendance.

LUMS Founding Pro Chancellor Syed Babar Ali is acknowledged for his contributions to business education in Pakistan by Chairman NBEAC, Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, and members of the Management Committee at the Welcome Dinner for the HEC NBEAC 6th Deans and Directors Conference. ▶



▲ The Malaysia Alumni Chapter gets together for brunch.

▶ The inaugural VC-AAA winners bond over an Everest Simulation exercise with Dr. Jamshed Khan, Professor SDSB on Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2019.



▲ The alumni community in North Carolina meets up for the first time.



▲ The UAE Alumni Chapter holds first get-together with the Vice Chancellor.



▲ The LUMS University Advisory Board comes together for its first meeting in January 2019.





# A YEAR IN PICTURES



▲ The Karachi Alumni Chapter smile at their annual reunion.



◀ The Class of 2018 celebrates its first alumni reunion at a popular bowling alley in Lahore.



▼ The Sydney Alumni Chapter come together for a family picnic in Putney Park.



SDSB Alumni celebrate their three-decade long association with LUMS at the **SDSB Luminites Association's Annual Reunion**, where alumni Furqan Syed (MBA 1995) and Shahzad Saleem (MBA 1989) were recognised for their accomplishments.







▲ Alumni face off against students in a cricket match on Homecoming Day 3.

The inaugural VC-AAA winners enjoy a History by Night tour of Old Lahore ▶



▲ Ghazal maestro Tina Sani performs on Homecoming Night.

◀ Alumni enjoy catching up with each other on Homecoming Night.



# ALUMNI CELEBRATE HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2018

◀ The Homecoming cricket teams are all smiles with their trophies.



▲ Badar Khan entertains alumni on Homecoming Night with his *Dastangoi*

A panel discussion on #MeToo takes place on Homecoming Day 1. ▶







As part of innovative research at LUMS, Dr. Ayesha Ali, Assistant Professor of Economics at Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGSHSS), and Dr. Ihsan Ayyub Qazi, Associate Professor of Computer Science at Syed Babar Ali School of Science and Engineering (SBASSE), are studying the growing phenomenon of misinformation (or fake news) on social media platforms, such as Facebook and WhatsApp, in Pakistan. In particular, their work focuses on the relationship between digital literacy and the spread of misinformation on social media platforms and evaluates potential solutions for countering misinformation through a randomised control trial. Misinformation is a challenging problem in developing countries where lower levels of literacy and limited exposure of users to technology can exacerbate the negative consequences of misinformation such as

polarisation and conflict.

They won the highly competitive Facebook Integrity Foundational Research Award worth \$50,000 for their proposal, 'Understanding the Impact of Digital Literacy on Misinformation in Pakistan' this year.

On the reasons for pursuing research on misinformation, the professors share, "The negative consequences of misinformation can be both substantial and highly varied ranging from interference in elections, amplifying ideological biases, and putting people in harm's way (e.g., recent killing of people in India due to fake news on WhatsApp). We believe our research can play a positive role in advancing the understanding of factors associated with the spread of misinformation and some possible ways of countering it."

Dr. Ali and Dr. Qazi have also been invited by Facebook to attend a

workshop in Menlo Park, California this year to share the findings of their research. Shedding light on the research focus at LUMS and its impact on their work, Dr. Ali says, "LUMS provides a vibrant environment for carrying out high quality research. It brings together outstanding faculty, talented students, and provides space for interdisciplinary research. The entire ecosystem supports our research and quest to address important challenges facing our rapidly changing world."

Facebook Research Awards are structured as unrestricted monetary awards that provide funding for innovative and compelling research proposals that have the potential to significantly advance knowledge in areas of mutual interest. Winning this prestigious award is no small feat, and gives the community a lot to look forward to with regards to the findings of Dr. Ali and Dr. Qazi's work. ■



# CLASS NOTES 2019

## 1990

### MBA SAAD-UR-REHMAN

After six years in investment banking in Pakistan, Saad spent over two decades in Saudi Arabia in banking and Senior Management Roles, with two years as the Group CEO of one of the largest family conglomerates in the country. Greatest source of pride being in placing LUMS graduates in Saudi and training a lot of local talent, some of who are now in senior positions with the Saudi Government. Now taking some time off from full time responsibilities and only acting as part time consultant to family businesses in Saudi Arabia.

## 1991

### MBA MUHAMMAD MAQSOOD AHMAD

After his MBA, Maqsood served the sugar industry for 28 years. He has worked at Shakarganj Limited and Habib Sugar Mills Nawabshah and is currently working as Sr. General Manager Safina Sugar Mills (Thal Industries Corporation Limited). His areas of interest remain management, quality, and cost economy.

### AHMAD ZAKA-UR-REHMAN

The retail brand "Almas" started in 2013 and has now become one of the most sought after footwear brands in Pakistan. Alhamdulillah!

## 1994

### MBA NABIGHA NASSER – MASOOD

Nabigha works as a Brand & Business Strategy Consultant. She finished a project in Johannesburg and moved to Dubai last August.

## 1995

### MBA TAIMUR SHAIQUE HUSSAIN

Taimur still thinks of his time at LUMS as some of the most memorable years of his life, Mashallah.

### ATIYA KAZI

Atiya is proud to be working with a fintech start-up that is aiming for financial inclusion through a proprietary e-wallet, e-money, digital payments, P2P and cross border remittances. Go cash free!

## 1996

### MBA AMIR SALEEM ANWAR KHAN

Amir is still working for himself and telecoms, though exploring new ideas. He has 3 kids and is single again.

### AAMIR AMJAD

Aamir is self-employed working in Agriculture, Farming and Cold Storages. He also runs a photography studio on the side and still resides in Lahore. On the family front: Aamir's daughter Zoya is at University of Warwick and his son is at Aitchison College, Lahore in grade 9.

### ABDUL RAHIM BUTT

Rahim has been the Director, Strategy and Projects at Power Cement, Karachi (part of Arif Habib Group of companies) for nearly 3 years. Rahim and wife, Sharmin, have 2 kids, Dayaan and Zakee. Dayaan is in the first year of his undergraduate in Islamabad and Zakee is in grade 10 in Karachi.

### ABID S. BALOCH

Abid remains settled in Washington DC where he joined an education non-profit company called GMAC (Graduate Management Admission Council) about a year ago. He has two kids, Maher, 15, is a freshman in high school and Leena, 8, is in grade 2.

### AHSAN MASUD

Ahsan is settled in Toronto working for CIBC as a Financial Analyst. He lives in Oakville, Ontario (affectionately known as 'Nomipura' by numerous classmates who live there!). He is looking forward to his two sons' graduations this year, from high school and middle school.

### ALI OMAR ALMAKKY

Ali recently joined JP Morgan in the CIB Strategy area. He currently divides his time between New York and London in his new role. He has three kids aged 17, 16 and 6 with his wife of 21 years, Zarina Hadi.

### AMMAR ALI QURESHI

Ammar has been based in Islamabad since 2017 (when he moved back from Dubai after the death of his mother to care for his aged father). He has been engaged in consulting projects in Pakistan and the GCC region. He is also heading the Islamabad office of the Shahid Javed Burki Institute of Public Policy. He spends his spare time reading books and writing articles for newspapers.

### AJMAL SAEED

Ajmal is back in California after a couple of years in the UAE. He has two kids, one in middle school and one in university. Ajmal is working in the Electrical Utility industry in California.

### ATIF HASAN

Atif has been working in Erbil, Kurdistan Iraq for the last three years. He is currently CFO at Al Maha Iraq (an Al Muhaidib Group company). He divides his time between Iraq and Islamabad as his three boys and wife are in Islamabad.

### AYESHA PERVAIZ

Ayesha continues to reside in Lahore with her husband, Mansoor and her younger son while her older one is at university in Canada.

Ayesha is still managing the clothing brands Mausummery and Origins.

### AYESHA SEEMAB ANSARI

Ayesha is settled with her family in Toronto, Ontario. She sells handmade, recycled paper, and wedding stationery online at Etsy, and is currently undergoing her busiest season yet. She and Shehzad have a brood of 3 daughters - Aiman is in her final year of high school, Amani is starting high school, and Ayra is turning 5 this year and brings them immense joy with her nonstop chatter.

### BABAR HAMID

Babar is settled in Lahore where he runs an advertising business mainly working on outdoor advertising and consultancy. He has also set up a café in DHA, Lahore under the name ThandaGaram, along with a ThandaGaram kiosk. He will soon be setting up another ThandaGaram café in Gulberg, Lahore. He has two kids, the older of whom is at university in London.

### FAISAL BASHIR GILL

Faisal has been settled in Dubai since 2008 where he is married and working in the telecom sector. He has three children: Shahmir who is in the final year of his Bachelors degree and also working for SAP, Shahzain who is in grade 11, and Eshaal who is in grade 6.

### FARAH FARIS

Farah is settled in Lahore and is Founder and CEO of Base6 Pvt. Ltd. The company introduces and develops international brands of vitamins and health products in Pakistan which retail under the name MyVitaminStore. The company is partnered with Factors Group in Canada and Blackmores in Australia. Farah is now a proud grandmother, taking the lead in our class!

### FARAZ AHMAD KHAN

Faraz has been working as Director, Business Planning and Analysis at Pakhtunkhwa

Energy Development Organisation, Peshawar since March 2016. He is also responsible for Business Development with a focus on adding renewables in the power generation projects portfolio of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through funding multilateral IFIs such as World Bank and IFC. He is married to Samina, who is currently at home taking care of their children, Maair and Manal, who are doing their O Levels at Aitchison and LGS respectively.

### FARAZ SIDDIQUI

Faraz is settled with his wife and three kids in Toronto, Ontario. He is now in an Underwriting role as a Financing Specialist in RBC Commercial Financial Group. His eldest daughter Maaham, 20, is in second year of university, his son, Faris, 18, is completing his first year of university, and his daughter, Mahnoor, 14, is excited to start high school in September.

### FOUAD FARRUKH

Fouad is settled in Karachi since 2010 where he has been Group Chief and SEVP Islamic banking for National Bank of Pakistan for a year now. During this time he has managed to turn around a long time loss making business for NBP into a significantly profitable business. Previously he had spent 8 years with Faysal Bank Ltd. as Head Retail Banking and SEVP. His daughter, Rahma is in her 3rd year at LUMS on the Dean's Honour List, and his daughter, Hannah is in grade 7. Fouad lost his father earlier this year and requests his friends to pray for his *maghfirat*.

### INAMUR RAHMAN

Inam has now been settled with his wife Eram in Karachi for nearly 10 years. He is working with the Dawood Hercules Group, which is now an investment holding company where he says he has been put behind a desk so he can't do too much damage but gets to order people around! His daughter Hajrah completed her undergraduate degree from Sabanci University, Turkey and is now planning a Master's. His son Danish got his Mechanical Engineering degree from the Qatar campus of Texas A & M and is now working on autonomous security vehicles in Doha with a German company.

### JEHANATHAN ANANDA KUMAR

Jehanathan is settled in Brisbane, Australia. He has two boys aged 19 and 14. He is working for SAP looking after two ERP systems for small and medium-sized companies in Australia and New Zealand.

### NISHANTHA HANNEDIGE

Nishantha continues to reside in Halifax, Canada. He is self-employed as a Tax Professional/Financial Advisor. Nishantha has three daughters with his wife Dharma (a retired school teacher); the eldest is an electrical engineer, the second is a final year Microbiology student, and the youngest is in grade 10 in high school.



**KASHIF SARFARAZ**

Kashif is settled in Toronto, Canada. He is National Sales Director, Johnson and Johnson, Canada. He has four kids.

**KHURRAM BHUTTA**

Khurram has been at Ohio University for 11 years where he is currently Professor of Operations. He is happily married with three kids.

**MANSOOR NAWAZ**

Mansoor resides in Lahore and is currently General Manager Corporate Communications at Beaconhouse Group. He and Ayesha have a son doing his undergraduate degree in Canada, and a younger son doing his O Levels at Aitchison College, Lahore.

**HABIB HAIDER**

Habib continues to reside in Karachi. He is currently looking after external and corporate affairs at Shell. He has two sons, Rayaana who is 13 and Aaliyan who is 11.

**MIAN HASSAN JAVAJD**

Hassan resides in Lahore. He sold his business, Joy Foam Pvt Ltd last year and is now looking for new opportunities. His daughter, Humdah will be starting her O Levels after the summer.

**MAJID MUNIR**

Majid has set up his own boutique investment advisory firm after having worked in the industry for 20 years. His practice mainly focuses on M&A, capital raising and corporate restructurings. He is actively involved with the LUMS community where he has been part of the SDSB Luminites Association, first serving as the VP from 2014 to 2017, and now serving as the President from 2018 to 2020. He is based in Lahore where he lives with his wife and two sons.

**OMER SHEHRYAR**

Omer continues to reside in Montana and works at a university. He says he has nothing new to report, just grayer and older but at least not fatter and uglier like his friend Ali Almakky.

**KAZIM NAZIR**

Kazim is based in Lahore and is running his own company Royaltex since 2009. It is a sourcing company for textile products like yarn, grey fabric, finished fabrics, home textile made-ups, institutional apparel and embroideries. He is happily married with three kids: Faizan (17), Fatima (14), and Hajira (10).

**KHURRAM KHAN**

Khurram is happily settled in Islamabad with his wife and two children, Aleesha (13) and Abdullah (10). He is Head of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Siemens Pakistan Ltd. Having had extensive experience of public, development and corporate sectors, he is overseeing the delivery of organisational objectives aligned with public policy objectives to deliver a 'win win' for company and society.

**SOHAIL KHAN**

Sohail continues to reside in New York where he continues to work in finance. He is married and has four boys aged 17, 15, 11, and 6. He says he enjoys tormenting everyone in the class WhatsApp chat with half-baked ideas and mindless banter!

**NADIR JAFFERY**

Nader is in Global Transaction Banking at ADIB. He continues to reside in Abu Dhabi with his wife and 3 kids. His eldest son is in university in London.

**NAIMA AMINUDDIN**

Naima has moved back to Pakistan after 15 odd years in London. She is based in Karachi now. She is volunteering for NICH (National Institute of Child Health). She says the class will hear from her sooner or later asking for support for this cause!

**NASIR NAIM MIAN**

Nasir moved to Singapore with his wife and two kids in 2013 after almost a decade in Sub-Saharan Africa. He continues to work for Citigroup and currently manages the bank's FX and Local Rates Structuring business for Asia Pacific Markets. His eldest daughter Khadijah will be going to university in the UK this year, and his younger son is in grade 7 and looking forward to being the centre of attention in their household.

**NATASHA MALIK**

Natasha is still settled in Islamabad working for MCB as Business Head Corporate Banking North. Her older son Daryus has just finished his first year at the University of British Columbia in Mechanical Engineering, and her younger daughter took her AS Level exams this summer.

**NAUMAN AMJAD**

Nauman moved to Hong Kong in January 2018 with Citibank as the Regional Commercial Lending Head for the Asia Pacific Region. In this role he is responsible for Citi's Lending activity to mid-market corporates in 13 Asia Pacific Markets. Hong Kong has been an interesting transition dealing with the diverse cultures in Asia, but he thoroughly enjoys the busy city next to beaches, hills and the countryside. His son Zain and wife Nadia have settled well in the new place. He invites all his friends to come by and visit Hong Kong if travelling in the region!

**NAUMAN MUZAFFAR**

Nauman Muzaffar is still in Canada promoting and attracting new residents to 'Nomipura', the area where 8 of our class-fellows live within a 2 mile radius! He is still at JP Morgan and is now the Chief Risk Officer (CRO), Canada. His oldest son will be going to university probably in Toronto in September.

**OMAR SAMEE**

Omar moved to Riyadh one and half years ago to work in the family business. His wife, Afshan, is a Life Coach. His older daughter is at university, and his younger daughter will be going to university next year.

**QUMBER HASAN**

Qumber is based in New York and is on the interview circuit these days. Both his kids, Raza and Kazim are grown up now. Raza the younger son graduated last year and after briefly working in a law firm has now joined a private equity firm in Boston. Kazim is into modelling and music, and is currently working on his debut music video in Lahore.

**QURATUL AIN FARRUKH**

'Kiran' has been teaching high school kids for 16+ years now and is Visiting Faculty at two schools. Her older son is at the University of Chicago doing his undergraduate degree, and her younger son is busy with his O Levels.

**SAAD ZAHUR KHAN**

Saad returned to the Construction industry ('his first passion') a few years back. He runs his own business and is the Owner and Principal Architect of Red2 Blue Design Studio in DHA Lahore. The company does architecture and interior design of residential and commercial projects across the country besides remodelling and renovations, as well as turnkey construction projects and real estate consulting. His wife Zainab is a psychotherapist and counsellor in Lahore, and his older son is doing his undergraduate degree in engineering and management while also pursuing music. His younger son is doing his A Levels in Lahore. He still lives in the same house in DHA Lahore though recently majorly renovated!

**SAADIA MUNIR**

Saadia has been teaching 8th grade Humanities at the Dhahran Elementary Middle School (American School Khobar, Saudi Arabia) for 5 years. She is moving back to Florida, US this summer. She will be taking a 6 month career break and then probably go back to teaching or to Graduate School. Her eldest son is in third year of university, one is going to university, and one is going to grade 9.

**SADIA ANWER**

Sadia (Anwer) Khuram is back at Jazz after 2 years. She did an MBA in Innovation and Global Leadership from MIT and then spent a year with Careem. She is Chief Customer Experience Officer based out of Islamabad. In addition to her day job, she is actively looking for opportunities to improve her social impact. Her sixteen year old son, Raamiz just finished his first year of CIEs. Sadia says she totally loves how he has turned out to be nothing like her i.e. he is quite an interesting character!

**SAIMA IRTIZA**

Saima is still with Acumen but now based in Nairobi working with the leadership team. She has just completed 10 years at the company. She runs the East Africa Fellows Programme, managing, facilitating, and building the community. Her big news is that she got married early last year and has a baby boy Mikhail!

**SAIMA RANA**

Saima started teaching at LUMS this year in the undergraduate programme. She also continues to teach at the National College of Arts, Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design, and Beaconhouse National University, teaching business subjects to art students.

**SAIRA MIAN**

Saira relocated to Surrey, UK in July 2018. The move from Dubai to London was a big change but she absolutely loves London. She has a daughter aged 16 and son aged 10. She is not currently working but intends to, in time.

**SAJJAD LEGHARI**

Sajjad continues to reside in Lahore with his wife and two kids. He owns his own consulting firm called Growth Cloud.

**SALEEM AHMAD**

Saleem says, "As a global investor, normally found in between transatlantic flights, I have finally discovered true love-the greatest blessing and joy life has to offer-a beautiful baby girl who has given new meaning to her baba's hyper-hectic work life."

**SHAHAB FARAZ MIRZA**

Shahab is living between Dublin and Dubai managing his own internet startup. He is also following his other passions in life, trekking and hiking. He summited Mount Kilimanjaro, been to Machu Pichu via the Inca Trail, and trekked to Mount Everest Base camp in April this year. He is planning to summit Mount Everest in a couple of years if he can keep the momentum going!

**SHEHZAD ALTAF**

Shehzad is on assignment at Sadafco Jeddah.

**SHERBAZ SALEEM JAN**

Sherbaz has recently settled in Adelaide, Australia and says he is still very charming and witty! He is working in construction. He is currently pursuing his interests of learning to dance Salsa and Bachata.

**SHOAR HASAN**

Shoar has been settled in Dubai for the last 15 years with his wife and family. He currently works with Wells Fargo Bank, Dubai as SEO and Regional Head. He has three kids aged 16, 13 and 1. His family is relocating to Chicago next month.

**SOHAIL MOGHAL**

Sohail continues to reside in Lahore with his wife and family. He left his last job 14 years ago and since then has been working in the development sector as a freelance consultant working with donors and public sector organisations. He has three kids: one in university, one in college, and one in school.

**SULAIMAN KAYANI**

Sulaiman continues to reside in DHA Lahore and remains with Nishat Mills as General Manager Marketing. He has three kids. His eldest son is doing medicine at Aga Khan Medical College Karachi, and he has a daughter in O Levels and a son in grade 5 at Aitchison College.



**SYED ABID ALI ZAIDI**

Abid has been based in Seattle since 2006 with his wife and three kids. He is working at Microsoft in the Artificial Intelligence group as a Senior Director for multiple products to solve the next generation of Machine Language challenges.

**SYEDA FATIMA HAIDER**

Fatima's update is that as the newest Nompura residents, she and Ali Kazi are proud to have survived two winters in Canada!

**TAUSEEF FAROOQI**

After having worked in the Corporate, Sector developing and managing top Power & Water Projects in Pakistan and for the past 19 years in Abu Dhabi, Tauseef has recently ventured into the consulting space - Alter Consulting Ltd. Entrepreneurship is exciting yet extremely challenging but he is enjoying every bit of it. Tauseef's wife, Erum, is doing well and enjoying her time as a house maker. His kids, Laaibah (14), Alveena (10) and Raed (6) are at school doing well.

**TEHMASIP ALI KHAN**

Tehmasip is still based in sunny Sydney, Australia. He is Portfolio Manager Credit for Telstra Super (in-house pension fund at Telstra Corp, no. 1 Australian Telco). He is married to Amna and has two kids aged 14 and 9. He says he still has a couple of hair left but is losing the battle! And he still can't get rid of the last 5 kgs! And he still misses Pakistan every single day.

**TEHMINA SHAH**

Tehmina is settled in Toronto and works for Sanofi, managing data science. She is on the verge of making a decision to escape the corporate world and enter into an exciting independent project - yet to be defined!

**UMAR KITCHLEW**

Umar relocated from Glasgow to Walton on Thames in Surrey, UK last year. He is now Business/Branch Manager for Habib Bank Zurich in Tooting London.

**USMAN JAVAID**

Usman is running his startup Ricult which helps poor farmers in Pakistan and Thailand make more money. He divides his time between Boston, Bangkok, and Lahore.

**USMAN SIKANDER**

Usman continues to work as Head of Investment Banking at Saudi Fransi Capital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The major update is that he had twins last year, Ibrahim and Rania. They are 15 months old now.

**ZARINA HADI**

Zarina lives in London and is a full-time mother of three kids who are now 17, 16, and 6. Her big change is that she is currently applying to 'return to work' programmes for mothers who have taken more than a 2 year career break. She hopes to be able to find a job soon that will also allow her to manage her three kids!

**1997****BSc****SABIR SHAIKH**

Real-life Benjamin Button, Sabir Shaikh joined his cotton-spinning family business in Lahore and insists on putting his Computer Science training to good use for the revival of a traditional but declining industry. Also a proud parent of 2 boys and a girl who are already looking like younger brothers and sisters, Sabir attributes his youthful looks to being a family man, and speaking only when necessary.

**ARFAT QAYYUM**

Arfat has spent the last decade lounging in the lap of Middle Eastern banking luxury. He is currently Head of Private Banking for Credit Suisse in Qatar, where he has lived for the last 11 years, barring a short stint in Dubai where excessive partying wore him down. He is now enjoying a more sedate life with his wife and two beautiful children in Doha, spending his spare time honing his squash-playing abilities and climbing the corporate ladder with ease and speed!

**FAISAL RANA**

Faisal moved back to Nestle in Lahore as Head of Communications and Marketing Services, after working at Nestle Malaysia and Nestle Philippines.

**OMAR KHALID**

Omar left PTCL after 7 years and is now trying his luck in the business of Telecom consultancy starting with a company he helped set up, "Transworld", a Telecom operator which brings two submarine cables into Pakistan.

**KASHIF SHEIKH**

Kashif is married and has two children aged 17 and 13. He lives in Dubai and works for his own company- Ibx Smart Communications. Ibx provides telecom, IT and backend enabling services for the retail and hospitality industry. Kashif recently launched www.OFFTO.pk - a travel booking site to provide a good quality experience for Pakistan inbound traffic.

**MUHAMMAD SALIM**

Salim is working as Managing Partner of China Town/Jade Cafes.

**SHAHEERA IKRAM**

Shaheera is living it up in Atlanta the lush city of forests, with family. Bilal is 10 going on 18 and Nyle is 7 going on 17! She is working as an independent management and marketing consultant with multinational SMEs on business development, project management, brand strategy and execution. Currently, she is working with Challs International, headquartered in UK as Business Head, USA, to lead the development and expansion of their operations in USA. Family vacations, gym/work outs, and autopilot mode keeps it all nice and flowing!

**ABID BUTT**

After many years of success with his logistics startup, and the exhilarating experience of setting up an industrial unit, Abid has become wiser and more focused. Named a WEF Young Global Leader in 2015, he uses his perch to help other entrepreneurs deal with the challenges of stratospheric growth in business. As he grows older, he leans ever more on his superstar wife, Maheen, and his three angelic daughters who are (thankfully) growing into various versions of their mother.

**ABBAS RAZA**

Abbas has gone from being a boy with impressive chest hair and an inability to button up his shirt to becoming a man with impressive chest hair and an inability to button up his shirt. He lives in New York City and, in the little free time he has left after partying till dawn and being loving dad to his look-alike son, he squeezes in a career as a financial executive at UBS, specialising in wealth management and corporate banking.

**ABDUL RAFAY KHAWAJA**

Everyone's favourite, Rafay Bhai is now a real-life crime-fighter - cybercrime, that is. Running a boutique consulting firm in California, Rafay has a strong reputation in the risk management space securing enterprise systems for over a decade. Married for 18 years, he has a 16-year old daughter who will soon be college bound, leaving Rafay to consider donning his superhero's cape and flying back to 'Naya Pakistan'. We all look forward to the return of Rafay Bhai to our local shores.

**AFIA NATHANIEL**

One of the three original *dukhtars* of the LUMS CS programme, Afia turned her back on her field upon graduating and found much success in subsequent endeavours. Turning to film-making, she instantly hit the big time with her first film becoming Pakistan's official submission for Best Foreign Language Film at the Academy Awards. Afia is currently Assistant Professor of Film and Media Arts at Temple University, happily settled in suburbia with her husband and a *dukhtar* of her very own.

**AHSAN KHALIQ**

Based in Karachi, Ahsan is now the proud father of five little Khaliqs, a fact confirmed after much confusion by first cousin, Faisal Jan. Aside from commendable efforts to ensure the country's population growth stays robust, Ahsan has confirmed via text that he 'handles a warehousing and logistics setup for pharmaceuticals'. Little else is known about Ahsan despite our spy, Faisal, making repeated unsuccessful attempts to enter his house under the pretext of being related.

**ALI IKRAM**

Ali is based in the San Francisco Bay Area where he lives with his wife, 7-year old son and 4-year old daughter. After PwC, IBM, and Cisco, he is now Director of structural and business model transformation at VMWare, a Silicon Valley virtualisation and cloud software company. His need for speed undiminished, Ali is frequently

spotted racing down Bay Area highways and changing cars with alarming frequency. Here's hoping our Fast and Furious Lahori keeps zooming ahead in life!

**AMNA HASSAN**

With over 18 years of experience in business strategy and investment management, Amna is a Director and Senior Funds Management executive at Colonial First State Global Asset Management in Sydney, where she is settled with her MBA '97 hubby, son, and daughter. A passionate advocate of empowering women in the workplace, she has also played a pioneering role in founding a school for disadvantaged children in Pakistan. We look forward to hearing of our dynamic classmate's further successes in the future.

**ARASH SIDDIQUI**

Arash Siddiqui has been living and working in Riyadh for the last 10 years with a local investment bank as part of the CFIB team. Happily married for the past 15 years, he has two children: a 12-year-old bibliophile son and a 10-year-old athletic daughter. Outside his work life, he remains an avid reader of Wikipedia and a technophile whose most precious possession is his OLED LG TV, which he drove 4 hours across the Bahrain causeway to collect.

**ASAD FARUQUI**

Asad suffered a blow when his other half (Omar Chughtai) moved away to colder pastures, but that didn't slow him down. After blazing a trail at Cisco Systems for a decade, Asad studied project management at Stanford. Since then, he has been a Director at notable Bay Area tech companies and is currently at a media company, TiVo. Married with two children, Asad channels a cool Californian vibe and spends all his free time playing golf, aiming for Ryder Cup glory.

**ASIF SHAHID KHAN**

Twenty years after landing on Wall Street, Asif said "So long!" and moved to Islamabad in 2017. The clean air (and dirty politics) suited Asif, as he launched Jiddit, joined the Higher Education Commission, and engaged with ventures on growth strategy. His favourite part of the week is a toss-up between being on the cricket field as captain of his club team, or on the futsal pitch in the shadow of the Margalla, coaching his kids on strategy and technique.

**ASHAR AFTAB**

What Ashar gets up to in his spare time is under a gag order, but he distracts from that with his day job as an environmental economist and Assistant Professor at Durham University and Director of their business school's PhD programme. He is based in Edinburgh with his wife and two cute kids. Overthrown by Mahvish as the world's most glamorous professor, Ashar has found solace in reuniting with kindred bohemian spirit, Shaukat, in East Asia. More on that later!



**ASIF MUJAHID**

After stints in multinationals including Shell, Coca Cola and Delta Airlines, Asif is making waves at UnitedHealth Group where he is Vice President, Analytics and Data Science. Based in Minnesota with his wife and two children, playing soccer in his spare time, Asif now lives a sedate life in line with his Dada status, much to the relief of former yet still-traumatised roommate, Noman. Rumour has it he is still the proud owner of a pair of legendary brown socks.

**ATHAR SHEIKH**

A decade of corporate jobs after LUMS provided the platform for Athar to embark on his entrepreneurship journey by applying his passion for basketball to start a business in the sports and live event space. He grew the self-funded business into a half-million dollar enterprise before venturing into a traditional brick-and-mortar franchise. Now taking a career break, he is sending his 17-year old soon-to-be neuroscientist son to University of Texas, Dallas, and ensuring his two younger daughters follow his footsteps.

**ATIF SUBHANI**

Residing in Riyadh with his wife and daughter, Atif is working at Samba Capital Bank as part of the CFIB team. According to reports, he spends his days outshining long-suffering colleague, Arash, in the office and his nights moonshining banned substances in his basement. Remarkably, for his age, he is showing no signs of a midlife crisis as he zooms around on his new Harley.

**IMRAN AHMAD**

While negotiating several 5-minute breaks, Imran successfully managed to transition from rural Punjab to the bustling metropolis of Toronto. He currently works as a Senior Director at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce where he runs a project management organisation for the retail bank. With his cushy job, home in a leafy neighbourhood with his lovely wife and two beautiful kids, and Usman Masrur just down the road, Imran truly is living the dream.

**FAHD OSMAN**

Fahd has been in Boston for the last 16 years working in the Procurement department of Iron Mountain, a record storage and document shredding company. Married, he is proud dad to two kids, Aarez (10) and Mina (8). When not busy procuring, Fahd spends his time with family, running and travelling. Having accidentally shredded his contact list, Fahd has naturally fallen out of touch, but here's hoping he takes advantage of the paperless age to digitally reconnect with us soon!

**FAISAL JAN**

Faisal aka Janoo is the lingerie king of S.I.T.E area Karachi! We are serious. Faisal takes care of his family textile business and his sharp business acumen has been accredited for taking it to further success. His time is

mostly spent hanging out with friends and family which comprises three beautiful daughters and his wonderful wife, Dania. In his spare time he volunteers at Indus Hospital and diligently serves as a calendar reminder service on the BSc '97 WhatsApp group.

**FAISAL SARDAR**

Faisal aka 'The NonutronAndaDomestar' initially moved to Denver after leaving LUMS, but he soon moved to New York City where he works at UBS, Director of CCR Governance & Oversight, and specialises in terrorising bankers with threats of regulatory compliance. In turn, he is terrorised by his two young boisterous sons as well as errant co-worker, Abbas. Thankfully due to genetic good fortune he doesn't have to worry about losing his hair over any of this.

**FATIMA NAVID**

Fatima Navid, the starry-eyed girl with a lovely smile, taught O Level Economics after graduation while also starting a happily married life with an army officer. She now runs a special needs children school and oversees several adult welfare programmes across army facilities. She has two children, one of whom is at LUMS studying for a Bachelor's degree, and the other is currently finishing his O'Levels. We wish Fatima success in her efforts to remain a great ambassador for LUMS.

**HAJIRA KURESHI**

Hajira works at the Information Technology University (ITU) of the Punjab as the Director of Admissions. Her current passion is family life, and a recent skill she has acquired is the ability to speak much slower than she used to (this may also perhaps be age related). Married to Yasser Bashir, they have a daughter, Eshaal, and a son, Isaaam. She looks far younger than she really is and refuses to share her secret potion. Sorry girls!

**HASAN AMJAD**

A man of few words and many achievements, Dr. Amjad is part of a most excellent team of four, alongside Sadia and two fine gentlemen, ages 7 and 4. Oxford and Cambridge Universities turned out to be too small to contain such a master of philosophy, and Dr. Amjad now provides able seamanship over stormy financial waters while playing on his Spanish guitar. Here's to further conquests from the good doctor! It is, as always, an honour and privilege.

**IRFAN HAQOI**

Our very own challenger to Schwarzenegger, Irfan lives in the San Francisco Bay Area under the watchful eye of his wife and 6-year old son. After Cisco, Oracle, and HP, he's blazing new trails at Workday, a Silicon Valley software firm. Healthy bouts of NFL, gym, politics, good desi food and travel keep him occupied outside work. His new-look facial fuzz suggests he's trying to blend in with the Pakistan cricket team and represent us at this year's World Cup.

**KHURRAM ALI**

Dedication and loyalty are two words synonymous with Khurram, who has been working at Techlogix since 1997 and has been instrumental in the company's success. He spent his initial years in Boston, where he became a huge Red Sox fan and credits himself in helping the Red Sox overcome the Curse of the Bambinos. He is happily married, and has been enjoying playing golf lately with his 10-year-old daughter whom he eventually hopes to beat someday.

**MAHEEN BAIG**

Maheen Baig has been leading North American Power & Utilities debt capital markets for MUGG since 2014. In 2015, friends and family flocked first to Karachi and then to Atlanta GA, where Maheen's nuptials with desi-food loving Bryan Turner were celebrated amongst much fun and fanfare. Back in NY, the happy couple - with 2-year old baby Aria in tow - can be seen sauntering around the trendy neighbourhood of Brooklyn Heights which they now call home.

**MAHEEN RAHMAN**

When not gracing the pages of Fortune magazine or representing Pakistan in the world business elite in Davos, Maheen is the CEO of Alfalah Investments. Transforming the scope and scale of her field whilst making a clear statement on gender diversity, she is also an engaged mother to three talented daughters. She lets her hair down occasionally, treating friends to fancy French meals with skills acquired at the Cordon Bleu in Paris or skinny dipping with Naveen in Lake Geneva.

**LUBNA BEG**

The first ever female Class Representative of the LUMS BSc programme, best remembered for spreading a chicken pox epidemic, Lubna is currently living in Mississauga, where she unexpectedly found her greater purpose many years ago, and now thoroughly enjoys teaching/terrorising children who absolutely (and amazingly) adore her. In her spare time, she tries to keep up with two witty, exceptionally gifted and energetic teenagers of her own.

**MAHVISH GUL**

Mahvish is an integral part of higher education in Dubai, having been a university professor in the region for nearly 20 years. From International Trade to Monetary & Fiscal Policy, there is little she has not taught and received acclaim for. With her sights firmly set on a PhD, Mahvish is set to become the most glamorous Economics professor in the world (sorry, Ashar). Proud mum to Soha, she still rocks the Dubai social scene befitting of her vibrant personality.

**MARYAM ANWER**

Our very own 'Pretty Woman' has been lying low since graduation. She was spotted several years ago working in an MNC in Dubai but she has since relocated back to enjoy the Lahori lifestyle. She is mother to a 17-year-old

son, which is confusing as she herself still looks 16. Having turned to teaching upon her return to Pakistan, Maryam is now positioning herself for her next career move. We look forward to hearing of Maryam's inevitable success ahead.

**MOSHARRAF ZAIDI**

Class celebrity, Mosharraf has achieved more than even his own vivid imagination would allow him in '97. From stints with DFID and its various organisations to an impactful time at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he has now started his own think tank (Tabadlab) to help shape policy in Pakistan for many years to come. Honoured as a Young Global Leader by WEF in 2014, his most important achievements are his three children whose super upbringing is owed to the indefatigable, Jawairia!

**MOHSIN AIKAL**

Mohsin's knowledge of Middle Eastern banking is unrivalled. After scaling great heights at Mashreq Bank, Barclays Bank, and Gulf International Bank, he is now scaling even greater heights at Noor Bank where he is Head of Liabilities & Employee Banking. With his passion for fitness and cricket undeterred, Mohsin resides in matrimonial bliss while being proud dad to the angelic, Soha.

**NAUSHEEN ZAFFAR**

With characteristic steadfastness and determination, Nausheen has thrown herself into raising her four children. With her eldest daughter now 18, it's only a matter of time before they spread their wings and she finds new avenues to explore. A work in progress is what we all are, more so in Nausheen's case given her ability to push herself. Her drive to excel won't be contained for long before she finds a fresh channel to devote herself to. Watch this space.

**NAVEEN KHAN**

Naveen trailblazed her way through Nestle before sealing the deal with a Swiss-German vagabond. The two live in Chexbres, near Geneva. Naveen is an accomplished scuba diver, skier, and music buff, and super mom to two children. She works at Nestle HQ as Regional Controller covering Europe, Middle East and North Africa. When not skinny dipping with the CEO of Alfalah in Lake Geneva at the Montreux Jazz festival, she enjoys stunning views of the Alps from her penthouse apartment.

**NOMAN NOOR**

The psychological scars from rooming with Dada M at LUMS proved to be too much and Noman moved to Silicon Valley at the first opportunity. He has spent his time there well, joining a range of successful start-ups before commencing a long stint at IBM. Recently, however, Noman has launched his own logistics platform start-up. The sky's the limit for our *Kaka* who now also has 3 *kakas* of his own. The baby of the class has well and truly grown up!



**OMAR AND RAHILA CHUGHTAI**

So great is their commitment and so strong is their union, their class notes were merged into one. Rahila and OC are living in Toronto with their two boys. Young OC (Arsalan) joined University of Waterloo and is majoring in Chemical Engineering and Suleman is now a high schooler. Rahila recently joined Sienna Senior Living where she manages regulatory compliance. When not doing her day job, Rahila stays busy advocating for inclusion of people with disabilities, doing speaking engagements, and organising outreach and fundraising events. OC is working as Senior Principal Consultant at MastechIntofrellis. We wish OC and Rahila continued success in life and love, and promise them separate entries next time.

**RISHAD PATEL**

After graduating, our Top Economist headed to the Top Economy to claim his throne. He launched his whirlwind successes in their corporate world until he got married and was forced to give up the throne to 3 lovely children. Starting from Houston, moving on to Atlanta, then onwards to Oregon, he is now settled in Dallas. Some unfortunate accidents along the way have slowed his progress but not his spirits. We pray for his full recovery and success in life.

**SAADULLAH BASHIR**

In the many years since our last update, Saad has, once again, almost achieved his doctorate and will soon be Dr. Bashir. We didn't see this coming! He is lecturer of Operations Management at the University of Redlands, Los Angeles. When queried on his marital status, he replied "Yes, No, Maybe, Can you repeat the question?" (sung to the title tune of Malcom in the Middle). He has discovered a love for the great outdoors finding this reinvigorates his spirit.

**SADIA SHEIKH**

Sadia works at Experian, a FTSE-100 data analytics firm, heading up their Market Intelligence group in London, focusing on spatial and household segmentation analysis. Avid travel buff, she hopes to finally complete and publish her travel blog. These days she can be found racing around Cambridge training for a half-marathon, chased by her two equally energetic 7 and 4-year-old boys. Sadia, amazingly, is in touch with every classmate, even Hasan Amjad who was last seen in the late '90s.

**SALAHUDDIN KHAWAJA**

Salahuddin has spent two decades in NY, between management consulting (Deloitte) and banking (JP Morgan, Bank of America Merrill Lynch). In parallel, he founded an EdTech start-up (more info at Khud.org). He believes education technology coupled with self-learning can resolve Pakistan's education crisis. We encourage all alumni to contribute their time and resources towards helping Khud provide all children better access to modern learning opportunities. Way to go, Salah!

**SALMAN HAMEED**

An original member of the Boyz, Salman has been in California since graduation. He has been instrumental in enabling two different startups enhance their values leading to their acquisitions. He now works at Ciena Inc., and is married with two sons. His focus is to raise them with a strong moral foundation to keep them grounded. Salman, himself, is a different story, being routinely escorted out of his sons' sports events for unruly behaviour. Old habits die hard, right, Sally?

**SALMAN QURESHI**

After LUMS, Salman Qureshi graduated from Cornell where he not only wrote the AI that won RoboCup 1998, but also added rocking an Ibanez like Satriani to his powers. He was briefly based in the East Coast where he became an avid stargazer, but now lives near London where he works as Technical Director at E2X. When not looking into his telescope at the stars, he spends his evenings with the two little stars in his life, Sana and Ahmed.

**SHAFQA JAMIL**

Shafaq has followed an impressive career trajectory as well as picking up new skills. Post her LUMS MBA, she worked for six years at Shell, Karachi, before taking a career break to raise two beautiful kids. She pursued her passion for baking and set up her own boutique baking business, taking professional training at the prestigious Cordon Bleu in Paris. Now in Sydney, Shafaq works at Caltex but manages to take time out for hobbies such as needlework and ikebana.

**SHAHAB YAR KHAN**

Shahab is yet another alumnus working in the Middle East banking sector, managing market risk for the last decade. Based in Riyadh and currently working in Bank Al Jazeera, Shahab is wisely staying as elusive as ever on social media and carefully avoiding any contact with old classmates. However, if someone is extremely keen to get in touch, he can be found permanently logged in to LinkedIn for reasons that remain unclear.

**SHAHZAD ALI**

Shahzad went from working at telecom startups to banking on Wall Street. He is a senior MD at Goldman Sachs, starting off in capital technology and now as head of risk technology. He has two girls, both brainiacs which is karma at its best. He still puts friends first and even though he may not "like" your FB posts he is still watching! Either he had his mini-Zuck moment or not - plenty of speculation!

**SHAUKAT ALI**

With two investigators on the case who conducted numerous interviews to find out where Shaukat is and what he is doing, it is still not clear where Shaukat is and what he is doing. Clearly the free spirit of the class remains as free as ever. The only information we have is that he lives in Sydney and is upset that after all these years good friend Amna Hassan has yet to invite him over.

**SIDRAH JAWAID**

Sidrah resides in Lahore, heading up the Risk Assessment Review Department at the Bank of Punjab after successful stints at UBL and MCB. She has penned this for her former classmates: "...consider this that time of one's age where it is important to give back to society at large, some part of all the privileges we have enjoyed, as part of a select segment of the society whom the Almighty has blessed profusely in every which way". \*mic drop\*

**UMAIR SHAH**

Our class valedictorian continued his stellar trajectory after graduating. He married a fellow President of a Muslim Students Association and they have five children whom they are raising with Arabic as their mother tongue. Successfully automating a process to capitalise on stock market trends has allowed Umair to live closer to nature outside Dallas. He still plays an active role with Arbisoft on the US side, hoping one day to return to Pakistan with his wealth of knowledge and experience.

**UZMA IRTIZA**

Uzma remains as modest as ever about her many achievements since graduation. While maintaining a low profile, she has still managed to forge a glittering career as a strategy and financial consultant in Dubai where she works as the Director of Revo, a successful retail business. We expect nothing but the very best from our silent yet successful Madam in the years ahead.

**USMAN MASRUH**

Migrating to Toronto 15 years ago, Usman is an independent consultant in the field of procurement and supply chain management. Living in Canada with his wife and two kids has helped him discover his inner Inuit. His current hobbies include ice fishing, camping, and canoeing. He has started a new venture called "We The Campers" through which he hopes to spread his newfound passion for snow, adventure and occasional frostbite to others.

**YASSER BASHIR**

Yasser continues to be a veteran of Pakistan's software industry. His software company employs nearly 500 people and contributes to cutting-edge travel and EdTech projects around the world. Yasser is also involved in several incubation, acceleration and mentoring programmes - like NIC, PlanX, i2i and VentureLabs - hoping to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs. He actively promotes Python programming wherever he goes and hopes Federer will make one last comeback. He is the proud father of Eshaal and Issam.

**ZAINAB LATIF**

Dr. Zainab Latif, side kick Asif Khan and kids, Jibran (12) and Amani (10) left the mean streets of NYC for the sunnier climes of Islamabad in 2017. Zainab is a justice sector researcher and is currently a senior fellow with Tabadlab

Private Limited, bravely working with erstwhile classmate Mosharrar Zaidi, in addition to her role as Chieftain of the Latif-Khan clan. Her NYC friends miss her and look forward to her yearly summer visits.

**ZAINAB TALAT KHAN**

Based in Lahore, ZT's mission in life is to use her boundless energy to unleash the power of HR. She founded her company, Seido, 7 years ago and has been advising business leadership since. ZT has also been President of the Pakistan Society of Human Resource Management to enable industry collaboration. When not steering businesses to success or being mum to two kids, Zainab can be found blogging about all things quirky. Our ZT truly is a 'Pakistani Wonder Woman'!

**ZAHRA LEGHARI**

Zahra moved to Melbourne 15 years ago and is mother of five and an involved community member. With her natural flair for putting people at ease, she runs programmes to help new migrants learn English and assimilate into the Australian community. She completed qualifications for teaching children with learning disabilities and runs playgroups for young children. Her connection with Pakistan remains strong, cemented by annual winter visits, so look her up in December!

**ZUBA MEMON**

Like several of our classmates, Zuba recently re-emerged after a long hibernation having made her mark on the business world. Settled in Toronto for the last 15 years, she works at the Business Development Bank of Canada leading a team of bankers who support Canadian entrepreneurs. We wish Zuba all the best in life and hope she remains in touch in the coming years.

**1998****MS IKRAM KHAN**

Ikram continues to lead Business Beam in Pakistan and Gulf as CEO. He is an active consultant and accredited trainer in corporate, IT, and digital strategy and governance areas. He is also in the process of setting up a start-up in the education sector. He is living in Karachi with his wife and four kids.

**1999****BSc IMRAN AHMED**

Imran made it to his 40s, got married, and had two kids; his only advice is to travel more while still single.)

**RUNAAS DEHEEM**

Runaas is Chief Marketing Officer for Emaar, Economic City Group.

**MS AHMED NAJEEB LATEEF**

Ahmed currently works in IT at the Royal Bank of Canada.

**MUHAMMAD RAZEEN**

Razeen is working as Consulting Director at Awqaf Alrajhi Group responsible for Digital Transformation of the Group Companies.

**2000**

**BSc AHMED KHAN**

Ahmed was one of the first recipients of the Vice Chancellor's Alumni Achievements Award. He raised almost US \$4 million for Cheetay.pk, and was the CEO and Founder of daraz.pk, which exited in 9 figures.

**UMAIR BASHIR**

After spending 15+ years with leading technology companies like Amazon, Microsoft, and Groupon, Umair has been working on a start-up (Replenium) as CTO for the last 4 years focusing on e-commerce and retail. Replenium is a cloud hosted software as a service solution for retailers to offer replenishment services to their consumers.

**MBA MARYAM AFNAN AHMAD**

Maryam has just had the second co-authored anthology launched. She is working on her blog [www.maryamintransit.com](http://www.maryamintransit.com) and also on a survey on expats and mental health. She also teaches, trains and writes.

**SYED ABID**

Abid moved to Canada after working for more than 15 years in the banking industry. He is now married with two kids.

**FAREESEH CHAUDHRY**

Fareeseh is moving to Dubai with her family in July 2019 for a new assignment with Procter & Gamble. She is looking forward to being closer to home after such a long time! :)

**WASIF SHEIKH**

Wasif has managed to complete almost 9 years in Saudi Arabia despite the ongoing Saudization, tough economic conditions as oil prices refuse to soar, 2 bankruptcies in his portfolio of managed relationships, and still not speaking Arabic. He can't thank God enough!

**TAHIR ABBASI**

Tahir has purchased a house in naval housing scheme and one simply can't miss it, since the entire facade of the house has large chrome letters declaring it "ABBASI House".

**JUNAID PARWAZ**

Junaid had a very close call of duty where his employer called his bluff and investigated him for a fake degree. What was concerning was they had asked him to verify his matric to Engineering/MBA degree and he simply could not get his first matric degree verified till the filing of this report!

**ASHAR SHAMI**

Ashar being a sheikh has found one of the best reunion places for his LUMS class fellows. He calls them to his poor broker

office where we all eat and drink on the poor expense of his broker. More surprising is the fact that he actually has a very low investment of a few thousand rupees with his broker, so not sure who is ripping off who in this broker client relationship!

**2001**

**BSc KIRAN ZUBERI**

Kiran has been teaching A Level world history at Nixor College for the past 8 years.

**KHURRAM WAQAS MALIK**

The Government of the Punjab conferred the eminent SB Quaid-e-Azam Gold Medal upon Khurram, in recognition of meritorious services rendered towards national industrial sector development. Khurram recently served as the youngest Provincial Project Manager.

**MS SYED SAMI UZ ZAFAR NAUSHAHI**

Sami joined University of Lahore as Assistant Director to handle its huge and strategically important projects. He has also delivered Agile, Scrum and IT Management trainings to plenty of leading organisations.

**UMME TAMEEM QAZI**

Umme Tameem joined Meezan Bank Limited in September 2014 as Senior Project Manager. The setup of the Project Management Office had been initiated at that time. After successful delivery of multiple strategic projects, her team was declared as Winners of the Project Management Institute Karachi Pakistan Chapter (PMI KPC) Award for Project Management Office (PMO) of the Year 2017.

**2002**

**BSc AHSAN CHISHTY**

Ahsan is currently working in Meezan Bank as National Sales Manager, EVP Liabilities and Cross Sell, managing one of the largest banking sales teams in Pakistan.

**SAUD BANGASH**

Saud lives in Islamabad. He is married to Sabina and has two lovely daughters, Ayla and Eliza. Saud represents The Pakistan Business Council in Islamabad as its Resident Director.

**USMAN AIJAZ**

Usman is a Partner at Deloitte Consulting in the Technology Practice, currently living in Southern California. He is happily married with a wife and three kids aged 11, 7, and 4. He is currently also training to qualify for the Boston Marathon 2020.

**WAQAS BAJWA**

Waqas has been working in the Federal Board of Revenue since 2005 after qualifying the CSS exam in 2004. He is presently working as Additional Commissioner (Grade 19) in Large Taxpayer Unit Lahore, and is happily married with two kids.

**QASIM SAEED**

Qasim has been back to living in Lahore since 2017 and is slugging away at Arbisoft. He is married, has a 9-year-old daughter and is at peace.

**RAZA KIZILBASH**

After 15 years across investment banks in Tokyo and Hong Kong, Raza has his sights set on education back home. Watch out for exciting news as Raza works on bringing EtonHouse International School to Pakistan. First stop: Lahore!

**MS ZUBAIR NAWAZ**

Zubair is working as an Assistant Professor at PUCIT, University of the Punjab. Besides this, he has founded a Data Science Initiative, in which he, along with colleagues, offers DS workshops.

**2003**

**BS\BSc ZEESHAN ZAHEER KHAN**

Zeeshan has been appointed Chief Operating Officer for RD -JW SEZ group (owners of HAIER, JW FORLAND MOTORS, PESHAWAR ZALMI, ENVIRO ETC.).

**ALI ZIA KHAN**

Ali Zia Khan continues his international journey with Nestle, his wife Mehr and kids globetrotting alongside.

**KHAWAJA FAHD**

Having taken courses in mathematics and computer science during his undergrad, Fahd continued with this passion and is now working at Riphah International University as Head of Department. He completed his PhD last year from LUMS and is now married with a daughter (2) and a son (6 months).

**IBRAR JAVED**

After spending sometime in the US pursuing a graduate degree at CMU, Ibrar came back and joined Uber in Pakistan to head their Community Operations function.

**SADAF REHMAN**

Sadaf switched jobs and is now Country Lead Pakistan for Generation You Employed, a nonprofit founded by McKinsey & Company in 2014. They do skills trainings for youth employment, with a dual mission to empower young people to build thriving, sustainable careers and to provide employers the highly skilled, motivated talent they need. They have trained nearly 27,000 young adults to date in more than 100 cities and 250 locations across eleven countries.

**OMAIR HAMEED**

Omais moved to back to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in mid-2018 after spending three amazing years in Islamabad. He is currently working with Schlumberger as the "Regional Business Development Manager for Digital Planning Solutions".

**ALI AFZAL MALIK**

In July 2018, Ali was made the head of the CS department at FAST-NUCES (Lahore). Moreover, he has recently become a Senior Member of IEEE.

**TEHMINA HASAN**

Tehmina has been settled in Dubai for more than 10 years where she also recently got married in 2017. She continues to work in banking and currently works for HSBC as a Regional Product FX Manager for the MENAT Region. In her spare time she loves to play sports and travel.

**ABIDA NAGRA**

Abida has been living on a lovely island a bit south of the North Pole, working with the Norwegian Refugee Council. She welcomed a daughter - Alia - into this world in 2018. Her humour lights up the world. She is amazing.

**MS NAFEES BUTT**

During his stay at LUMS Nafees tried his best to avoid non-CS courses not knowing that life has different plans for you. Who knew he would be studying psychology or human development 15 years after leaving university.

**2004**

**BSc ASIF IQBAL**

After stints in the UK and UAE, Asif is on an assignment in Morocco looking after North Africa for Unilever. By the grace of Allah, his family has been blessed with a 2nd child, Haajar Asif, and they spend their free time traveling to Europe as well as exploring the beautiful landscapes of Morocco.

**MARIYA ABSAR**

Since graduating from LUMS, Mariya has completed a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from Yale University and a PhD in Environmental Sciences from University of Tennessee. She worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a Research Associate for 6 years, prior to gaining employment as an Environmental Analyst with Eastern Research Group, Inc. She currently resides in Boston, Massachusetts with her husband and 2 year old daughter.

**MS AYAZUL HASSAN KHAN**

Ayaz returned from Saudi Arabia last year and joined PAF-Karachi Institute of Economics and Technology, Karachi as an Assistant Professor. He also had a baby boy in October 2018, now making him a father of three children.

**MBA MUHAMMED ALI KHAN**

Life for Ali goes on alongside Telenor as of now.

**WAQAR AHMAD KHAN**

Waqar is currently CEO of a Korean owned IPP in Pakistan, a position he has held since



January 2012. Under his leadership, the IPP invested in, developed and constructed a 147MW hydropower project and he is now operating the project.

#### SAMAR NAJMUDDIN

Samar is currently working in the UK as a Data Engineer at Virgin Media. He is enjoying working with state-of-the-art Big Data technologies.

#### MURAD SALMAN

Murad is having a great year with respect to professional achievements. Currently, he is ranked no. 1 in the World in 5 areas (Leadership, Management, HR, Culture & Agility) by Thinkers360, the world's first open platform for thought leaders based in the USA that uses Artificial Intelligence for ranking to preclude human bias.

#### NADIA HASEEB

After completing her assignment in Dubai, Nadia Haseeb is now settled back in Pakistan with her husband and two children. She is the Head of Marketing for Shell Pakistan's lubricants business.

#### YASIR MALIK

Yasir resigned from Shell in 2018 after working there for 14 years. He has moved with his family to Canada and works for Amazon as an Operations Manager.

### 2005

BSc

#### OMAR EHTISHAM ANWAR

Omar has moved to the UK.

#### MUHAMMAD SHAHBAZ KHAN

Shahbaz is almost finished with his PhD thesis, and needs his LUMS family's prayers for a successful viva and degree completion.

#### MAHREEN DURRANI

After graduating Mahreen worked at LUMS for a while before pursuing an MSc in Social Anthropology at the London School of Economics (LSE). She worked at Amnesty International in London for a couple of years before she got married and moved to Norway. She has a sweet 2.5-year-old daughter Deena, speaks Norwegian, and is now working as the social advisor to the Ambassador of Pakistan in Norway.

#### SABA PERVEZ UPPAL

Saba started teaching again, with renewed gusto, after having two kids and taking a long break. She is enjoying torturing students again.

#### SAHAR AWAN

Sahar never thought she would go down this path, but somewhere along the way, she decided to pursue a PhD, and this year she finally defended her thesis and earned the title of doctor. Academia, let's see what you've got!

#### FAWAD AHMED

Fawad is married with two kids and is selling soap and soup in Pakistan. He's gained a few kilos and lost a bit of hair since graduation.

#### ALI KAYANI

Ali is currently working for Almarai, spearheading new product launches in the Premium Juice Category across the GCC region.

MS

#### NAFEES BUTT

A few months ago, Nafees had the privilege of presenting "Agile from the Trenches" to the Software Engineering class at LUMS as a guest speaker (via Skype). Thanks to Dr. Suleman Shahid for organising it. It was an absolute privilege and an emotional experience being on the other side of the rostrum, a place where he had seen the likes of Dr. Shahid, Dr. Zartaash, Dr. Aamer, Dr. Jehangir and Dr. Arif Zaman stand.

MBA

#### SALMAN KHALID

Salman is currently working as the Director of M&A of BNP Paribas for the Middle East & Africa region. He has been recently blessed with a second son.

#### HAMZA MUDASSIR

Hamza is working at Adstream, London as Chief Product Officer. Prior to that he was working in the videogames industry as SVP Corporate Strategy at Jagex in Cambridge, UK.

### 2006

BSc

#### UMER HAFEEZ

Umer majored in Social Sciences and ended up working for a bank; 13 years on he heads digital deposits & loyalty at Bank Alfalah and dreams of writing stories.

#### ANABIA JAMSHED

After working at AbnAmro bank, Anabia completed a Master's degree in management from Imperial College London in 2009. After teaching undergraduates for a few years, shifting to the UAE opened up new avenues for her and she was offered the opportunity to pursue a UK-based diploma in Professional Interior Design (a childhood passion) and a Master's degree in the same, from Staffordshire University, UK, which she completed this year. She is now an interior design blogger and has a brand and a small venture of hand-crafted items of her own. She was recently hired as a cognitive trainer at a brain training institute in Abu Dhabi providing professional training in the globally recognized BrainRX training programme.

#### HASSAN FIRZOK

Hassan completed five years at Apple this year.

#### DANISH SHAH

Danish has worked at P&G Pakistan for the last 13 years, and has been the Country Sales Head since 2017. He has 3 amazing kids, Abdullah, Ibrahim and Miraal. After remaining obese for the last decade, Danish is back on track with a 25% weight loss.

MS

#### MUHAMMAD TASLEEM

In 2019, Asif joined GE and is working on the next generation of Grid Software solutions to solve discrete optimisation problems.

#### SHEERAZ AKRAM

Sheeraz joined Benos Lab as a post-doctoral Research Associate in the Department of Computational and Systems Biology, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, USA in February 2019. He completed his PhD in Software Engineering in March 2017, and has worked at various academic positions as a permanent faculty member in different universities.

MBA

#### MAJNUN MAMMADOV

Since graduation, a lot has changed for Majnun for the good. He is married with two daughters aged 8 and 5. After graduation, he ended up serving in the army for 1 year, after which he worked at Deloitte as a financial consultant. He now serves as CEO for Agro Food Investments, one of the largest investing companies in Azerbaijan in the sectors of agriculture and FMCG.

#### NOSHEEN ALI

Nosheen is living in New Jersey, USA with her husband and two children. She is working as a Senior Manager at Chubb Insurance, and has also launched Iftah Productions, an organisation geared towards connecting Muslims in the US.

### 2007

BSc

#### SANA MALIK

After graduating from LUMS, Sana got her Master's in Social Anthropology from the UK and came back and taught Anthropology, Pakistan Studies and Research Methods at LUMS, NCA, and Indus Valley for a few years. She started her PhD in Cultural Anthropology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in 2018 with the aim of continuing to teach, a career choice she is exceedingly passionate about.

#### HISSAN UR REHMAN

Hissan helped establish the world's fifth ICC-accredited Biomechanics Lab at LUMS this year.

#### RAZA ZAIDI

Raza started a construction company in Bahria Town Lahore named Galaxy Estate and Builders in 2013. All Luminites are welcome to contact him for queries regarding construc-

tion/sale purchase of plots situated in Bahria Town/ Bahria Orchard Lahore. He wants to say the following to his fellow alumni, "Don't sweat the small stuff. You will get what you are destined to get in life but you are entitled to nothing. So keep on working hard."

MBA

#### ADNAN NISAR

Adnan continues to sell cigarettes with BAT and has been one of the loyal batch mates who is still sticking to their first company. He is currently in Dubai where he is working as Area Head of SP&I. He feels very blessed as he is enjoying exploring the world with his wife and three kids. He has been missing all the get-togethers with his batchmates, including one in Dubai, but he hopes to compensate for it in the current year and looks forward to being an active member (chances of which are slim).

#### KANZA FIDA

After working for a few years and juggling a newborn, work, and family, Kanza took the hardest decision of her life and left her job. She remembers crying for hours and feeling disappointed, looking at her classmates advancing in their careers. But now that the tides have settled down, she can't see herself taking any other decision. She can only help her children go through different stages of life, and no tutors or grandparents can make up for that.

#### ANIS SAJID

Anis never thought that after 10 years of working in Pakistan post-MBA, he would reinvent his career by attending school in the US and join Data Analytics in the renewable energy industry. He misses his days in Lahore and at LUMS and hopes all his classmates at LUMS have been doing well!

#### KHWAJA FAISAL

After living in Kuwait for 10 years, Faisal moved to Dubai in 2017, with his wife and son. Dubai was welcoming and the proximity to Karachi was an added bonus. He was recently blessed with a daughter. However, the dream to move back to Pakistan continues to be elusive.

#### NIZAM AHMED

The so called "CP killer" is now surviving in Singapore - still switching between IT and Finance occasionally. He has two lovely daughters aged 7 and 11.

#### YASHRAH MASOOD

Yashrah has finally understood how short life is. We need to make the best out of it. Forgive and forget and you'll be happy :)

#### AMMAR FAROOQ BUTT

Ammar has been working in his family business, which manufactures motorcycle parts for OEMs. He also looks after his chemical business, which provides complete electroplating solutions for industrial customers in Pakistan. On a personal note, he and his wife are enjoying parenthood and their one-year-old son is quite a handful!

**AYAZ KARIM**

Ayaz has been working as a Senior Corporate Banker for the last 12 years in Dubai.

**ASHHAD SAIED**

Asshad is back in Etisalat, UAE and is enjoying the chilled Abu Dhabi life.

**ADEEL ALLAHWALA**

Adeel is working in Unilever Marketing Dubai and Allah blessed him with a daughter in 2019.

**UMAIR SHABBIR BUTT**

Umar is working in Etisalat, has moved from Oman to Dubai and is settled there. He has two beautiful daughters *Mashallah*.

**SOHAIB HASHMI**

Sohaib is working at Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank in a Relationship Management role in Corporate Banking. He is happily married and settled in Dubai for the last 12 years. Sohaib and his wife Maryam are proud parents of two beautiful daughters, Eeshal and Mishal.

**ALI HAIDER**

Ali is doing well and has two kids. He works at Commercial Bank of Dubai (CBD) in a senior manager role in the Corporate Banking Group.

**SAUD MUKHTAR**

Saud is working as Commercial Manager DFID (Department for International Development – UK) since 2016. He has two sons aged 7 and 3 and is happily settled in Islamabad.

**OMAR AHMAD**

Omar is in Islamabad doing consultancy in areas that we couldn't find details on.

**HUSNAIN LASHARI**

Husnain is working at VMWare IT Company and is settled in Islamabad.

**UMAIR MUKHTAR**

Umar is constructing houses and watching underground Sea Cable as part of his job in PTCL.

**UMAR TANWIR**

Umar is Director Marketing ZONG and happily settled in Islamabad.

**BILAL BHATTI**

Bilal is working at Telenor in Islamabad.

**DR. AMMAR YASIN**

Ammar works at Telenor.

**AHSAN MAYKAN**

Ahsan is a Director at Telenor.

**JASIM WAHEED**

Jasim finally got married last year and is working with MCB Bank. He now has permanent residency of Canada and is visiting Canada these days to explore career opportunities there.

**ALI IMAM NAQVI**

Ali is at Fauji Fertilizers working in the HR function.

**MEHTAB LASHARIE**

Mehtab is managing Sales Strategy and Planning for the ASEAN SMB region at Cisco. In her spare time, she enjoys running having done a few 10k in Malaysia. She now has her sights set on a half marathon. This should feel like a walk in the park compared to running after her energetic toddler.

**FIZZA IJAZ**

Fizza is working as Marketing Manager, Skin Care at Unilever. She enjoys creating brand love by day and women empowerment by night under her recently founded support network called WorkingMoms.pk. She is loving the mom life with her two brilliant daughters aged 7 and 2. Even after 9 years of marriage she hasn't managed to fix your very own disco maulvi's (aka mullah) timing in life!

**HALEEMA MUNIBA**

Haleema is heading Supply Chain for PepsiCo. Pakistan's foods business and is mom to three wonderful girls.

**RABIA TIRMAZI**

Rabia is a banker serving in global markets for the last 11 years and is settled in UAE. She married across the border and is now a mother to a 3-year-old and a 10-months-old infant.

**ZENUBIA ARSALAN**

Zenubia has recently published a children's book *The Cosmos that Allah has Designed*. She lives in Dubai with her husband and three children.

**SAIMA ANSARI**

Saima of House Ansari, first of her name, queen of her home in Dubai, mother of dreamers (girls aged 4 and 8), senior marketing manager at the biggest media company in the region, Khaleesi of customer value management, Protector of P&L of the 7 kingdoms (MENA), daughter of LUMS, thankful each day.

**HAMZA AHMED**

Hamza is currently Marketing Manager at Coca Cola, where he has been working for the past 6 years since his return from Canada. He is a wonderful dad to two brilliant daughters aged 7 and 2, who are very popular at the Coca Cola office.

**ALY YUSUF**

Aly came back to Pakistan after doing assignments in Dubai and London. He is currently acting CFO at Unilever Pakistan. His new found weekend passion is cycling on the roads of Karachi.

**FAROOQ SOOMRO**

Farooq has risen ranks with Engro Foods and is now Senior Manager Marketing Services at FrieslandCampina. Farooq and Seema are happily married. Farooq has achieved celebrity status as Karachi Walla. He originally belongs to PanoAqil btw!

**RAZA UL HAQUE**

Raza is leading Planning at Chevron Lubricants looking after Asia Pacific portfolio. He along with his wife Tahreem are co-founders of Mirth, a premium giveaways company. They are the proud parents of two boys, Ibaad and Izaan.

**TAIMUR KARIM**

Taimur is a seasoned bureaucrat serving in Account & General division. His wife, Sadia is also a career diplomat. They are the proud parents of Muhammad and Aliya.

**TAHIR MASOOD**

Tahir recently assumed charge as General Manager Sales at Engro Foods Ltd. (Friesland Campina). He has two kids and is based in Lahore.

**ABDUL JAWWAD**

Jawwad has been working on deputation in FIA and is currently doing a course in Staff College for Promotion in Grade 20.

**ANIS SAJID**

Anis is based in the US.

**ASAD MAHMOOD**

Initiating his entrepreneurial journey in 2011 as mobile games publisher, Asad successfully spun off his venture, Appricot Studio, to switch tables and serve the industry with Pakistan's 1st ever mobile ad mediation and promotion platform, ConsoliAds, that helps mobile apps and games publishers optimise earnings through mobile ads. It doesn't stop there. He happened to invest in another venture, DesiShap, for his love for pure unprocessed food. Surely, all the energy behind his efforts are powered by a 6-year-old princess and a 2-year-old prince.

**ANWAR KABIR**

Anwar started his own company, Brand Spectrum (BSPL) in May 2017. The company offers Digital Marketing, Brand PR and Experiential Marketing Services to blue chip corporates in Pakistan. BSPL is growing well and Anwar is busy expanding the business. Anwar and his wife Asma are blessed with three beautiful children, Ibrahim, Rayan and Sofia. Anwar's passion for alma mater-related activities continues. He was elected as Vice President of the SDSB Luminites Association for the year 2018-20. He is also associated with Rotary Club, Marketing Association of Pakistan, and American Business Forum where he enjoys networking and meeting new and old friends.

**MUHAMMAD BIN SHAHBAZ**

Three years ago, Muhammad Bin Shahbaz made the life changing move of quitting his job and pursuing his second masters from MIT. The way LUMS helped him transition from software engineering to the sales and marketing space, MIT helped him pivot to the world of analytics and data science. These days he is based out of Boston and enjoys playing with data at work and his two kids at home.

**RAZA REHMAN KHAN**

Raza is doing very well and established Radio Score a few years back; Pakistan's first and only rating company for radio. Raza is based in Lahore.

**AHMED SHIRAZ BUTT**

Ahmed is based in Saudi Arabia.

**ZEESHAN BHUTTA**

Zeeshan is teaching at FC College as a permanent faculty member and is in a senior role at the business school there. God bless FC College!

**ALI ABBAS AKA PUJJ**

Ali is still with Habib Bank AG Zurich. He lives in Sharjah and has been happily settled there for the last 12 years.

**MUHAMMAD ALI JAWED (AJ)**

Ali is based in UAE and is happily settled there.

**RAI USMAN MUJAHID**

Usman was in Africa when we last met him. We are not aware of his recent updates!

**SARMAD BALUCH**

Sarmad continues to work for Citigroup. However, after joining Citi in Dubai and relocating to Hong Kong and then London, he is now based in New York for the foreseeable future. He has a two year old baby girl who is the joy of his life.

**HAMID KHAN**

Hamid has been living in the Greater Toronto Area in Canada for the last eight years. He is happily married and has been blessed with two daughters and a son. He owns a franchise business of property inspections and helps Canadians live in the home of their dreams.

**SYED AAMIR ASIF**

Aamir continues to work for Mashreq in Dubai (and refuses to leave). As Director, Investments, he is responsible for managing the Bank's Investment Portfolio and fondly remembers Sipra (& wishes he paid more attention)! His feisty 4-year old daughter has him wrapped around her little finger, and is his whole world!

**ASAD SHAFIQ**

Asad is based in USA and teaches. That's all we know about him.

**MUHAMMAD LUQMAN AWAN**

Luqman established his company MARKEX in 2015 and is successfully providing services to leading national and multinational companies in the areas of Sales and Marketing Channels. He is also pursuing a PhD from the University of Sterling, Scotland in the subject of Marketing Channels. Luqman is also one of the highest-ranking faculty members at LUMS SDSB where he teaches Sales Force Management and Channel Management in undergraduate, graduate and executive education programmes since 2012. On the



family front, he and his wife Sheema are busy raising two beautiful sons, Sulaiman and Ibrahim who are aged 11 and 8 respectively.

#### AMMAR FAROOQ BUTT

Ammar is still attached to his family business in Lahore and is enjoying working there. He is happily married and has a son.

#### BILAL MALIK

Bilal is settled in Lahore and working with the Income Tax Department.

#### ABUBAKR SIDDIQUE

Abubakr is heading the IT function at Metro Pakistan. He has a daughter and a son. His passion for Imran Khan is increasing every single day and he considers Imran Khan the only remedy for Pakistan's misfortune.

#### ARSHAD MOAZZAM

Arshad is happily settled in Saudi Arabia.

#### AMINA IJAZ

Amina is working as a Brand Manager with Coca Cola Dubai.

#### YASIR SULEMAN MEMON

Yasir is now enjoying the scale up phase of his start-up, which he co-founded in 2015. Salesflo (formerly known as Retailistan) is strategising on how to go global with his sales recording software used by leading FMCGs locally. On the personal front, Yasir loves parenting his 5-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter while pursuing cycling in whatever time he can find.

#### MARYAM AND SHAHRUKH

Happily settled in Toronto with their 7-year-old son. Shahrugh is working with Infrastructure Ontario where he manages credit risk and relationships for his organisation. Both of them enjoy food and love to dine out, and are the go-to couple for advice on the best eateries in town.

#### SHELINA KHOJA

Shelina moved to Toronto a couple of years ago and after a brief stint at Nestle forayed into the banking sector. She is enjoying working at the Bank of Montreal (BMO) as a Senior Business Analyst where she's part of the finance transformation team. She still loves to travel to new destinations and is always up for an adventure.

#### MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN

Usman is continuing his passion for marketing while working as a Marketing Sales Development Manager at Public Mobile, Toronto. He was recently blessed with a baby girl making him a proud father of three lovely girls.

#### MUHAMMAD SHAHZAD AHMAD

Shahzad has been in Canada for a few years and is working at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) as a Senior Financial Advisor. He has 2 boys and a girl who keep him busy and active.

#### ALY REHMAN AMERSY

Aly manages his successful business venture Innovate Signs & Displays in Toronto, which he set up several years ago. Aly is happily married and spends his free time travelling and playing squash.

#### MUHAMMAD USMAN AHMED

Usman has moved to USA after living in Canada for several years. He is currently working at University of Michigan-Flint as an Assistant Professor of Supply Chain and Operations Management. He is raising 3 kids and that keeps him busy.

#### KAMILIA & OMAIR

After spending 10 years in Kuwait, Kamilia and Omais have moved to Toronto with their two young boys. Kamilia recently joined the corporate world after a break of a few years. She is currently enjoying pursuing a career in the energy sector and taking a break from the crazy Canadian winter.

#### OMAIR YUNUS

Omais has built his career in supply chain and procurement. He is currently working as a Senior Manager at Loblaw's, one of Canada's largest retail brands. He still misses the Middle East and is trying hard to acclimatise himself to the Canadian lifestyle.

#### FASAHAT ALI FEROEZ

After a 10-year long career in innovation and customer experience management at Telenor, Fasahat has relocated to Sydney along with his family. He is now working as Strategic Service Design Lead at Qantas Airways, using design thinking to re-imagine new product and service experiences for Qantas customers and employees. The best part of his job is that he and his family get to travel the world paying just 10% of the airfare.

#### SHEHARYAR MEHMOOD

Sheri has built a 15+ year career in sales and marketing working for world leading brands such as Oracle, IBM, Salesforce and Qualtrics. He lives in Sydney with his wife and daughter.

#### UMAR FARRUKH

After almost 12 years at Unilever Pakistan, as the Ice Cream Business Director, Umar Farrukh has moved on to Sadafco. In the KSA joining them as the Head of Frozen business. He shall be relocating right after Eid with his wife Nida and two kids (Fatimah & Muhammad).

#### EMBA

#### SAMIE CASHMIRI

The EMBA programme prepared Samie for the next stage of his career, which led to international opportunities and senior leadership roles. In his new role as the Chief Commercial Officer at Khaadi Pakistan, the retail experience is adding to a new learning and the experience at LUMS has ensured the same management principles are applied in strategic thought and everyday action.

## 2008

#### BSc

#### SARA KHAN

After a successful first year in law school, Sara interned with two judges of New Jersey, USA in civil division, working on civil trials and property courts. Her second year of law school will conclude with an internship at an intellectual property law firm in Munich, Germany. She recently had the pleasure of meeting one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States in an award ceremony at the New York City Bar Association, which she is also a Student Ambassador of. Currently, her interest lies in block chain technology and how it is affecting every field and the laws governing it. She is also running her fourth 10-mile run and gearing up for another half marathon (13.1 miles) later this year.

#### ALI SOOMRO

A lot has changed since Ali's last note in 2009 - new family, married in 2014, birth of son in 2017, moved between three cities, Dubai, New York, and now San Francisco, with a long and winding career from Consulting to Corporate Management in Silicon Valley. Looking to come back to LUMS for Homecoming in 2019!

#### UMUL AWAN

Umul Awan, after working in UBL Treasury & Capital markets for four years after graduation, went on to pursue a graduate degree in Energy & Earth Resources on the Fulbright. She has now been consulting with the World Bank Group on their energy team for the past five years. She has made travelling the world her life goal, and is in love with Pakistan's Northern areas (a region that she discovered through the LUMS Adventure Society) and has not stopped going back since then.

#### HARIME KHAN

Harime has four (yes, four) kids. She believes ever so strongly in constructing a base for everything in life and thinks this is best done by teachers and schools. Therefore, she teaches almost everything anywhere whenever she finds her head above water. That is her way of giving back and she loves it.

#### SARA AZMAT ZAIDI

As a parent, Sara couldn't fail to notice that baby skincare products that line supermarket shelves contain ingredients that are known to cause harm. It led her to set up Binaural a couple of years ago with the aim to address a critical gap in the local market - non-availability of natural & organic baby skincare products. The transition from a development sector job to an entrepreneur has not been an easy ride but she is determined to make it a successful one.

#### HASHIM ZAIDI

Hashim is currently leading Oxfam GB's global urban work portfolio focusing on programmes creating pathways for decent work opportunities for informal workers in cities,

and building communities resilience. It has been a great learning opportunity working in countries across Asia and Africa trying to understand the context, and designing and implementing interventions that aim to improve the quality of life for some of the poorest of the poor.

#### ADEEL ISHTIAQ

Since graduating with a BSc Econ major in 2008, Adeel has gone on to work in banking and obtain a graduate degree in IR and macroeconomic policy. He now lives in DC and works in international development, specifically on instituting and financing policies for social protection in developing countries (such as for universal health coverage). This work has taken him to many exciting places in Europe, Asia, and Africa, and is wonderful training for a career in public policy in general. He has also connected with so many wonderful LUMS folks in the US and around the world. Adeel wants Luminites to hit him up if they are ever in DC or interested in similar policy work.

#### MS

#### SADAF AHMED

Sadaf is (Alhamdulillah!) enjoying her life as a parent of three lovely kids!

#### MBA

#### ATHAR MANSOOR

LUMS has been instrumental in fulfilling Athar's professional and academic dreams. Since graduation, he has enhanced his academic competencies by doing three more Master's degrees, each from National University of Singapore, University of Sydney, and Michigan State University. He is currently enrolled in PhD Public Policy at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. LUMS has also helped him serve at prestigious public sector positions such as Deputy Director Prime Minister Secretariat and Additional Director Civil Services Academy.

#### HIRA BABAR

After graduation, Hira started working as a Financial Analyst. Soon after that, she got married to class fellow Omar Babar, with whom she settled in Lahore and started working as a lecturer. She has taught at various national and international universities since. She and Omar have been married for 10 years and now have three kids Alhamdulillah. Hira thinks marrying a LUMS MBA is tough, because it is competitive! But as long as she is in the lead, it's okay. Currently, she is working on a book with Dr Zeeshan Ahmed and Dr Saad Azmat at Karachi School of Business & Leadership.

#### EHTISHAM HAIDER NAQVI

Ehtisham is working as Integrated Logistics Manager with Tetra Pak Pakistan for Pakistan and Iran.

**2009**

**BSc  
NAJAM SAQIB**

Najam has been the first person in Nestle to implement a Vendor Managed Inventory system, which helped reduce out of stock inventory by 30 per cent. That is a very sizeable improvement given the nature of fast moving goods. He was also the lead of the team that executed vehicle tracking system across all the transport vendors through one integrated system available to customers and each touch point of the value chain. Recently, he was also involved to the project management of implementing Diploma Program through IB to convert a day school to IB Continuum College, the 4th school of its kind across Pakistan.

**AHMED TARIQ**

Ahmed is selling Cadbury's & Oreos in Singapore and has been married for two years.

**ALI JAFRI**

After doing an MBA from the Rotman School of Management, Ali has shifted his home base from Karachi to Toronto, presently working at BMO in Leveraged Finance.

**SABA AZEEM**

Saba worked as a humanitarian aid worker based in Afghanistan, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq for 4 years until August 2018. Currently in the Netherlands, she is doing a Master's degree in Conflict Studies. She is also writing on civilian harm and has trained the Dutch military on Protection of Civilians.

**SHEMREZ NAUMAN AFZAL**

Since November 2017, Shemrez has been serving as Assistant Director of the Joint Intelligence Directorate (Intelligence Wing) at the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), Government of Pakistan. Guess the intelligence imparted by LUMS really paid off!

**JAWAD REHMAN**

Jawad is working at the Pakistan Business Council as a Programme Officer and expanding business Char Grill Central (CGC) from Islamabad close to LUMS.

**UMAIR JAVED**

After several years in policy consulting and development research, Umair went back to graduate school for a PhD from the London School of Economics (LSE). In late 2017, he and his wife, Fizzah Sajjad (BSc 2009 - urban planner working with the World Bank), moved back to Lahore. Umair is now at LUMS as an Assistant Professor teaching politics and sociology. In August 2018, he was appointed as a member of the Prime Minister's taskforce on civil service and governance reforms. He continues to write a fortnightly political and social affairs column for Dawn.

**SYED ALI NAQVI**

After working in the Corporate & Investment Banking sector across Pakistan and the UAE, Ali pursued an MBA at INSEAD in 2017, subsequently joining the Capital Markets team at RBC in Canada.

**MS  
ABDUL AZEEM KHAN**

Azeem considers his Master's from LUMS a life changing experience. The confidence and the self-belief it instilled in him gave him the inspiration and the courage to start his own Software House, and he has been running it successfully for the past 10 years now. He thinks the goal of a good institution is not just to make good graduates but to make business leaders and LUMS does that impeccably.

**MBA  
SHOVAN MISHRA**

After graduating with an MBA in 2009, Shovan took a teaching position in Nepal. He realised he could not survive in academics without a PhD, so he went to the US to get a Master's in Industrial Engineering in 2012 and a PhD in Industrial Engineering in 2018. He has been working as a quality engineer for a German Automotive company in the US since 2014.

**SUMAIRA ASHFAQUE KHAN**

Sumaira moved back to Pakistan after 4 years. It has been a bittersweet transition, for as much as she was glad to be back on home turf, she personally felt bad for her children who had known no other home. For them Pakistan was a place to visit and then they would go back home. Thus, it took them some time to adjust, but now by the grace of Allah, all is good.

**MEHR MANZOOR**

Mehr is pursuing a PhD on the Fulbright scholarship. Her research focuses on women's leadership and gender equality in global health. She is a co-lead author on the World Health Organization's first ever technical report on gender and equity in the health workforce: *Delivered by Women, Led by Men - A Gender and Equity Analysis in the Global Health and Social Workforce*. This report was launched during the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York City in March 2019. Recently, she was also included among the top 100 global influencers on gender equality and diversity published by the Onalytica at International Women's Day 2019.

**MOHAMMAD ALI IBRAHIM**

Ali is currently pursuing a career in Sustainability at Jazz (the leading telecommunication organization in Pakistan). This entails using technology to empower the youth to enable them to address socio-economic challenges of Pakistan aligned with the UN SDG Agenda.

**EMBA  
AZIZ UR REHMAN**

Aziz is working in PTCL as a Senior Manager in the Regulatory Affairs department.

**2010**

**BSc  
MANZOOR UL HAQ**

Manzoor completed his Master's from Warwick Business School in 2011. He then worked for 6 years in two family-owned spinning mills, learning each step of the way. In 2017, he was made CEO of both mills by the grace of Allah. He believes that his time at LUMS played an instrumental role in his personality development and being able to handle so many challenges without being overcome by them.

**MAVRA MUSHTAQ AHMAD**

Having graduated from LUMS with an undergrad and a Master's degree, Mavra took a 3-year break from here and went on to work in a healthcare organisation. However, LUMS is forever going to be home for her, so as soon as she found a good opportunity, she came back and joined LUMS as a staff member in 2016. She is currently living in Lahore with her husband and 3-year-old son.

**ARQAM LODHI**

Arqam is currently trying to navigate the messy social politics of the Middle East while co-leading implementation of a UK Government programme in response to regional refugee crises.

**UROOJ OMAIR**

So a lot has happened since graduation! Urooj is a software engineer at Microsoft and was just recently promoted! She has two kids, an almost 6-year-old daughter and an almost 1-year-old son. She's looking forward to new challenges in life.

**WAQAS RIAZ**

Waqas was blessed with a baby boy, Saad in 2018. His family celebrated his first birthday a few months back. Waqas is currently working as a Project Manager at Purolator in Mississauga. He is finally settled in Canada after 8 years of visa/permit/immigration issues -Alhamdulillah!

**TASKEEN MANSOOR**

Taskeen has spent more than two years as part of the Faculty of Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi which launched a new programme in Pakistan: BS in Social Sciences of Health.

**BA-LLB  
ROSHAN KHAN**

Roshan works at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. Specifically, she works in the Agriculture and Commodities Division where she deals with developing and least developed countries. She has lived in Geneva for almost 6 years and continues to enjoy its international vibe.

**MBA  
ZAINAB NIAZI**

Zainab resigned from Telenor where she was working as Global Talent Acquisition advisor to care for her two children, now aged 1.8 years and 8 months old.

**MUHAMMAD TARIQ BASHIR**

Tariq is working in Sales with RB Pakistan.

**HASAN MUBARAK**

After spending quite some time travelling and working in Europe, Hasan switched back to a Pakistani fintech called Finja Pvt. Ltd. (SimSim Pakistan). As Business Head for Marketplace, Merchants & Finja Products, he is spearheading the launch and growth of Pakistan's first 100% non-COD e-commerce platform integrated with a digital wallet. He is also enjoying being closer to family, friends, and the local tech ecosystem.

**USMAN BAJWA**

Usman did another Master's in business analytics from York University in Canada and is now working in EY data and analytics advisory practice.

**HUMBAL TARIQ**

Humbal has quit employment for good and started a business. (Again).

**SADIK AALE MUHAMMAD**

Sadik has been working in the telecom industry since 2011. The ups and downs of the industry make it an exciting place to work and stay sane.

**2011**

**BS\BSc  
ASAD ALI AMJAD**

Asad got married in March 2017. He is currently working as Technical Lead Engineer in Mentor Graphics Pakistan, which is now part of Siemens.

**HASEEB HASSAN**

Haseeb has been living in Amsterdam for about 5 years and works in Accenture as an IT Architecture consultant.

**JUNAID ZUBAIR**

Junaid completed his Master's in Public Policy from NDU, Islamabad where he stood first in his class. He recently completed his MBA in Marketing & Supply Chain from IBA, Karachi, and is currently working with Ufone in their Quality Management & Systems department.

**SUHAIL ABBAS**

Suhail is currently a civil servant working as Deputy Commissioner Inland Revenue.

**DANIYAL ISHFAQ GILL**

Daniyal is completing 5 years at McKinsey and Company - Pakistan.

**SANIYA FAROOQ**

Saniya got married to Ahmed Ali Alvi (2009 ACF) in 2012 and both are enjoying life with their kids - Muhammad and Maryam. Saniya is a homemaker while Ahmed is experimenting with start-ups alongside a typical ACF job.



**RUKUNUDDIN ASLAM**

Rukunuddin got married more than a year ago. Feels like ages.

**MBA  
HASSAN ALVI**

Hassan married Saliha Waqar from the class of MBA 2012. They recently celebrated their daughter Alisha Hassan Alvi's 4th birthday. Proud parents and alumni!

**2012****BA\BS\BSc  
USAMA TARIQ KHAN**

Usama has been working at IBM since graduating. He started working at IBM in Islamabad and moved to IBM Canada in 2018. He is currently living in Montreal and is Alhamdulillah married to an American Muslim. They have been blessed with a son who is now 15 months old.

**JAHANGIR KHAN**

In May 2019, Jahangir graduated from the number one sports management programme in the world at Ohio University with a dual degree (MBA/MSA). To do his Master's in sports management and pursue a career in the sports industry had been a lifelong dream. He cannot even recall how many times people laughed at him when he told them about his career ambition and this is his message for anyone reading this, "Don't let anyone tell you what you can and cannot do. Keep telling me I can't do something, I will keep proving you wrong."

**UMAR AHSAN**

Umar has graduated as an Electrical Engineer and is currently working towards a Master's in Computer Science from the University of Waterloo in Canada. Meanwhile, he is working full time as a Data Scientist for Teck Resources, the world's second-largest seaborne exporter of steelmaking coal. At Teck, he is getting the opportunity to use all his hard-earned skills that he gained along the path from LUMS to Waterloo. He is looking forward to bringing a positive change in the mining industry throughout the world as Teck is among the pioneers to bring Artificial Intelligence in mining operations.

**TAZEEN FATIMA**

Tazeen believes that LUMS was the key to unlocking her freedom and purpose. Today she is part of the Central Superior Services of Pakistan, posted in the Economic Affairs Division, overlooking the Africa, Central Europe and South America desk. She recently helped in conducting the 2nd session of the Pak-Bulgaria IGC for enhancement of trade and cooperation. Before this, she was handling the administrative matters of Police Service of Pakistan in the Establishment Division. She is living her dream, all thanks to the teachers who never gave up on her.

**FARAN ASAD**

Faran is based in Dubai and working for a bank. He is happy to connect with alumni/ students on LinkedIn.

**RABBIYA KAMAL**

Rabbiya is an alum of the Standard Chartered International Graduate program. After completing her Master's, she is now a programme coordinator for the China Pakistan Management Initiative at LUMS.

**MS\MSc  
FATIMA FAROOQ**

Fatima got married in October 2013 and was blessed with a baby girl in December 2014.

**SIDRA HAQUE**

Sidra has been working as a software engineer.

**PhD  
MALIK JAHAN KHAN**

Malik Jahan Khan is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Namal Institute Mianwali. He has recently initiated impactful research projects on the rural communities in Pakistan where machine learning based mobile applications are being developed for agriculture and livestock sectors. He has secured a research funding of Rs. 4.4 million from Ignite (Ministry of Information Technology) for his project *Mera Maweshi* focusing on diagnosis of bovine diseases. He is also contributing in setting up a Centre of excellence for agriculture technology at Namal.

**2013****BS\BSc  
SAKINA TAYYEBI**

Sakina moved to the US right after graduation and was admitted to Teach for America, Mississippi. She taught 2nd grade for two years, after which she moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to teach 5th grade English for another two years. She was admitted to the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2018, and will be graduating in May 2019, with a Master's in Education Policy and Management. She is moving back to Karachi after her graduation, to continue working in the field of education and social impact in Pakistan.

**MUHAMMAD KHISAL AHMED**

Khisal believes that success requires failing enough times, provided you learn from your failures. Have faith, be persistent in your hard work and use your failures to inch closer to success.

**ZAINAB BHATTI**

Although Zainab was an ACF major, being a part of the LUMS Community Service society had a huge impact on her life, as well as her career path. After graduating, instead of pursuing finance, she worked in the development sector extensively. Starting from organisations like USAID and The Citizens Foundation to working

with the government eventually on giving out interest free loans to the farmers of Punjab. She is currently back at LUMS with the chance to give back to her alma mater in whatever way she can. She now works with the donor relations team, so they can make education a reality for everyone, regardless of their financial or social status.

**SHEHARYAR ALI**

This is the year that Sheharyar has decided to leave his job and pursue all the business ideas he has always wanted to. He just completed his MBA from LUMS and this makes it all the more risky, but he's giving himself this year and so far it's going well. So far, he has: -opened a health food delivery service, MacroCounted -opened a creative agency by the name of The Conglomerate. It's been a month and they've gotten Hush Puppies as a client for the next year -opened 4 Magnum ice cream franchises in Karachi and Lahore This is the year he is going to follow his dreams and he knows he will make it!

**MBA  
RABIA CHAUDHRY**

Rabia completed her MPA from Tennessee State University in spring 2018. She is currently working as a Research Associate for Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (Tennessee State Government).

**MBA  
NAAIMAH SAGHIR**

After graduation, Naaimah worked in Telenor Pakistan's marketing department for 3 years. She got married in 2015, and hence, moved to Berlin in September 2016, where she is currently residing. She took a break from the 9 to 6 job and started her Master's at Technical University Berlin in Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship (IME) in October 2016. She started working again in September 2018 at a German robotics start-up based in Berlin, which basically works on AI software for collaborative robots. Her job is to focus on business development, understand technology trends within the robotics world, and identify industrial needs.

**NAUMAN SHARJEEL SHARIF**

After getting his Engineering degree, Nauman developed an interest in management sciences and wanted to be part of LUMS but had the impression that LUMS is a place where getting admission is all about affordability. He was pleasantly surprised and later experienced that LUMS would not let go of an eligible person on the basis of not having enough resources to finance their education. He is from a rural background and getting admission in LUMS was a dream come true for him. Having a MBA degree from LUMS has been very helpful in his short career. He believes that LUMS is a place that provides equal opportunities to all students and you learn the real meaning of merit.

**SYED BAQAR HUSSAIN**

Baqar is currently the Head of Sales, Thal Engineering (House of Habib).

**2014****BS\BSc  
MIR SHAYAN RAFI**

Mir says, "Never Settle."

**HANANIAH BEATRICE**

Hananiah is working as a Credit Risk Analyst at Morgan Stanley in Budapest.

**RIDA ANSARI**

After graduating with a BSc in Economics and Political Science, Rida was lucky enough to be a part of setting up and developing the regional treasury office of HBL in Lahore. After being a part of the Global Treasury Sales team for 3 years, she decided to pursue an MSc in International Business and Politics at Copenhagen Business School. She submitted her Masters' thesis recently on strategic political management within the renewable energy sector, having worked for almost a year at the Danish renewable energy incumbent, Ørsted. She is now looking forward to starting her career as a full-time management consultant in Copenhagen. In retrospect, she is deeply grateful for the outstanding educational opportunities provided at LUMS, which have aided her in developing a global career!

**MOHAMMAD AMANULLAH HANEFF**

Amanullah started a market research consultancy in 2017 and has been successfully running it with a batchmate for over two years.

**MUHAMMAD UMER EHSAN**

Umer loves this institute!

**HASAN ABBAS**

Hasan can put his journey this way: he graduated with a degree in CS, did research in History, published a paper in Economics, appeared for the CSS, and was allocated to the Foreign Service of Pakistan, which was his first preference. Since then, he has completed his training and has taken up his first posting in the UN Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Assistant Director. He also got married earlier this year after a shaadi process that would have inspired a new generation of Shahrukh Khan/Kajol types in DDLJ.

**MAVRA ZEHRA**

In 2019, Mavra was selected for the Atlas Corps Fellowship program, class of 34. The Atlas Corps Fellowship is a 12-18 month Fellowship in the United States for the world's top social change leaders where the participants learn effective practices through the Atlas Corps Global Leadership Lab professional development series and networking opportunities with other Fellows. Mavra currently serves full-time at Transparency and Accountability Initiative as the Learning, Monitoring & Evaluation Fellow.

**HASSAN ISHTIAQ**

After graduation, when Hassan was presented with various job opportunities, he preferred to start his own business of importing auto electric parts. Having studied from one of the best universities in the world, he knew he could settle for nothing less so he approached many car and motorbike manufacturing companies and started supplying OEM electric products to them including Suzuki, Honda etc. Having achieved so much in such little time has been amazing for him, and he still believes it wouldn't have been possible without the proper skills and confidence he got from LUMS.

**MUHAMMAD OVAIS**

Ovais is married to Saman Shafiq, from the BSc Economics Class of 2015.

**MBA  
MUHAMMAD ABBAS**

Abbas is an entrepreneur and successfully running a dairy farm in a rural setting.

**SHAHID MAHMOOD**

Shahid completed 16 years in Fauji Fertilizer Company. He is now part of the Special Project team working for farmers' welfare, community mobilisation, and designing new welfare projects for Agriculture, Education, Health, Livestock and Women Emancipation.

**EMBA  
UMER GHUMMAN**

Umer believes that studying at LUMS is indeed a rare privilege. Other than being socially accepted, he moved up the corporate ladder fairly quickly, and the learning curve, which began at LUMS, does not seem to slow down even after 5 years of graduation from the Executive MBA class. He would like to continue to grow and reach his full potential if not more!

**2015**

**BS/BSc  
AYESHA TARIO**

Ayesha is working full-time on a US embassy project and has simultaneously completed her Master's in International Relations. However, she considers her achievement not her job academics, but raising her one-and-a-half year old son, looking after her family, working full-time, and studying with balance. Maintaining harmonious work-life balance while living in a conservative family takes the most out of her yet makes her proud and confident.

**NISA PIRACHA**

Nisa says, "It is absolutely okay to not have a job at the time of graduation. The peer pressure gets to you, everyone is vying for a spot at top MNCs, but it is okay to stay unemployed or even choose not to work. Introspect. Be happy. Don't be a part of the 'log kya kahein gay, LUMS say parh kar waila/waili' toxic mindset."

**ZAID KHAN**

Zaid has been back at LUMS since fall 2017 as a Teaching Fellow in the CS Department. He is thoroughly enjoying his time being at the other end of the table and connecting with the current students, who are exceptionally bright. He is especially happy and proud that he is the first graduate of 2015 to teach at LUMS (and the youngest faculty member when he joined).

**NAEEM ABID**

Naeem is currently doing his Master's in Agribusiness at Texas A&M University on a Fulbright Scholarship. He was a NOP student at LUMS. He thinks coming so far and even learning about the Fulbright Scholarship would not have been possible, had he not been awarded the NOP Scholarship and been accepted to LUMS. Aside from that, he thinks the LUMS academic experience and diverse culture makes your life way easier when you choose to study abroad.

**TAIMUR AHMED**

Taimur believes that a career means being able to fund your hobbies and aspirations.

**HASSAN RABBANI**

From July 2015 to September 2015, Hassan completed a Summer Research Internship from Koc University, Turkey. From December 2016 to August 2018, he successfully graduated from the GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan Future Leaders Program. From September 2018 to May 2019, he graduated with a Master's in Biomedical Engineering from Cornell University, USA.

**NATASHA BARLAS**

Natasha switched fields from accounting and finance to education and mental health. She got to work in the field of education after graduation, and did her Masters in School Psychology on a Fulbright Scholarship in 2016. After graduation, she worked in Washington DC at a prestigious mental health consultancy that consulted schools in the DMV area on issues of learning disabilities and special education. She returns to Pakistan in 2019 and wants to work on mental health in education.

**ABDUL REHMAN**

Abdul Rehman says, "Do not settle for a paying job in an industry which is built upon excessive controls and regulations. People analysis should be an integral part of your chosen company. Understand the profile and quality of talent attracted or retained by the company and understand the priorities of a job first. I worked for a top bank in Pakistan for 2 years which had 0 focus on employee advancement. While I currently have a more fulfilling job, sacrificing personal development for a paycheck has been the biggest regret in my relatively short career."

**ADIYA FAROOQ**

Adiya is currently developing financial products for Small & Medium Enterprises in the capacity of an Assistant Product Manager at Bank Alfalah. She is also managing risk sharing and credit guarantee portfolios of Karandaaz, USAID, and State Bank of Pakistan.

**AMMAD ANJUM CHAUDHRY**

Ammad thinks the time spent at LUMS is precious. He says, "Every lesson learnt directly applies to your career so don't waste it. Looking back at all the tough times during my degree I am thankful now for all that our instructors made us go through."

**RUKHAAM MAHAR**

Rukhaam will be starting his MBA at Dartmouth College (Tuck School of Business).

**MSc  
FATIMA RAIS**

Post-graduation, Fatima worked and used her expertise and analytical skillset to effectively address economic issues specific to Education Policy in KPK. Based in Islamabad previously, she worked in the development sector with DFID and Adam Smith International undertaking economic assessments to measure the impact of interventions on education metrics in the province. Currently, she is based in Toronto, Canada where she is working for Mitacs (a government funded not-for-profit organisation) as part of the policy team as an Economic Impact Analyst. Her work involves undertaking economic research to map the impact of programming on innovation metrics and the Canadian economy.

**MBA  
FARHAN QAZI**

Farhan hopes everyone is doing great. He has just moved to Australia with his family looking towards a fresh start—a leap of faith of sorts. We wish him luck!

**AMENA ABID**

Amena is currently working as Regional Manager, Lahore, with Teresol, an R&D company that develops customised solutions covering hardware, firmware and software. The Lahore regional office conducts two primary functions: the sales of the standard product line, i-MPLOYEE, and a cloud based biometric attendance management solution, and working on development projects with the head office team in Islamabad.

**EMBA  
ADEEL AHMED**

Adeel was an accounting professional before joining the EMBA programme in 2013, working as CFO in Kansai Paint Pakistan. He had worked successfully as CFO/Head of Finance throughout his 20-year career, however as soon as the first year of his EMBA studies was completed, his vision changed to an unmatched extent. He says, "Maybe I had

long years of experience in many structured local and multinational conglomerates and already had that nag but could not find the key to unlock the doors of opportunity in general management. I was then hired as Head of Business in a local conglomerate (power plant, sugar mills, dairy and feed mills) and became responsible for overall operations and P&I of the company. My EMBA was completed after I joined and I very successfully used all of my corporate entrepreneurial skills and helped the organisation grow in a far better way. My success story is in the Agri Sector and it improved the lives of farmers of the area to a great degree."

**2016**

**BS/BSc  
PALWASHA FAIZAN**

Palwasha says, "As women you will be misunderstood, challenged and ostracised but don't let it stop you from dreaming. From the first year of your career to a decade, dream big and vocally. Let them know we can dream and achieve. Hold on to it and it will happen."

**SAJJAD HAIDER**

Sajjad successfully navigated through a Fulbright Scholarship for Master's and managed to secure a Boysen Scholarship for PhD.

**SYED AHMED**

Ahmed will be completing a Double Master's from Macquarie University in Australia. He will be getting an MSc in Banking & Finance and an MSc in Applied Statistics, and is still just 25 years old.

**UMER FAROOQ**

Umer says, "The Head of AI division for Deloitte UK asked me a question during an interview that reminded me of my amazing experience at LUMS and made me feel proud of my alma mater. He said, 'Why can't LUMS people stop talking about LUMS even so many years after graduation?' He had another LUMS alumnus working for him who would talk about LUMS a lot. I explained to him how LUMS graduates are super proud of their alma mater and they just miss LUMS life no matter where they end up in life. We ended up talking about LUMS for a good 10 minutes and then I ended up getting the job offer from him."

**SHAHARYAR AHMAD**

Shaharyar says, core values of LUMS are: merit, academic freedom, tolerance, integrity, diversity and excellence. LUMS does everything and anything to develop and shape you around these important values but when you move on to the next chapter of your life be prepared to work in organisations and with people who don't hold similar beliefs and value system. Be prepared when you find unethical practices being done by so-called ethical organisations. Be prepared to work with people who have no integrity or who cannot tolerate diversity. Corporate life is difficult to survive if you truly adhere to LUMS values. Generally values of corporate organisations are very well drafted but are not adhered to in the same way as in LUMS. Come prepared.



**AHMED MURTAZA ALI**

Ahmed was selected as the Eiffel Excellence Scholar for 2018-20 at HEC Paris, France by the French Government, which is awarded to the Top 1% of Foreign Students in France. He married the love of his life, Maniha Hashmi (BSc 2016) in December 2018.

**MANIHA HASHMI**

Maniha has been appointed as a member of the Athletes and Youth Committee (2018-2022) of the International School Sports Federation (ISF), the first and only member from Pakistan. Only 10 people globally are appointed to this prestigious Committee to work on the development and organisation of sports worldwide.

**MBA****MUHAMMAD IMRAN**

As Head of Logistics at Fauji Fertilizer, Imran designed and implemented Controls and Systems that improved processes and eliminated shrinkage. Overall, his work has helped reduce all logistics and other overhead costs including overtime etc. to a magnitude of 50%, thereby benefiting the corporation tens of millions every month. He has also led and managed the team of over 112 persons efficiently, by motivation and successful alignment of the entire staff with the company vision, mission and value proposition promised to customers.

**2017****BA\BSc****MUHAMMAD ZAIN BUTT**

Zain is running his own business by taking over the entire operations of an International Oil and Gas Equipment company's supply for the region of Middle East and Asia. He has managed to increase the revenue for the company from 1.2 to 3.4 Million USD this year, for this region only.

**HASAN AHMED**

Hasan is currently pursuing a Master's in International Relations at China Foreign Affairs University (Beijing) on Full Scholarship under the Bilateral Programme.

**GEENA PARVAIZ SALEH**

Geena will be pursuing her Master's this year in the Arts in Education (AIE) Programme at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**SHAHERYAR AHMED SHAIKH**

Shaheryar gained admissions to graduate programmes at the MIT Sloan School of Management, Columbia Business School, London Business School, and USC Marshall Business School. He will be starting the Master's in Finance programme at MIT in 2019.

**MOHAMMAD FURQAN AHMAD**

By the Mercy of Allah, Furqan is making it through the first year of PhD at Rice University. His one piece of advice to his younger self is learn how to work hard, and focus on the 'how'.

**AHMER RANJHA**

Ahmer is in his final semester in the Master of Public Policy and Management programme at the University of Melbourne. He has just been offered a job at the New Zealand Treasury, which begins in January 2020 and which he will most likely accept.

**ZAROON KHALID**

Zaroon says, "The academic and student experience at LUMS has benefited me a lot in my personal development. The opportunity to extend skills by taking diverse set of courses enabled me to gain additional experience to excel in the workplace. LUMS provided me with the environment that has made me a more confident and independent individual, opening the doors for me where I can strive to become the best."

**MUHAMMAD AHMED BHIMRA**

Ahmed graduated in 2017 in BS CS and always avoided courses with research papers. They seemed tough at that time. However, as of now, he has published three conference papers on different topics and is currently writing a journal paper. He believes that anything that you find hard can be made easy if you put in an honest effort.

**BA-LLB****YUMNA ARSHAD**

Yumna is currently doing an LL.M in Global Crime, Justice and Security at Liverpool John Moores University where she received a full scholarship and has been awarded the Global Citizen Award.

**MS****SAFIA MANZOOR**

After graduation, Safia had the opportunity to work at LUMS for a year as a research assistant. After getting married, she moved to Multan and started working as a lecturer at BZU. It has been a great experience to work with teachers she was taught by.

**AMINA CHAUDHRY**

After graduation, Amina has been accepted into Rutgers, State University of New Jersey as a Fulbright PhD scholar. She is grateful to LUMS for the training, exposure and experience.

**KAMRAN ALI KHAN NIAZI**

Kamran is currently doing a PhD from Aalborg University in Denmark. The department is included in the top 50 departments in electrical engineering.

**EMBA****YASIR AHMED**

Yasir says, "The most interesting part of the two year experience at LUMS was the industrial trip. We visited several industries in and around Karachi from a chemical factory to an automobile business, but the most interesting visit was to a Wind Energy project at Gharo. We got to see firsthand how alternate energy is being used to overcome

the energy shortage in the country. This has helped me in evaluating Cleantech proposals that are being considered for funding by Ignite as well as conducting a competition around AI/Big Data in Cleantech."

**ABDULLAH SAEED**

Abdullah used to work as Senior Manager Digital Services in PTCL and had a track record of 14 years in the telecom industry. As soon as he completed his degree, he was approached by Pakistan's largest automobile portal PakWheels.com (also an alumni) for the position of Country Head Business. Being untested water it was a big leap of faith for him to accept the position and deliver. From March 2018 to March 2019 though, he has been able to increase market share from 13% to 24.9%.

**2018****BS\BSc****AROJ NAVEED HAQ**

Aroj started her career with Teach for Pakistan and it has almost been a year since! For about 8 months now, she has been working with students, families, and schools administration to overcome learning gaps our kids face in some of the most challenging social and economic circumstances. She has had some ups and downs, but the lessons have been far-ranging. She looks back at LUMS fondly and values every visit she makes as an alumnus. She hopes everyone is doing well!

**HANNAN LATIF**

Hannan is currently pursuing an MSc in Forensic Medical Sciences from Queen Mary, University of London and expecting to graduate in September 2019.

**MALIHA NASEER**

Maliha along with her co-founder Arsalan Hasnain (class of 2019) got their Ed-Tech start-up, 'LIT - Learn, Interact, Think', incubated at Plan9 in April 2019. Their start-up was selected out of 400 applicants. LIT aims to provide personalised and interactive storybooks to Pakistani children. All the storybooks are complimented with an Augmented Reality application, which brings the book's illustrations to life and adds depth to the art of storytelling. Idea of LIT was born during Maliha's senior year at LUMS when she was running a business called Bliss Box, providing personalised gifts. LIT was the perfect opportunity for her to experiment with two things she was always passionate about; writing and entrepreneurship.

**MOOMAL IRFAN**

Upon graduation, Moomal was faced with the decision of accepting a job at P&G or pursuing an MSc at HEC Paris. She chose HEC Paris and got the opportunity to meet and learn from some of the best finance professionals from all over the world. She will now be working as an analyst with Goldman Sachs in London this summer! It's more than a dream come true for her.

**MS****JUNAID SAIF KHAN**

Junaid feels very lucky to call himself a Luminate. He considers it a great achievement to be a part of this prestigious institution as a 100% scholarship graduate. During his MS, LUMS provided him with the greatest opportunities and polished his passion for research. Due to the help and inspiration from his professors at LUMS, he is the only person enrolled in MS Physics in Pakistan who has been selected for the 69th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting in Physics this year. This is a huge privilege for him to meet the 42 Nobel Prize winners.

**BILAL JAMIL**

As opposed to undergrad, Bilal thinks the MS Math's period at LUMS was a great learning experience for him. It gave him deep insights on how to conduct research independently.

**MBA****MUHAMMAD FAHAD FAROOQ**

Fahad is currently working as a Marketing Specialist in Coca-Cola Icecek.

**PhD****TARIQ KHWAJA**

Tariq is currently employed as a post-doc researcher at Sejong University in Seoul, South Korea. He has published a paper on Wireless Optical Power Transfer that can be read about online.



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