WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Please reach out to Farrokh Langdana if you would like more information about business ventures mentioned below. All staff emails are on the last page.

**Demi Lappas (1982)** is truly a Pharma industry veteran. Demi has served as a CIO at companies like Warner-Lambert, Pharmacia, and Enzon Pharmaceuticals. He has also served in senior IT positions in companies such as Borden, Nabisco Foods, and Colgate-Palmolive Co. Demi informs us that he currently runs his own consulting practice, DDL Group LLC, providing information technology and management consulting services primarily to government agencies (DHS, NIH, and DOJ).

**Frank Gatti (1984)**, former CFO at ETS and former member of Professor Ivan Brick’s Board of Advisors for the RBS Finance Department, recently joined the boards of H.S. Grace & Company, Inc. and the New Jersey Chapter of NACD (National Association of Corporate Directors). Frank has been very instrumental in ensuring that Rutgers EMBA’s are exposed to seminars that discuss, “How to Organize and Run Boards, How to be an Effective Board Member, and How to Renew and Replenish Boards.” Once you get to the C-Suite, this will be valuable information indeed.

He recently organized a breakfast program with Ralph Izzo, Rutgers MBA alum and CEO of PSEG. Frank is also the genesis of the EMBA Frank Gatti Leadership Award presented to the alum that most increases the impact of REMBA in New Jersey and globally.

**Ray Kaminski (1988)**, lets us know that he was VP for Fluorescence Products for quite a few years with Horiba Corp, a 2 billion dollar company, running the entire fluorescence operation throughout the world. This group made scientific instrumentation for research in molecular spectroscopy. He moved on, to his “own tiny company,” El Vista Prod., which is exclusively involved in recording and developing music, primarily Rockabilly, and is based in FL.

**Dr. Randall Krakauer (1988)** informs us that soon after graduating from Rutgers EMBA, he became a Medical Director - then Vice President and Regional Medical Director at CIGNA. He writes, “From there I became Vice President and National Medical Director (subsequently Chief Medical Officer) for Aetna Medicare where I implemented successful programs in Advanced Illness (End of Life), Chronic Illness and Provider Collaboration - achieving in some cases dramatic impact on quality and cost which served as national examples. I am now Vice President and Director of Medical Strategy at Aetna.”

**Our Dr. Judith Samuels (1989)** MBA, PhD., is now the Managing Director of Impact and Performance Assessment at UJA-Federation of NY.

**James Kline (1991)** has been President of the EnSol Group LLC. In his previous role, his company made Thomas’ English Muffins, and The Cambridge Story is now part of EMBA lore. Jim had a shipment of English Muffins sent to Cambridge University--we EMBA’s used to visit there every summer, before “China” happened. The English had no idea what to do with them; there are no English Muffins in England; they are an American invention! So, in Cambridge, England, they served them to us at dinner!

**Mike Pawelczak (1995)**: “I have recently been named to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Regional Volunteer Leadership Council and the National Budget Advisory Committee. On the Regional Volunteer Leadership Council, I serve as the regional liaison for the North East Region of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, communicating important policy announcements to the Board Chairs of the seven chapters that comprise the region. The Budget Advisory Committee is
responsible for reviewing the Annual Budget of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and offering consensus recommendations to the Senior Leadership Team of the Society.” Mike cannot resist giving us another “Macro” indicator: “On the Motorcycle-purchases-as-an-indicator-of-a-prosperous-economy, two more friends are in the process of purchasing high-end Harley-Davidson Motorcycles.” In addition, Mike is a Project Manager at New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Group.

Our Tom Halter (1996), formerly of Lighthouse International, joined the Association of the Bar of the City of New York as Chief Financial Officer. Interestingly, our beloved Prof. Peter Parks’ daughter, Monica Parks, now works for him!

Dr. Bobby Braunstein, (1997), Chairman of Ophthalmology at Morristown Medical Center and Clinical Professor at Columbia University was made a Freeman of the City of London at Guild Hall. Subsequently, Bobby was admitted to the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers, a Craft Guild limited to 300 members that received its Royal Charter from King Charles I in 1629.

John D. Brefach (1999) Chief Operating Officer McCARTER & ENGLISH, LLP. John has been McCarter’s Chief Operating Officer for close to 15 years -- since 2001. Having been promoted from CFO soon after graduating from the EMBA program in 1999. John writes “Although McCarter is viewed as the oldest and largest in NJ, we are equally proud of our regional footprint (Boston - DC) and growth outside of NJ over the past ten years. In fact, we have more attorneys outside of NJ than inside.”

Christy Barone (2000) is the Manager of Credit and Collections at PSEG.

Doug Carrara (2001), emails us “I have some very exciting news to share. I recently started at Quest Diagnostics in Madison, NJ, as the Director, National Accounts. As you know I have spent the past 23 years of my career in the medical device/diagnostic market. Quest Diagnostics is the world’s leading provider of diagnostic information services that patients and doctors need to make better healthcare decisions. I am very excited to join the Quest Diagnostics Team and start the next chapter of my career.” We at Team EMBA are still so grateful to Doug. Many years ago before “Supply Chain” was a well-known discipline, Doug conducted an exceptionally valuable short module for us here in EMBA, heralding the upcoming world of supply chain.

Monica Merel (2001) is the COO of Homeowner’s Hub, a subscription-based solution for delivery of home repair and maintenance services that empowers busy homeowners to maintain and repair their homes with maximum ease, and competitive pricing. Her company absorbs the risk and the hassle of home improvement by dealing directly with workmen and contractors. Monica point out, “You never have to deal with sub-standard quality of workmanship, getting ripped off, workers not showing up, unexpected surprises, etc. We absorb all that for you. We have our own team of trusted workers that we deal with. We take the stress out of home improvement.”

Dr. George Safran (2001) emails us: “I wanted to update you as to what I have been doing. I have continued in my clinical practice in Emergency Medicine as that has been the foundation from which my other endeavors have developed. My time at Rutgers has always sparked my other passion, which is the marriage of technology and medicine. Initially, I had worked to develop and implement an electronic medical record at our and other facilities. As EMRs have started to become the mainstream, I have shifted my focus to other areas of technology. I am
working with an Israeli technology company that has developed a platform for capturing digital images and video in surgical procedures and incorporating them as part of the electronic medical record. We in medicine have always lagged in utilizing and incorporating technology into our practices. It is my role to pull my fellow physicians, kicking and screaming into the 21st century.”

The new Vice President of Global Health Economics at Amgen is our Dr. Martin Zagari (2001).

Jim Donatich (2002) is now the Global Supply Chain Manager for Battery Materials, a new business unit at BASF.

Larry Califano (2003) was recently hired as VP Sales for the Americas by Pomellato, an Italian luxury jewelry company. He says “I’m excited as it broadens my reach into South America, the Caribbean and Mexico, besides my experience in the U.S. and Canada. AND, I still get to make wine and talk about it!” He is also the owner of Mulvane Wine Company, and was recently interviewed by Cellar Angels, a socially conscious wine marketing company that offers wine lovers a way to support extraordinary causes by purchasing their favorite wines online. In addition, the Wine Enthusiast magazine gave his debut vintage, a 2011 Syrah, a score of 93 out of 100 and his 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon, a 92. He was also featured in the June 2015 issue of Inside New Jersey Magazine. (Photo by Noah K. Murray for Inside Jersey Magazine article)

Christopher de Souza (2003) emailed us that he is now working as Director, with Broadview Ventures, a philanthropic venture firm established in 2009 and dedicated to accelerating the translation of promising CV, metabolic and stroke related programs via investments in companies. Broadview currently has 21 companies in the portfolio and makes about 4 new investments a year. As Director, he helps with making investment selections, managing the outreach and sitting on 7 boards. He let us know that it is very busy but also very rewarding.

Inventor, designer, and engineer, Knut Fenner (2003) has been busy and creative as usual. Last year he founded Sconset Chair Company which manufactures a unique solid-teak Adirondack chair right here in the U.S. He adds, “In addition I recently completed an interim GM assignment, running the U.S. subsidiary of a private-equity owned German company in South Carolina. I just helped them put a permanent solution in place and exited. I am happy to be back up North and I hope you are well. I look forward to catching up at some point.”

Michael Lakshin (2003) informs us that he is in a new role: CEO of 8K Miles Media Group, Inc. - an umbrella Media Holding, which is “aiming to fill the gap in the South Asian media market by providing syndicated and vastly diversified media services from digital to broadcast, to the South Asian diaspora in North America and Worldwide in the key-spoken languages, such as: Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Urdu, Gujarati, Punjabi and Bangla.”

Tara Reynolds (2003) says, “Hi Farrokh- Greetings from Massachusetts. I currently serve as Corporate Vice President, Marketing at MassMutual Financial Group, Springfield. MA. I am responsible for promoting and positioning insurance solutions with prospects, clients and distribution partners. I also guide marketing strategies and programs to grow new customers, particularly in underserved and multicultural markets. Thanks for all you do!”

Our Francine Widrich (2003) writes to us, “I have been part of the adjunct faculty within the political science department at Montclair State University since 2004. I have taught Introduction to Public Administration, American Government, State and Local Government, and Governmental Budgeting. This semester I am teaching Governmental Budgeting, my favorite class, which focuses on the politics of the budget process and the very political decisions involved in the allocation of resources, rather than focusing on the technical mechanics of creating budgets.”
It is interesting that most students enter my class not knowing that our national debt is now in excess of $18 trillion and are ignorant of the implications of that debt on their very future. Most don’t understand the concept of fiat money, and are shocked to realize that the U.S. dollar is not backed by gold!

Todd Brock (2004) sends us some huge news. “I'm changing jobs this month. I've been appointed to the position of VP GM Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia and Anzd for Clorox. My family will be relocating to London mid-2016 after our son graduates from High School. We are very excited to take in the opportunity.”

The world of Lean innovation has no bigger fan than our Ian Goldberg (2004). He tells us, “I'm excited to share that in December I launched a new tech venture called iSport360, Inc. Along with a team of superstar developers and some "Big Engine Room" advisors, I am developing a social/educational platform to address many of the pain points for coaches, parents and kids in youth sports. Its customizable coach assessment/training tools and an interactive parent/athlete feedback portal get all stakeholders working towards the same goals and give you a holistic view of the player. Our experienced team of early-stage tech advisors includes professionals from Silicon Valley Bank, KPMG and Latham & Watkins Law Firm to get the game started.”

Lynn Ramsey Cox (2004) tells us that, "My husband and I live just outside of Chicago in a town named Wheaton, IL. We've been here for about 2.5 years and really enjoy the area. I run the network for Verizon Wireless across the 15 states that comprise the Midwest Area. My team designs the wireless network, constructs it and also maintains it, so true end-to-end responsibility, which is great.” Give my best to the team. Note from Langdana: I will always remember our dear Prof. Peter Parks, describing Lynn’s midterm exam in Managerial Economics as “best ever!”

The Director of Market Development at Sanofi U.S. Diabetes is our Chris Fong, (2005). Chris has this new title with two product launches already under his belt—Afrezza and Toujeo—and he informs us that he is working on two more for 2016. He also let us know that there are quite a few EMBA alumni at Sanofi including: Dan Casey (2005), Vice President of Sales, U.S., Brad Harmon (2005), Senior Director, Market Development at Sanofi U.S. Diabetes (and Chris’ boss), and Eric Racine (2007), Vice President & Head, Global Patient Advocacy.

Former EMBA Class President, Jennifer Kirby (2005) has been at Merrill Lynch since 2013 as a wealth manager/financial advisor. She writes that “It has been an amazing experience working with executives and small business owners—including some wonderful EMBA alums—to look closely at their financial lives, help them build their dreams and protect their wealth. I was recently honored as a national top quintile advisor for my length of service and look forward to the continued excitement and challenges of this work.” She adds, “None of this would have been possible--I would not have had the confidence nor the curiosity to do this work--were it not for the amazing EMBA experience. Farrokh, Suresh, Mark, Rosa... yours are names that are indelibly etched on my hard drive. Thank you one and all.”

Our very own Dermott McLeer (2005) was promoted to VP of Manufacturing at Falcon Safety Products.

KC Cheng (2006) tells us that he left BMS almost 1 year ago and joined Actinium Pharma (in North Edison). “I have stayed with my first love -- science. My current company uses radio-isotope labeled monoclonal antibodies to kill cancer cells”. He adds, “I just paid off my daughter’s last tuition bill and she is graduating in May with a job in the DC area. Now I need to think of moving to DC area as both my kids work there. In simple words, I am blessed to have a peaceful life. Wish all goes well with you and yours.”

Former EMBA Class president, Marti Winer (2006) has a new job as Chief of Staff at Drew University and is serving as an international board member of Meeting Professionals International.
Shilpa Deshpande (2007) informs us that she is Managing Director-Business Operations & Solutions at Ambac Assurance Corp.

Dr. Rashida Karmali (2007), our lawyer plus biotechnology guru, informs us that one of her companies, Tactical Therapeutics, Inc. and its lead cancer drug currently in clinical trials for brain cancer, were recently featured in BioWorld Today, a biopharmaceutical news source. Rashida was interviewed and quoted in that publication.

SoftServe’s Board of Directors has appointed Eugene Borukovich (2008) as Senior Vice President and Global Vertical Practice Leader, Healthcare. Previously Eugene served as a Vice President of Healthcare, European Markets, at SoftServe. In his new role, Eugene will leverage his deep understanding of the healthcare technology market to drive the company’s strategy of providing secure, scalable digital health solutions to companies worldwide.

Reshema Kemps-Polanco (2008):
“After spending several more years at Novartis post the REMBA program in progressive marketing leadership positions across a number of therapeutic areas, including oncology, I decided to pursue a great opportunity at Janssen, the pharmaceutical companies of Johnson & Johnson as the Global Marketing Leader for the in-line and late stage prostate cancer franchise. It’s an exciting role to lead the global commercial strategy for the portfolio of compounds that may bring promise for certain patients facing prostate cancer. In addition, there were two external recognitions that I was very grateful for since graduating the REMBA program. Most recently, one was being named a “Rising Star” by the Healthcare Businesswoman’s Association (HBA). Secondly, shortly after graduation and having my son in 2008, I received the Top Forty under 40 Achievement award in the NYC area by The Network Journal after being nominated by Novartis. The REMBA program was truly a great contribution to my understanding of global business and strategy. It has definitely helped me along the way! Very warm regards to you and I hope for continued success of the program!”


Lawrence Hibbert (2009) is President and Chief Technology Officer for BCT Partners where he focuses on operations and fulfillment for the company. BCT Partners is a national consulting firm that delivers program management, research and evaluation, technical assistance and technology services for community revitalization efforts.
Chris Mathes (2009) is now Executive Director of Business Development at Ion Channel Services for Charles River Laboratories.

Lincoln Rowley (2009), one of the key founders of the REMBA Alumni Association, is now the Director, Salesforce.com Strategy and Operations for Wyndham Hotel Group.

Suzanne Bujara (2010) was recently hired by WebMD as Scientific Director for its Medscape Education division.

June Carlin (2010) writes that she is now Director of Marketing for Sequent Learning Networks, a training and advisory company specializing in product management and business strategy. In this position, she is responsible for corporate branding, content marketing including social media, public relations and event planning.

Our Aluisio Figueiredo (2010), Chief Operating Officer for Intelligent Security Systems, let us know that, “After I graduated from the program, I was able to fully focus on my company’s expansion and re-structuring. Today we are operating in over 16 countries and doing business in over 56. Revenue has been doubling from year to year. I know we will not able to continue this growth rate but we do expect to double again this year – and then stabilize thereafter (targeting 30%/year). Things are moving well here, despite what is happening in Russia and Brazil (we are quite large there - #1 in those two markets). Recently I did a presentation/seminar in Professor Lyneir Richardson’s class (Urban Entrepreneurship and Economic Development) at the Rutgers MBA program. It was really interesting to hear the questions raised by the students!”

Gagan Kumar (2010): sent us the following email: “Dr. Langdana, I wanted to share with you the news that I earned a promotion. I am now Operations Manager, (UNIX) at Fiserv, managing the same team that I was a member of when I joined the company in 2005. Time spent with accomplished faulty and able class mates, instilled the confidence and I kept prodding. It all began in the interview for Rutgers EMBA admission where you made me feel special and wanted. I have used your macro updates to impress my peers and seniors at work.”

John Tintera (2010) let us know that in addition to his VP Sales & Marketing role at Watkins Publishing, he recently started his own company, Trowbridge & Tintera LLC which is a literary agency and marketing services company. He is currently assisting with the launch of a start-up digital publishing company called SerialBox.com.

Victor Zubb (2010) tells us of his new role as Executive Global Sales Director - Givaudan, Soliance Active Cosmetic Ingredients Business. He joined the company as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Sales. He will be moving with his family to Paris and then to Argenteuil, France. Victor will be responsible for leading the commercial organization globally, driving growth with his key international customers and building share in strategically important local and regional customer segments. He will report directly to Frederique LaFosse, Head of the Givaudan-Soliance.

The Chief Financial Officer for the German company, PNCT, that manages container terminals all up and down the United States East Coast, is our Markus Braun (2011)

Robert Church (2011) is now the Vice President of Patient Care Services/Operations at SBH (St. Barnabas Hospital) Health System in the Bronx.
Scott Guevin (2011) has been Chief Executive Officer at Penn State Hershey Rehabilitation Hospital. We in EMBA, love the 4-color EMBA-like pens that his company hands out! No greater shout-out to the EMBA Program is possible.

Our Dr. Adel Laoui (2011), is now the Chief Executive Officer for Portable Genomics, a Janssen Labs Incubator, located in San Diego, California. He informs current EMBAs, “I’m very excited about this position. This is a perfect fit as it leverages my skills across science, technology and business. And San Diego-La Jolla is certainly one of the best living regions in the world. I want to emphasize the instrumental impact of the REMBA program. I wouldn’t have this job without it. The program provides a great supporting environment, great friendships, and access to some great minds whether it’s our Professors or a critical diversity of industries and functions through our EMBA teammates. This Langdana Power House eco-system is highly valued in the business world and will differentiate you from the crowd in this very challenging job market.”

Krishna Malyala (2011) is co-founder of TLCengine, an MLS enhancement tool that provides Realtors and Homebuyers with deep insights into the True Lifestyle Cost (TLC) of buying a home. This tool takes into account over 31 unique lifestyle factors such as local property taxes, commute and utility costs and much more that show buyers all the hidden costs of home ownership.

Morten Nicolaisen (2011), the former CFO of Maersk, USA, with whose help and influence (his guanxi) we got to visit the deep-water port in China (see the section on the China program, please), writes to us: “I am now the CFO of a Japanese company, 'NYK Ports’ co-owned by Australians, based in East Brunswick, NJ. So I am staying in the global business of port operations and transportation, providing a Comparative Advantage for everybody else. I am also doing my best to show up for some of the R-EMBA events!” Note from Langdana: You cannot separate a Viking from his ships.

Former EMBA Class president, Jon Rosenberg (2011) informs us that he now holds dual roles - one for Prudential Retirement, and one for his Corporate Office.

- **Director of Client Experience Strategy** - Prudential Retirement, tasked with developing, documenting, and executing upon a holistic vision of all client interactions through all channels of delivery with Prudential Retirement and uncovering emotional triggers, areas of delight, as well as areas of opportunity.

- **Vice President & Cofounder of the Generations BRG.** - Prudential U.S. Businesses - Recently, after leading an innovation initiative aimed at finding ways to engage the Millennial Generation in better savings behaviors, Jon uncovered a need for a new affinity group that would not only benefit Prudential’s roughly 28,000 domestic employees, but also have a strong impact on business and community outreach. In early 2014, he was granted a green light to co-found Generations, Prudential’s newest affinity group. Generations exists to open up dialogue among the various generations employed by Prudential and to deepen the traditional understanding of diversity through all of their collective experiences and strengths.

Rudiger von Watzdorf (2011), Senior Vice President Technology CMT at BASF writes us the following: “Shortly after graduating from EMBA, I was asked to manage the construction of a new Automotive Catalyst Manufacturing facility for BASF in Eastern Europe, a strategic 150 Mio € investment. The EMBA classes in Strategy, International Business and Supply Chain Management gave me a real head start for this job. The first phase of this project was to select the best target country, based on availability and costs of skilled labor, the business environment and government subsidies as well as in and outbound transportation costs. Shopping around as a foreign investor initially provided some flattering attention by the local authorities, but it was only the overture to lots of tough project work. We finally selected a location close to Wroclaw in south-western Poland because of its close proximity to our customer base and the industrial heritage in this area. In September 2012, the project was approved by the BASF board; land was acquired and engineering contracts negotiated. Construction began in December 2012 with the
first production lines starting up in February 2014. In 3 years, I took this project from a business strategy analysis through conceptual design all the way to construction, and startup was a great, albeit pretty stressful experience. The same holds true for doing business in Poland - the speed of progress, entrepreneurial spirit and dynamics in this transformational economy are impressive. However, some resilience to Vodka is still required.

All the best from China, Dameo!
Rudiger von Watzdorf

(Editor’s Note: “Dameo” is a high-morale word coined by the REMBA class of 2011 to mean anything from Greetings to Cheers to Farewell.)

Our Catherine Murphy-Barron FSA, (2012) was elected Equity Principal of Milliman, Inc. at its Annual Shareholders Meeting on May 7, 2014. Milliman is among the world’s largest providers of actuarial and related products and services. The firm has consulting practices in healthcare, property & casualty insurance, life insurance and financial services, and employee benefits. Founded in 1947, Milliman is an independent firm with offices in major cities around the globe. Cathy specializes in health insurance and managed care consulting and is located in Milliman’s New York office.

Rutgers EMBA attorney-par-excellence, Allison Nagelberg (2012), General Counsel, Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corp., and member of the RBS Team that won the National Investment Challenge gives us some very impressive news! Her company, Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corporation, was one of seven that was presented with the prestigious Best In-House Legal Department in NJ award by the Law Journal. The company, which primarily uses outside counsel for transactional real estate work and U.S. Securities Exchange Commission compliance work, was able to keep its legal costs down even as it grew its business by more than 15 percent.

The Vice President, and Director for Strategy and Analysis at Digitas, Jing Suk (2012), is now the professor of the highly-acclaimed Web analytics course in EMBA.

Sandeep Teotia (2012) is now Business Intelligence Analyst at Bloomberg LP.

Nabil Mughal (2012) is currently the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Day Pitney, LLP. Day Pitney is an AMLaw 200 ranked law firm with approximately 300 attorneys across 11 offices in the United States. In addition to all Technology, Nabil is also responsible for the firms Records and Research divisions for the past 4 years. Nabil finished the EMBA program in May of 2012 at only 33 years old and assumed the CIO role in January of 2012 while still finishing his last semester of the program.

Carrie Andrews (2013) is now Global Head of Strategic Partnerships for Bloomberg Vault at Bloomberg LP. Having spent her career in various marketing roles at Big 4 firms EY and PwC, this is a big change in terms of both function and industry. Through a REMBA connection - Val Poltorak (2013), who is the COO and Global Head of Client Services for Bloomberg Vault - Carrie was brought in to interview. And between her expansive network of professional contacts, knowledge of the compliance landscape, fit with the team, and, of course, her Rutgers Executive MBA, she was offered this role, joining Val on the Bloomberg Vault management team. Carrie says, “Truly, this would not have been possible without my REMBA experience and network.”

Galia Conin, (2013) has also recently joined the Bloomberg Vault team as a Technical Account Manager. During the course of her professional career, she has progressed from Pricing Analyst to various management roles in Pricing, Business Development and Relationship Management. Great REMBA representation at Bloomberg!

Jennifer Budd Mattiello (2013). Vice President and COO for Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc., was interviewed and featured in SGRow (Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP’s
Outstanding Women). The interview was published in SGRow’s Finale of Its Celebration of American Business Women’s Day.

Edward Haddock (2013) is now the Deputy District Director for the U.S. Small Business Administration Arkansas District Office

Dr. Jacqueline Phillips (2013) was recently hired as a Medical Safety Physician Director for Johnson & Johnson. As chair of a multidisciplinary safety management team, she is responsible for assessing the medical safety and mitigation of risk associated with products. She also provides medical expertise and oversight to the Global Medical Safety organization including end-to-end product life cycle safety support and surveillance.

Ashish Saraf (2013) is now Manager in the Advisory Services Group (Performance Improvement) at Ernst & Young. In this role, his primary focus is on various aspects of finance transformation initiatives across multiple industries that deliver advisory services associated with large-scale, technology enabled business transformation projects.

The Director of Plant Operations at Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, Inc., is our Anthony Thatcher (2013). Luitpold is a pharmaceutical manufacturing subsidiary of Daiichi-Sankyo. Anthony tells us, “It is a major opportunity for me, both in moving from biotech to pharmaceuticals (the two are often very different), and in taking on a much broader leadership role. I am certain that without my Executive MBA, there is no way I could have made such a major move in my career. Thanks to you and the whole REMBA team, my ROI has been realized!”

Oscar Vera (2013) recently joined Cauldwell Wingate as the Head of Estimating and Purchasing and a member of the Executive Committee. He is responsible for bidding and purchasing General Construction and Construction Management projects. In addition he oversees marketing and business development functions for the firm. Cauldwell has nearly $800 million in active or backlogged projects.

Nadeem Dawson (2014) is now the Operations Manager for Ambulatory Services at NYU Langone Medical Center.

Alejandro Guerrero (2014) let us know that: “Right after graduation I was promoted to Director IT - Supply Chain & Manufacturing at ConvaTec (Medical Device).”

Ricky Sandhar (2014) announces, “I stumbled upon an opportunity to join the REMBA family through my wife's friend’s husband, Ravi Badge. During the third semester of the program, I made a switch from Senior Analyst to Director of Finance. In the 2 years I was in the program, students in the program became friends and that friendship turned into family. I even found my best friend in the program. One year after the program ended, my desire became reality and I am now CFO for a 300+ employee company. I will be working with a fellow REMBA, and for a fellow REMBA, Dr. Clifford Lisman, and reliving the REMBA moments forever. Thanks to you and the other REMBA Professors for all the knowledge and confidence you gave us to make bold educated decisions and be rewarded for them.”

The Vice President of Strategy and Business Intelligence at Manhattan Mini Storage is our Adam Steckler (2014).

Ukachi Anonyuo (2015), Director, Global Package Development at Estee Lauder Companies, was recently one of the honorees at The Network Journal’s 18th Annual “40 under Forty” Achievement Awards Dinner. The Network Journal, a quarterly magazine for Black professionals, corporate executives and small business owners, created the 40 Under Forty Achievement Award in 1997. This award recognizes young African-Americans who have proven to be exceptional performers in their industry and committed contributors to the development of their community.
Bob Hallinan (2015) writes, “I recently formally accepted a new role in my current company, Humanscale Corporation, as Managing Director of Global Accounts – International. I am relocating to London with my family for at least 3 years but I believe it will be longer than that. There is no way that this opportunity would have been available to me if I had not completed the REMBA program and most certainly - I am completely prepared now to meet this challenge. My thanks to you and the incredible REMBA staff.”

Former EMBA Class President Kathleen Munster (2015) works at Bristol Myers Squibb and let us know that: “I have been appointed Director, Site Quality Lead for our Devens, MA site, a key BMS site for Biologics manufacturing and analytical testing.

I am thrilled about the position and look forward to applying many of my lessons learned from the EMBA program - especially those from Org Behavior, Negotiations, Business Strategy, and Brand Management to name a few (Farrokh - I promise to work in Macro at some point...). My new org is ~100 people; motivating and engaging a large and diverse workforce will be a challenge for sure. However, I feel ready to take it on after completing my executive MBA with guidance from the EMBA staff and support from my classmates. Thank you all for helping to prepare me for this important and exciting new role!”

Ashish Saxena (2015), was promoted to Business Head of Manufacturing at Tata Consultancy Services, where he will have Profit and Loss responsibilities and a business leadership role. He attributes a lot of this success to the EMBA Program and all he has learned from the program’s professors.

The EMBA who delivered an outstanding luncheon seminar on “The Cloud”, our Swamy Vasudevan (2015) announces, “I was recently promoted to CTO of Cloud Solutions at Ericsson and now have much broader responsibility that includes strategy, marketing and business development. I can say that the EMBA program has given me a different perspective and effective way to apply some of the principles. Thank you and the faculty for shaping and sharing the knowledge. It’s very invaluable.”

Former US Marine Captain, Chris Wilson (2015), served active duty in the Marine Corps as an Infantry Officer serving two deployments to Afghanistan in 2009 and 2011. He graduated REMBA 2015 and has since assisted in the development of the miniMBA program for veterans at Rutgers University. He currently is the Director of Strategic Growth for Headstrong Project, a 501(c)(3). Headstrong Project’s mission is to provide cost free, stigma free, and bureaucracy free mental healthcare to post 9/11 combat veterans. Chris was the recipient of the Prestigious Rutgers EMBA Director’s Award in 2015.