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Current Academic Accomplishments/Pursuits

- Graduated in Spring 2020, dual major in Finance & Economics
 - I chose finance because my wife made me realize that I love finances and the stock market. I originally wanted to do engineering.
- Currently pursuing MSFE degree
 - I am doing the MSFE program for two main reasons; first, it is a stepping stone to a PhD; second, I want to be the first person in my family with a master's degree.

Career Goals

- As mentioned earlier, I want to get a PhD in finance and become a professor. I know it will be a lot of time and hard work, but I enjoy teaching and research, and the lifestyle of a professor is very appealing too i.e. pay, work to leisure ratio, etc.

Reason for taking this class / Rumors

- The main reason I am taking this class is because it is a requirement for the MSFE program.
- I was attracted to this class in my undergrad, but it never fit into my schedule.
- I have researched many different programming languages (R, SAS, Python, etc.) and, at this point, have decided that python is the one in which I want to specialize.
- I have heard that this class is great! I heard that Professor Brough demands a lot, but really cares about his students. I am excited for the challenge.

Influencing Idea

- The only person you can rely on to make your life better is yourself. No one is going to hand you a wonderful life on a platter. The hard work and dedication that you put into making yourself a better person will dictate how your life turns out. Once you are willing to put in the work, it is up to you whether you want to gamble on yourself.
 - I never heard this from anyone, this is an idea that I first had when I was 20, and I have been molding and growing it ever since.

Current book I am reading / Future books

- Current Book

- Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman
 - This is an amazing book for anyone interested in behavioral economics & finance. I have learned about a bunch of biases that humans have.

- Future Books

- The Intelligent Investor by Benjamin Graham
- The little SAS book by Lora Delwiche and Susan Slaughter
- A Random Walk down Wall Street by Burton G. Malkiel
- Flash Boys by Michael Lewis

FAQs

- Were you in the military?
 - Yes, I did 4 years active duty Air Force. Stationed in Ramstein, Germany
- Are you married? Kids?
 - Yes, and Yes. My wife's name is Holly and we have a 5 year old girl (Macee) and a 3 year old boy (Tavin).
- How old are you?
 - I am 28 years old; yes, you read that correctly.
- Where are you from?
 - Grants Pass, OR
- You want to get a PhD in finance, where are you applying?
 - See the next slide

School Where I am Applying for PhD School

	School	Location	Population
1	UT Austin	Austin, TX	2 Million
2	OSU	Columbus, OH	922 Thousand
3	Penn State	State College, PA	42 Thousand
4	Texas A&M	College Station, TX	116 Thousand
5	ASU	Tempe/Phoenix, AZ	2 Million
6	WSU	Pullman, WA	35 Thousand
7	U of U	SLC, UT	213 Thousand
8	Mississippi	Oxford, MS	26 Thousand

Q&A

- Ask away!