# What are your post-MBA career goals? Share with us your first-choice career plan and your alternate plan.

When I was young, my dad suffered a series of mini-strokes that left him with a severe personality disorder. This experience made me determined to one day start a medical technology venture that gives hope to those suffering from neurological conditions. Post-MBA, I want to become a product manager in the healthcare/MedTech industry at a company such as Pfizer, Amgen, or a start-up. Experience as an "intrapreneur" will prepare me to become an entrepreneur. Alternatively, I will seek to become a project manager, as the experience of managing resources and forming teams would be crucial when I start a company.

# The 'Team Fuqua' spirit and community is one of the things that sets the MBA experience apart, and it is a concept that extends beyond the student body to include faculty, staff, and administration. Please share with us “25 Random Things” about you. The Admissions Committee wants to get to know YOU - beyond the professional and academic achievements listed in your resume and transcript. Share with us important life experiences, your hobbies, achievements, fun facts, or anything that helps us understand what makes you who you are.

1. All my life, I wanted a motorcycle. I knew I couldn't justify such a purchase if I had kids on the way. I purchased my first motorcycle last March. Two weeks later, my wife found out she was pregnant.
2. At 18, I watched my dad be involuntarily committed to a psychiatric institution. This incident—an indirect result of his earlier mini-strokes—is a significant contributor to my motivation to help ease the burden of those affected by neurological conditions.
3. Every Sunday, I make a loaf of sourdough bread to bring to my grandparent's home for dinner.
4. After high school, I served a 2-year full-time ecclesiastical mission in North Carolina, including Elon/Gibsonville, Winston-Salem, and Charlotte.
5. As a leader of 18 other missionaries, one of the most difficult challenges I faced was motivating other missionaries to work diligently. Proselytizing for 76 hours per week is *not* the most fun activity.
6. On my mission, one of my companions (or 24/7 working partner) and I couldn't stand each other at first. We worked together to overcome our differences and are now best friends. We even ride motorcycles together regularly.
7. I'm a bargain hunter. When my wife and I furnished our first apartment, I snagged a brand-new couch for 90% off because it had a broken recliner. I spent a weekend diagnosing and fixing the problem, and now the couch works just fine!
8. I'm on an on-call rotation at work. Sometimes, I'll need to get up in the middle of the night to resolve a software problem. I have a great appreciation for all on-call workers worldwide.
9. I've almost finished reading the Dune series. I started the series after watching the first movie a few years ago. I'm nearly free!
10. In my church congregation, I help plan and execute group activities for the entire congregation.
11. In Tucson, I was a church youth group leader for boys ages 13-15. One of my favorite activities I helped coordinate was making portable camping stoves.
12. I'm a big-time skier and have visited almost every ski resort in Utah. To me, skiing blends serenity and excitement perfectly.
13. Last March, I severely strained my back while bench pressing 300 lbs, and I have attended physical therapy for the last several months. I learned my lesson and no longer "ego lift".
14. Last year, my wife and I got a golden doodle puppy. I learned to be my own professional groomer to save on grooming costs.
15. As a research assistant at BYU, I programmed a robot to play a block dilemma game with a human opponent.
16. As a research intern at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, I got to do a lot of nerdy work in high-performance computing. During my internship, I wrote and published a research paper. This experience taught me to communicate complex topics and accept scrutiny with maturity.
17. Growing up, I played the French horn in several community symphonies.
18. During my free time in high school, I earned a trade degree in "Composite Materials Technology" (think fiberglass, carbon-fiber, Kevlar).
19. This summer, I helped onboard a couple of engineers to my project and mentored an intern for a summer project.
20. I've worked primarily on one major project at Dexcom. I helped take that project from concept to value-driving production service, gaining much experience in the entire software product development lifecycle.
21. While I led my development team, I became overwhelmed trying to fulfill too many responsibilities. In my search to learn how to manage everything, I realized it's better to meet a few responsibilities well than to meet many responsibilities poorly.
22. One time, I worked 20 hours straight to successfully unblock my team from a critical piece of software that only one developer could write. Would I do that again? No. That was dumb. However, I learned I had the tenacity to push through challenging obstacles and developed healthier work boundaries afterward.
23. My team had an issue where developers often stepped on each other's toes. I reduced team friction by giving each engineer a designated "code space" to work in.
24. Last year, my cousin came out as transgender. This event sparked in me the desire to develop a deeper understanding of the challenges LGBTQ+ individuals face. Consequently, I joined Dexcom's PRIDE employee resource group. In doing so, I'm taking meaningful steps to become a leader who fosters inclusive communities.
25. As a kid, I started a small business making and selling doughnuts. I even led a doughnut-making demo in my city's courthouse and was featured in the [local newspaper](https://www.standard.net/lifestyle/2012/oct/08/young-entrepreneur-from-layton-perfects-the-raised-glazed-doughnut/).