Office of Career Services

South Asian Alumni

A Snapshot of Life after Wooster

DIVYA THADANI, '99

Mathematics & International Relations Double Major
Manager of Corporate Development
J.M. Huber Corporation

Divya Thadani

"One of the most important things I took from Wooster was a sense of confidence. You begin your senior year thinking everything is so daunting and unmanageable and then you do it."

During Divya's time at Wooster she accumulated experiences that laid the foundation for a successful professional career. She participated in the international student association, student government, judicial board, and the Applied Math Research Experience (AMRE). For her Independent Study, she researched why economic growth in third world countries often doesn't translate into better public health and education opportunities.

After graduation, Divya landed a job in New York as a strategy consultant and then earned her MBA at Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Today she is a consultant at a privately held manufacturing company specializing in engineered materials and natural resources. Divya has applied her curiosity, analytical mind, and sense of adventure to consult with companies with operations in the U.S., China, Finland, the Netherlands, and other European countries.

BILAL ZUBERI, '98

Chemistry Major
Principal, General Catalyst Partners

Bilal Zuberi

"Wooster exceeded any expectations I had. The place grew on me and ever since I've left I've realized more and more what its strengths were and how it contributed to my life."

When Bilal evaluates his own personal success, he places Wooster high on his list of influences. "Wooster allowed me to be an entrepreneur—to go out and be independent. When you are an independent thinker, you're not caught in silos of thought, or in departmental boundaries, or in disciplines that others define for you. I've gone from being a chemist, to an environmental scientist, to a managing consultant, to an entrepreneur, to a financial investor. And all this has happened within 12 years of leaving Wooster. It wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for Wooster giving me that space to really discover myself."

Bilal, a venture-capitalist whose job is to scout for promising start-ups and young entrepreneurs at universities, clearly illustrates the adage "It takes one to know one." Only a few years after receiving a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from MIT, he co-founded a start-up company that used a material to reduce auto emissions. The company he now works for, General Catalyst Partners, uses its two billion dollar fund to invest in approximately 75 companies that employ more than 12,000 people.

MIHIKA CHATTERJEE, '08

Economics Major
MPhil in Development Studies
University of Oxford *(in progress)*

Mihika Chatterjee

"The single-most important skill I undoubtedly owe to Wooster is my ability to synthesize my thoughts well and present them with professional flair."

It is very easy for Mihika to attribute her preparedness in the professional sphere to Wooster because she conducted research for three years before beginning her graduate studies at Oxford. "The writing intensive courses, I.S., and extra-curricular positions, like that of the Resident Director helped me develop strong written communication skills, serving me well at work, especially as I delved into policy work in South Asia in my most recent professional role."

Mihika is the first Wooster graduate to work for MIT's Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), where she spent two years on a randomized experiment studying indoor air pollution in two districts in Orissa, India. J-PAL evaluates the impact of programs geared at poverty alleviation to facilitate evidence-based policymaking in 43 countries worldwide. "In the field of development, little things make big differences. It's not just about the *big push*; it is important to consider who should be pushed and how. It's been fascinating to see how paying attention to small details in the field can make a significant difference." Mihika then served as a regional policy associate before moving onto graduate school.

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