



As we head into the New Year, we wanted to build upon our previous small business focused newsletter, by featuring recent start-ups.

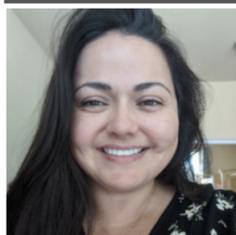
Our alumni continue to show their entrepreneurial spirit by forging ahead with new companies in a variety of fields. They share the ups and downs of starting something new in these times.

In addition, our Alum of Month really capitalised upon her Mountbatten MBA and her time on the London Program, to shape her post Mountbatten career. If this motivates you, perhaps you would like to top up your current Postgraduate Certificate to an MBA? We are currently taking applications for our Spring program, so do get in touch if you would like to know more. Remember, you can apply to do this from wherever you are in the world.

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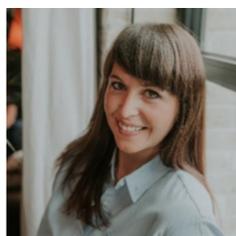
Features



Alum of the Month
Candice Nance MBA London Program, August 2008

"When we graduated, I returned home during a very difficult time after the global financial crisis. Having my MBA opened many doors for me when I returned, even during such a tough time. I re-entered the workplace as a director of marketing communications at a not-for-profit organization and later shifted into a career as a professor of business in higher education."

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Entrepreneurial Alumni
Sara-Louise Martin New York Program, September 2007

"After doing something like the Mountbatten Program, your view of the world gets broader and you realise that people are not going to hand you the perfect job on a plate. Sometimes you have to create it yourself."

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A Day In The Life
Josalyn Mayfield London Program, August 2011

Co-founder of Kwerke Products, a photography company selling quality backdrops and studio stands. Josalyn joined her husband in setting up Kwerke Products, following on from the experience of running her own baking business.

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New alumni start-ups

Samuel Elliott (New York, September 2008)

Daycare SOS has been created to help parents navigate the necessity to ensure their child is still provided with the highest level of care when unforeseen circumstances occur. We do this by offering parents the ability to conveniently have their child cared for in a registered and trusted environment. In doing so, we are also helping parents wear the burden of costly nursery fees when their child isn't in attendance. Our passion has allowed us to partner with some of the biggest names in the industry who share our vision of helping parents first. We are excited to have you join us in our environment that truly benefits all involved.

www.daycaresos.com

Diane (Bordt) Bercik (London, August 2006)

Realtor at Keller Williams Realty Maui
I am a real estate agent in Hawaii - homes, vacation rentals, investment properties.

www.dianebercik.com

I am also co-owner of a vacation rental company on Maui.

www.mppvacations.com

Stephanie McConville (New York, August 2018)

I started a small e-commerce business back in September. My brand is called Red Rebel and specialises in creating apparel and prints inspired by literature and alternative culture. I have a small list of products at the moment, due to just launching, but plan to extend the current offering to other apparel products/designs and introducing bookmarks very soon.

redrebeluk.com

www.linkedin.com/in/stephanie-mcconville

Edwin Ng (London, August 2011)

As the Master Owner, owns the rights to Mochinut in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. He is selling a trademark license to open a Mochinut store, similar to a franchise but different due to a simpler flat fee structure and much less documentation.

amp.charlotteobserver.com/charlottefive/c5-food-drink/article257512924.html

Edwin goes on to say, "I think it is a great opportunity for fellow Mountbatten alumni who want to set out on their own as an entrepreneur during this great resignation period to try something new that has been proven to work. I spent over a year looking for the right opportunity through due diligence and speaking with dozens of businesses, and Mochinut has the simplest processes and greatest revenue by far with a top quality product that people of all ages desire. Happy to offer a fee discount to all Mountbatten alumni".

Edwin sold the first store in Pineville, NC and it has an anticipated opening date of Apr/May 2022.

www.facebook.com/mochinutofcarolinas

www.instagram.com/p/CYnegzysP2X

Zainub A (Jenna) Bata (New York, March 2009)

'If only I had a Secretary' is a startup based in Dubai, UAE. The company is being funded by a Dubai based incubator and accelerator. We provide shared secretarial services to startups, SMEs and Investors who are based, or plan to be based, in the Middle East. With vast growth opportunities in the region, we assist you to reach your goals. You will receive professional, efficient and dynamic secretarial, administrative and concierge support on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. It is a brand new startup which we started setting up this January 2022.

Jenna, The founder of 'If only I had a Secretary' found it extremely difficult to focus and grow her business without professional, efficient and dynamic support. Having struggled for 10 years, she realised the huge value of having such support. In the UAE, it is expensive and difficult to recruit (visa, health insurance, limited talent pool), and mostly full time assistance is not required. Having access to a secretary for a couple of hours a week translated into more time to think, create and build my company and revenue.

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