

Jonathan Cin Interview:

How would you describe your area of study to a novice?

The MBA program covers all aspects of the global business environment, with an emphasis on management skills and practices.

What is your primary motivation for persevering through graduate school?

My motivation is in knowing that I can better my career by being a better leader. Radford University has definitely given me the tools to do succeed.

Do you think there is any value in social networking with other graduate students in non-related fields?

There definitely is. My degree does not restrict me to a certain company or industry. It is important to learn about other disciplines and understand why people are passionate about different interests, because believe it or not, we all are going to be interacting with each other on a daily basis.

What is your favorite stress-reduction technique?

Sports. I love putting my complete mind and effort into the game. It's the best workout and you can forget about everyday worries while you're competing.

What is the last book you read strictly for pleasure and how long ago was it?

I started reading The Firm by John Grisham two months ago.

Please describe your most meaningful academic relationship.

As the Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Marketing Department, I work with many professors. Dr. Angela Stanton has been a great role model in and outside of the classroom. She has always been supportive and helpful with my professional career, from academic, career or personal advice.

What surprised you the most about graduate school?

How intense the workload can be at times.

If travel to Mars happens in your lifetime, would you want to be one of the scientists on board? If yes, what would you contribute to the mission?

No, being in outer space would frighten me. It freaks me out just thinking about it, nonetheless being strapped in and hearing the countdown for takeoff.

What is your favorite comfort food and why? How often do you consume it?

Pepperoni pizza. It's delicious and easy. Anyone who thinks different needs to have a piece of pepperoni pizza.

If you hadn't been admitted to graduate school, what do you think you would be doing right now?

Continuing my career in a financial institution. I was unhappy in that career path and I owe Radford University a lot for the opportunity they have given me.

When do you expect to complete your degree?

May 2012.