



Nneka Kyari and Praatika Mehra, 2024 Ambassadors

FORTÉ FELLOW LOOKBOOK

CLASS OF 2025





In 2024, Schulich and the Forté Foundation, which is dedicated to advancing women in the business world, will begin a new era of collaboration. Since 2003, Forté and Schulich have collaborated to foster women's leadership in business.

Schulich Forté Ambassadors Nneka Kyari and Praatika Mehra have introduced the Schulich Forté Lookbook to mark this new beginning. This publication showcases and celebrates Schulich's Forté Fellows.

As they enter their second decade, Schulich and Forté remain steadfast in their commitment to fostering diversity, equality, and leadership among women, reshaping the business landscape for ambitious female professionals worldwide.





EDUCATION

Bachelors of Commerce
Mumbai University, Mumbai,
India

Chartered Accountant
Institute of Chartered
Accountants of India,
Mumbai, India

CFA Level 1
CFA Institute, Mumbai, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Product Analyst
CIBC, Toronto

PROFILE

Ambakshi's most recent work experience includes roles as a Digital Acquisition and Enablement Co-op and Product Analyst Co-op at CIBC in Toronto. She has a strong personal background in sports, holding a black belt in karate, which has instilled discipline and important values into her professional life. While at CIBC, she led a significant project that impacted 100,000 student banking accounts and earned visibility and recognition from senior leaders. She also won the innovation challenge among top co-ops. After completing her MBA, she aspires to join a leadership program at one of Canada's Big Five banks, leveraging her experience and education to drive impactful change.

**WHILE AT CIBC, AMBAKSHI LED A SIGNIFICANT PROJECT THAT
IMPACTED 100,000 STUDENT BANKING ACCOUNTS.**



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Applied Accounting
Oxford Brookes University
United Kingdom

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Risk Management Analyst, Intern
Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA),
Toronto, Canada

PROFILE

Ayesha Malik is a dedicated finance professional with a strong background in accounting and risk management. She holds a BSc in Applied Accounting from Oxford Brookes University and has completed ACCA and CFA Level II qualifications. Her professional experience includes a pivotal role at Daewoo Pakistan Express Bus Service Limited, where she led major projects in debt financing and competitor acquisition. Ayesha is passionate about mentoring, recognized for her efforts in empowering others. Post-MBA, Ayesha aims to leverage her expertise in finance and investments to drive sustainable business practices in the infrastructure sector. She plans to work in a strategic role where she can contribute to large-scale projects focusing on greenfield and brownfield developments, ensuring they are economically viable and environmentally sustainable. Her goal is to become a leader who bridges finance and sustainability, making impactful decisions for long-term growth.

AYESHA LED PROJECTS IN DEBT FINANCING AND COMPETITOR ACQUISITION.



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration

Les Roches International
School of Hotel Management,
Bluche, Switzerland

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Guest Experience Manager
Andaz Capital Gate
Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

PROFILE

Da Yeong Kang is an avid traveler who has visited over 35 countries and has played the piano since the age of three. Professionally, she excelled as a Guest Experience Manager, significantly improving guest satisfaction metrics, raising the Net Promoter Score by 9.4% to 78.9%, and the Customer Service Score by 5.6% to 81.9%. Her leadership propelled her team's customer service scores to top rankings within their brand and region. Da Yeong is passionate about creating exceptional guest experiences through data-driven strategies and effective team leadership. Post-MBA, she aspires to join the corporate side of the hotel industry, developing strategies for properties across various regions.

DA YEONG'S LEADERSHIP PROPELLED HER TEAM'S CUSTOMER SERVICE SCORES TO TOP RANKINGS WITHIN THEIR BRAND AND REGION.



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Technology
Mechanical Engineering
Dibrugarh University,
Dibrugarh Assam, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior IT Analyst (Digital Strategy & Consumer Insights) Client
Barclays Asia Pacific Tata Consultancy Services
Bangalore, India

PROFILE

Dikshita is a driven professional with a strong background in technology transformation, business strategy, IT infrastructure management, and data analysis. She has led significant projects, including transforming consumer financial services at Barclays Asia Pacific by diversifying products and implementing innovative pricing strategies. Her leadership in initiatives like 'Swacch Bharat Abhiyan' and co-founding 'Smile for World Foundation' during the pandemic has honed her collaboration and leadership skills. Post-MBA, she aims to become a Technology Consultant at a specialist firm, helping small businesses through digital transformation. In the long term, she aspires to establish her own boutique consulting firm, leveraging her expertise to drive growth and innovation in the technology sector.

DIKSHITA AIMS TO BECOME A TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT AT A SPECIALIST FIRM, HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES THROUGH DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION.



ESHANEE SADHUKHAN

FORTÉ FELLOW

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Business Administration
Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka
Dhaka, Bangladesh

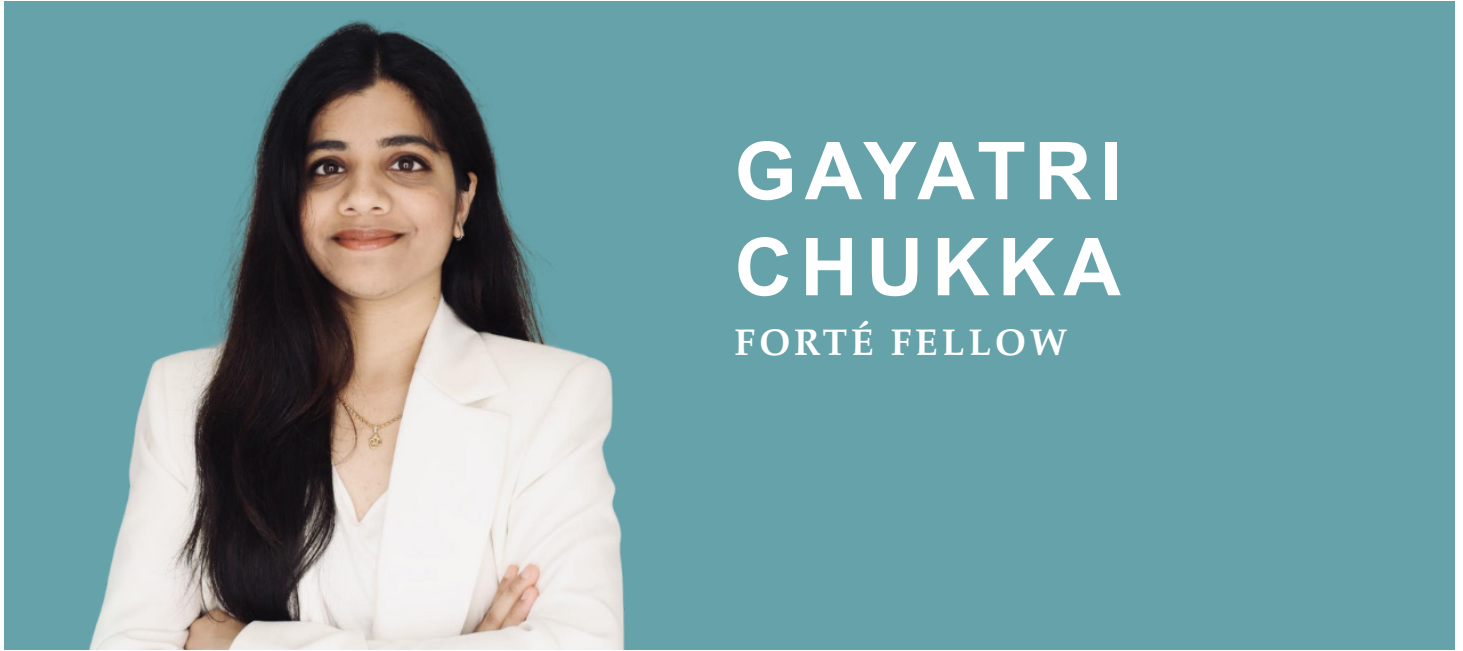
PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Business Development Analyst at #RealTalkToronto, Ontario

PROFILE

Eshanee Sadhukhan is a creative and dynamic professional with a background in business development and a passion for content creation and people management. Her career journey reflects her commitment to blending creativity with strategic roles that impact people and business culture. As a Business Development Analyst at #RealTalk, she leverages her diverse experiences from brand management to co-founding a digital art business. Eshanee's aspiration to excel in HR, particularly in Employer Brand and Talent Acquisition roles, underscores her dedication to shaping talent culture and driving business success. With a long-term vision of becoming a Director in HR or DE&I, she is poised to make significant contributions to any organization she joins. Post-MBA, Eshanee aims to become a visionary leader in HR, specializing in Talent Acquisition and Employer Branding. With around five years of experience in Talent Acquisition, she plans to transition to roles that closely interact with various functions and employee-employer relations. Her ultimate goal is to become a Director in HR or the DE&I space, preferably in a creative industry where she can influence corporate strategy, culture, and innovation practices.

ESHANEE AIMS TO BECOME A VISIONARY LEADER IN HR.



EDUCATION

**Bachelors of Technology
- Computer Science &
Engineering**

Sardar Vallabhbhai National
Institute of Technology, Surat
India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Business Analyst (Data Engineer & Developer in Dell Finance Team)
Dell Technologies, Bangalore, India

PROFILE

Gayatri is a dedicated individual with a strong background in IT and a passion for solving business and technology issues. She began her career as a Technology Consultant, developing websites and leading product deployments for clients in the UK. At Dell Finance, she showcased her leadership by managing cross-functional teams to address high-priority business issues. Committed to continuous learning and community engagement, she has been elected to the Graduate Business Council at Schulich, enhancing the student experience through various initiatives. Passionate about travel, singing, and swimming, Gayatri aims to leverage her technical and strategic business skills post-MBA to lead creative technology roles, drive sustainable business practices, and ultimately become an executive leader in the creative industry, fostering innovation and impactful change.

**GAYATRI SHOWCASED HER LEADERSHIP BY MANAGING CROSS-FUNCTIONAL
TEAMS TO ADDRESS HIGH-PRIORITY BUSINESS ISSUES.**



EDUCATION

Bachelors of Management Studies

Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics
Mumbai India

Masters in Commerce

Mumbai University
Mumbai India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Summer Associate, Equity Research Department, CIBC
Toronto, Canada

PROFILE

Jhanvi Shah's journey is a fusion of diverse experiences and academic achievements, rooted in a business-centric Gujarati household in India. Her passion for addressing financial challenges led her to pursue an MBA at Schulich School of Business and a CFA designation. Recognized with the FINCAD-Numerix Women in Finance Scholarship, Jhanvi has thrived in roles at Morgan Stanley and Tresvista Financial Services, driving market expansion initiatives and enhancing operational efficiencies. With advanced skills in data analysis and visualization, she translates complex data into actionable insights. Active in Toastmasters and committed to volunteer work, Jhanvi is driven by a relentless pursuit of making a meaningful impact in finance and beyond. Post-MBA, she aims to leverage her strategic insight and operational expertise to lead transformative financial projects and emerge as an influential leader in the industry.

WITH ADVANCED SKILLS IN DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION, JHANVI TRANSLATES COMPLEX DATA INTO ACTIONABLE INSIGHTS.



EDUCATION

Bachelor of business administration with a marketing specialization

American University of Beirut, Lebanon

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Finance Analyst, Revenue Management Department
PepsiCo, Toronto, Canada

PROFILE

Joanne, who grew up in Lebanon, is deeply connected to her Mediterranean roots and has a passion for exploring different cultures and cuisines, which she enjoys tasting and cooking. Professionally, she has excelled as a commercial director in the apparel industry, demonstrating strong ethical values, attention to detail, and a commitment to understanding the full spectrum of business operations. Her role involved working closely with the CEO to enhance the structure, workflow, and efficiency of internal departments. Post-MBA, Joanne aspires to pursue a career that combines strategy, management, and finance, leveraging her comprehensive experience to drive business success.

JOANNE'S ROLE INVOLVED WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CEO TO ENHANCE THE STRUCTURE, WORKFLOW, AND EFFICIENCY OF INTERNAL DEPARTMENTS.



EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering with a major in Administration
Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso, Chile

Bachelor's and Master's degree in Civil Industrial Engineering
Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso, Chile

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Marketing and Digital Sales Director
LATAM Airlines, Santiago, Chile

PROFILE

Natalia is an accomplished executive with over 16 years of experience in marketing, digital marketing, e-commerce, and sales, having worked with multinational companies across various industries such as transport, tourism, telecommunications, and retail. She has a proven track record of leading multidisciplinary teams, driving significant online sales growth, and implementing innovative strategies. As the former Marketing and Digital Sales Director at LATAM Airlines, she managed marketing strategies across several countries and successfully led a major digital transformation project. Natalia is also a member of REDMAD and BOW, with a passion for dance and travel, she participated in a professional dancing team. Post-MBA, she aims to secure a challenging role in marketing and commercial areas, focusing on strategy, growth, and business development.

NATALIA MANAGED MARKETING STRATEGIES ACROSS SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND SUCCESSFULLY LED A MAJOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECT.



NNEKA KYARI

FORTÉ AMBASSADOR

EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science
Political Science and
Government**
University of Jos
Plateau State, Nigeria

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Strategy, Project Management and Change
Ontario Energy Board, Toronto, Canada

PROFILE

Nneka is an accomplished entrepreneur and published author with expertise in business strategy, portfolio management and change management. As Founder and CEO of Nkiruka Online Limited, she launched an e-commerce clothing line for Nigerian working women, generating USD 50,000 in revenue with 21% YoY growth. At OEB, she developed a governance template for the organization's portfolio management, and designed a modern FTE tracking methodology. These efforts enhanced organizational efficiency, strategic alignment, and change management at OEB.

Nneka also founded the GEN Club, a non-profit mentoring teenage girls in leadership. Her visionary leadership, strategic planning, and operational excellence position her to drive organizational growth post-MBA. Her passion for Innovation and strategic vision make her a standout leader in today's business environment.

**NNEKA'S PASSION FOR INNOVATION AND STRATEGIC VISION MAKE HER A
STANDOUT LEADER IN TODAY'S BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT.**



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering

Government College of
Engineering
Maharashtra, India

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Engineering Analyst
Business Analysis & Project Management, Accenture
Pune, India

PROFILE

Padmini Shinde is a multifaceted professional with a strong technical background and a deep commitment to leadership and community service. As a Software Engineering Analyst at Accenture, she has demonstrated expertise in the entire software development lifecycle, data analysis, and the creation of intuitive reporting tools. Her leadership roles in the Schulich Case Analysis Club and the Women in Leadership Club showcase her dedication to strategic thinking and empowerment. A certified Pranic Healer and Psychotherapist, Padmini balances her professional endeavors with holistic healing practices. With aspirations in management consulting and a passion for diversity and inclusion, she aims to leverage her diverse skill set to drive meaningful impact in the business world.

**PADMINI HAS DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN THE ENTIRE SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT LIFECYCLE, DATA ANALYSIS, AND THE CREATION OF
INTUITIVE REPORTING TOOLS.**



PRAATIKA MEHRA

FORTÉ AMBASSADOR

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Arts Fashion Media Communication

Pearl Academy,
New Delhi, India

Masters of Arts Luxury Brand Management

Domus Academy
Milan, Italy

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant General Manager, Brand Sourcing
KULT, Gurgaon, India

PROFILE

Praatika Mehra holds a B.A. in Fashion Media Communication from Pearl Academy, New Delhi, and an M.A. in Luxury Brand Management from Domus Academy, Milan. As Assistant General Manager at KULT in Gurgaon, she led a team that introduced international beauty brands to India, developing an onboarding strategy that boosted revenue by 150%. Praatika excels in challenging environments, unraveling business cases to create actionable solutions. Her empathetic leadership fosters team success, crucial in today's volatile business landscape. Passionate about strategy and growth, she aims to leverage her post-MBA skills in CPG or Healthcare Sales and Business Development. As President of the Graduate Business Council and a Forte Fellow Campus Ambassador, she exemplifies leadership and strategic planning.

PRAATIKA LED A TEAM THAT INTRODUCED INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY BRANDS TO INDIA, DEVELOPING AN ONBOARDING STRATEGY THAT BOOSTED REVENUE BY 150%.



THARANIYA SHANMUGATHASAN

FORTÉ FELLOW

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Commerce
York University
North York, Canada

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Digital Media Activation Strategist
SkipTheDishes
Toronto, Canada

PROFILE

Tharaniya Shanmugathasan is an accomplished digital media strategist and non-profit founder with a solid academic foundation and a passion for innovation and community service. At SkipTheDishes, she successfully led a retargeting affiliate program that significantly improved digital marketing outcomes. Her dedication to education equity is evident in her founding of the Homework Club, which provides free tutoring to students facing financial barriers. With a keen interest in travel and DIY projects, Tharaniya exemplifies creativity, curiosity, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Upon completing her MBA, she aims to drive product innovation as a Product Manager in California, applying her strategic and operational expertise to create impactful solutions.

**THARANIYA SUCCESSFULLY LED A RETARGETING AFFILIATE PROGRAM
THAT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED DIGITAL MARKETING OUTCOMES.**



**TITILAYO
OYENUSI**
FORTÉ FELLOW

EDUCATION

Master of Laws

University of Lagos, Nigeria

Nigeria Bachelor of Laws

Lagos State University,
Nigeria

PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Head, Business Development

Jus Partners Cosmopolitan Ltd

Lagos, Nigeria

PROFILE

Titilayo is the co-president of the Schulich Black Graduate Business Network, an experienced professional with a Master of Laws from the University of Lagos and a Bachelor of Laws from Lagos State University, Nigeria. As Head of Business Development at Jus Partners Cosmopolitan Ltd, she excels in corporate law, governance, and sustainability. She developed a sustainability strategy that increased client retention by 40%, enhancing the company's environmental footprint.

Passionate about integrating sustainable practices into business strategies, Titilayo aims to leverage her MBA to help organizations achieve responsible operations through ethical governance and ESG principles. Outside work, she enjoys music and dancing.

**TITILAYO AIMS TO LEVERAGE HER MBA TO HELP ORGANIZATIONS
ACHIEVE RESPONSIBLE OPERATIONS.**
