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**What is your favorite Madison/campus memory?**  
I met my future wife in French 101. Eating grilled hamburgers at Union South and having lunch with some of the Badger football team, are other favorite memories of my time in Madison.

**What has helped you achieve success in your career?**  
My first boss was a demanding perfectionist, who accepted nothing less than exceptional quality. Furthermore, self-determination and being more focused on completing high-quality work, rather than simply looking for quick promotions. I have never shied away from accepting challenges.

**Outside of class, what experiences did you find most meaningful?**  
I had a diverse group of friends, and enjoyed learning more about American culture.

**What excites you about the future of Engineering?**  
The speed of research and development is now much quicker, which will lead to leaps technological improvements.

**Besides engineering, do you have another passion you have pursued or would have liked to pursue given the time?**  
If I had time, I would spend it on designing, building, and flying remote control airplanes and helicopters. I would also spend more time riding my motorcycles.

**Who was an influential peer/professor from your time at UW-Madison?**  
Professor Sun and Professor Theodore Bernstein were quite influential for me, and a few influential peers are Barry Rodgers and Jay Dunkinson.

**What are you most proud of in life? What is your greatest achievement?**  
I’m proud that I started out as a mechanic before I went to university and worked my way into a senior executive position. For my greatest achievement: I was instrumental in closing some complicated major deals between the United States and Saudi Arabia.

**What would be your advice to current students? What do you wish you had known?**  
My advice would be to be patient, work hard, and learn as much as you can. I wish I had known more about finance.