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Purpose: Keeping in touch is easier said than done.

As a “shareholder”, this means you have invested meaningful support in my journey. This could be anything from a 30-minute phone call turned friend to family and lifelong relationships. Given your status as an investor, I want to share a short, “update” on my life twice a year. **I also hope this will create a space to share your updates with me as well.**

To reiterate, you are receiving this email because I value the perspective you bring to my life, therefore no advice is unsolicited! The theme for this letter is a quote **“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right” - Henry Ford.** Below is the update, enjoy :)

I created a website, sachin-sashti.com! It’s similar to a personal portfolio, cataloging everything from my background to book reviews, and even this letter 😊.

Here are some questions I have, you can keep these in mind while going through the update:

- 1.) At age 20, is it important to have a plan?
 - a.) If yes, should the plan be structured, fluid, long-term, short-term, etc.?
 - b.) If no, on what criteria should actions be decided?
 - c.) Does your answer change with different age brackets?
- 2.) On a scale of -10 to 10 (with 0 being indifference), how much do you agree or disagree with the theme for this update: “Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right.”
- 3.) I’m getting to the end of my reading list, what are some good book recommendations?

Academics:

Prior to April 2024, I was an Accounting + Finance major. However, much has been added:

- [Integrated Masters of Accounting Program](#) - I have been accepted into the iMAcc program! This will allow me to graduate with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in one extra semester.
 - I chose to accept this offer for a variety of reasons, including:
 - Furthering my fundamental knowledge of business(need this to become a CFO :)
 - Access to exceptional professional opportunities(i.e. Big 4 firms)
 - Students in the MAcc program take classes together as a cohort
- [Philosophy Major](#) - If you remember from the last update, I took my first philosophy class last semester and **decided to add philosophy as a major!**
 - In an attempt to balance out all my business classes :), philosophy offers a different approach to problem-solving.
- [Schreyer Honors College](#) - I have been accepted into the Penn State Honors College!
 - I plan to accept this offer—after verifying I have space for additional credit hours.
- **As of now, I plan to graduate with 3 Bachelors and a Masters!**

Internship and Extracurriculars:

Internship: I have finished my first month as an intern with [Kimberly-Clark](#).

- I work on-site in the Knoxville office. Starting in mid-August, I will work remotely, part-time, through May 2025!
- As an intern, my work is mostly project-based. Two of my current projects include:
 - Leading a pilot for the integration of electric vehicles into the K-C supply chain.
 - Analyzing our current carrier payment process—correcting disputes, determining inefficiencies, and suggesting solutions.
 - Studying the future of payments is a personal passion of mine, so I'm finding this project fascinating!
- I have started recruiting for Summer 2025 internships(recruiting starts crazy early these days)
 - I'm primarily looking at strategy roles in technology, financial services, or consulting.
 - **I would love to hear about your journey and perspective on what to consider or look for in the job search!**

Extracurriculars: At Penn State, I have become involved in extracurricular activities.

Let me know if you were/are involved in anything similar:

- **Debate Team:** After enjoying my effective speech class, I joined the PSU debate team!

- **Career Services Intern:** - I will intern in the Business Career Center, assisting students with mock interviews, resume reviews, and holistic professional development.
- **Student Mentor:** Within the College of Business, I will serve as a mentor for 10-12 incoming freshmen, guiding them through their transition to college life.

Academic/Professional goals and aspirations

- Short-term: Dedicate quality time to each of my passions and endeavors :)
- Mid-term: Study or Work abroad(I'm hoping to intern internationally during the summer of 2025!)
- Long-term: Work in strategy or management consulting post-grad

Friends and Family:

College Life with My Roommates(Will, Greg, Manav):

- Fulfilling goals from the last update, **we completed a 72-hour water fast!**
- We also held a challenge to see who could miss the least classes. **Unfortunately, I lost by 1 class :(.** I will complete the (brutal) punishment when I get to PSU in the fall(not excited).

Family:

- During my Spring Break, I went to California to see my sister(Marisa) and ran a half marathon. It was a great experience and I'm on track to run a marathon by the end of 2024!
- My family and I saw my other sister(Priya) graduate from Brandies University(with a 4.0). She is now pursuing a Masters in Social Work at Boston College. **We are super proud of her!**

Personal goals and aspirations

- Short-term: Run a marathon in the next 6 months!
- Mid-term: Travel to Yellowstone National Park
- Long-term: Complete an Ironman(ideally before age 30)

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to hearing back from you!

Wishing you all the best,

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