

John Sullivan

Skills gained abroad support a career in international business

Hong Kong, 2006



“I have used the lessons that I was fortunate enough to learn in Hong Kong throughout my professional career in leading global enterprise transformations and change initiatives – managing colleagues and subordinates in other countries of both business and technical backgrounds.”

While studying in Hong Kong as a Gilman Scholar, John participated in a five-month global sourcing cooperative with a multinational firm located in Shenzhen, China. Upon completion of both the international exchange program and the cooperative experience, he was offered a full-time position with the firm. That experience put him on a trajectory to cultivate personal and professional relationships all over the world.

John’s graduate program at the University of North Carolina’s Kenan-Flagler Business School was an institutional member of the OneMBA consortium, consisting of four other sister institutions in Brazil (Fundação Getulio Vargas, São Paulo), China (Xiamen University), Mexico (Escuela de Graduados en Administración y Dirección de Empresas) and the Netherlands (Erasmus University’s Rotterdam School of Management).

Every professional role John has held since completing his undergraduate studies has had a global component to it. His studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as in the OneMBA program, have prepared him to be a vital international asset. John feels blessed to have an international rolodex of colleagues and friends from whom he can gather local perspectives on regional news and/or trends.

- ★ Has led multiple international assignments on six continents
- ★ Completed Master of Business Administration at the University of North Carolina in 2016
- ★ Works as Strategic Initiatives Program Manager with Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.
- ★ Participates in the development of products toward sustainable solutions

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