

# **Pen Sketches**

**Team of TAAC Mentors**

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**November 24, 2024**

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# 1. Aamer Shahzad Gondal – 28<sup>th</sup> Entry [1981-1985], Kit No: 2829



Born in October 1968 to an agrarian family besides the south bank of River Jhelum in the ChaJ Doab; that includes the area between the Jhelum and the Chenab rivers and lies on the southern fringes of the Kashmir valley. Now the wilderness where my inaccessible village Wara Alam Shah was located have been named as Mandi Bahauddin.

My father was an orphan since 1947, but my grandmother invested in him to become a Civil Engineer. And May Allah SWT bless and protect his departed soul; he further invested in me to become an ABDALIAN in April 1981.

During CCH epoch I learnt the best drills, guidance's, lessons, management maneuvers, tactics, trainings etc. for my future life from the best of the best faculty and from the worst of the worst seniors and loveliest of the lovely entry mates and the difficult of the most difficult juniors.

Resultantly I opted for a different course of education than becoming a doctor or engineer or joining forces and opted for a degree in law aka LL.B. from the University of Punjab after switching between Government College Lahore and the Forman Christian College Lahore to get a graduation. Afterwards I opted to have a master's degree in political science again from the University of Punjab.

In 1993 I started my first career with the Daewoo Corporation Pakistan and in the same year got inducted to the Excise, Taxation & Narcotics Control Department through PPSC.

I roamed around Punjab at multiple locations and in June 2014 landed in Canada as a permanent resident.

Afterwards I worked with the Hamilton Port Authority, Hamilton Police, Uber Technologies, Canada Post, etc. and eventually I am working in a law firm as a Case Manager awaiting my own independent Barrister & Solicitor title.

Mine is a boutique law firm and we cover almost all areas of the Canadian Law Practices.

For all TAAC members our Law firm offers free consultations and lunch. We have offices in Mississauga and in Hamilton.

## 2. Abdul Samad Khan - 45th Entry [1998-2000], Kit No: 4883

- **Present Occupation: Manager at Downtown Automotive Group**



- **Name:** Abdul Samad Khan

- **Entry:** 45th I/W (1998 - 2000)

- **Residence:** Mississauga. ON. Canada

- **Education:** Bachelors in Economics and Industrial Relations - University of Toronto  
Executive MBA from Rotman School of Management - University of Toronto

- **Professional Experience:** Have worked for two leading banks in Canada in a management capacity and in Operations.

- At present, working as a Manager at Downtown Automotive Group

### 3. Ahmed Saeed- 27<sup>th</sup> Entry, [1980-85], Kit No: 2751

- **Present Occupation: Telecom Consultant.**



After CCH, I joined University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore in 1986 and graduated as an Electrical Engineer. During First year of studies, I appeared in HEC sponsored competitive exam and won President's National Talent Scholarship. After graduating from UET I joined Army as a Captain in EME and served for almost 9 years. After resigning from Army, I decided to migrate to Canada. I came to Canada in 2001. I started my studies here and completed my Masters in Engineering course work from Concordia University, After that I got a job and started working for IT and Telecom Industry. I worked on various managerial and senior level positions. I worked for Nokia, Ericsson, Bell Canada and TELUS and now I have my own Telecom company where I offer consultancy services to small, medium and large telecom companies around the globe. I am co-founder and CEO of Gravity Security solutions, [www.gravitysolutionz.com](http://www.gravitysolutionz.com) , and also a co-founder and Director of Ameerz Inc. [www.Ameerz.com](http://www.Ameerz.com) . I also have a company by the name Onebestsolution Inc. [www.onebestsolution.com](http://www.onebestsolution.com)

I am married to one wife and have 3 kids. Besides being self-employed I keep myself busy in TAAC activities where I am a founder member and a director. I strongly believe in giving back to our motherland country Pakistan and especially I want to do something for CCH. As a Canadian Citizen, I try to do all I can for communities here in Canada and support the political parties here with time and donations. I am looking forward to work under this mentorship program and offer guidance based on knowledge and Industry experience. Thanks.

## 4. Azhar Shah - 24th Entry [1977-82], Kit No: 2394

- Present Occupation: Safety Manager



*Migrated to Canada in 2002 presently living in Milton, Ontario. With Bachelors in Electronics Engineering from NED University Karachi, Pakistan and Certification in International Trade, Imports & Exports, Customs and Transportation from Seneca College, Ontario working as Safety Manager with one of Canada top ten employers (McCains Food/Day & Ross Transportation). I am looking after transportation division focused on fleet safety related issues, accident investigations, remedial training, Occupational Health & Safety.*

*A golfer and motorcycle rider enjoy summer. Three grownup kids. Son and one Daughter married. Addition of a granddaughter last year makes our life more promising being grandparents.*

## 5. Farhan Daud Qazi, 36<sup>th</sup> Entry [1989-94], Kit No: 3737

- **Present occupation: Entrepreneur**



- Education: B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering (Pakistan) MBA (Pakistan), MS Industrial Engineering (France)
- Nearly 25 years of experience nestled mainly in R&D (sustainable development orientation), Teaching & academic advising (engineering, supply chain, project management and entrepreneurship), and Consulting (as independent consultant for UN, World Bank, ADB, JICA on productivity enhancement, energy, and sustainable development projects).
- Immigrated to Canada in 2022 and chose to switch wholly to business.
- Humbled to have been able to help/guide tens, if not hundreds, to prestigious universities across the globe.

Married, happily 😊 - two grown up boys.

## 6. Khaqan Khan – 22<sup>nd</sup> Entry [1975-80], Kit No: 2184

- **Present Occupation: Engineering Management/Electrical Engineering, Government of Ontario Canada's Power Sector Crown Agency**



*I am currently working in Management Group in the Government of Ontario Canada's power sector crown agency under the Ministry of Energy, Ontario. I completed my B.Sc in Electrical Engineering from UET Lahore in 1986. I was awarded a Fulbright/S&T/USAID scholarship in 1987 for pursuing Ph.D. Accordingly, I earned M.Sc and Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. in 1989 and 1992 respectively.*

*I have been working in the Electricity Power Sector in Canada for almost past 20 years, since 2001. I served as Chairman of Ontario Wind Power Task Force, Canada for seven years and as Chairman and Vice Chairman of USA-Canada working group on "Coordination of Power Operations" for four consecutive years. Prior to Canada, I served in Pakistan in Wapda and then as World Bank's core group Advisor to NEPRA (Electric Power Regulatory Authority) in the Power sector development program. I also previously remained part-time engaged in academics i.e. as an adjunct professor with Engineering Universities (GIK, UET Taxila and NUST in Pakistan), and recently in industry-university collaboration projects with University of Toronto, Canada and with University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. I have been providing coaching and mentorship to young electrical engineers and engineering graduates.*

*I am married, have four children and my best time is the time devoted to my wife and children thereby balancing my busy work & life schedule. I also have a strong passion to work voluntarily for Abdalians and devoting time to charities and other noble causes. My other hobbies include biking, long drives, listening to music.*



# 7. Mohammad Fakhir – 63rd Entry [2016-2021], Kit No: 7468

- Present Occupation: BSc Computer Science Student at UBC



- *Currently residing in Vancouver, BC*
- *Education (in progress): Bachelors in Science, Computer Science - University of British Columbia*
- *Final year coursework focusing on distributed systems, parallel computation (systems generally)*
- *Activities outside school: hiking, local coffee shop exploration, reading*

## 8. Mubashar Hassan, Dr., 44<sup>th</sup> Iqbal Wing, (1997-2002), Kit No: 4748.

**Current Position:** Consultant Psychiatrist, Southlake Regional Health Center, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada



**Residence:** Markham, Ontario, Canada

**Education:** MBBS, Sheikh Zayed Hospital (2008), FRCPC Psychiatry (2022)

**Professional Background:** Surgery (2008–2015); Psychiatry (2015–Present)

I am a Consultant Psychiatrist with over 15 years of experience in both surgery and psychiatry. I completed my MBBS in 2008 and initially pursued a career in general surgery, completing four years of training in Pakistan before moving to Ireland in 2014. In 2015, I transitioned to psychiatry and completed my specialty training in General Adult Psychiatry in 2022. I worked as a Consultant Psychiatrist in Ireland for two years before relocating to Canada in May 2024, where I currently practice at Southlake Regional Health Center. I am passionate about providing patient-centered psychiatric care, collaborating across disciplines, and mentoring junior doctors and students. Mentorship is a crucial part of my professional journey, as I believe it fosters growth, builds confidence, and shapes the future of healthcare. By sharing my experiences and offering guidance, I aim to inspire the next generation to navigate challenges and achieve excellence in their careers.

## 9. Muhammad Tahir bin Yousaf – 50th Entry [1994-1999], Kit No: 5533

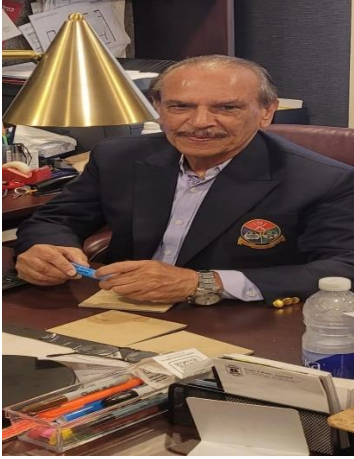
- Present Occupation: Mechanical Engineer – SystemAir, Canada



*After earning my BS in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University, I began my career as a Labs Manager at Texas A&M University Qatar (TAMUQ), where I led mechanical equipment installations, developed SOPs, and contributed to ISO 9001:2013 certification. I also mentored students and staff in design and manufacturing projects, creating training modules and ensuring ABET accreditation compliance.*

*Currently, as a Project Engineer at Systemair in Canada, I manage HVAC system design and procurement. I also run an Education Consultancy Firm.*

# 10. Muslim Abbas Khan – 5<sup>th</sup> Entry [1958-1963]



5th Entry 1958 Liaquat /Haider wing

Graduated in BE (civil) 1968, worked at Tarbela Dam Project and Middle East countries including Saudi Arabia.

Admitted to Concordia University Montreal and graduated in 1988 with a Master of Engineering (Building) degree.

Having completed the post degree program, I entered Ph. D studies. It was at this point that I started probing if I am good enough to start a business where I could draw & implement my own ideas and that's when I took some bold decisions -not to be a subservient to anyone, make my own decisions and be responsible for all actions. I looked into the prospects of setting up a construction company but considering the enormous requirements of funds, manpower and machinery, diverted my attention to something I had never imagined-*build a hotel although I didn't have any clue about any business and least of all a hotel!*

After taking a few months of study of the industry, took a detailed survey for probable locations starting from Niagara Falls to Cornwall , purchased a land lot, designed and built my hotel, a mid-scale famous US franchise, thanks to a generous bank loan of nearly \$ 4 million.

As said earlier, I had no experience in any kind of business, but my Abdalian spirit helped me a long way to learn and manage the enormous task. I had to work almost round the clock for two years, my legs gave up standing at the front desk for very long hours, I had to keep my knees frozen with bags of ice to help me stand. This period of management taught me so many lessons about hospitality, business and facts of life. My biggest asset was dedication, untiring hard work and **most of all discipline**. The entire staff of the hotel was recruited by myself over the years and trained to follow my kind of discipline, one of the angry old lady guests once sarcastically remarked "Everything here is regimented".

On the first day of opening, we had 80 percent of the hotel booked and since then have never looked back. We are now ranked as the top 125th hotel amongst about 3000 properties in Canada, USA, Europe and Asia. The hotel has been awarded "Proud of the *hotel chain*".

The key to success is hard work and DISCIPLINE, my passion makes me work 7 days a week.

# 11.Rahat Jalal - 14th Entry [1967-72], Kit No: 1282

**Present Occupation: Director & President Diya Education Foundation, Canada [NFP Charity recently established in Canada]**



- COPO\*: since 1996      \*COPO - Canadian Of Pakistan Origin
- Education: BE Mechanical from Cairo University, Egypt
- Present status: **retired** [but planning to 're-tire' soon] after serving over 25 years in the fields of automotive training & sales (Toyota/Lexus and Nissan/Infiniti) in the ME and auto-rentals (Budget/Avis) in Canada

*Married, but once only (ahem: we all make mistakes in life...lol) - 4 sons and 7 g/children...love playing with g/children, social work, golf and pickleball - not necessary in that sequence though...lol*

# 12.Syed Wajahat Ali Shah - 15th Entry [1968-73]

**Present Occupation: Real Estate Developer**



*Syed Wajahat Ali Shah ( Syed Shah ) 15th E/ OW. In Canada since 1978 . After leaving CCH in 73, From 73 - 75 PMA / 52nd L/C. 75 to 78, 1 FF (my Battalion Armed Infantry) Lahore. UBC , undergrad ( Economics) 1983 First year Law School and got a Real Estate licence also in 83. Left school and pursued Real Estate as a career . 1989 to currently have owned 4 RealEstate companies ((currently also ) Have a building and Development company . Built over 100 single family homes and multiple, multi family projects. 1990 to 2010 also involved in Hospitality industry (2 Hotels 4 \* plus and oceanfront boutique style , both had F&B, night clubs etc) Also had two Italian and a Greek restaurant. Political contributions, President Federal and Provincial Parties Riding Association for over a decade. Co Chair 38 Ridings of BC for LPC .( Liberal Party of Canada) Contributions to Foreign Policy Platform ( political passion ) Married for 30 years, spouse family from Chez Republic. One son, CA by profession and working with me. Vancouver, BC, has been home for 42 years. Association's include Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, also a FreeMason. God bless you all and thumbs up to the mentorship programme . **Wajahat***

# 13. Shahzad Rashid – 23<sup>rd</sup> Entry [1976-1981]



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- **Entry:** 23<sup>rd</sup> (1976-81)
- **Residence:** Niagara Falls, Ontario
- **Education:** Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), Chartered Accountant (CA) – Canada.
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Global Management Accountant (CGMA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) – USA.
- Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) – Pakistan.
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- **Work:** As a Managing Director, currently operating an accounting practice in Ontario under the logo of SMR CPA with offices located in Niagara and Durham region, providing services to small and medium size enterprises. The practice focuses mainly on accounting, tax advisory, M&A and other business advisory services.
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- Prior to SMR CPA, spent several years in **public accounting** with the accounting firms like KPMG, Deloitte and PwC.
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- Also worked in the **industry** for several years with the largest Canadian manufacturing company, Magna International, managing their Internal Audit.



# 14. Syed Yasser Haider, Dr. - 24th Entry [1977-82]

- **Present Occupation: Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, Markham ON**

*Born in Gujrat Pakistan. Married with 2 children. A daughter and a son.*

*Live in Unionville, ON Canada. Moved to Canada in 1999 from London UK.*



## Dr Syed Y Haider MD FRCS, FRCS- Orth

Dr Syed Haider is a senior orthopaedic consultant surgeon at Markham Stouffville Hospital in Toronto Canada.

He did his MD from King Edward Medical University in Lahore Pakistan. After completing his orthopaedic residency training at Royal London & St Bart's in London UK he completed his orthopaedic fellowship with Intercollegiate board of Royal colleges in UK before moving to Canada. He completed his Canadian Orthopaedic fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 2004. Dr Haider has also trained in specific joint preservation surgery techniques in Oxford England. He is an expert in the field of cartilage repair, sports injuries and osteoarthritis especially in younger and more active individuals using cutting edge techniques.

He is one of the leading surgeons in orthopaedic pain management and the field of regenerative orthopaedics and joint preservation. He had a special interest in ortho biologics and cartilage repair for osteoarthritis and sports injuries.

He has served in many leadership roles including chief of orthopaedics at ~~Grenfell~~ Regional Health Services, vice chair of Canadian orthopaedics overseas. He has served on the board of Canadian Healthcare international. He is visiting professor at several international medical institutions including King Edward Medical University & St George's University.

In addition to being involved in cutting edge science of cartilage regeneration & preservation he is a teacher and a trainer in joint preservation techniques like Oxford knee & cartilage repair. He holds membership of many international orthopaedic organizations including International Cartilage and Joint preservation society.

In addition being a surgeon and a scientist, Dr Haider is a humanitarian, who was the team leader for Canada's earthquake relief missions during the devastating earthquake in 2006 in South Asia. He is one of the founders & a board member of IAH Hospital in Southern Iraq and has lead several other international medical missions.



# 15. Tayyab Khan, Dr. - 42nd Entry [1995-2000], Kit No: 4556

- Present occupation: Physician



*I belong to the 42nd entry, Aurangzeb Wing and graduated in 2000. I moved to Canada the same year and completed my undergraduate degree in Genetics and Biotechnology in 2004, before pursuing a Master of Applied Science in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto which I completed in 2006, where I researched stem cells and bone loss. I completed my medical degree at the University of Manitoba, Canada in 2011 before training in Internal Medicine at University of Western Ontario, and completing my fellowship training in Endocrinology at McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada, which included a preceptorship in Metabolic Bone Diseases at Columbia University, for which I was the only Canadian to have been selected through an international competition. I have more recently completed a Master of Public Health at Harvard University, USA. Currently, I work as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Western University and the Deputy Program Director of the PGY-4 Internal Medicine Residency Training Program. My interests include education in general, and in particular medical education, curriculum development and providing mentorship to my trainees. I have been part of national mentorship programs in Diabetes in Canada and have been recognized as a rising star in this field nationally. Outside of work, I am an avid runner, and like to write short prose in English, and read Urdu poetry.*

*Sincerely,*  
**Tayyab**

# 16.Zohaib Tanveer – 47<sup>th</sup> Entry

## [2000-2005]

**Current Position:** Director Design & Engineering, (High speed internet infrastructure design)



**Residence:** Oakville, Ontario, Canada

**Education:** Masters in engineering, Electrical and Management. (Queens University, Ontario)

**Professional Background:**

I have over 15 years of leadership, management and engineering experience. I run the Canada office for Cyient Canada. Around 85 associates report to me onsite (Canada) and around 300 based offshore. I got the opportunity to work in Mobily Saudi Arabia for 4 years and then I moved to Canada. I worked with 4 industry giants during my 12 years in Canada (Telecon, UTS consultants, Ledcor, Cyient).

I am a registered professional Engineer with PEO. I volunteered in PEO York Chapter for 3 consecutive years and was on the board of directors for a year.

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