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Ashutosh is a graduate of Trinity College, University of Toronto (2006) as well as the Rotman School of Management ("Bridge to Business" program, 2006). Currently he works at Accenture Inc. - a global management consulting, technology and outsourcing company. He has been with the foundation since its inception. He is also a former entrepreneur.

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Ashutosh currently serves as the Director of Projects for the POA Educational Foundation, which takes initiatives to promote education, nurture entrepreneurship and strengthen civil governance. Ashutosh is co-founder of "Project Beyshick" that nurtures prosperity and financial independence amongst First Nations communities and individuals by encouraging and mentoring entrepreneurial efforts in Canada. 'Project Beyshick' and 'Project Beyshick Business/Career Plan Competition' are part of foundations' grand Social Venture Capital Fund (SVCF) initiative for first nations entrepreneurs (Note, Entrepreneurs may include business owners, students, professionals and community leaders). Ashutosh has co-founded, planned and implemented many other initiatives for the foundation that have had meaningful impacts on those those striving for a better future. The foundation takes entrepreneurial approach towards its initiatives. He has volunteered with several other organizations such as Frontier college and Learning to Integrate New Cultures (LINCC) in past.

Ashutosh is a member of the UNICEF Canada's India HIV/ AIDS Campaign (\$3 million), and volunteers his time as Communications Advisor to the Canada-India Foundation. Ashutosh is former Head of Trinity College (OT6), the central student position in the leadership structure of College. He served on various committees and boards while in University

including the Trinity College Board. He was also the head of his high school in India where he initiated several environmental initiatives still being practiced to date.

In 2006/2007, Ashutosh was one of the thirty youth selected from around the globe to participate in the prestigious KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP) organized by the Government of India. Ashutosh had the privilege of serving as the leader of this group. Following this program, Ashutosh job-shadowed Ontario's Minister of Small Business and Entrepreneurship - Hon. Harinder Takhar - in Bombay, as part of Premier McGunty's 'Business Mission to India'.