

BUSINESS LEADER FROM TRINIDAD ACHIEVES RARE DOUBLE VALEDICTORIAN AWARD WITH AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS

Australian Institute of Business (AIB) graduate Kevin David has achieved incredible results in his studies with the business school, earning the valedictorian award for two degrees – the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Master of Business Administration (MBA).

This is the first time a student of the Australian Institute of Business has received the accolade for two degrees consecutively. The valedictorian award is presented to the student with the highest overall grade point average in their graduating class, signifying academic excellence.

Kevin is currently a Senior Customer Relationship Advocate in Trinidad and Tobago's largest and only full-service Telecom operator, and although he has over 20 years' work experience, he embarked on his study journey to take his career to the next level.

Kevin initially chose AIB because of their accelerated format of learning, allowing students to complete their degrees sooner, but was then captivated by the support they show for their students through the practical approach.

"Most of the AIB core modules have directly aligned with real-world examples specific to my career," said Kevin. "Strategic Management, Operations Management and Marketing Management were just a few of the classes that used case studies and assessments that were relevant to my field and built on my expertise."

The double valedictorian completed the two degrees in just under 4 years, fitting the study commitment into his life by being creative with his time and his schedule. Kevin explained, "I capitalised on any free time by taking subject material with me every day – audio, visual and print. I listened to audio files during peak hour traffic, I gave up TV and replaced it with YouTube videos on topics related to my subjects, and I negotiated with my employer to spread my vacation days throughout the year to use as study days."

Paul Wappett, CEO of AIB, couldn't be prouder of Kevin's achievements with the school. "We are thrilled for Kevin and the remarkable results he has achieved in his BBA and MBA. It just goes to show that there is no limitation to academic excellence once someone finds their passion. We're excited to watch what the future has in store for Kevin as he combines his education with his hands-on experience and undeniable drive to no doubt achieve great things," Paul said.

Kevin's exceptional MBA GPA of 6.42 out of a maximum 7 points has inspired him to pursue his PhD in Entrepreneurship & Commercial Studies in Trinidad and Tobago. His outstanding results were acknowledged at AIB's Graduation Ceremony in Adelaide, Australia on 7 December 2018.

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