

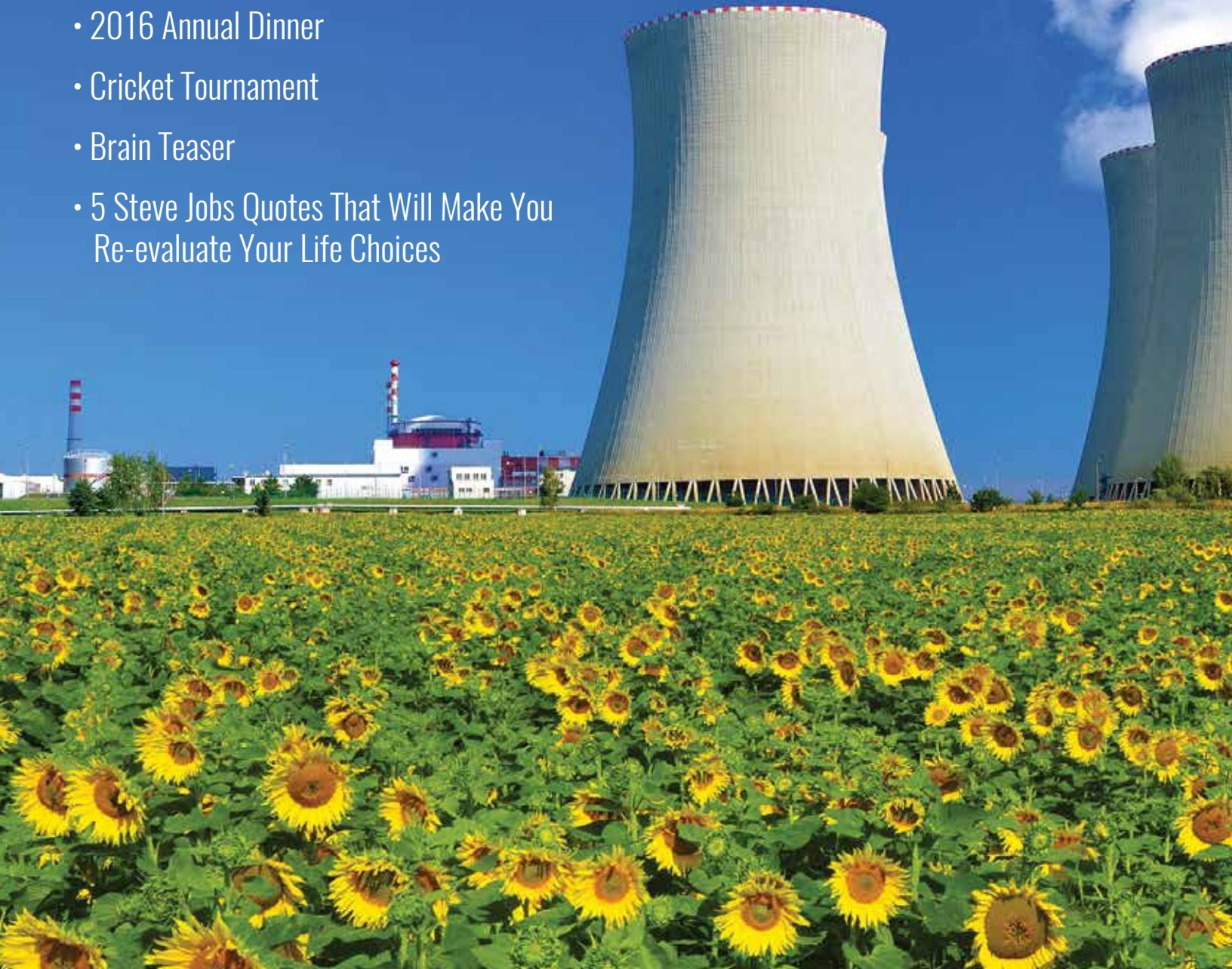
NEDAC NEWS

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WELCOME TO NED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CANADA

NED Alumni Association Canada is the alumni of NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan (NEDUET). NED University is the oldest and largest Engineering university in Pakistan.

The NED University of Engineering & Technology, was established in March 1977 under an act of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh after upgrading of the former NED Government Engineering College, which was set up in 1922. The NED University is thus one of the oldest institution in Pakistan for teaching and producing Engineering graduates. Prior to this, the D.J.Sindh College, used to run classes to train subordinates for the Sindh P.W.D., the Municipalities and Local Boards.

NED Alumni Association Canada (NEDAC) was established in 2006 to provide networking opportunities for NED graduates living in Greater Toronto Area. Since inception NEDAC membership has grown many folds and currently with around 500 members and growing, it is the largest international NED Alumni in the world!

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Shahid Chishty, P. Eng. | Editor

Spring is in the air and the excitement at the peak within the NEDAC board and its membership. Once again touching new heights with phenomenal programs like the Annual Dinner with the upscale venue and extremely well-planned event along with the most exciting sports event of the year when the first Irfan Arab memorial Cricket tournament was played.

You will find glimpses of the two events along with lots of photos to take you right into the events as they happened. We have added more photos in this newsletter and please don't forget to provide your valuable input on how this newsletter is shaping and how we can do better.

Looking forward to the exciting upcoming events which are in store for the membership. Please participate and attend these functions and activities which are planned for you.

Lastly, please send in your suggestions and any interesting articles you would like to be included in the newsletter to my attention at shahid.chishty@gmail.com.

Regards,

Shahid Chishty

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Syed Imran Ahmed | President



This is history in the making as we are having the newsletters being issued in time for every quarter. I would like to appreciate the hard work and efforts from the Publication team to make it happen. Many thanks for a job well done!

I would also like to thank the membership for your excellent support and participation in the functions and events. The two major events were full of excitement and strong participation from the membership. Everyone enjoyed the events and it felt like our university days again. The most interesting part is that the different members have graduated in different years and yet they enjoy each other's company as if they are all from the same batch. This is very unique to NED.

There are several initiatives on the go and the board is excited to deliver on the results.

Long Live NED, Long Live NEDAC.

Imran Ahmed

Imran Ahmed
President

NEDAC PRESENTS

Mehfil-e-Ghazal

A melodious and enchanting evening
of ghazals with the famous singer

TARIQ HAMEED



04.28.17 Friday 7.00pm

Burnhamthorpe Community Centre
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Tickets: \$15 per person

Snacks will be served during break.

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2016 ANNUAL DINNER

Ursala Nazar Abbas

NED Alumni Association Canada, also known as NEDAC is in its 10th year as an organization, and we know how to celebrate in style. As a board, that is exactly what we did, we brought out our A game, rolled out the red carpet, celebrated and enjoyed great food and company.

This year's Annual Dinner was held on December 2nd, 2016 at the Markham Convention Centre. In consideration of requests coming from east end members, a convenient location was selected by the board and the event was held in the beautiful Markham Convention Center.

The event was also important because former Federal Minister John McCallum was the chief guest. In attendance were also Counsel General of Pakistan Imran Ahmed Siddiqui, Federal MP Scarborough Central Ms. Salma Zahid. Mr. Amir Ul Islam Chairman NED Alumni North America was the keynote Speaker of the evening.

Even though it was a Friday night/working evening, the guests started arriving around 7:00 PM keeping in mind the start of the show. The event was planned to start at 7:00 PM but started around 7:30 PM with the arrival of the Chief Guest and other distinguished dignitaries.

For this year's event, the Master of Ceremony were the board members Shahid Chishty, Tanvir Akhtar, and Ursala Abbas. The event started with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Zeeshan Ajaz. The event proceeding with both Pakistani and Canadian anthem being played.

During the proceeding, appetizers were served and open to all drinks bar. This being an NEDAC function, alcohol was not allowed.

The event started with Mr. Imran Ahmed, President NEDAC welcoming and thanking all guest for their attendance, and then further shared the objectives and future visions of the present board for the coming year. Among the main objectives were aim to provide scholarships to NED University Students. The task would be undertaken by Liaison Secretary Ms. Iram Bukhari and Finance Secretary Mr. Karamat Ullah. Following Mr. Imran Ahmed, the chief guest Mr. John McCullum was invited on stage. Mr. McCullum addressed the audience showing his pleasure at being present at the Dinner. He informed the audience about the different initiatives being taken by the Liberal government for faster processing times for spousal immigration, facilitation for student visa process. In appreciation, Mr. Imran Ahmed presented Mr. John McCullum with a plaque.

Unfortunately, due to flight cancellation Ms. Iqra Khalid, MP Erin Mills West was not able to attend, but Ms. Salma Zahid, MP Scarborough Central, who was in attendance, read Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's message to NEDAC.

On the side, for the entertainment of guests, a photo booth was arranged. There were also poetry books by Mr. Kalimi available for sale at the lobby for the fond of literature. The proceeds from the sale were allocated to NEDAC funds.

The program continued with the speech by Consul General Pakistan, a video message by Vice Chancellor NED University, Dr. Afzal Ahmed, and speech by Mr. Mohammed Farooq, Social Secretary NEDAC board.

Mr. Amir ul Islam, keynote speaker for the evening was invited onto the stage, where he shared his story of success with the audience and gave inspiration in order to live and enjoy a successful and prosperous life. On conclusion, he was presented with a plaque.

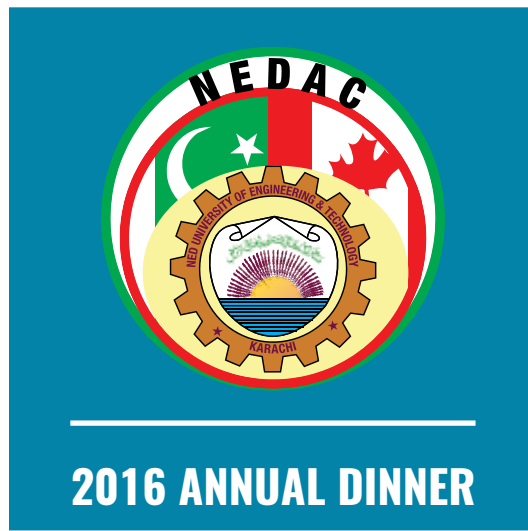
In recognition of the previous board's accomplishments and efforts, especially in holding the NED Convention in Ontario, on the recommendation of the current board, awards were presented to Mohammed Khalid, Islam Nabi Khan, Tanvir Akhtar, KaramatUllah and Imran Ahmed.

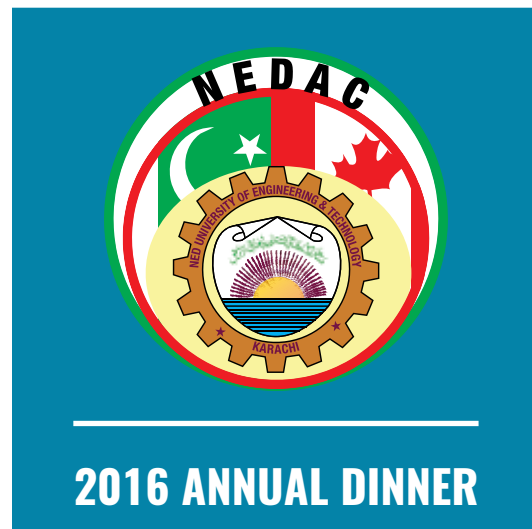
With the award ceremony concluded, dinner was announced. During dinner, the Musical program got underway. Melodious and entertaining performance Dr. Talha Masood, Prag Ray and Tariq Hamid got the audience dancing and grooving to the music. In appreciation of the audience, there were three lucky draw prizes announced to three lucky winners.

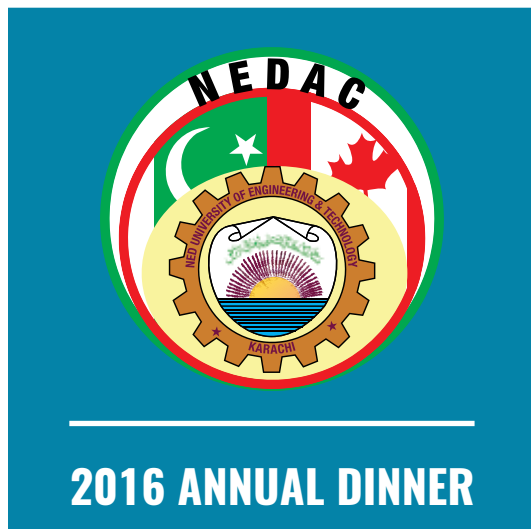
On the popular request of the audience, the music program ended with a Dhamal. The best part being all those Past Engineering Nerds could be seen dancing to the music. Who would have thought Engineers had it in them!!

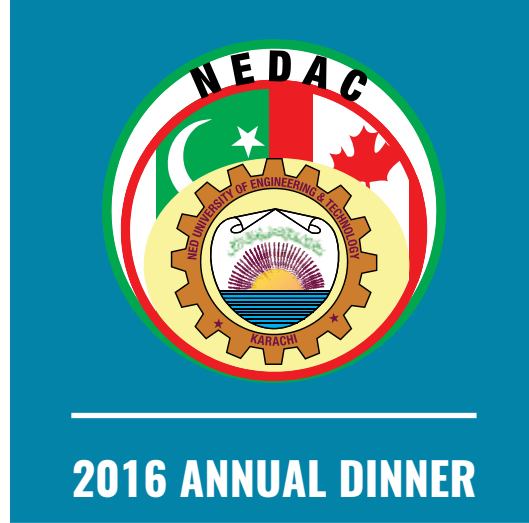


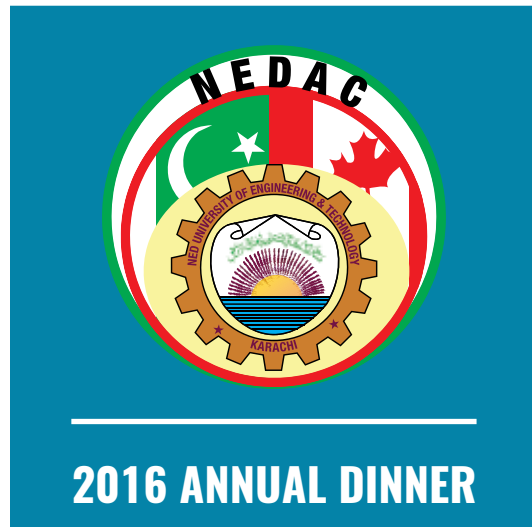














NEDAC Professional Development Committee presents

CANADIAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

Growth & Job Opportunities

Did you know that the nuclear industry is on the brink of explosion with unlimited opportunities for the engineering community? This is an exciting time for engineers due to future growth and job opportunities in the Canadian Nuclear Industry and abroad. Professional development committee has engaged the most experienced experts in the industry to share their thoughts about the future of the nuclear engineering community in Canada and around the world.



**JOIN US FOR THIS
EXCLUSIVE SEMINAR!**

Admiral Inn Hotel, Mississauga
Sunday, April 2, 2017 | 12 PM to 5 PM

Registration information coming soon.

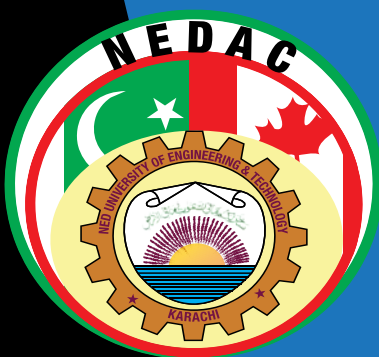
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CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Najam Yaseen

From what started as any other normal day in the relatively quiet town of Milton, Ontario on Saturday March 18th, 2017 was about to turn into a fun filled few hours. No one knew that a storm had been brewing from the board since last few weeks that would bring about the first ever sporting event in the history of NEDAC.

From the ever popular leadership of NEDAC President Imran Ahmed and help from a few other board members, Najam Yaseen spearheaded this challenging task to organize NEDAC's first ever cricket tournament. Najam led the activities from venue selection and rentals to trophies, awards, equipment, coloured shirts, food and live commentary with music.

This was not an easy initiative since the idea was evoked over a year ago to pay homage to our dear board member and NEDAC supporter, the late Mr. Irfan Arab whose passion for cricket and support to its members was unmatched. The team had less than a month to plan, arrange and execute the concept and Imran's brilliant idea of coloured t-shirts proved to be the cherry on the cake. To make the cricket event more engaging, four teams were planned simulating Pakistan Super League (PSL). The teams were named as NEDAC Qalandars, NEDAC Zalmi, NEDAC United and NEDAC Kings.

NEDAC members in large numbers showed up to play and support their teams. Players were excited, energetic and filled with love for the game! Players from East and West GTA were all ready to portray their talent. From the point the first (tape) ball was bowled to the last winning stroke, the event just exploded with PSL style boosters such as popular national songs, live running commentary, live interviews of the players/owners and pleasant jokes that just filled the atmosphere to everyone's liking.

Extremely well timed games with tight supervision and on time lunch and prize ceremony once again proved the ability of this team to take on any challenge and being once again the pioneers in engaging its members and families with new ventures. One other take away from this event was the emergence of another idea of having tournaments between NEDAC and various other Alumni's like UET, IBA, KU etc.

Suleman Arab, son of (late) Irfan Arab and his brother Rizwan Arab were both the guests of honour and were presented with a plaque in memory of Mr. Arab's love and friendship that brought emotions to some of his close classmates.

Present inside the EC Drury School gymnasium were owners of the four teams Zalmi, United, Qalandars and Kings who were very pleased with the performances in each of the five (6) over games played, including the final.

The Kings in blue eventually won the tournament, beating the Qalandar greens to raise the cup. Three "man of the match" trophies were awarded to the players in addition to the champions.

Pictures capturing the action filled day will be ever cherished in the history of NEDAC that has once again set the bar pretty high for the future boards to come.











FRIDAY FUN BRAIN TEASER: SHERLOCK HOLMES



One snowy night, Sherlock Holmes was in his house sitting by a fire. All of a sudden a snowball came crashing through his window, breaking it.

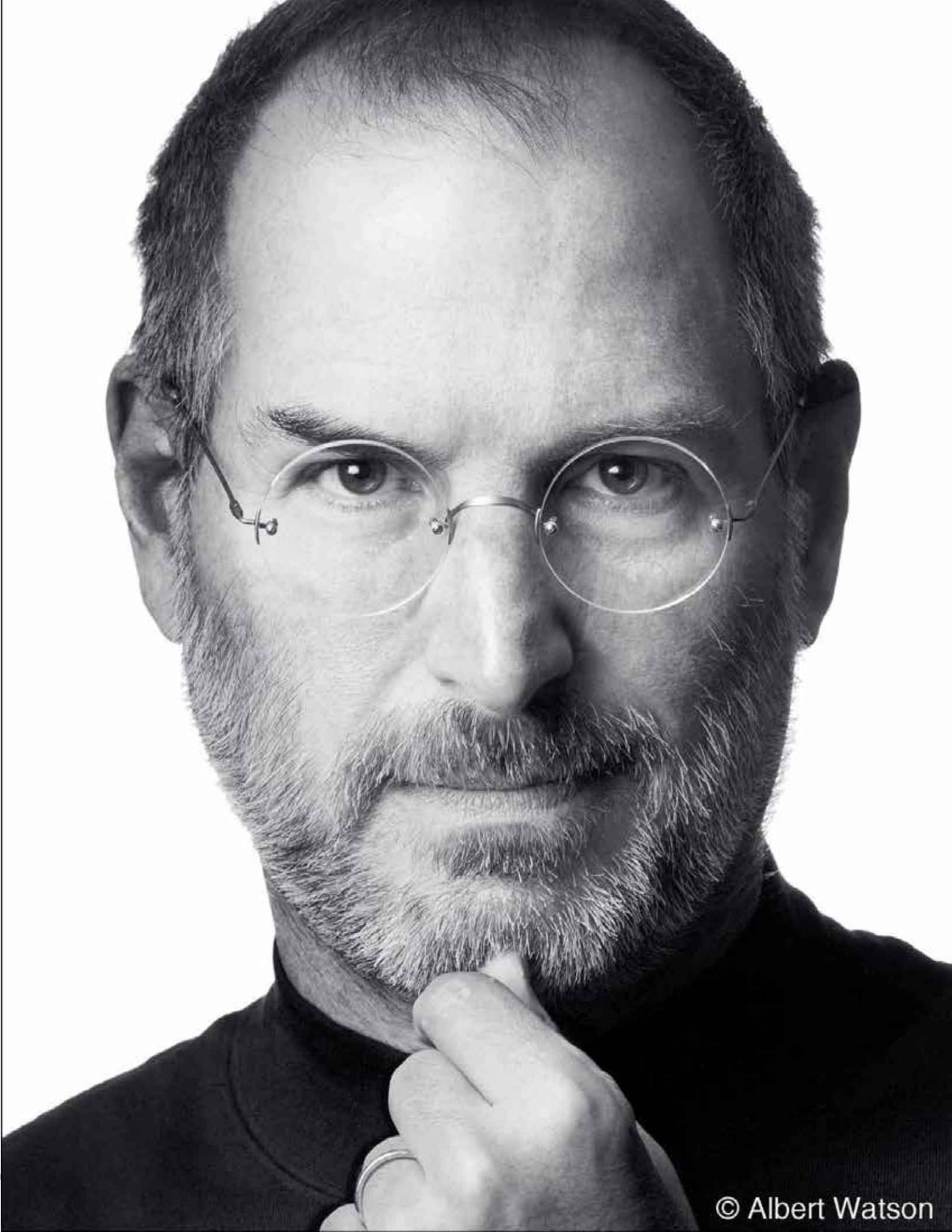
Holmes got up and looked out the window just in time to see 3 neighborhood kids who were brothers run around a corner. Their names were John Crimson, Mark Crimson and Paul Crimson. The next day Holmes got a note on his door that read " ? Crimson. He broke your window."

Which of the 3 Crimson brothers should Sherlock Holmes question about the incident?

ANSWER: ? Crimson = Mark Crimson

Use your brain!







5 STEVE JOBS QUOTES THAT WILL MAKE YOU REEVALUATE YOUR LIFE CHOICES

Written by Workopolis | Presented by Nazli Khan

By all accounts, **Steve Jobs was a difficult person to work with.** He was, after all, the man that said, “my job is not to be easy on people. My job is to make them better.”

For all his faults (and perhaps because of them), Steve Jobs was someone that truly did help change the way the world works. To pay tribute to Steve Jobs, here are some wise words from the man himself.

“HAVE THE COURAGE TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND INTUITION. THEY SOMEHOW KNOW WHAT YOU TRULY WANT TO BECOME.”

Deep down, we all know what we’d really like to be doing. Sure, it’s probably not possible for you to become the Blue Jays’ starting shortstop, but ask yourself, is there something in that fantasy (aside from the money and fame) that can point you towards a job that you’ll truly love?

More importantly, what does that desire tell you about your current job? Do you wake up dreading going into the office? Your heart is telling you something – listen to it and have the courage to follow its lead.

“THAT’S BEEN ONE OF MY MANTRAS — FOCUS AND SIMPLICITY. SIMPLE CAN BE HARDER THAN COMPLEX; YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD TO GET YOUR THINKING CLEAN TO MAKE IT SIMPLE.”

Ever hear of the KISS Principle? KISS is an acronym for “Keep it simple, stupid,” which is a reminder that things tend to work best if they are kept simple.

This principle runs through Jobs’ career and the design ethos he encouraged, but as he said, it’s also the more challenging approach to take. The thing is, it’s usually also the most rewarding. Life tends to get more cluttered as we get older, but the more you can focus in on what’s important, to make things simple, the better off you’ll be.

“MY MODEL FOR BUSINESS IS THE BEATLES. THEY WERE FOUR GUYS WHO KEPT EACH OTHER’S KIND OF NEGATIVE TENDENCIES IN CHECK. THEY BALANCED EACH OTHER, AND THE TOTAL WAS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF THE PARTS. THAT’S HOW I SEE BUSINESS: GREAT THINGS IN BUSINESS ARE NEVER DONE BY ONE PERSON, THEY’RE DONE BY A TEAM OF PEOPLE.”

When it comes to climbing the corporate ladder, you might feel as if you’re in this alone, but that isn’t always the best way to approach things. Even someone as successful as Steve Jobs was adamant that his success was built on the collaboration of many different people.

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If you don't have this kind of work environment, look for ways to better collaborate with colleagues and superiors. Propose new meetings and brainstorming sessions, and seek out feedback and opinions. Not only will this give your work the benefit of outside points of view, it will also open the door for future collaboration. If this really isn't possible at your current job, maybe it's time to look for something new? It might not be that hard to find. After all, as Drake and Rihanna have shown, this is the collaboration generation.

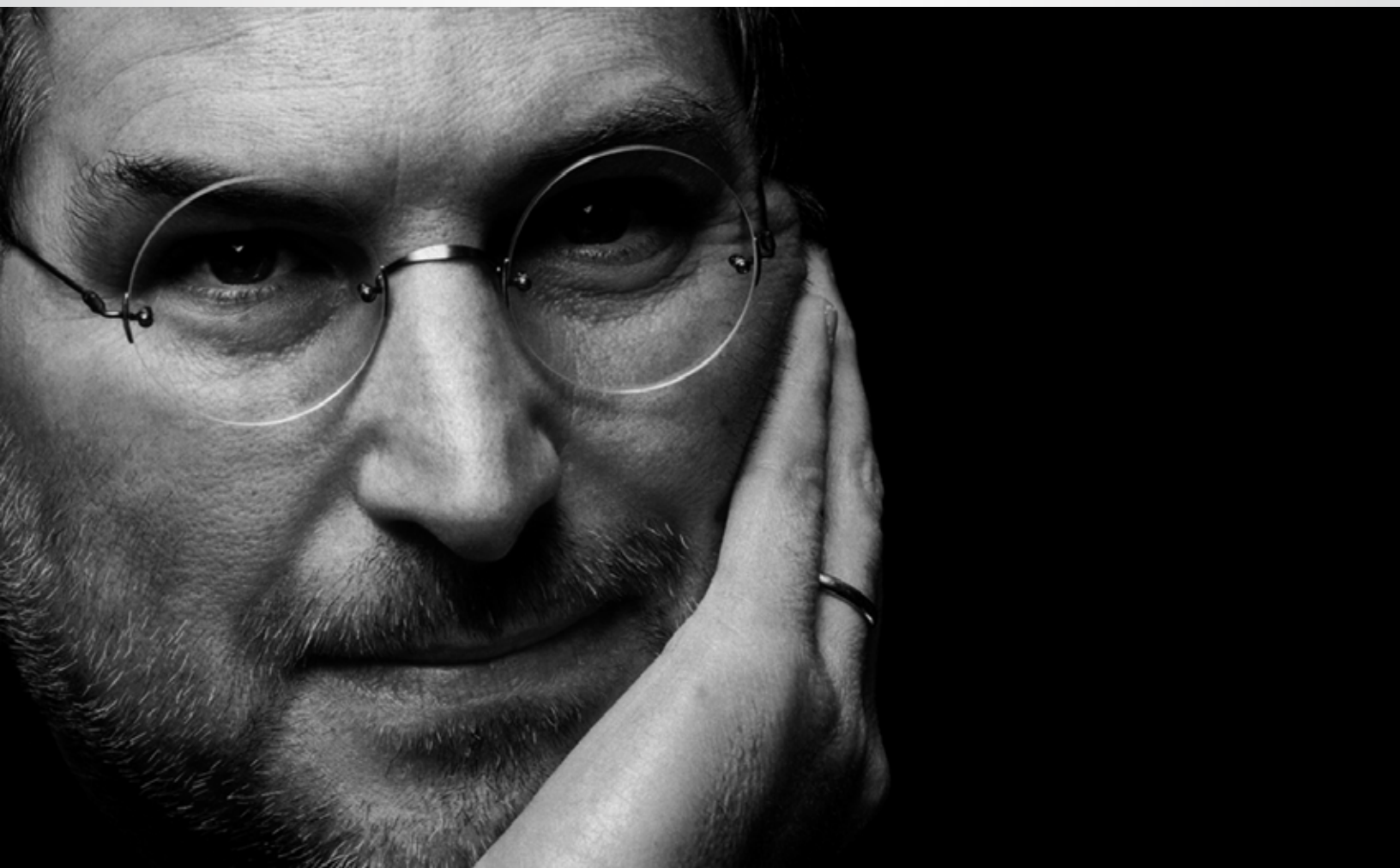
“I'M CONVINCED THAT ABOUT HALF OF WHAT SEPARATES SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURS FROM THE NON-SUCCESSFUL ONES IS PURE PERSEVERANCE.”

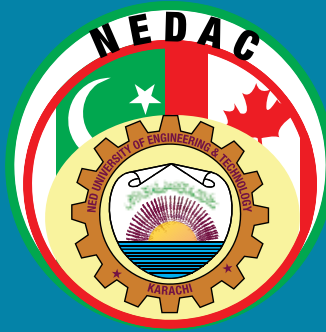
Jobs was so dogged and determined, author Joshua Kendall believes he had obsessive-compulsive personality disorder. We're not suggesting that you need to take things that far, but clearly, setting goals and chipping away at them over time is a good recipe for success. As Jobs himself showed, mistakes will happen over the course of a career. The important thing is to keep pushing ahead.

“WE DON'T GET A CHANCE TO DO THAT MANY THINGS, AND EVERY ONE SHOULD BE REALLY EXCELLENT. BECAUSE THIS IS OUR LIFE. LIFE IS BRIEF, AND THEN YOU DIE, YOU KNOW? AND WE'VE ALL CHOSEN TO DO THIS WITH OUR LIVES. SO IT BETTER BE DAMN GOOD. IT BETTER BE WORTH IT.”

Maybe it's dark to be constantly reminded of death. But sometimes, that's exactly the kick in the pants we need. Life really is brief (Jobs died at the age of 56), and the things we do on a daily basis should be excellent. They should be worthy of our limited time.

Can you say that about your current career? If not, it's time to make a change. It's never too late, until it is.





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