



# Texas A&M Department of Economics

## Amazing Student

SAMEN KARIM – NOVEMBER 2017

**Name:** Samen Karim

**Hometown:**

Sugar Land, Texas

**High School:**

I. H. Kempner High School

**Degree objective:**

Master of Science in Economics

**Expected graduation:**

December, 2018

**University highlights, awards, scholarships:**

I am the incoming President of the Economics Society for 2018.

**Current employment:**

Research Assistant with various faculty within the Department of Economics.

### Family ties to Texas A&M:

I am a first generation Aggie!

### I chose to attend Texas A&M because...

The culture of A&M is what brought me here. I love the atmosphere and the people that I meet at this school. Even though I am now a senior I still learn amazing things about our rich culture and history.

### My favorite things to do on campus are...

I think the most beautiful place on campus is the pond behind the ALLEN building. I love to sit there and have coffee after a long day.

### When I have free time, I like...

I absolutely love to cook! Both of my grandfathers were chefs and so my mom has many vintage family recipes. This past summer I spent one month learning how to cook various different Pakistani and Indian dishes. I love to host dinner parties for my friends when I try out some of the recipes my mom passed down to me!

### The craziest thing I've done is...

I lived in Southwest Asia for 3 months. I visited the towns that my parents were born in and I experienced my culture firsthand.

### My favorite place to study is...

Harvest Coffee Bar in downtown Bryan. A very cute coffee shop has an earthy feel to it. It is very relaxing

### My favorite professor is...

Dr. Craig Schulman is my all time favorite professor. He is the most genuine person I have ever met. He goes above and beyond to help his students achieve what they need to. He makes me strive to be a better person

### If I could share an afternoon with anyone, I would love to share it with...

President Obama. His background and journey amaze me. He built his career from the ground up and I feel that many people can relate to the struggles he overcame and the lessons that he had to learn before getting the presidency.

### If I knew I could not fail, I would...

Become a tenured Professor of Economics at Harvard University

### If money was not a consideration, I would love to...

Rid the world of income inequality! Everyone deserves a fair chance in life and I believe I would like to begin there.

### What is your passion and how are you committed to pursuing it?

My passion is to encourage people to fulfill their dreams. I begin with the people who are in my life. I try to help my friends to the best of my abilities when they have problems or struggles. I want to see everyone attain what they set out to accomplish. This is one of the reasons I applied to become President of the Economics Society. I will have the chance to directly impact the lives of my peers and hopefully help them get exceptional internships/full time jobs.

### After graduation, I plan to...

Go to graduate school and attain my PhD in Economics.

### The one Texas A&M experience I will always remember is...

Good times with great friends. I have met some amazing people here at Texas A&M and I will always cherish those friendships and everything that I learned from them.