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### **Personal-MBA**

For more than fifty years, a general popular corporate and public concept has been to have a degree in the field or in a specialized profession in order to step into that field or specialized profession. Educational institutions in-cooperation with the business world made it almost mandatory for people to go through the vigorous process of attending the schools and higher institutions in order to acquire degrees in the specialized area(s). Having a higher degree became a prerequisite in order to first qualify to search for a job or step into that profession irrespective of someone's strengths and talents. The economic and social necessity compelled us to follow the crowd if we want to have a successful future and prosperous living. Educational institutions continued pressing their agenda with the corporations requiring the mandatory higher degrees. People had no choice left except to follow this pattern and race irrespective of their personal choice and talent that they can utilize in order to be successful in the business world.

As a result, the trend of attaining higher education and be successful became a social norm. We have several examples of successful entrepreneurs, just to name a few, such as Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, and Michael of Dell Computers, who have made a successful change and difference in the business world without completing higher education.

Moreover, after completing a higher education degree, the cost of acquiring a higher degree outweighs the rate of return for at least ten to fifteen years. People are compelled to continue working, whether they like or not like, in a profession just out of the economic necessity to pay-off their educational debts, obligations and struggling for a decent living. As a result of the social and economic pressure, people become choice-less to explore their talents and strengths in order to select what they wanted to do.

I am inspired by the ideas that Josh Kaufman presented about *Personal MBA*. I believe that his focus of *Personal MBA* is more towards exploring someone's own talents and strengths and continuously finding ways to improve them. To accomplish this, a person has to be in touch with the people, real world situations, and set up someone own goals and accomplishment. I agree with Josh Kaufman's criteria that *Personal MBA* is not an impersonal curriculum, rather, it a personal curriculum of your own because you have the choice and option of setting up your own curriculum for learning.

Based on the above details, I believe having setting up my own goals, timeline, and personal curriculum and follow through it at my timeline, pace, and choice. I am planning to subscribe to [changthis.com](http://changthis.com) to get in touch with others. Since we are also involved in the STEM Project as a team, we should brainstorm together to find ways to have a website and a blog to have future interaction with each other in order to share our ideas, experiences, and personal curriculum. This approach will be very helpful and supportive for our educational learning and entrepreneurship.