

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: FUAD MOHAMOUD

2017 GRADUATE: SOFTWARE ENGINEER AT NEXTDOOR IN SAN FRANCISCO

Fuad Mohamoud, 26, a 2017 graduate of Inver Hills Community College, works as a software engineer at Nextdoor in San Francisco, California. [Nextdoor](#) is the world's largest social networking hub for neighborhoods.

Fuad earned an [Associate of Science](#) (A.S.) in Computer Software and Programming from Inver Hills before moving forward to earn his Bachelor of Science (B.S) in Computer Science at the University of North Dakota.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Harvard Business School: Peek Weekend
- King James Landon Scholarship
- Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver
- Student Leader of the Year



MERITS OF STUDYING AT INVER HILLS:

“When I went to Inver Hills, I had the idea of studying information technology [IT]. With the help of caring professors that contributed to my life, I was privileged to have chance to choose my life path.”

MORE ABOUT FUAD....

Fuad was born in Somalia on the Horn of Africa in 1993. He migrated to the United States in 1998 with his family. He attended public high school in Minnesota in the Twin Cities metro area. Upon graduation, he proceeded to Inver Hills to continue his education.

Fuad can speak four different languages:

- Somali (fluent)
- English (fluent)
- Arabic (basic)
- French (basic)

In his free time, Fuad enjoys hiking, playing board games and reading biographies.

Three words that describe Fuad as a software engineer:

COMMITTED. HARDWORKING. HONEST.



FUAD MOHAMOUD: Q & A

Why did you choose to become a software engineer?

At first, I didn't have any idea what I wanted with my life. I first went to one community college around the metro area to study fine arts. After two years I quit before a friend advised me go into it.

What do you like about it?

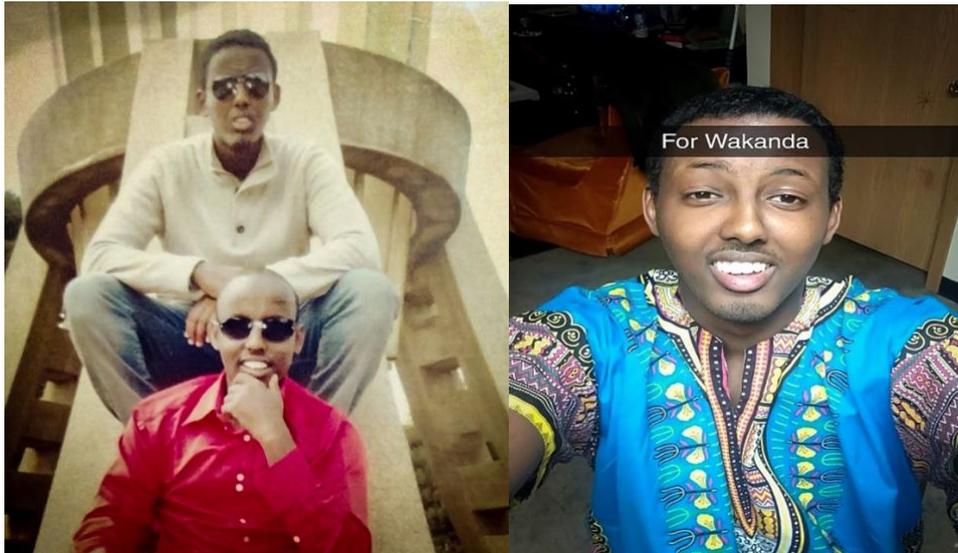
Being able to use my own skill on computers—I love working with computers. I have technical skills. I just need to work on them and learn many programming languages and software.

What is the most challenging aspect of software engineer?

Everyone has an opinion about what to do with their life. I know myself that I'm good with computers. You must have a reason for what you are doing.

What advice would you give Inver Hill students as alumni?

The advice I would give to Inver students is to never give up and follow your dreams. It is worth it in the end and with lots of patience.



FUAD MOHAMOUD: 10 ANSWERS

1. **Married Status: Still searching**
2. **Hometown: Somalia/ Minnesota, United States**
3. **High School and year graduated: Attended public school in Twin Cities metro area and graduated in 2012.**
4. **Extracurricular activities at Inver Hills: Cultural/Student Union**
5. **Favorite Sport: Soccer and hiking**
6. **Family Members: Family of five living in Minnesota**
7. **Technical Skills: Programming language, software developer**
8. **Dream occupation: High level in software engineering**
9. **Languages: English (fluent), Somali (fluent), French (basic), and Arabic (basic)**
10. **Favorite Movie: *Black Panther***

**One word that best describes your experience at Inver Hills:
OPPORTUNITY**

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