



THE JOURNEY OF KHOA M.

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Khoa's CBYX experience prompted self-reflection on his own Vietnamese-American identity and led to a passion for inclusivity in business.

Khoa's family immigrated from Vietnam to the United States when he was six years old. He was excited by the CBYX Young Professional program because of the language learning and professional placement components.

During his CBYX exchange, Khoa shared the unique cultural aspects of being a first-generation immigrant in the United States with his German hosts. He was also able to learn about the diversity in Germany.

As part of his CBYX program, Khoa worked at the automaker Opel in the International Marketing Department, which challenged him to work efficiently in teams. He has used those project management and interpersonal skills later in his career.

After returning from Germany, Khoa moved to San Francisco and leveraged his CBYX internship experience to pursue a career in technology.

Today, Khoa works at an accelerator program for entrepreneurs creating impact through science and technology.

Khoa also sits on the data advisory board for the United Nations Refugee Council. He uses the global mindset he gained from CBYX to bring an inclusive view to data analysis incorporating diverse perspectives.

"I'm Vietnamese-American. For me, the culture piece of America lives between that dash. I can take what I love and deeply value about being Vietnamese and build that into being American. When you experience and have those conversations with people, it puts in context what it really means to be American.

"I'm building a network of entrepreneurship to help founders primarily in U.S. get access to capital and business investment and opportunities. But doing it with the lens [of], "Are we opening the doors for founders of color?" Are we opening a door for women to get investment?"