

## **Jeremy Crow – CFEF Profile**

Cy-Fair Educational Foundation scholarship recipient Jeremy Crow is blazing an impressive career path based on his remarkable post-secondary education.

These days he is setting the market on fire as a power options trader for Merrill Lynch Commodities.

A strong sense of self, and a solid education paved the way for Crow, who graduated from Cypress Creek High School with honors in 2000. He also received awards for his performance in Pre-Calculus and Calculus classes.

While at Cypress Creek, he was active in the Band, where he served as Treasurer; the National Honor Society, where he also served as Treasurer; and in Mu Alpha Theta, where he rose to the rank of President.

Crow said the CFEF scholarship award allowed him to make the most out of his Texas A&M University college experience.

“I was ecstatic to receive the scholarship,” Crow said. “It enabled me to focus on getting involved at Texas A&M. I was able to build a network, and experience what Aggies like to call the ‘other education’ - student group involvement - instead of worrying about working a part-time job during the school year.”

Crow graduated summa cum laude from Texas A&M in 2003 with a B.S. in Applied Mathematics, then turned around and obtained his Masters in Mathematics from A&M the following year.

He took that knowledge into the workplace for the next two years and served as a business analyst for McKinsey & Co., a management consulting firm advising leading companies on issues of strategy, organization, technology, and operations.

He won a Merit Scholarship to the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business, where he obtained an MBA in 2008.

While there, he made his break onto the small screen as a member of the University of Chicago’s “Fast Money MBA Challenge” team, which aired on CNBC. The Fast Money MBA Challenge is a single elimination tournament where eight teams were selected based on their ranking in the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report Top Business Schools*. The teams battled it out in a multi-part challenge for the chance to become the “Fast Money MBA Challenge Champions.”

“I was honored to be chosen as a part of the team to represent Chicago,” Crow said. “My teammates and I had a great time on the show. And even though I knew the outcome, watching myself on television afterwards was exciting.”

Crow exited the television limelight – at least for now – to take on the challenging role of power options trader for Merrill Lynch Commodities in Houston.

“I make markets in a variety of options on wholesale electricity,” Crow said. “Most of my day is spent modeling option prices and communicating with brokers and other traders in the marketplace in order to increase liquidity for our customers.”

In his spare time, Crow leads an active lifestyle. He travels, plays racquetball, works out, takes in movies, and enjoys SCUBA diving. In fact, he participated in a dive with Caribbean Reef sharks in Honduras in 2006.

He also just biked in the National MS Society’s MS 150 to Austin.

All in all, the past nine years have been full of rich experiences for Crow, who credits education – and CFEF’s enabling scholarship – for giving him a solid foundation to work from.

“I want to thank CFEF for what they have done for me,” Crow said. “I fully support organizations that allow students to achieve their higher education goals.”

He said all Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District students should work hard to achieve their post-secondary educational goals, but should also lead a well-rounded life.

“My advice is to get involved, work hard in everything you do, and to have fun,” Crow said. “It is important to enjoy your college experience as much as possible. Take the opportunity to meet as many people as you can through student organizations, intramurals, and academic work. And while building this network, make sure you establish your reputation as a hard-working, intelligent individual.”