



Arvind Ramanathan, Founder of Vigilant Global and co-founder of Box One Ventures

Arvind is a graduate of Lasalle Community Comprehensive High School. He is still involved in giving back to LCCHS, participating in the Robotics programs and food drives. LCCHS holds a big part in Arvind's heart as high school was the place where he forged lifelong bonds with friends who he still sees very often and plays sports with on a weekly basis. Having arrived in Canada in grade 8, these friends proved vital in helping Arvind understand the new world around him and gave him confidence to take on any new challenges, supporting him through thick and thin.

He also attributes the LCCHS Europe graduation trip as a catalyst for his desire for world exploration, as it instilled a sense of adventure that has lasted a lifetime. While in LCCHS, the teachers who had a big influence on Arvind were Mr. Paul Sowney, Mr. George Hyland, and the memorable history class co-teaching duo of Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Shestowsky.

In 2005, he started a proprietary trading company in 2005 called Vigilant Global in his mom's apartment in Lasalle, Quebec. Vigilant quickly became one of the top trading firms in Canada thanks to some great algorithms and several brilliant early hires. Over the next few years, Vigilant received many Top Employer awards from Maclean's and La Presse as the company grew close to 100 employees. DRW acquired Vigilant in 2012, at which time Arvind joined as a partner of DRW. After seeing the Montreal office grow to over 200 employees in 2021, Arvind decided to focus on other pursuits. Arvind also co-founded Box One Ventures, which invests primarily in early-stage companies and funds.

Arvind is a big proponent of supporting youth education and since 2008, has been on the board of [Youth Fusion](#), an organization that helps increase high school graduation rates.

He also started the Sun and Truth Foundation, which supports other initiatives that promote youth education and to help humans reconnect with nature.

Arvind holds a Master's degree in Financial Economics from Queen's University and a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Concordia University. He is happily married and a father of two and likes to spend his free time playing sports and wandering through National Parks, pondering about outer space, while dreaming about his fantasy hockey team.