**SKIP**

My name is Skip Calvert and I'm with the Darden Executive Program. Why I chose the executive format for the MBA was, for me, having left the military and spent 11 years moving around, I wanted to make that transition and actually live in a city I wanted to be in. So I heard about the Executive Assessment through Darden admissions as one of the options for people applying, or candidates applying for the Executive Program.

I would absolutely recommend my colleagues taking the EA, especially for executives that don't have the ability to study, you know, four to five hours a night, like for GMAT, or take the month or two-month-long classes. And I think the EA does a great job of kind of assessing your knowledge as it is, and then I think it also, for me, gave me a couple areas where I needed to focus on.

And I think being able to focus on those areas prior to business school also helped. So I kind of identified places where I can improve prior to the business school environment, which is what I did, so it was kind of feedback for me individually as well. For me, it was just a better fit and a more conducive path to getting where I wanted to go, and I think it was just a great tool to use and have access to, and I was really happy that the school I wanted to apply to actually accepted it as an option.

When the EA, when I found out it was an hour and a half and I could schedule it whenever I wanted to, after work, before work, on weekends, that was a huge benefit for me just with my job and a lot of travels. I was able to prepare for it in less time, really focus on it for a couple of weeks, and I was able to take it here in D.C. at just a testing center, and, you know, it was about an hour and a half later I was done and had my score.

And I think that kind of flexibility allows you to carry on with your life and what other priorities you have as well.