



MATTHEW CHAN, M.D.

Self-described Tesla superfan Matthew Chan always wanted to meet some of the key people behind the electric car maker. When the cancer patient's wish came true early in January, 2018 with a visit to the company's factory in California, he got even more than he bargained for. Not only did he go on a tour and meet Tesla's top car designer, he also came face-to-face with CEO and co-founder Elon Musk. It all started when Chan's close friend Alan Miller shared a post on a couple of Tesla (TSLA) forums.

"My best friend from medical school, Matthew Chan, is a 39 year old radiologist in Sacramento with three kids who was just diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer," he wrote.

Chan — along with his sister, brother-and-law and Miller — got to go to Tesla's factory in Fremont, California, where their visit turned out to be even more memorable than they were expecting. Not only did Chan and his family get a "VIP" factory tour and then an hour-long sit-down with von Holzhausen. He also had a chance to meet Elon Musk.

During Matthew Chan's school years at UC Davis, his friends relied on him as the "go-to" guy to answer questions about

the technology of the day. If you wanted to know about the functions of your personal digital assistant, how to use your dial-up modem to log onto an online BBS bulletin board or the early Internet, or you wanted to know the best deals on computers, software and other electronics, you asked Matt.

Matthew and his wife Eva owned two electric vehicles, and almost 100 percent of their driving since mid-2013 had been electrically powered. They never had to pay for 'gas' because his home has solar panels.

While not all health providers may have his passion for things electronic, Chan encouraged medical students as well as his fellow medical school alumni to keep pace with technological developments in their disciplines by seeking out opportunities to demo new equipment and software; embracing smartphones and tablets in the clinical setting; and taking advantage of the wealth of online medical resources. He was an advocate of Electric Vehicles and a member of the SacEVA organization. He contributed regularly to our facebook page along with juggling his schedule to show his solar powered EV to visitors.

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