A Brief Biography of James M. Vaughn Jr.

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In 1987, Dr. James Vaughn attended the Ramanujan Centennial Conference at the University of Illinois, as a relatively new and amateur mathematician to the field of combinatorics and number theory. Not much is known about where he went after attending this conference. He currently lives in Houston, Texas and is the director of the James M. Vaughn Jr. Foundation Fund which has donated over three million dollars devoted to individuals attempting to solve Fermat's last theorem. This was in reference to a lecture that Andrew Wiles gave at Cambridge in 1993 where he showed a proof of Fermat's Last Theorem and were awaiting validation of the proof. Aside from this reference, Dr. Vaughn does not appear to have any papers or articles published in academic journals that are of public record.