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Remembrance Day, Hackathon Success, Blockchain Projects, and Giving Back

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Hi there!

It's Gabriel here—hope your November has been as exciting and productive as mine! Let me share what I've been up to this month.

Lest we forget. The poppy is a symbol of remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices made by countless individuals for the freedoms we enjoy today.

What I've Been Up To 📈

- I kicked things off by working on a **decentralized voting system** aimed at revolutionizing elections and minimizing voter fraud. After that, I dove into blockchain, creating my own **ERC20 token** and experimenting with ideas inspired by the Aave platform.

- I also stepped in to help the **Pendrellis Society**, a nonprofit housing organization for seniors and people with disabilities. After a flood put both their elevators out of service, I helped with tech support, relayed food requests to the building managers, and secured some great resources for the society:

  - Google for Nonprofits (~$30k CAD/year)

  - Microsoft for Nonprofits (~$30k CAD/year)

  - Canva for Nonprofits (~$7.8k CAD/year)

- Lately, I've been learning about **emergency preparedness**, including dealing with floods, tech blackouts, and solar storms (even discovering some unconventional uses for baking soda—random, but useful!).

- I've been working on **BullionBase**, a platform to help users track their gold and silver investments in real-time. It calculates profits and fetches live prices from suppliers, making investment tracking way easier.

Achievements & Highlights 🏆

- **5,450+ Followers on LinkedIn**

  It's been incredible connecting with so many inspiring people this month. Looking forward to learning and growing even more!

- 🥉 **3rd Place at Hack49!**

  Super excited to have placed 3rd in the Privacy & Data Protection category. I created *Olach*, a privacy-focused note-taking app that ensures user data stays secure.

- **3.93 GPA**

  Proud to share my GPA for this semester: 3.93! My classes included computers, math, French, and philosophy.

- **TKS Scores**

  My latest TKS report gave me 3/4 in Character, 4/4 in Agency, and 3/4 in Quality. These reflect my growth in teamwork, self-motivation, and the quality of my projects, and I'm excited to keep improving.

- **Joined Velocity at TKS**

  Velocity is a program for top students in TKS, where we work closely with mentors, alumni, and even CEOs. The goal is to push ourselves with weekly tasks and external meetings. Before the program even started, I had four external meetings lined up for November!

- **Optimized Workflow**

  I've transformed my daily routine with a fully optimized Google Calendar. I'm now tracking tasks, reflecting daily on gratitude, wins, challenges, and my top 3 priorities. It's been a great way to stay organized and learn more about myself.

Thoughts

- **The Potential of Seaweed**

  What if seaweed could do more than replace packaging? Its abundance and versatility could transform industries like fashion, agriculture, or

even construction. Imagine sustainable textiles, biodegradable products, or nutrient-rich fertilizers—all from seaweed. 🌊

- **Motivation**
  I've realized that approaching tasks as personal choices rather than obligations makes them way more enjoyable. It's been a mindset shift, and I'm excited to explore further.
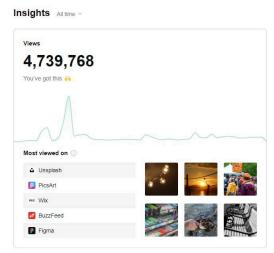
Shoutouts 👏

1. Huge thanks to **Pranav**, my TKS director, for sharing time management tips that completely changed how I organize my day.

2. Shoutout to **Albert** for taking some amazing professional photos of me on Halloween.

3. A big thanks to **Robert MacWha** for sharing test Ethereum, which helped me dive deeper into blockchain development.

What's Next? 🚀

- I'm working on a course that will teach people how to create their own websites easily and affordably! The goal is to make web development accessible to everyone, regardless of their budget or experience. Stay tuned—I'll have more updates about it in next month's newsletter!

- I'm collaborating with **St. Paul's Anglican Church** to launch a new, updated, and optimized website as soon as possible!

- Aiming for 5,000,000 views on my images by the end of the year.

As always, feel free to reach out if you have questions, ideas, or want to connect. Your feedback and ideas are invaluable as I continue exploring how the world works.

Warmly,

Gabriel Dalton

P.S. If you want to read more about any of these projects, check out my Medium or LinkedIn.

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