**THABO KOPANE**

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Nationality: South African

A BSc Computer Science student at the University of Cape Town seeking opportunities to expand experience through vacation work and internships. Completed two internships with Unilever in their Brand Marketing and Digital Marketing & Media teams, conducting research, analysis and delivering findings and presentations on key topics impacting the business – such as brand market penetration and millennial audience engagement. I am very keen to learn new things and enjoy being given challenging tasks.

**EDUCATION**

2016 – 2018

University of Cape Town

BSc Computer Science

* **Programming paradigms: OOB, Functional, Procedural, Structured.**
* **Programming Languages: Java(**Proficient)**, Javascript (**Proficient)**, Python, R**
* **Programming Interests: Data Science (with Python and R), Machine Learning algorithms with C++, and Mobile Development with swift, react native and c#.**

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| 2015 | University of Cape Town |
|  | BSc Chemical Engineering (first year) |

* *Transferred to Computer Science in 2016*
* Courses included: Mathematics, Physics and Statistics for Engineers (grades ranged from 70 – 80%)

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| 2010 – 2014 | **St Thomas College**, Burgersfort, Polokwane |
|  | **National Senior Certificate** (with exemption) |

* **6 subject distinctions:** English, Geography, Mathematics, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and LifeOrientation.

**VACATION WORK EXPERIENCE**

Jan – Feb 2017

**Unilever**

**Intern *(Brands Marketing, Sunlight)***

* Completed an internship project on a real-time business project to research and propose strategies to increase Sunlight Dishwashing Liquid’s market share and penetration.
* Analyzed competitors across the sector and brands to identify opportunities and threats.
* Presented findings to Unilever colleagues within the division.

Jun – Jul 2016

**Unilever**

**Intern *(Digital Marketing and Media)***

* Worked on the ‘Millennials on Mobile’ project, to find insights through reaching out to Millennials as the Unilever brand and its products.
* Met deliverables to find insights that can help marketers attract Millennials to their brand.

* Reported on findings through a presentation to Unilever stakeholders – received extremely positive feedback and invited back to the Unilever Internship Programme in 2017 to expand my role, experience and impact within the business.

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Jul 2016 – Sep 2017 **University of Cape Town**

**Intern**

* Working as part of the University of Cape Town Alumni Student Association (UCTASA), a student organization funded by the university. The internship role sees me operates as both a member of the organization and an employee of the alumni department.
* Supporting the management of social channels, including the UCTASA Facebook page.
* Registering graduates on the Alumni systems and organizing events to promote the benefits of membership to current students to increase engagement.

**AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

* Successfully completing the ULIP internship - 2016
* Dell Young Leaders bursary holder – 2015 – present
* Prefect at St Thomas College and Academic Honours (88%) – 2014
* Best in Speech award at a school public speaking competition – 2014
* Dux scholar for secondary phase – 2013

**INVOLVEMENTS & INTERESTS**

I enjoy hiking, playing chess, reading the news and I love to travel.

**REFEREES**

Available upon request.