



Mark Webber (Student)

Mark Webber is a 19-year-old second year student at the University of Toronto, Mississauga. Every morning, he commutes to campus from Brampton, but always arrives to class before anyone else. Mark has a full course load, but he missed out on club activities largely due to the pandemic. Nevertheless, he's eager to try new things. On weekends, he works part-time at Canadian Tire, but he always makes time for his large family of seven. He has two brothers, Damion and Elijah, three sisters, Jaden, Mikayla, and Cassie, and two hardworking parents.

Ever since Mark was old enough to hold a controller, he's been interested in software development. He dipped his toes into Object-Oriented Programming during his years at Brampton Centennial Secondary School, but his first year at university gave him a deeper exposure to computer science. Mark has two years of experience with Java, and one year of experience with Python, but he's always eager to learn more. He applied to join GDSCUTM, and is hoping to be put into a project that interests him, but also teaches him valuable new skills.



Jessica Smith (Visitor)

Jessica Smith is a 17-year-old student at Erindale Secondary School, Mississauga, completing her senior year. From Monday to Friday, Jessica attends high school by way of public transit. She researched the required courses for a degree in computer science over two years ago, when she was first discovering her career interests. Since then, Jessica made sure to take every course needed to satisfy the requirements, and then some. Learning is a passion for her, and she has aspirations of pursuing a graduate degree after her undergraduate. Jessica is the only child of her mother, Sonya, and so she's trepidatious of travelling too far away from home for university.

This fact is what originally made Jessica consider the Mississauga campus of the University of Toronto for her school of choice. However, she's unsure about the social aspect of the campus, and is worried about the extracurricular opportunities. She is searching for a club that could help empower her to grow her skills in software development.



Franco Demarco (Admin)

Franco Demarco is a 35-year-old computer science professor at the University of Toronto Mississauga who is looking for a full-time position as an educator. Franco graduated from university with a bachelor's degree in computer science and went straight into the industry working as a full-stack developer for Amazon and settling down in Toronto. After a few years in the industry, working an excessive amount of hours, he wanted to try something new and decided to become a professor. Franco always had a passion for teaching as he enjoyed being a TA in university where he felt he could communicate complex ideas to students in a simple way to make the course material easier to understand. Franco also believed that this was the best way he could make an impact on his community by sharing his passion for computer science with others. After obtaining the necessary qualifications, Demarco landed a part-time job with the University of Toronto. Wanting to gain experience and help students Franco has joined the GDSC UTM club as an admin. To run this club successfully, Franco needs a website where club admins can easily view submitted applications and manage projects.



Gwen Ireliia (Mentor)

Gwen Ireliia is a 22-year-old at the University of Toronto Mississauga completing her 4th and final year in her computer science degree. Gwen is the youngest of four children and wants to follow in the footsteps of her siblings by entering the STEM field post-graduation. Outside of school, Gwen enjoys playing golf at many of the courses in the GTA and is the best in her family. As the youngest sibling, she received lots of teaching and instruction from her experienced older siblings who helped tweak her golf swing to the perfection that it is today. Gwen completed her PEY internship last year where she gained lots of knowledge in the production and development of software. Being an excellent intern the company has agreed to hire her back once she finishes university. Therefore, Gwen is eager to finish her degree this year and has taken more courses than recommended to do so. This leaves her with little time for other side projects she is interested in. Gwen knows that the knowledge she has gained throughout the years can be very helpful to others who are younger and are not as experienced as she is. She needs to find a

club at UTM where she won't spend lots of time developing software but can stay on the sidelines and mentor those who will be.