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Hi ,

When I first arrived on Victoria last fall – I was lost as to what would be my next steps would be. While social media posts from the main **@universityofvictoria** Instagram handle gave me an insight into the major insights and ongoing events of the university, I found social media posts from **@uvicyearone** to really help me navigate through the next steps that I needed to take before starting my classes like preparing myself to register for courses as well as necessary events. These also helped me navigate through various challenges that I faced during my academic year (one example can be the mental health awareness posts which really helped me tell myself that there’s help out there).

I know a few international students who are my friends in UVic and are still find it difficult sometimes to reach out to someone for help. One of the important reasons I decided to apply for this role was because I wanted to share my perspective (as well as anyone else’s in this position) in working with new students and giving a reasonable amount of expectation to help students navigating through UVic for the first time.

I think one of the coolest ideas to do this summer can be a series of video posts where current students navigating through each campus buildings and/or places through giving a brief history (I think we did a similar one last year called ‘Weekly Campus Showcase’ but this time, we can make a brief short video of important academic buildings). This can give a sense of familiarity among students before they arrive on campus around fall.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing my application for this position.

Sincere regards,

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