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EDUCATION

University of Toronto

June 2026

Honours Bachelor of Science (HBSc) in Psychology, Cognitive Science (Computational Stream)

4.0 GPA

International School of Kuala Lumpur

June 2022

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

44/45; 6.8 GPA

RESEARCH-RELATED EXPERIENCES

Levels of processing and memory recall research project

January 2021 - April 2021

A replication of Craig and Tulving's (1972) experiment, completed for International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

- Designed and adapted method to eliminate confounding variables (e.g., pre-recorded audio files to ensure consistency across trails, named materials 'Handout A' and 'Handout 1' to prevent demand characteristics)
- Designed and created experimental materials (e.g., online consent form, raw data table on Excel)
- Conducted descriptive statistical analysis and Mann-Whitney statistical test, interpreted, and evaluated results

Socioeconomic status (SES) and prosocial behavior research project

May 2021 – October 2021

Analytical research paper on relationship between SES and prosocial behavior, completed for IB Diploma

- Researched scholarly psychology studies regarding SES and prosocial behavior
- Evaluated and discussed studies' findings in terms of their support for empathy-altruism hypothesis and social exchange theory (theories of prosocial motivation)
- Correlated studies' findings, concluding flexibility of relationship between SES and prosocial behavior

Flavonoid and cell division research project

November 2021 – February 2022

Experimental research on effects of flavonoid from root extracts on cell division, completed for IB Diploma

- Designed and conducted experimental method of growing *Imperata cylindrica* in flavonoid solutions
- Conducted background research regarding subject, collected and processed data regarding mitotic indices, conducted descriptive and inferential statistical analysis, conducted interpretation of results

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

University of Toronto Mental Health Association (UofT student club)

July 2023 - Present

Executive Secretary

- Creating organizational materials for executive meetings, handing emails, presenting logistic information
- Support co-presidents and other members on mental health initiatives

UofThrifts (self-founded retail business reselling UofT students' clothes)

March 2023 – Present

Toronto, ON

Founder, co-manager

- Photographing and marketing second-hand clothes, managing the @uofthrifts Instagram account, keeping track
 of financial accounting spreadsheet on Notion
- Organizing and conducting sales, communicating and meeting with clients and customers

MusicBox Children's Charity (national charity providing music education)

March 2023 - Present

Junior executive, volunteer private music lesson tutor

Toronto, ON

- Plan and teach one-on-one piano lessons to refugee children at the FCJ Refugee Centre every Saturday
- Tailor lesson plans to each child; communicate feedback to the children's parents

Students' Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) Committee

August 2021 - April 2022

Senior leader

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Led weekly meetings with committee, held discussions with the school's Headmaster and director of risk management regarding in-school DEIJ incidents
- Created events and assemblies about sensitive DEIJ topics targeted for young students

Greater Action (GA) (non-profit organization for Afghan refugees)

March 2021 - May 2021

Project leader

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

 Organized school-wide second-hand clothing drive, coordinated with GA ambassador to use second-hand items to create new products to generate income for Afghan refugees

The Unheard Project for Rights (social-justice-oriented Instagram page)

June 2021 – November 2021

Founder, editor, manager

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- Edited and shared anonymous sexual assault and racism experiences submitted by teenagers in Kuala Lumpur
- Researched and created posts about legal information regarding social issues (e.g., what to do in cases of rape)

Executive Board of the Senior School Student Council

September 2019 – June 2020

Executive Secretary

Beijing, China

- Led weekly meetings, held discussions with Headmaster regarding school improvements, hosted annual events
- Led COVID-19 fundraiser; raised over 7000RMB to send medical supplies to Wuhan
- Led COVID-19 Wellbeing events; coached elementary school student council in presenting a Wellbeing assembly; created a school-wide music video to send support to frontline workers

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

- University of Toronto International Scholar Award
- Brian McDougall Award for Leadership
- LivingWorks Start Certificate (suicide-prevention training certificate)
- Mental Health Skills Certificate (Innis College)
- National Honors Society

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Varsity Girls' Basketball Team
- Basketball coach for the 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Team
- Executive Leader of the Service Council
- Writer and producer of original music