

# ALEXANDER W BRAFF OR 白偉文(BAI WEI WEN)

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- University student who, in addition, continues his studies of Mandarin and Japanese (to improve fluency) and of both Chinese and Japanese cultures (to broaden understanding of the country and its people).
- Recognizes that, as the distance between nations is getting smaller each and everyday, he needs the languages and the skills to better understand foreign nations and the philosophies of their people.
- Effective and diligent at tasks as well as networking the skills from others needed to get the job done as efficiently as possible.
- Has a good understanding that it takes time to build relationships and constant effort, care, and honesty at all levels of an organization in order to succeed in the world.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Armour Valve Ltd.** **January 2007 - January 2008**  
*Toronto, Ontario*

- Data input

**Culinary Catering** **June - August 2006**  
*London, Ontario*

- Hospitality service

**Cared for my father** **October 2016 – February 2017**  
*Toronto, Ontario*

- Helped and took care of my dad through his recovery from a triple bypass open-heart surgery

## EDUCATION

**Crescent School** **1995 - 2005**  
*Toronto, Ontario*

**York University** **2010 - Present**  
*Toronto, Ontario*

- Studying to achieve a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy with a possible minor in creative writing or English

## LANGUAGE STUDIES

**Cantonese** **1992 - 2002**  
*Mon Sheong and Yat San*

- Studied Cantonese language and Chinese culture beginning at the age of 4 at Mon Sheong School and later transferred to Yat San School (1995) with a number of Chinese tutors and educators including Mrs. Mary Chang.

**Mandarin** **2005 – Present**  
*Private Tutor*

- Studied Mandarin and Chinese culture and history (particularly of Beijing) with Mrs. Mary Chan after graduating from high school until attending university only to step back a year to decide a different major. Studied Mandarin for 2 hours every week as well as Chinese culture and history, especially that of Beijing.

*Dartmouth College* **2005**

- Completed a ten-day program at the Rassias Language School.

*Beijing Language and Culture University* **2007**

- Completed one month Mandarin course and toured the Inner Ring and the surrounding areas.

## INTERESTS

- Speaks English, French, going for proficiency in Mandarin and Japanese after finishing my Bachelor degree in Arts Degree in Philosophy.
- Snowboarding, squash, fishing, golf, writing, and cooking as well as traveling the world to learn about new philosophies and cultures.

References and more information available upon request