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SUMMARY

- **I am a creative student** who is passionate about developing and applying new skills and who is excited about psychology and neuroscience research, user experience design, artificial intelligence, and learning in general.
- **I am a trusted leader** who oversaw the Lower Mainland's largest debate tournament, moderated undergraduate and graduate student election debates, and was elected to organize on-campus conferences for UBC's Model United Nations club.
- **I am an effective communicator** who has over seven years of experience in debate and public speaking; I won two international awards and one university award for my essays.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Self-taught in **Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript (including React), C for Arduino, Git, Linux**. Has experience with writing and debugging unit and coverage tests, using RESTful API, and building full-stack web development servers on Django and Flask.
- Self-taught in Inventor, AutoCAD, 3dsMax, Revit, and Blender for personal interest and for coursework.
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, MATLAB, and SPSS.
- Designed marketing materials for two campus clubs.

ACTIVITIES

- Attended nwHacks (the largest hackathon in Western Canada) and eduHacks (the largest educational technology hackathon in Western Canada).
- Well-versed in geopolitical research, attended fifteen Model United Nations conferences over the past four years.

PROJECTS

- Won the PSYC 217 1st place poster award, given to the best poster presented among those of 800+ students in PSYC 217. Was invited to present research at UBC's Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference.
- Currently researching AI solutions for correlating neural activity with facial movement in mice as a volunteer at Timothy Murphy's lab in the Department of Psychiatry at UBC. Presented a poster on this research at UBC's Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference.

EDUCATION

- **Psychology Student in the Faculty of Arts, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada (2016 - 2020)**
- GPA: 4.10/4.33
- Won the Trek Excellence Scholarship, Student Scholarship in Arts, Stephen Straker Arts One Prize, and University of BC Sopron Memorial Scholarship; Dean's List standing in 2016/17.
- Selected Coursework: Contemporary Topics in Biological and Cognitive Psychology, Analysis of Behavioural Data, Introduction to Ethics, Arts One Program, Introduction to Language and Linguistics, City Visuals.
- **Udemy (2017 – Present)**
Currently taking Python Masterclass
- **StackSkills (2018 – Present)**
Currently taking C Programming
- **Brilliant (2017 – Present)**
Machine Learning, Artificial Neural Networks, Computer Science Fundamentals

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Co-founder and Vice President at AMS Turing Club @ UBC (April 2017 - present)**. Teaches UBC students from a variety of faculties how to build and apply artificial intelligence without requiring significant math and computer science experience. Developed the website, posters, and Git repository for the club, and operates the club's social media channels.
- **Volunteer Web Developer, the Ubyesey Publications Society (September 2017 - present)**. Implements new features and fixes issues on the website of the largest student-run newspaper in Canada and helps develop Dispatch, the open-source newspaper publication platform on which it is built. Develops with React and Django. Practices agile development and continuous integration.
- **Director, Junior Tournament of UBC Debate Society High School Tournament, Fall 2017**. Oversaw the larger segment of the largest debate tournament in the Lower Mainland, attended by over 300 students. Wrote documentation for judges and debaters, coordinated judging and scoring operations.
- **Vice President Academic-Internal at UBC Model United Nations Student Association (April 2018 - present)**. Organizes Model United Nations conferences at UBC for university students. Hires and trains staff for each conference.
- **Director of Fundraising at UBC Model United Nations Student Association (April 2017 - April 2018)**. Managed fundraising and grant applications for the club, which sends UBC students to Model United Nations conferences in New York, Boston, Seattle, and Vancouver. Sought out new sponsorship opportunities for the club.