Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope you had a great start to the new year! As part of my new year's resolutions, I'll be sending out **monthly "Check-In" emails** to keep in touch with my contacts and share my academic journey. This idea came from one of my mentors and friends, Ciara Burrows, who suggested it as a way for me to maintain connections with people while also building a small community of my own. As an introvert, networking can be demanding on the social battery, so this solution seemed like the perfect fit. I'm always open to hearing recommendations on how to improve my emails, as I'm a strong believer in continuous growth.

I recently completed an internship with Pratt & Whitney Canada in their Life Cycle Value (LCV) team, and it was an incredible experience. I got the opportunity to explore my interests in programming and develop my own ways of supporting the business. Indeed, despite being a finance major, I mainly worked on projects like creating a data parsing program. This experience helped confirm my passion for programming and the desire to improve businesses through software engineering.

I'm now back at McGill for my second year, taking more computer science classes and getting involved in several business technology clubs. I'm also applying for summer 2023 internships in business technology/technology. If you learn of any openings or leads, I'd greatly appreciate hearing from you.

One of the aforementioned business technology clubs is [BOLT Bootcamps McGill](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FBOLTMcGill%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ceric.huang5%40mail.mcgill.ca%7C7a00a115d39d43daf6c508daf1a0fbee%7Ccd31967152e74a68afa9fcf8f89f09ea%7C0%7C0%7C638087970965943773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kRXPWYM8wTxY8rr%2BU8nx%2B9jd%2BICiUl5P%2B%2FiBz44XfZg%3D&reserved=0). As part of [BOLT](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FBOLTMcGill%2F&data=05%7C01%7Ceric.huang5%40mail.mcgill.ca%7C7a00a115d39d43daf6c508daf1a0fbee%7Ccd31967152e74a68afa9fcf8f89f09ea%7C0%7C0%7C638087970965943773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kRXPWYM8wTxY8rr%2BU8nx%2B9jd%2BICiUl5P%2B%2FiBz44XfZg%3D&reserved=0), I'm excited to be running a **case competition for Canadian university students in STEM/business** at the end of January. If you're interested in connecting with the talented participants, I'd be happy to send you more information on the **hybrid networking event** we'll be holding on the **26th**. It's a great opportunity for students to showcase their skills and for companies to scout for top talent.

I've also been reading more lately and have two book recommendations: "[The 20-Minute Networking Meeting](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.ca%2F20-Minute-Networking-Meeting-Executive-Network%2Fdp%2F0985910607%2Fref%3Dsr_1_2%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAqt-dBhBcEiwATw-ggLIE2bUfebmXnCssd2fA33G3vDBDC1jXk1A3glz8j2bCkdRICbkT1RoC40wQAvD_BwE%26hvadid%3D267313940829%26hvdev%3Dc%26hvlocphy%3D9061030%26hvnetw%3Dg%26hvqmt%3De%26hvrand%3D8240008123896909215%26hvtargid%3Dkwd-395571894447%26hydadcr%3D16988_10238361%26keywords%3Dthe%2B20-minute%2Bnetworking%2Bmeeting%26qid%3D1672992332%26sr%3D8-2&data=05%7C01%7Ceric.huang5%40mail.mcgill.ca%7C7a00a115d39d43daf6c508daf1a0fbee%7Ccd31967152e74a68afa9fcf8f89f09ea%7C0%7C0%7C638087970965943773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=v2l8D83Ezpuitm2ZE%2BtqWFk3a8WKnOFY3TGbstNlLV8%3D&reserved=0)" by Marcia Ballinger Ph. D and Nathan A. Perez, and "[Born a Crime](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.amazon.ca%2FBorn-Crime-Stories-African-Childhood%2Fdp%2F0385689241%2Fref%3Dsr_1_1%3Fkeywords%3Dtrevor%2Bnoah%2Bborn%2Ba%2Bcrime%2Bbook%26qid%3D1672992641%26sprefix%3Dtrevor%2B%252Caps%252C75%26sr%3D8-1&data=05%7C01%7Ceric.huang5%40mail.mcgill.ca%7C7a00a115d39d43daf6c508daf1a0fbee%7Ccd31967152e74a68afa9fcf8f89f09ea%7C0%7C0%7C638087970965943773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cd8qUM9%2Fh24ThrrQ3Sl2iVG%2FGxH%2BM%2FHfd7l9PAh6yKE%3D&reserved=0)" by Trevor Noah. The first book is a great read that explains the art of networking effectively and highlights the importance of time, while the second book is a memoir by Trevor Noah about growing up in South Africa during the apartheid era. Both books have been really enjoyable, and I highly recommend them.

I hope you find these updates useful and please let me know if you have any questions or recommendations for future emails.

Best Regards,

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