Greetings all!

It has been just over a month since the start of the school year, and what a month it has been! I have had many exciting experiences to share, but two in particular stand out.

First, I am proud to say that our W2023 case competition as an executive of BOLT Bootcamps was a huge success. We had more participating teams than ever before and some great projects to show for it (check out the [link](https://www.facebook.com/BOLTMcGill)). During the competition, we also had the opportunity to attend workshops led by industry professionals, which was easily my favorite part. The highlight of these workshops was learning UI/UX design tricks from Rodrigo Trigueros-Corbo, a Product Designer at Dialogue and wizard of Figma. My favorite tip I picked up from him was to apply 60% smoothing to rounded corners on shapes.

In addition to organizing the competition, I also competed in this year's McHacks10, McGill's annual hackathon. Over the course of 24 hours, 10,000 cups of coffee, and a 3am "Hot Ones" event, my team and I created a financial trading tool. This program uses natural language processing models to inform users of the market sentiment on a particular stock based on recent news articles.

It was a grueling process full of sleep deprivation, but it was also extremely fun. Not only did we end up with a (nearly) completed project, but we also formed a kinship with the other participants struggling through the night alongside us.

Of course, I've also had the opportunity to attend a few other networking events, but none have been quite as memorable. I’m truely grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in both events as it let me make so many great connections, pick up a lot of new skills, and most importantly, feel accomplished and happy.

With the year just beginning, I'm looking forward to what's in store for me next. I thank you all for being by my side as I navigate the maze we know as adulthood, and I humbly ask that continue to keep me in your thoughts so that we may continue to support one another.

Until next month!