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EDUCATION

JUNE 2021

BACHELOR OF ARTS, UBC OKANAGAN

- **Honorary Major** in the PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) interdisciplinary program
- Completion of a **thesis** named "*The Development of the Responsibility to Protect: An Analysis of the Moral and Normative Response to Intrastate Violence and Atrocities*" during the Covid-19 Pandemic

SEPTEMBER 2019

THIRD YEAR BA – EXCHANGE PROGRAM, SCIENCES PO (REIMS, FRANCE)

- Completed 12 courses in a mix of French and English
- Attained certificate program in European Affairs
- Participated in the Asociación de Latinx Americanos Solidarios (ALAS). **Co-ordinated** and led a campus-wide event named Sexual Health Week. **Organized:**
 - **STI Testing and Information campaign** with CeGIDD de Reims
 - **Translation (Spanish to French/ English)** and support for Monica Leon ([see more](#)), a transgender guest speaker on the topics of injustices in Latin America, sex trafficking and the difficulties of a transgender person

JUNE 2017

EXCHANGE STUDENT, LYCÉE CHARLES PÉGUY (ORLÉANS, FRANCE)

- Experienced a culturally immersive year abroad in France. Reassured me of my career choices and current interest in Foreign Affairs and International Relations
- Acquired a better understanding of different cultures, people, and **languages**

JUNE 2016

DOGWOOD DIPLOMA & IB CERTIFICATE, WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Completed IB certificate in English, History and Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 2020 – PRESENT (ON-CALL)

TASTING ROOM HOST AND SALES REPRESENTATIVE, KITSCH WINES, KELOWNA

- Co-ordinated hosting, and sales with Shopify
- Assuring **customer satisfaction** through good communication and understanding customers' needs and wants

JUNE 2019 – JULY 2019

TEAM LEADER AND SALES COORDINATOR, ENDLESS SOLUTIONS (HOMEBIOGAS), MEXICO

- **Lobbied** and **achieved donatory goals** for HomeBiogas systems at events such as **Techo** ([see here](#)) and **Visfoundation** ([see here](#))
- **Supervised** a crew of three in the inspection, construction, and repairs of HomeBiogas systems and solar panels
- **Second place** in the Energy category for the **Premios Latinoamerica Verde**
- **Spearheaded sales** activities in several southern Mexican states where we met with municipal and state officials and NGO's for potential access to funds and donations for more installations
- Conducted a presentation of the ten HomeBiogas systems to the **First Lady of Guatemala**, Patricia Marroquin de Morales ([See more](#))

MARCH 2018 – PRESENT

PRIMARY RESERVE ARMoured CREWMAN, CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CAF/DND), KELOWNA

- **Management** of my troop (24 people) during the Basic Military Qualifications and DP-1
- Developed **mental resilience** while cultivating **leadership skills** and **critical thinking** under **stressful environments**
- Established strong **discipline** and **organizational skills**
- Treasurer of the Junior Ranks Mess (2020/21)

SKILLS

Languages:

- **Trilingual:** English – Spanish – French (Full Professional Proficiency)

Characteristics:

- Diverse and intercultural understanding
- Strong Leadership Skills
- Adaptability and resilience

Technology:

- Adept understanding of technology and general computer skills
- Proficient with Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Basic Video Editing (Camtasia, Kaltura, etc.)
- Able to use HTML and basic JavaScript
- Zoom, Google Meet, Cisco Webex, Discord, Collaborate Ultra, etc.
- Google Platform (Sheets, Docs, Slides etc.)

CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

- **Hogan & Benzing** Assessments completed (Ask to see the results)
- Took a **finances course** developed by a private bank **Actinver**. Produced a mock sales portfolio tailored to the client's needs while learning to manage stocks through a simulation

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

BRITISH COLUMBIA DRAGOONS WHIZZBANG REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION EDUCATION AWARD (2020)

- Award is given to a member of the British Columbia Dragoons Primary Reserve to help with the cost of advancing their education and/or career training

SCHOLARSHIP IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS (2019)

- One of two scholarships offered by Dr. Roger Gale for students in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) at UBC Okanagan. Preference is given to students who have "demonstrated academic excellence".

GO GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMS AWARD (2019)

- An award is offered for students participating in a study abroad through Go Global at UBC Okanagan. Award decisions are made on the Go Global International Learning Programs' recommendation in consultation with Enrolment Services.

MAIN INTERESTS

- Passion for languages and new cultures
- Foreign Policy
- International Affairs and Security
- Team Sports (Volleyball, Soccer)
- Snowboarding, Rock climbing
- Music
- Literature