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## Leadership Experience, Volunteering, & Work

### **VOLUNTEER INTERN, Bonne Vie Medical Clinic & Autochart.ai**

(June 2024 — Present, Total: 158 hrs)

- Leave greater positive impact on patients in healthcare, whilst helping and directly **assisting physicians**—front desk and **on-the-go support** at **Bonne Vie Medical**
  - During the summer, serve as first person patients meet—**bridging them with doctors**, offering a vibrant smile, warm welcome, water or tea if desired
  - Arrived during **staffing shortage**; I learned ad hoc anything the practitioners needed—helping **check-in and attend to patients**; schedule appointments; process labs and faxes via phone and EHR; measure and take samples for LifeLabs; measuring newborns and greeting parents...
  - When manager became sick, I **anchored the front desk**—having learned just enough in my first week to bridge doctors and patients—and volunteered on extra days to meet this critical need
- Recruited by Dr. Ali Okhowat from the clinic to **contribute to Autochart.ai**, startup company building **AI technology to help physicians with charting** patient information during visits
  - Conducted AI in healthcare **research**; wrote blog articles; marketed online and brainstormed and proposed strategies; did software testing

### **TEAM LEAD—Hospital Volunteer, VolunTeen (now “Future Best”) Program at Eagle Ridge Hospital, Surgical Day Care**

(November 2023 — Present, Total: 187 hrs)

- Provide **logistical support** around the hospital, including distributing PPE, decluttering, and managing chartlets, whilst also providing support **on the go**, as needed!
- Lead: **train** new volunteers to the hospital, fostering and building spirit **within team of four**, whom I am responsible for
- **Emergency Room Nutritional Cart**—I deliver food to many dozens of patients who have waited for hours
- Conduct patient **Social Visitations**—opportunities to converse with them one-on-one for an hour, boost their mental health, and make their stay more meaningful

### Skills Summary

- Initiative-taking leader
  - Highly motivated to serve and help people
- Strong communicator
  - Verbal, personal, and person-to-person
  - Charismatic presenter
  - Logistical and organizational
- Problem-solver
- Persistent work ethic
- Empathetic
- Trilingual
  - English: Native
  - Chinese: Native
  - French: Conversant

- **Magazine Cart**—move through all the residential areas of the hospital handing out magazines and talking to patients; seeking to improve the quality of their stay
- Transitioned to Surgical Day Care program: assisting nurses with patients who've just finished surgery; welcoming and directing family; sanitizing and managing the area

### **COACH—Afterschool & Camp Athletics, *Employed by Moresports BC (SD43)***

(February 2025 — Present)

- Inspired by my work with Team Talons to **serve more kids** in sports & athletics
- Teaching a variety of sports, drills, and skills to boost **physical literacy** in youth who are elementary-to-middle-school-aged
- Take on responsibility of a role-model, **inclusive** leader, and trusted figure who can **adapt and adjust** to kids' unique needs for best enjoyment, challenge, and growth in sport
- Serve at various elementary schools around the district (after-school programs) and coaching too during Spring (and later Summer) camps

### **CO-FOUNDER—The Blue Shed Project, PODCAST, *Con X Leadership Program at Gleneagle Secondary School***

(September 2024 — June 2025, Total: 80 hrs)

- As featured on **Tri-City News**: <https://www.tricitynews.com/local-news/these-coquitlam-students-new-podcast-hopes-to-build-a-better-understanding-of-homelessness-10085784>
- **Original vision** of working boots-on-the-ground to support homeless people in our community—erecting a blue tent where we could converse, sip hot-cocoa, hear their stories, and ultimately **create an environment where all could feel valued**—was **deemed impossible** by several organizations, the Mayor, and City Council due to our age and status as students
- However, we have since pivoted, aiming still **to foster empathy and combat the stigma facing homeless people by interviewing people** who have before been homeless, and now can draw valuable insight from their experiences
- Our collaborative podcasts with Hope for Freedom Society, The Uplifting Group, and Mr. Jeremy Johnson (head of the Tri-Cities Homelessness & Housing Task Group) has been publicized on YouTube and Spotify (<https://www.youtube.com/@TheBlueShed>)!

### **CO-FOUNDER—Team Talons Athletic Program, *Con X Leadership Program at Gleneagle Secondary School***

(September 2023 — June 2024, Total: 70 hrs)

- Innovative **district-wide SD43 afterschool sports program** running at three elementary schools with 40 students each, for a total of **200 students**!
- Weekly fun activities, **sports, fitness, games**; snacks provided by **sponsors**
- Goal to boost mental and physical health of children after the COVID-19 pandemic, **enabling opportunities they may have missed out on due to lockdowns**—expose students to high school leaders and role models, engage them in group bonding and social interactions, and lead and facilitate through various team-based physical activities

### **COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR, *Con X Leadership Program at Gleneagle Secondary School***

(September 2023 — June 2025, Total: >250 hrs dedicated to various projects in the school community)

- **Lead, plan, and organize initiatives at Gleneagle:** spirit assemblies; major drives and fundraisers for hospitals and non-profits; greet international teacher ambassadors; welcome and orient Grade 8s/9s as emcees; daily PA-announcements/music; and support photo-days, district-wide-teacher-Pro-D-days, and immunizations
- In the **wider community, I lead outreach initiatives** as Community Ambassador: help tutor students with learning needs at Scott Creek Middle, elementary school Sports Days and Carnivals, as well as shoreline garbage cleanups at parks; assisting other schools **whenever a need arises!**
- Many meetings per week—growing leadership abilities, planning initiatives, and learning from each other by presenting Ted Talks (here is a recording of mine —<https://bit.ly/PeopleECTedTalk>)

### **VOLUNTEER, Eagle Ridge Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop**

(August 2022 — October 2023, Total: 82 hrs)

- Sorted and put out donations of all kinds for low prices that are affordable to those in need, providing **support** all around the store
- All the proceeds (more than \$1 million in lifetime) **donated** to Eagle Ridge Hospital
- Took the initiative to organize and keep tidy different areas of the shop; troubleshooted and set up various donated technology and electronic devices

### **EVENT PLANNER, Gleneagle Secondary School's TALONS Program, Grade 9 & 10**

(September 2021 — June 2023)

- Planned **all elements** of adventure trips, cultural events, as well as leadership projects—core leadership and outdoor education focus!
- Organized shoreline cleanups at parks around Coquitlam, hiking trips to Squamish, dozens of school and community-based cultural events, and a fundraiser involving the Amanda Todd Legacy Society

## Education & Certifications

### **High School, Gleneagle Secondary School**

(September 2021 — June 2025)

- Con X Leadership program: a group of highly passionate individuals working together to serve the school community and beyond! Accepted **by application** in Grade 11 and Grade 12 year, with significant community impact
- Graduated from TALONS (The Academy of Learning for Outstanding, Notable Students): Grade 9-10 **gifted program by application** with focus on independent learning and leadership growth through the collaborative planning of adventure trips
  - o Presented “Night of the Notables” speeches to parents and faculty involving the research of an eminent person—successful reached out to and **interviewed** Dr. James R. Doty of Stanford University

### Extracurriculars

#### **Vector Badminton Club,** *Coquitlam*

(2018 — Present)

#### **Gleneagle Badminton Team,** *Gleneagle Secondary School*

(Fall 2021 — June 2025)

#### **Coquitlam Metro Ford Soccer Club,** *Coquitlam*

(2016 — 2024)

CCARE and Dr. David Pichora of Kingston Health Sciences Centre as part of this process

**Standard First Aid & CPR AED Level C, Canadian Red Cross, Coquitlam**

(January 2022-2025 \*expired)

**Keeping Girls in Sport, Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders, & Stay in the Game Certifications, Moresports BC, Jumpstart, Respect Group, coach.ca, Coquitlam**

(March 2025)

**Level 10 Piano Comprehensive Certificate, The Royal Conservatory of Music**

(Summer 2021)

**Mini Med School Certificate of Participation, BC Children's Hospital**

(2022 & 2023)

**CS50's Introduction to Artificial Intelligence with Python Course Completion, Harvard University online via OpenCourseWare**

(2023)

## Awards

**Governor General's Academic Bronze Medal—Class of 2025, Gleneagle Secondary School** (“awarded to the student who achieves the highest average upon graduation”)

**Talon Award—Class of 2025, Gleneagle Secondary School** (“awarded to the student who, above all, has provided outstanding service and demonstrated leadership... including as a role model who positively influences other students outside of curricular expectations”)

**Outstanding Academic Achievement Award—Top Student, Grade 12, Gleneagle Secondary School** (one awarded per year)

**Outstanding Academic Achievement Award—Top Student, Grade 11, Gleneagle Secondary School** (one awarded per year)

**School Service Award, Grade 11, Gleneagle Secondary School**

**Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 Lewis-Reid Academic Athlete of the Year Award, Gleneagle Secondary School** (one awarded per year)

**Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 Honours with Distinction, Gleneagle Secondary School**

**Boys Doubles 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, 2023 Coquitlam Junior Badminton Championships**

**Sir Isaac Newton Exam 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, AMC 12 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, CIMC School Winner, *Gleneagle Secondary School***

References and Further Information Available Upon Request