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

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)

Standard First Aid & CPR AED Level C, Canadian Red Cross, Coquitlam
(January 2022-2025 *expired)

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 3rd Place, 2023 Coquitlam Junior Badminton Championships

Sir Isaac Newton Exam 2nd Place, AMC 12 2nd Place, CIMC School Winner, Gleneagle Secondary School

References and Further Information Available Upon Request