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PROFILE

Architectural graduate from Victoria University of Wellington in the beautiful city of Wellington in New Zealand. I enjoy travelling and exploring new places and cultures at any chance I get. I love both playing and watching football. In my down time I often find myself at the gym or playing the guitar. I love to spend time with family and socialize with friends, and enjoy making new ones wherever I go. I have a strong passion for architecture, both the physical side and the aspects that evolve from it, and aim to fit into a firm that prides itself in it's values and appreciates hard work and sincerity.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture (Professional) - 2019

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

"The Togetherness of Strangers" - Architectural research project and thesis on creating housing that is adaptable to different cultures and backgrounds with the aim of fostering social interaction amongst dwellers.

Goethe Institut - 2018

Learning German at level A1

Master of Architecture (Exchange) - 2017

Technical University of Munich, Munich, Germany

Exchange program at TUM over summer semester 2017

-Urban Design and Regional Planning Studio in Athens, Greece (Prof S. Wolfrum)

-Cultural heritage, history and criticism (Prof D. Erben)

-Special aspects of Building Project Management (Prof T. Bock)

-Methodology of Industrialization (Prof T. Bock)

-Explored the culture and architecture of 14 European countries

Bachelor of Architecture Studies - 2014-2016

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

A Grade Average

College Education - 2013

Newlands College, Wellington, NZ

Merit Endorsement - Level 1, 2 & 3

SKILLS

Technical: Revit, ArchiCAD, SketchUp, Rhino, 3dsMax, Grasshopper, Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Microsoft Office, Autocad, Maya

Soft: Leadership, communication, teamworker, professional, hard working, quick learner, understanding, patient, friendly

Languages: English, Hindi, German (A1)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand - 2018 to present

Creative Projects Assistant

In charge of all Victoria University School of Architecture creative projects, including local and national engagement. Organised events both within the faculty and with partnering groups that has exposure both locally and nationally. Learned to work on tight deadlines and in a professional manner for a large organisation

Communicated with university management, staff and students on various different matters.

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand - 2017-2018**Teaching Assistant, tutor**

Tutored two, 300 level courses, one on digital methodologies and one in project management
Worked with 20+ students in each course - teaching, learning, growing and sharing knowledge with younger students.
Learned to communicate and critique architectural ideas and manage a group of emerging architects.

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand - Summer 2017/2018**Summer research scholar**

In charge of research for "therapeutic landscapes" and "culture" within the field of architecture.
Worked with academics to produce a conference paper and publication in Athens, Greece
Worked with other scholars to communicate research and contribute to a research goal.

Pandoro Panetteria, Wellington - 2011 to present**Delivery driver**

Delivered products to customers on a timely fashion and to a high level of professionalism
Worked with different customers and companies to solve any issues that arose
Built quality relationships with customers over 8 years in my role

Subway, Wellington International Airport - Summer 2014/2015**Sandwich artist, shift leader**

Worked in a high paced environment with attention to detail
Worked in a team to undertake small tasks that contributed to a whole
Worked with differing personality types and learnt to deal with conflicts and issues with customers in a professional manner

LEADERSHIP, ACHIEVEMENTS + EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**STUDIO - President (2016-2019)**

Architecture and Design faculty student representative group, VUW
Role included organizing events and facilitating student wellbeing for 2000+ students, acting as the student voice on various different university boards and liaising between school and students on all matters.

Victoria International Leadership Program (2016-2018)

Completed the Victoria International Leadership Programme which is an extracurricular programme that helped enhance my degree and made me more globally aware. This program aided my leadership potential, advanced my knowledge, built my global competency and enabled me to think critically about the leadership challenges in various world affairs. It also created opportunities for international experiences and global connections during my study

Faculty Delegate - Architecture and Design (2015-2018)

Faculty delegate on the Faculty Board (FAD), dealing with academic and wider university matters alongside academics and senior management

Faculty Academic Committee - Architecture and Design (2017-2018)

Student representative on the Faculty Academic Committee (FAD), dealing with primary academic matters such as reviewing courses, amendments to existing courses and structuring new courses offered at the Faculty of Architecture and Design

International Buddy - Victoria International Buddy Program (2015-2018)

Peer support and buddy for 6 different incoming international students over four years. Role included being an initial friend and helping them settle into Wellington and the 'kiwi' life, also included attending events with them and learning and gaining knowledge about different cultures

Volunteer disability van driver - VUW (2018)

Volunteering for Victoria Disability Services as a driver picking up and dropping disabled students to and from University so that they are able to attend class and activities

Language buddy - Victoria International Buddy Program (2016-2018)

Peer support and buddy for 2 different incoming international students. Role included teaching them English and helping them settle into Wellington and the 'kiwi' life. Benefit was learning from two different cultures; one German and one Chinese

Volunteer note taker - VUW (2015-2016)

Volunteering for Victoria Disability Services as a note-taker at in-class lectures for students that are not able to attend short term or long term courses.

STUDIO - Vice-President (2015)

Architecture and Design faculty student representative group, VUW
Role included helping organizing events, facilitating student wellbeing and reporting to superiors on university matters.

Class representative (2014)

Representative for full 1st year Architecture program of 300+ students, dealing with course issues and liaising between course coordinator and students

ACADEMIC AWARDS RECIEVED

Oskar von Miller Forum - 2017

Munich, Germany

One of few selected into the OvMF "excellence program" where I lived with and learned from students and scientists from all over the world in the Architecture and Engineering field. This program exposed me to different cultures and backgrounds and helped me build my organization, communication, technical and social skills

Victoria International Leadership Program Travel Grant - 2017

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Travel scholarship gained towards my exchange program in Munich, Germany

VUWSA Student's Representation Faculty of the Year Award - 2016

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Award received while in presidency of STUDIO, for highest level of engagement with students, wellbeing and results

VUWSA 'Outstanding contribution to the Student Experience' Award - 2016

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Highest honour awarded to any student for their contribution to the student community at Victoria University of Wellington (2016)

Victoria Plus Program - Gold Award (2016)

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Awarded for completion of the Victoria Plus Program and outstanding commitment to leadership, volunteering and developing professional and life skills over my undergraduate studies

PUBLICATIONS

Conference Presentation - 2018

"The togetherness of strangers: The role of culture and personality in the therapeutic landscape." 8th Annual International Conference on Urban Studies & Planning, 4-7 June 2018, Athens, Greece

Conference contribution - 2018

"The Vertical Garden". International Conference on Smart, Sustainable and Sensuous Settlements Transformation (3SSettlements) Announcement Conference date: 7th - 8th March 2018. Technische Universität München (TUM), Germany

Newspaper article - 2017

"Medium Density Housing in New Zealand". Smart Cities and Infrastructure. Hindustani Times newspaper. Novemeber, 2017. Mumbai, India

INTERESTS + HOBBIES

Football and basketball - I enjoy watching and playing both sports. Playing these team sports since I was a child has helped me grow my team-skills and be more understanding and patient when working in a large group

Going to the gym - I enjoy going to the gym at least once a day to refresh and rejuvenate

Socializing - Meeting up with extended family and also friends is always a nice thing to do, especially on weekends

Volunteering - I volunteer for various organizations and I feel it is my way of giving back to the community

Music - I love many different type of genres and often engage in playing the guitar

REFERENCES

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