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Education

University of Bath, School of Management (Sept 2016-Jun 2020)

BSc (Hons) Management: Four-year, sandwich degree with an industrial placement in the penultimate year. Current Average (2:1)

Delhi Private School, Sharjah, U.A.E (April 2003-April 2016)
Central Board of Secondary Education: Average achieved- 91.2% (Business studies- 93 Economics- 95 Accountancy- 83 Psychology- 96 English- 89)

Work Experience

Microsoft, United Kingdom, Business Program Manager Intern (July 2018 – June 2019)

Experience:

- Modern Workplace Evangelist: Driving consumption of Modern WorkPlace suite (Office 365) among some of the strategic customers such as Ministry of Defence, Heathrow Airport, M&G, GSK, Lloyd's Banking Group, Unilever and Bupa Dental. Focused mainly on Microsoft Teams adoption and consumption. Experience gained in consulting by helping the Customer Success Unit and Account Team Unit. As part of my association with the Ministry of Defence(MoD), I succeeded in increasing the adoption of Microsoft Teams across the MoD by over a 100% of their Monthly Active Users(MAU) in a span of 6 months.
- Modern Workplace champ: Part of the Modern Workplace champ's 101 Team. This entailed a group of interns helping business areas across Microsoft to drive consumption of Office 365 product offerings.
- Customer Service Business Analyst: Analysed YouTube data about Microsoft support videos and finding trends in terms of demographics, seasonal popularity and views.
- BAME ERG Events Lead: Active representative of the Black Asian Minority Ethnic ERG at Microsoft. Held the responsibility of an Events Lead and organised internal & external events such as Diwali, Eid, Chinese New Year and a partnership event with SEO charity.
- Toastmasters Club: Member of the speaker's club. Enhanced communication and presentation skills

Skills gained:

- Adoption & Change management
- Digital Transformation
- Ability to take ownership of projects
- Team coordination

Energy Engineering, Dubai, Data Intern (July 2017- Aug 2017)

Experience:

- Developed various sales & purchase invoices for projects given by international clients
- Reporting of sales and purchase logs

Skills gained:

- IT skills
- Attention to detail
- Developed work ethic and time management skills by managing deadlines

BlackBerry, Dubai, Sales Specialist (April 2015-May 2015)

Experience:

- Gained a useful insight into the retail sector by holding responsibility for increasing sales volume using promotional techniques
- Significantly increased sales by 10% implementing various marketing strategies
- Awarded the title "Best Employee", in recognition of efforts to intensify sales and establish customer confidence

Skills gained:

- Communication skills developed by dealing with customers' queries, their needs and complaints
- Use of creativity and initiative through pitching of unique proposals to customers

BlackBerry, Dubai, Sales Specialist (Sept 2014–Oct 2014)

Experience:

- Increased sales by persuading key customers and understanding consumer interests
- Valuable experience gained in performing as a team player; whilst at the same time developing a greater sense of responsibility through completing tasks autonomously

Skills gained:

• Developed the skill of proficient anticipation, marketing and negotiation of demands by targeting and approaching unique customers

Skills, Achievements & Interests

- PROSCI Change Practitioner Change Management 3-Day course (Microsoft)
- High Performance mindset course (Microsoft)
- ❖ Academic Representative for first year Management Suite
- Events Representative of hall accommodation
- Society Representative of Bath Finance Society
- ❖ Operations Associate of Bath School of Management Student Association
- Active participant of the conversation club
- ❖ Languages: English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent) and Marathi (Fluent)