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# **EDUCATION**

University of Waterloo

Sep 2021 – Apr 2026

Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS), Double Degree Program

Wilfrid Laurier University

Sep 2021 - Apr 2026

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Double Degree Program

**Turner Fenton Secondary School** 

Sep 2017 – Jun 2021

Ontario Secondary School Diploma International Baccalaureate Diploma

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## **Administrative Assistant**

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021

SMILE Canada – Support Services

- Researched local grants and identified stakeholders to support SMILE programs
- Entered records and information into a database using quality management guidelines and standards
- Was responsible for informing SMILE families about upcoming programming including Parent Support Groups and Youth Events

# **Marker and Primary Instructor**

Jul 2019 – Mar 2020

Kumon, Brampton ON

- Assisted students by answering their questions about concepts in Math and English
- Marked students' homework and classwork booklets

# **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

#### Coordinator

Sep 2018 - Jun 2021

Girls Empowerment Movement (GEM)

- Contributed in multiple capacities as a Graphic Design Coordinator (2018/19), Communications & Multimedia Coordinator (2019/20), Community Collaborations & Advocacy Coordinator (2020/21)
- Assisted the team in the planning of mentorship/leadership events and initiatives for youth in Peel
- Assisted in maintaining social media channels such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using Hootsuite

# Director of Sponsorship & Finance

Sep 2020 - May 2021

TurnerHacks, Turner Fenton Hackathon

- Created and designed a sponsorship package
- Contacted and had professional meetings with relevant businesses and organizations to obtain sponsorships for the hackathon

### **Director of Digital Media**

Jul 2020 - May 2021

FuturFund

- Spearheaded the development and organization of FuturFund's website using the Avada Builder in WordPress
- Led and implemented the redesign and refinement of FuturFund's brand identity
- Assisted in building FuturFund's digital assets, including finlit resources and tools

## **Provincial Ambassador**

Jan 2020 - Jul 2020

**FUSE Society** 

- Contacted individuals, organizations, and companies for sponsorship/funding inquiries
- Represented FUSE at local school events and programs

#### **SKILLS**

Languages: Python, HTML, CSS, Java

**Tools:** Canva, Figma, Marvel, WordPress, Hootsuite, iMovie, Adobe Photoshop

#### **PROJECTS**

# **Member Portal**

Jul 2021 - Present

## STEMing UP Program Challenge #2

- Pitched a solution to increase engagement and enhance the user experience for the members of World Changing Kids' Upstanders Academy Program
- Created a prototype of a member portal website for Upstanders Academy by wireframing and designing the UI on Figma, as well as conducting UX Research (via interviews, competitive analysis, personas)

## infinlit May 2021

# JAMHacks V Project

- Created a mobile application prototype to be a financial planner for university students with the UI on Canva and prototyping functionality on Marvel
- Coded a user-input webpage using HTML and CSS

#### Co-Founder

Jun 2020 - Jan 2021

#### Hope for the Homeless

- Researched relevant funding opportunities and secured a #RisingYouth grant
- Utilized funds to create and distribute care packages (containing hygiene products and other essentials) to a local homeless shelter
- Raised awareness about the effects of homelessness to a larger audience via social media

# **AWARDS**

# President's Gold Scholarship Wilfrid Laurier University

Sep 2021

Sep 2020

 A renewable scholarship (\$4000) awarded to students with an average above 95% when graduating high school

## #RisingYouth Grant Recipient

 Secured grant (\$750) from TakingITGlobal's #RisingYouth Program, funded by the Government of Canada under the Canada Service Corps initiative