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Education

Secondary Studies

Robert Bateman High School (Closed As Of 2020) - High School Diploma

Program Level: International Baccalaureate

Level Graduated: Certificate

Undergraduate Studies

Toronto Metropolitan University - University Degree

Program of Study: International Economics and Finance (Bachelor of Arts)

Duration: May 2018 - May 2020

Program of Study: Financial Mathematics (Bachelors of Science)

Duration: May 2020 - Present

Relevant Coursework:

CGCM130 (**Design and Layout**), CRI300 (**Digital Design Studio**), CMN279 (**Intro to Professional Communications**), CPS118 (**Introductory Programming for Students**), ECN104 (**Introductory Microeconomics**), MTH207 (**Calculus and Computational Methods I**), MTH310 (**Calculus and Computational Methods II**)

Certifications & Badges

- Power BI (Issued May 2020)
- Power of Excel (Issued May 2020)
- Python (Issued May 2020)
- R (Issued June 2020)

Awards

SPROUT Case Competition - 1st Place

Team 8 (4 Members)

Duration: February 2020 (Three Day Event)

Recommendation Letter

CESAR Volunteering

Career

Official Positions (Past and Present)

Director

BlockchainUniversity – Freelance

Duration: March 2023 – Present (10 Months)

Location: Toronto, ON – Onsite

- Led over 15 video workshops, supplemented with written articles and social media content, aimed at educating university communities, notably TMU, on blockchain technology.
- Covered a spectrum of topics, from foundational concepts to advanced industry applications, providing comprehensive understanding to diverse audiences.
- Spearheaded participation as a speaker and workshop lead at the 9th annual ‘Hack the 6ix’ hackathon event, enlightening 20+ students on blockchain's fundamental principles, concepts, and ongoing media discourse.

Producer

TMU Game Makers Union – Permanent Part-Time

Toronto Metropolitan University

Duration: April 2021 – April 2022 (1 Yr, 1 Month)

Location: Toronto, ON – Remote

- Implemented engaging remote learning strategies centered around game development processes, ensuring students remained actively involved and motivated.
- Organized and facilitated events such as game jams, tutorials, and art competitions to provide platforms for students to showcase their work and enhance their design skills.

- Collaborated with IEEE branch to design and execute events aimed at introducing students outside the game design field to project building, regardless of their prior experience.
- Contributed to marketing efforts by editing and publishing online video tutorials on the GMU YouTube channel, extending educational resources to a broader audience.

Research Assistant

Ripple Studios - Part-Time (Project: Cognigeeks)

Toronto Metropolitan University

Duration: July 2021 – October 2021 (4 Months)

Location: Toronto, ON – Remote

- Contributed significantly to enhancing the user interface, narrative quality, and gameplay mechanics of "Cognigeeks," a PC game focused on educating secondary students about electrical engineering principles.
- Collaborated closely with programmers to implement diverse in-game UI/UX elements aimed at creating an immersive learning environment.
- Recorded and facilitated multiple voice recording sessions for game characters, ensuring high-quality voiceovers for an engaging storytelling experience.
- Leveraged third-party lip sync tool, Rhubarb, provided by Unity game engine open-source developers, to synchronize character animations with dialogue, enhancing visual immersion and interactivity for the player.

Deputy of Internal/External Affairs

Ryerson International Economics and Finance Course Union – Full-Time

Toronto Metropolitan University

Duration: April 2020 – April 2021 (1 Yr, 1 Month)

Location: Toronto, ON – Remote

- Successfully engaged over 40 undergraduate and graduate students in the International Economics and Finance program through effective communication and networking strategies.
- Established a strong online presence for the TMU community, providing a remote space for extracurricular learning and engagement.
- Educated students and stakeholders on the importance of peer-to-peer teamwork skills through the development of tools and facilitation of remote workshops.
- Organized and facilitated case competitions in collaboration with organizations like SPROUT, fostering teamwork and problem-solving skills among participants.

- Built and managed a central website for the student organization, incorporating e-commerce and live broadcasting tools to enhance student engagement.
- Provided marketing solutions including brand image slogans like 'Become ICONIC' and curated promotional emails to promote exclusive group competitions with giveaways.

Volunteer Positions

Event Delegate

Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson (CESAR)

Toronto Metropolitan University

Duration: January 2020 – April 2020 (4 Months)

Location: Toronto, ON – In-person

- Coordinated and executed logistical operations for a course union winter event focused on re-building student unions such as CESAR.
- Successfully attracted over 200 students to the event, demonstrating effective marketing and promotion strategies.
- Increased student participation in the voting process for the next president of CESAR by 20%, contributing to a more representative and engaged student body.

Community Volunteer

Ryerson VOTES

Toronto Metropolitan University

Duration: October 2019 – November 2019

Location: Toronto, ON – In-person

- Distributed promotional material within the TMU community to encourage on-campus voting for the 2019 federal election, contributing to increased voter turnout among students.
- Raised awareness about voting resources in Toronto by attending art gallery exhibitions, reaching out to city residents and promoting civic engagement.
- Managed the organization of a televised campus event in partnership with CityTV, showcasing convenient solutions for on-campus voting during government elections and promoting voter awareness.

Event Coordinator

Ryerson Orientation Crew

Toronto Metropolitan University

Duration: August 2020 – September 2020 (2 Months)

Location: Toronto, ON - Remote

- Coordinated remote events for incoming first-year students for the Fall 2020 semester, utilizing platforms such as Zoom to host live surveys and game shows, enhancing student engagement and participation.
- Registered appropriate gifts for participants based on engagement levels, incentivizing active involvement and creating memorable experiences.
- Demonstrated advanced communication skills by suggesting social media content ideas via Instagram to the team, contributing to a cohesive and engaging online presence.
- Enacted strong care and enthusiasm in assigning and completing remote tasks, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in event planning and execution.

Skills:

- **Data Analytics:** SQL, Tableau, R, Python
- **Social Media:** Instagram, TikTok, WordPress
- **Web Design:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Languages:

- **Native:** Turkish (First Language), English (ESL)
- **Learning Currently:** Russian