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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science: Mathematics and Computer Science Minor

Sept 2021 - Present

University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, Canada, UBC Science Co-Op program

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Karen McKellin International Leader of Tomorrow Scholar (2021-Present), UBC:** Nominated and selected internationally with a 1% of acceptance rate and guaranteed full-ride scholarship throughout the entire undergraduate degree. The award recognizes superior academics, leadership, and community service (GPA: 3.5/4.0).
- **Sponsor prize (2023), Produhacks x EY:** Awarded for developing the “Fitnomic” demo mobile app, designing UI/UX, and pitching it to corporate professionals, exploiting product management skills.
- **Selected for Canada’s Top Students (2022), Scotiabank:** Awarded for outstanding performance in product development (UX/UI design, web development) of student programs and marketing solutions involving creativity, research, and data analysis tools.
- **Merit-Based Haileybury Astana Scholar (2019-2021):** Selected for one of eight 100% scholarships to attend Haileybury Astana British School and do the International Baccalaureate Bilingual Diploma Program (Score: 42/45).

TECHNICAL SKILLS: R, Tableau, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, SQL, MatLab, Python, Java, Javascript, HTML, CSS, Blender, Adobe PhotoShop.

LANGUAGES: Native **Kazakh and Russian**. Fluent **English**. Limited proficiency **French**.

EMPLOYMENT

Budget Planner, ProfEd startup, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Dec 2021-Present

- Helped raise over 15,000 USD in funds for assisting technological development of Virtual Reality Career Guidance. Worked closely with staff to ensure grant objectives were met.
- Supervised the business plan, budget, and expenses of the project. Researches and develops grant proposals for foundations, government agencies, and corporate philanthropies.
- Coordinated communications with 20 private schools in Central Asia and the Ministry of Education in Kazakhstan.

IB Tutor, Buki.kz, Astana, Kazakhstan

Jan 2020-Sep 2021

- Collaborated with students to complete homework assignments, identifying lagging skills and weaknesses in IB STEM subjects.
- Motivated students towards learning and studying to build self-confidence and reduce fear of failure, thus helping them achieve 7 and 6 out of 7 in IB MOCK exams.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Small Group Leader, KMILOT, Vancouver, Canada

August 2022- Present

- Selected to mentor international scholarship students from various faculties and years. Received formal training in Suicide Awareness and Intervention. Hosts regular meetings and creates a safe environment, fostering personal and professional success in the community. Currently founding an alumni-student mentorship program

Cyber Security Trainer, UNICEF, Kazakhstan

Sep 2022-Dec 2022

- Managed a group of student volunteers and was responsible for setting up remote lessons about cyber security and media literacy in secondary schools in Kazakhstan.
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TECHNICAL PROJECTS:

- **‘Fitnomic’ mobile app using Node.js, React.js, and Figma (2023):** a modern mobile app that utilizes gamification and a rewards system to encourage employee engagement in wellness programs. So far, only the front-end development version is available. The project plans to develop a gamification and rewards system in the future.
- **Fashion Recommender system using Python(2022):** Built a fashion recommendation system using the nearest neighbor algorithm and predicted for the dataset from Kaggle Stack Overflow (44,096 jpg items). User and interaction data was used with ResNET50 architecture to extract image feature vectors to find similar images.
- **‘TAZALA’ website using Javascript, HTML, CSS (2021):** a volunteering project that focuses on organizing and executing community clean-up events in various neighborhoods.