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**EDUCATION**

**2014 – Present:** Dublin City University: BCL (Law and Society).

* First year overall result: 2:1
* Second year overall result: 2:1
* Third year overall result 1:1 (I spent my third year on Erasmus at Sciences Po).
* Fourth year: I am currently awaiting the results of my Christmas examinations which I sat in January of this year.

**2007-2013:** St. Mary's High school, Midleton, Cork. Points achieved: 445.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

1. **Organisation:** Natural Distribution Company Chicago

**Dates of employment:** June 2017 – August 2017

**Role/Title-** Head juicer

**Skills obtained:**

* I viewed first-hand how a fast paced business operates and how commercial decisions are made.
* My entrepreneurial spirit flourished when a flavour that I created was chosen to be sold to selected hotels in Chicago. I was motivated, determined and driven to come up with a recipe for the perfect juice.

2. **Organisation**: Brown Thomas

**Dates of employment**: September 2013 – March 2017

**Role/Title**: Retail assistant

**Skills obtained**:

* It was necessary to ensure that communication was open and clear within the team. This means that I can effectively communicate and interact with clients and colleagues while under pressure and react to unexpected events in a calm and proactive manner.
* My interpersonal skills are now excellent, I have a genuine ability to understand a client’s needs.

3. **Organisation:** SUAS

**Dates of employment:** February – March 2016

**Role/Title:** Volunteer

**Skills obtained:**

* Here I was able to aid SUAS in supporting high quality education in under privileged communities.
* I felt I achieved a good social footprint through participation. This commitment meant that I was able to develop my ability to handle substantial responsibility alongside my studies.

**SKILLS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

* At Sciences Po I worked on a project which was exhibited at six locations around Paris. To be able to liaise with scholars at a Harvard, a leading university was an indispensable learning experience. I developed skills such as excellent research and writing skills.
* My love of learning and languages led me to spend two summers at the Alpha B language school in Nice, France. This combined with my studies at Sciences Po means that I am now at the French language level B2 under the Common European Framework of References for languages.
* I am a member of DCU Student's Unions Welfare Committee. I was chosen out of sixty applicants. I am part of a social movement making positives changes within my university. We are currently working together to devise a number of campaigns in relation to mental, physical and sexual health.
* I would consider my most significant achievement to be the following: In 2014, as captain, I led my team in the local Equestrian Relay Championship to victory. I showed initiative and my hard work paid off. It led to me being selected as captain of the team. It was a proud moment for myself and my parents. In 2013, we progressed to the final but were unsuccessful. The feeling of disappointment at the loss spurred me on to ensure victory the following year. I became more involved with the team, proposing extra training sessions to help us reach our full potential. Unfortunately, an extra week night was unrealistic with my teammates schedules so I proposed training on Sundays. The results were visible as week on week our team improved. We earned ourselves a place in the final. The feeling of pride that I experienced is indescribable. This achievement best reflects my leadership qualities. It shows that I have motivation and initiative and will work hard to ensure the success of my team.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

* I am an active member of the Law society and the Equestrian society.
* I have sat nine piano examinations at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. I adore pianists such as Yann Tiersen and Ludovico Einaudi.
* I have a keen interest in global politics. I attended a number of Chris Kennedy's campaign nights in Chicago last summer. I was invited to and attended Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.