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**EDUCATION**

**University: 2014 – 2018:** Dublin City University: BCL Law and Society

* 1st year over all result: 2:1
* 2nd year over all result: 2:1
* 3rd year over all result: 1:1 – I spent my third year on Erasmus at Sciences Po
* 4th year predicted result: 1:1

Secondary Education: St Mary’s High school Midleton: Points achieved: 450

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**!) Organisation-** Natural Distribution Company Chicago

**Dates of employment-** 7th June 2017 – 7th August 2017

**Role/Title-** Head juicer

**Skills obtained-**

* I benefited in being able to view first-hand how a fast paced business operates and how commercial decisions are made. I now have the ability to apply legal knowledge to commercial situations in a practical way.
* My entrepreneurial spirit flourished when given the opportunity to experiment with new flavours. One such flavour 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. I was able to delegate tasks to my team.
* Law and business come hand in hand. To be able to develop my skills in business helped me to reaffirm my decision to pursue a career in law.

**2) Organisation**- Brown Thomas

**Dates of employment**- 1 September 2013 – 20 March 2017

**Role/Title**- Retail assistant

**Skills obtained**-

* I benefited from a strong commercial experience that can transfer to a legal setting. I can effectively communicate and interact with clients and colleagues while under pressure and react to unexpected events in a calm and proactive manner. I always worked as part of a team. It was necessary to ensure that communication was open and clear within the team.
* I developed faith in my own abilities as I was given a certain amount of responsibility. My interpersonal skills are now excellent. I have a genuine ability to understand a client's needs.
* I saw a small part of the law in action here. It helped me to realise that law effects every part of our lives.

**3) Organisation-** SUAS

**Dates of employment-** 1 February – 15 March 2016

**Role/Title-** Volunteer

**Skills obtained-**

* Here I was able to aid SUAS in supporting high quality education in under privileged communities. I was responsible for working successfully as part of a team and communicating effectively with the children to maximize their benefit.
* I felt I achieved a good social footprint through participation. I volunteered for one hour, once a week, over a six-week period. This commitment meant that I was able to develop my ability to handle substantial responsibility alongside my studies. My organizational skills were developed also as I had to balance my studies with the commitment.
* I was able to give back to the community and make use of my skills such as teamwork and time management.

**4) Organisation**- East Cork Parents and Friends of The Mentally Handicapped

**Dates of employment**- June – August 2012

**Role/Title**- Volunteer

**Skills obtained-**

* I volunteered as part of a team for three months, three days a week over the summer. I was responsible for Kieran during my time at the camp. Kieran was twenty-five at the time and severely mentally handicapped. I was responsible for Kieran's well-being on a day to day basis. We spent the mornings doing art work, the afternoons playing outdoors and the evenings, reading stories.
* Kieran's quality of life was very important to me, we formed a great bond. I was given huge responsibility for a sixteen-year-old but my energetic and positive nature meant that I took it all in my stride.
* I looked forward to each day and overcame any challenges by using my good communication and leadership skills.

**SKILLS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

* I was accepted to spend my Erasmus year at Sciences Po. Sciences Po has been ranked by the QS World University Rankings as fourth in the world to study Politics and International studies. Sciences Po is also ranked within the top 100 universities in the world to study Law. My acceptance was based on my grades and an essay.
* At Sciences Po I worked on a project which was exhibited at six locations around Paris. To be able to liaise with scholars such as Howard H. Leach, Craig R. Stapleton and personal at a leading university such as Harvard was an invaluable learning experience. Skills developed while working on this project: teamwork and time management, I worked towards a deadline.
* I have spent two summers at the Alpha B language school in Nice, France. This combined with my studies at Siences Po means that I am now at the CEFR language level B2.
* I am one of eight members on the DCU Student's Unions Welfare Committee. I was chosen out of sixty applicants. This committee is so important. It is a real committee that assists and leads in achieving goals set out at the start of the year. It means that I am a part of a social movement making positives changes within my university. Myself and the rest of the committee members are currently working together to devise a number of campaigns in relation to mental, physical and sexual health. On my application, I wrote about a specific campaign idea in relation to mental health. Once I was picked to be on the committee, I spoke to the Welfare officer, Padraig Henry about it. Prior to this, I also engaged with a lot of students asking them what sort of campaigns they would like to see being run. My idea has been chosen to be ran as a campaign during week eleven of the college year. DCU Student's Union has also agreed to fund it. I used my persistent, determined and strong willed nature to persuade Padraig and The Student's Union to run and fund my campaign. This required a lot of hard work but it was all worthwhile as the welfare of students is something that is extremely important to me. The passion that I have for the welfare of the students shone through and Padraig and the rest of the Student's Union were on board almost immediately.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

* I am a member of societies such as FLAC, The Law society and the equestrian society. I greatly enjoy being a member of DCU's equestrian society. I horse ride with them every second Thursday evening. To be a part of the society means that I have met many new people and have made many new friends. To be able to spend time outdoors, away from the city gives me great headspace.
* I have sat 9/11 piano examinations at the Royal Irish academy of music.
* I enjoy running and am currently training for the 10km 'Run In The Dark', in Dublin.
* I will become an ambassador for 'Legal Spiel' once the site goes live. Legal Spiel's main aim is to create opportunities to allow law graduates to gain experience with internships and ultimately to get a job or training contract in the legal profession.
* I am very interested in global politics. I attended a number of Chris Kennedy's campaign nights in Chicago this summer. I was invited to and attended Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

**REFERENCES**

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