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**Education**

**2007-2012 Colaiste Choilm C.B.S, Swords, Co. Dublin**

**Leaving Certificate 575 Points**

Irish & Chemistry- A1

English, French & Business -A2

Maths- B2

**2013- Present University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4**

Bachelor of Business and Law – Current G.P.A 3.5

**Employment History**

**SuperValu Swords, Dublin 2012-2016**

**Sales Assistant**

**Duties;** Greengrocer 2013-2016, Checkout Operative 2012-2013

Initially I worked as a cashier, before being moved to the Fruit department. Working in SuperValu equipped me with skills which will stand by me for the entirety of my career. I worked as part of a tight knit team and met some great people. My communication skills were required to be impeccable, due to the high emphasis placed on excellent customer service within the store. I was often placed in positions of responsibility, being required to order stock for example, and to show leadership when new employees joined. Balancing a part-time job and my college workload required me to improve my time management, and presented stressful situations which I overcame. Working in retail further motivated me to work hard in college, and to pursue a career in my field of education.

**Zed 451, Clark St., Chicago 2015**

**Tableside Chef and Preparation Chef**

**Duties:** Preparing, cooking and serving high quality food

Summer 2015 I lived in Chicago, and worked in Zed451, a fast-paced restaurant Downtown. I was part of a multi-national team, and despite having no previous culinary experience, thrived in the role. Tasks included preparing food, serving food to customers, and the obvious cleaning duties that come with working in a restaurant. Despite my short tenure, due to the high turnover of staff, I rose to a position of reasonable responsibility by summer’s end. This lead to me being lead grill, and also training in new staff before leaving. Zed was extremely busy at weekends/holidays so the job did bring some challenges and stressful situations, but overall it was a fantastic experience.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers, Dublin June-August 2016**

**Tax and Legal Services Intern**

I was an intern in the Tax and Legal Services department. I worked as part of a team in a high pace environment and was exposed to several important projects, most involving US funds. The work required a high level of collaboration with my team, as well as problem solving and creativity. Many of the benefits I reaped from this experience were not related to things taught in university. I found that the ability to organise and prioritise your workload is massively important in a professional environment. I also improved my ability to produce high quality work in stressful situations. In my work, I found the analysis and application of the law to actual commercial problems engaging and extremely interesting, and is why I am now seeking a career in law

**Skills**

**Excellent communication and customer services skills;** Built up through working, and also the group exercises constantly undertaken in university. Working in SuperValu in particular, required a high level of customer service due to the high amount of customer contact.

**Adaptable and Quick-learner;** Every place that I have worked in has brought different challenges and required different skills, and I have always managed to learn quickly and adapt to new working conditions. Working in Zed451 required me to adapt quickly, and I relished in the role.

**Teamwork and Leadership;** Built up through working, but also through playing Gaelic football and rugby, and the multiple group projects conducted in University. Working in PwC required me to integrate into a new team in a short period of time.

**Interpersonal Skills;** I have worked with people from multiple backgrounds and nationalities and I have found from experience that it is much easier to work effectively with people that you can get along with.

**Stress Management:** University and all of my previous jobs have required me to work under stressful conditions, and I have always overcome pressure and produced a high standard of work. Balancing a job and college in itself presents a challenge, however I never let it affect my grades.

**Interests**

I have always had an interest in sports, and keeping fit in general. I have found that exercise not only has physical benefits, but also mental. I have played Gaelic football and rugby at a high level, and represented Dublin in the former. Playing sports has allowed me to experience the team dynamic in a competitive environment from a young age, something I believe helps me to this day. I also play golf off a handicap of 13, and occasionally train in Swords boxing club. Both of these sports require discipline, commitment and practise in order to develop, attributes which have helped me in my college and working life.

I read books recreationally, mostly because I enjoy it, but I also feel that it helps with stress reduction, mental stimulation and contributes to concentration skills. I read a variety of magazines and newspapers, and take a particular interest in publications such as the Financial Times, as staying in touch with commercial affairs is of great importance if you want to succeed in today’s business environment. I enjoy listening to podcasts, as it’s a great way to increase your knowledge in a weak area. At the moment I’m listening to a series of history podcasts by Dan Carlin which are really interesting.

I really enjoy travelling, having spent to tail end of this summer in Asia. As I mentioned above I spent last summer working in Chicago, and my spell in the U.S visiting Denver, San Diego and L.A. I have inter-railed to most of the capital cities in Europe and hope to visit South America within the foreseeable future.

I have actively engaged with various societies in UCD since first year. I partook in the student legal service’s annual negotiating competition, reaching the semi-final with one of my classmates. It was great to gain some insight and experience applying more practical skills. I also partake in the Student managed fund, being involved with the Gaming and Leisure team last semester. It’s a great opportunity to put accounting skills and commercial awareness to the test. I was one of 20 students selected to attend the UCD Law Society’s annual London Trip this year, where we visited several of the City’s biggest Law firms. The goal of the trip was to gain an insight into the life of a corporate lawyer, and we took part in several workshops focusing on practical skills such as negotiation and litigation. I received a certificate for Work Related Learning and the trip further reinforced my desire to pursue a career in corporate law.

**References**

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