**Clíodhna McHugh**

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I am a final year Law with Politics student at University College Dublin. My enthusiasm and strong work ethic make me a fantastic team player, with the ability to excel individually. My comprehensive legal knowledge coupled with my astute commercial awareness and strong communication skills make me a perfect candidate for a traineeship at your firm.

**Education**

**University:** University College Dublin *BCL Law with Politics* 2017- Present

* **Relevant Modules:** Contract Law, Property Law, Company Law, Professional Ethics and Legal Practice, Law of Torts, Equity and Trusts, EU Law, Legal and Professional Skills.
* **GPA:** Stage Three: 3.63, Stage Two: 3.63, Stage One: 3. 55
* **UCD Entrance Scholarship:** awarded in recognition of outstanding Leaving certificate results.

**Erasmus:** University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. January- June 2020

**Secondary School:** Loreto Secondary School, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. 2011-2017

* **Leaving Certificate:** 577 points.
* English: H1, Irish: H1, French: H1, Biology: H1, Home Economics: H1, Economics: H3, Chemistry: H4, Maths: O2.

**Work Experience**

**UCD Foundation** September 2020- Present

* Student Caller: Contacting past UCD alumni to engage with them about their experience at UCD, and to raise funds for the UCD Opening Doors Scholarship.

**PhoneWatch:** August 2020

* Direct Sales Representative: Conducted door-to-door sales, delivering product information in a succinct manner to customers, while meeting daily sales targets.

**Burrito Loco, Letterkenny:** May- August 2019, and 2020

* Front of House: Prepared and served Mexican food in a busy restaurant. Worked cohesively in a team to ensure efficient service.

**Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge:** January- April, September- November 2019

* Food and Beverage Assistant: greeted and served guests. Ensured all of their requests were met. Handled any complaints in a professional and timely manner.

**Boojum Mexican Restaurant:** March- June 2018

* Front of house: Prepared and served Mexican food in one of Dublin’s busiest establishments. Gained valuable interpersonal skills in this high pressure, customer facing role.

**University involvement:**

**UCD Student Ambassador:** Represented UCD to prospective students at UCD run events. Acted as a point of contact for students for general university information.

**UCD Peer Mentor:** Gave support, advice, and guidance to incoming law students in UCD.

**Correspondence Secretary** of the 164th session of UCD’s Literary and Historical Society. In this role I delivered weekly comedy addresses before the UCD Fitzgerald Debating Chamber, organised on-campus events for students, and managed all society correspondence.

**Intervarsity Debating:** Speaker and judge for both UCD Law Society and UCD Literary and Historical Society in numerous intervarsity debating competitions. Semi-finalist of the James Joyce Maidens competition, and finalist of the Galway Open.

**Irish Times Debate:** Semi-finalist of the prestigious Irish Times Debating competition 2018.

**Volunteer experience:**

**UCD Volunteers Overseas:** Volunteered in Tanzania for one month with UCD Volunteers Overseas. I facilitated ICT classes, ranging from computer basics to Microsoft Excel, to local teachers. I conducted English language classes for primary school students, through drama, music, and sports. I completed comprehensive pre-departure training and education on ethical volunteering, cross-cultural issues, and sustainable community involvement.

**UCD SVP:** Participated in home visits to elderly members of the community.

**Interests and Achievements**

**Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition:** Selected to represent Ireland in the Euroscola event in the European Parliament in Strasbourg. I was nominated by fellow European delegates as chairperson of the environmental committee. In this role I addressed the parliament on climate justice. All of my proposed motions were unanimously approved by the Euroscola parliament delegates.

**Speech and Drama:** Completed all grades through the Irish Board of Speech and Drama, receiving First Class Honours in each. Awarded a Proficiency Medal in Public Speaking.

**Public Speaking:** Runner up in the national final of the Europe Direct Soapbox competition in both 2014 and 2015.

**Iveagh Scholars:** Selected for the first Iveagh Scholars programme in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. During this week-long programme I gained valuable insight into the reality of work in the diplomatic sphere.

**Student Council: S**ecretary of my school’s Student Council. In this role, I launched the #HeForShe gender equality campaign, hosting interschool debates and workshops. I liaised with both school faculty and students.

**Gaisce:** I have been awarded both the Bronze and Silver Gaisce Awards after completing a total of 52 weeks of community involvement, personal skills and physical activity.

**Fáinne:** Awarded the SeanFháinne, indicating fluency in both Irish language and culture.

*References will happily be provided upon request.*