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A dedicated, hardworking and committed Law Student, I am involved in politics, both on a local level and at University. At UCD, I am encouraged to think outside the box, be proactive and collaborate with students across disciplines. I am consistently acquiring new skills in a dynamic and vibrant environment, both through my academic studies, and my broad extra-curricular activities. I aim to work in a role that combines legal issues with commercial and current affairs. My passions include the social, political and economic empowerment of young people. I am strongly involved in the Comhairle na nOg youth movement and enjoy competitive debating. I am currently seeking opportunities of work experience in the legal field which will offer early responsibilities, and the opportunity to develop practical legal skills.

**Education**

* 2015-2019 University College Dublin

BCL Law with History, First Year Christmas Exams: G.P.A 3.63

* 2013-2015 St Patrick’s Classical School, Navan

Leaving Cert (Hons), 6 Honours, 515 points

* 2010-2013 Virginia College, Virginia, Co Cavan

Junior Cert, 11 honours

**Skills**

* Communication
* Captain of School Debate Team – duties included scheduling meetings, convening debates with other schools, organising training, training members of the junior team, as well as competing.
* Excellent team working skills gained through coursework, leadership experience and extracurricular activities.
* Experience of canvassing for political candidates, ability to relate to people and take their issues on board
* UCD SLS Negotiation Competition
* Mooting - Winner of the Vivian Lavan Moot Court Competition 2016
* Leadership
* Member of Meath Comhairle ná nOg 2010-2014
* Elected by peers
* Served as Chairperson, Vice Chair and PRO at various points
* Member of Comhairle ná nOg National Steering Committee 2012-2014
* Elected after Dáil ná nOg meeting to represent young people of Meath
* Member of Meath Comhairle ná nOg Steering Committee
* Secretary (January 2016-present), former Assistant Secretary (2015-2016) and Membership Officer (2015-date) of Kells Fianna Fail Cumann - duties include arranging time and place of meetings, taking minutes, ensuring communication between members of the Cumann and elected representatives, and keeping membership details up to date.
* UCD Literary and Historical Society – Debating Tutor on Outreach Programme, and Member of Sub-Committee 2015/2016, with responsibility for House debates.
* Member of UCD Law School Student-Staff Consultative Forum
* Member of UCD History School Student-Staff Consultative Forum
* Member of School Student Council
* School Prefect
* Editor, contributor and founding member of school Newspaper
* Oversaw the setting up of an Irish language magazine in my school
* Head of School Yearbook Committee
* First Year Rep on the UCD Kevin Barry Cumann Committee, Ogra Fianna Fail Branch in UCD
* Technical Skills
* ECDL Certificate
* Language Skills
* French – Leaving Cert Honours Level
* Irish – Leaving Cert Honours Level
* Organisational
* Time management skills gained through projects and course work and prioritising tasks to meet deadlines.
* Commercial Awareness
* Member of Investors and Entrepreneurs Club – member of Student Managed Fund
* Set up, and ran my own company selling confectionary in the school yard in primary school, and at shows and craft fairs while I was in secondary school. Participated in RTÉ’s ‘Dragons Den’ programme.
* Student Affiliate of the Irish Tax Institute.

**Interests**

* Politics, Economics and Current Affairs, taking electives in both Irish politics and macroeconomics
* Sports – Swimming, Horse Riding and Rowing, member of UCDBC Novice Squad
* Debating and public speaking – member of L&H and LawSoc
* Creative Writing – Have taken a course in creative writing
* Volunteering – Volunteer at local community festival, Moynalty Steam Threshing, each August. This has helped develop my event management skills at an event which attracts on average 40,000 visitors. Volunteered in a local nursing home during secondary school.

**Awards and Honours**

* Recipient of award for contribution to school life in both 2014 and 2015
* Prefect
* Valedictorian at Sixth Year Graduation Mass, 2015
* Awarded the UCD Access Frank Scott Scholarship for Law, 2015
* Irish Times Debating Competition Semi-Finalist, 2016

**References**

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