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**Education & Training**

2017- 2018: Student of the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

2015 to date: Student of BCL (International), University College Cork, Cork.

2009 – 2015:Presentation Secondary School, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.

2001 – 2009: Ballygiblin National School, Ballygiblin, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.

**Hobbies**

I am a very active student on campus and I am involved in a variety of societies, law related and otherwise.

* UCC boasts an excellent law society which I was delighted to get involved in. In my first year I was the sponsorship officer for the 53rd Annual UCC Law Conference, which won best conference in the UCC societies’ award. As I was responsible for sourcing finance for the event, I enjoyed being able to build a rapport with the various firms and businesses who kindly sponsored us. Building from my enjoyment of the conference, I decided to get involved in the organisation of the first inaugural Women in Law Forum in May 2017. I worked as a Sponsorship Convener for the Forum and I was also involved with the PRO and Media team. This experience helped enhance my networking skills as I used our online platform to reach out to legal scholars and students alike to advertise our event. My experience from this event was wholeheartedly positive as I met an array of inspiring female leaders from the legal sphere.
* I was the student representative for my class for the 2016/2017 academic year. I conveyed my class’s needs and requests at faculty meetings on a monthly basis. I organised a group forum where my classmates could brief me on the current issues they wanted to be addressed. I found this platform to extremely helpful as it enabled everyone to have their voice heard. After each meeting I would relay the relevant information back to my class. I enjoyed this role, it gave me the opportunity to build a relationship with the members of my law faculty and to improve my relationships with my classmates. As a result of this role, I also became more confident at public speaking as I had to speak in front of a large group on a regular basis.

**Voluntary Work**

* I worked as a volunteer for UCCs Niteline group. Niteline is a student run charity which offers a non judgemental, non advisory, listening service for the UCC student community. My work entailed of answering calls from students and providing them an outlet to talk through any issues or worries they may be feeling. The purpose of Niteline is to make every called feel listened to. As Niteline has introduced a new instant messaging system which enables people to contact us online, my typing and general computer efficiency improved. As a result, I am proficient in the use of different types of software. I have been awarded a UCC Works award in recognition of my volunteer work with Niteline.
* Since starting college in 2016, I have been a member of the UCC Amnesty Society. In March 2017, a fellow UCC student and I competed in their annual Jailbreak competition. The concept of Jailbreak is to raise money for charity while racing across Europe in search of an unknown destination. The caveat of the competition is that all money raised goes straight to charity so all travel costs must either be sponsored or avoided. As I had previous experience managing social media accounts, I was responsible for raising awareness of our various fundraising campaigns online. I also used our large social media presence to encourage companies to sponsor us in return for promotion of their companies to our following of over 2000 social media users. This proved to an effective incentive for companies and we were lucky enough to have all our flights sponsored by Cork based companies In 39 hours, my teammate and I raised over 900 euro for charity, travelled from Dublin to San Marino in Italy by planes, buses, trains and boats and placed 5th nationally in the competition. Competing in Jailbreak was the highlight of my college experience so far as not only was it a great opportunity to raise money for two deserving charities, it improved my networking and media skills.

**References available on request**

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