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Profile: I am in my final year studying Law and Politics in UCD, I have a keen interest in pursuing a career in Corporate Law. This interest can be seen in the array of subjects I have studied over my time in UCD most notably Banking, Company and Contract Law. I hope to develop this interest into a full corporate legal career.

Education

University: My degree is a BCL (Law with Politics) and I am currently en route to finish my degree on a 2.1 with an average GPA of 3.26. An example of some subjects I studied are;

- Insolvency Law: B: The law behind insolvent companies and receivership. It required complicated legal problem solving for various stakeholders in a situation of limited financial resources
- International Economic Law: B: Law of the World Trade Organisation and contemporary disputes such as the United States of America Steel Tariffs.
- Project Management: B: This helped me to learn new tools and techniques on how to best execute and oversee a project.

Leaving Certificate: I received 7 honours and a total points of 525 points, including 60 points for D.A.R.E due to learning disabilities in which I have overcome as seen in my University results.

Work Experience

Irish Water (4th June- 28th August 2019): Hired to work in the billing department of commercial properties, investigating over 30complaints a day investigating faulty readings. Resulting in a 23% increase in output of resolving billing complaints. Further presenting a weekly review on billing complaints.

- Conducted a daily spreadsheet report on outstanding bills which was used to communicated results and figures to contractors as a guide on daily company progress.
- Investigated and altered outdated company information across multi-system platforms which was applied nationwide.
- Trained in the advanced course of excel under a company IT expert.

Base Pizza (15th September 2018- 23rd May 2019): Refined communication skills with the consumer base, managing over the phone orders and complaints phone skills and email communication with management.

- Participated in high intensity, stressful situations as I worked at the busiest times of the week in a new outlet for the business.

Volunteer Experience

The Duck push (Charity): A school charity in aid of Crumlin's Children Hospital, for which myself and 20 peers ran a giant paper mache duck from Crumlin to Limerick. Raising over €72,000 in total, I personally raised over €2,500.

Peter McVerry Trust (Social Placement): Shadowed Fr Peter McVerry S.J for a week, interviewing drug users and recovering drug users. Understand their stories and see how society can better help and prevent those vulnerable from falling into life of crime and drug use. It also helped expand my understanding on how one of Dublin's largest homelessness charities operates in helping over 5,800 people across Ireland change their lives.

