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EDUCATION

CORNELL SC JOHNSON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Business Administration

Ithaca, NY

2024

- Semester in Strategic Operations Immersion
- Member of Consulting Club & Women's Management Council; Consultant at Big Red Consulting

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE

Honours Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction in Environmental Studies, Women & Gender Studies

Toronto, Canada

2022

- Dean's List Scholar, Co-Chair Student Advisory Committee on Sustainability, New College Leadership Awardee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GREEN HOPE FOUNDATION

Founder-President

Toronto, Canada

2012 - 2022

United Nations-accredited NGO specializing in sustainable development consultancy and implementation in 26 countries

- Provided strategic leadership, build senior level partnerships with key stakeholders, coordinated international operations and represented the organization at the United Nations
- Created 25,000 green jobs through clean energy innovation in Bangladesh by implementing Agrovoltaic technology
- Implemented digital education programs that have benefited over 300,000 out-of-school children in Asia and Africa
- Devised Sustainability Education curriculum for Toronto District School Board, Canada's largest, engaging over 600 schools and 250,000 students
- Led a diverse multi-national team that implemented award-winning environmental education curricula in United Arab Emirates, Suriname, Bangladesh, India, Liberia, Oman, and Kiribati schools
- Appointed by Government of Suriname as sustainability consultant to its youth parliament, facilitating involvement of over 1200 youth in environmental conservation projects and in policy discussions
- Partnered as a consultant with leading construction firms, hotels and government departments in the UAE, to develop their 2030 sustainability transition roadmap
- Delivered over 500 keynotes on sustainable development across 26 countries, notably at the United Nations and the World Bank, that led to policy changes in climate mitigation and civil society engagement
- Awards: Innovator of the Year for Sustainability Education, Best Global Youth-Led Social Innovation Enterprise

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

Community Engagement & Outreach Assistant

Toronto, Canada

2021 - 2022

- Developed a centralized engagement model that increased student engagement in sustainability research by 10%
- Interviewed 7 stakeholders for partnerships that resulted in the adoption of a sustainability plan of action

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

Global Coordinator for Children and Youth Major Group

Nairobi, Kenya

2013 - 2015

- Implemented transparent feedback mechanisms between UNEP and stakeholders that increased threefold youth engagement in decision-making at UNEP
- Improved the election process by creating a Terms of Reference document that led to 50% greater participation of stakeholders

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Awards & Recognition:** Forbes 30 Under 30, United Nations Human Rights Champion, Canada's Meritorious Service Medal (M.S.M.) recipient, World Literacy Award, International Children's Peace Prize winner
- **Other Languages:** French, Bengali, Arabic, Hindi
- **Software skills:** Python, Adobe Illustrator, WordPress, Web design
- **Positions:** Board Trustee at the Parliament of the World's Religions, National Geographic Young Explorer, Junior Fellow at the World Academy of Art and Science, Action Coalition Leader at UN Women's Climate Justice Taskforce
- **Hobbies:** Singing, playing the piano, guitar and drums, swimming, traveling
- **Author** of "The Tree of Hope" - a children's book on fighting climate change that is a part of school libraries globally