



DeGroot Accounting Association

Resume Book
2024-2025

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroot School of Business

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) & Honours Bachelor of Applied Science (Computer Science)

Accounting GPA: 3.9/4.0, Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Blackstone Inc.

Private Equity Valuations Summer Associate

Toronto, ON

April 2024 – August 2024

- Performed comprehensive market research and developed due diligence reports with growth projections, resulting in the identification of opportunities valued at a \$75 million upside.
- Coordinated with international finance teams to monitor and update financial results for portcos undergoing expansion, ensuring accuracy and alignment with strategic objectives.
- Aggregated and provided final valuation metrics to fund accounting and investor reporting teams for the purpose of producing financial statements and limited partners' capital accountant statements.

RBC Capital Markets

Capital Markets Winter Analyst

Toronto, ON

January 2024 – March 2024

- Utilized Bloomberg and FactSet to perform market research and compile data on key financial indicators, assisting the team in identifying and proposing three high-growth investment opportunities.
- Coordinated with senior associates to analyze financial statements and industry trends, resulting in a comprehensive report used to guide a \$75 million investment decision.
- Monitored and analyzed the performance of portfolio companies and potential targets, providing weekly updates to the team that helped refine strategic recommendations and maintain client satisfaction.

RBC Capital Markets

Institutional Client Credit Management Fall Analyst

Toronto, ON

October 2023 – December 2023

- Conducted risk identification and assessment for portfolio management, collaborating with Group Risk Management (GRM) to maintain credit quality and optimize risk-reward balance.
- Prepared Risk Assessment Reviews (RAFs) and supporting documentation, ensuring accurate and forward-looking assessments, resulting in a 15% reduction in credit losses.
- Participated in continuous monitoring of counterparty and portfolio risks, leveraging Bloomberg data and Excel models, leading to a 20% increase in early identification of operational risks and control deficiencies.

RBC Dominion Securities

Investor & Treasury Services Summer Analyst

Toronto, ON

May 2023 – August 2023

- Analyzed rolling average interest rates to test a thesis on Royal Bank relating to rising interest rates, which helped the financials associate improve their thesis on the bank.
- Conducted in-depth financial statement analysis and constructed 30+ financial models using FactSet and Edgar, enabling the team to make data-driven investment decisions based on key performance indicators.
- Interpreted sell-side market research to identify and capitalize on emerging macroeconomic themes.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association (DAA)

President, previously; Director of Corporate Development, First Year Representative

Hamilton, ON

September 2023 – Present

- Orchestrated strategic initiatives resulting in an increase in corporate sponsorships and record high revenue of over \$20,000, enhancing the financial resources of the DAA and funding to educational events.
- Spearheaded the planning and execution of high-profile financial and accounting events, attracting over 500 attendees, and fostering networking opportunities with professionals, increase student engagement by 25%.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Technology: Python, Java, SQL, R, Excel/VBA, React, Bloomberg, Capital IQ, FactSet

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroote School of Business **Hamilton, ON**
Honours Bachelor of Commerce with Internship (Accounting) & Interdisciplinary Minor (Political Science) *Expected Graduation: 2026*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Scotiabank **Toronto, ON**
Compliance Audit Intern *May 2023 – August 2023*

- Conducted thorough compliance audits on GBM&T and CFC Oversight, to ensure adherence to local and international regulatory requirements, as well as internal policies, resulting in a 98% compliance rating.
- Performed testing and successfully delivered 31+ audit working papers outlining findings, recommendations, and action plans, contributing to improved internal controls and risk mitigation strategies.

The Children's Place **Mississauga, ON**
Sales Associate *May 2022 – June 2022*

- Generated an increase in sales through outstanding customer service by addressing any questions, providing product suggestions, and creating a meaningful shopping experience.
- Implemented a store-wide audit, requiring extreme attention to detail, as part of an inventory control strategy to reduce shortage and control loss.

New York Fries **Mississauga, ON**
Front Liner *July 2021 – August 2021*

- Managed transactions and communicated with customers to ensure needs were met, including handling all inquiries and concerns in keeping with company policy.
- Maintained the workflow through continually rotating tasks requiring a wide range of skills and adaptability such as tracking daily inventory, adjusting recipe quantities to coincide with our budget, monitoring stock orders, and assisting my manager in recording each day's revenue.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association **Hamilton, ON**
Senior Advisor *April 2023 – Present*

- Provided strategic guidance and mentorship to the executive team, enhancing decision-making processes, and fostering leadership development among members.
- Played a pivotal role in advising on the development and implementation of new initiatives, including the creation of targeted workshops that resulted in enhanced student engagement and career readiness.

DeGroote Accounting Association **Hamilton, ON**
President, previously: Director of Corporate Development *April 2022 – April 2023*

- Spearheaded a team of 17 executives in setting the association's vision and direction for the year, leading to unprecedented growth in membership, a 40% increase in event attendance, and the successful launch of innovative initiatives like the first-ever ESG in Accounting event.
- Developed and implemented strategic plans of outreach to 17+ firms by conveying the DAA's value through sponsorship packages, one-on-one meetings, and partnership agreements specific to every firm's needs resulting in record high sponsorship income.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills: IBM Lotus Notes, TeamMate EWP, Microsoft Office

Interests: Weight Training, Reading, Baking

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroote School of Business

Hamilton, ON

Honours Bachelor of Commerce with Internship (Accounting) & Interdisciplinary Minor (Sustainability)

Expected Graduation: 2026

Cumulative GPA: 3.8/4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ernst & Young

Waterloo, ON

Audit Intern

May 2024 – Present

- Conducted comprehensive walkthroughs of client processes and internal controls, identifying key control points, and ensuring compliance with accounting standards.
- Performed detailed financial statement tie-outs, cross-referencing figures, and supporting documentation to ensure accuracy and consistency in final audit reports.
- Fostered strong client relationships through effective communication and coordination, obtaining necessary documentation and evidence, minimizing delays, and ensuring a smooth audit process.

Robby's Pizza and Wings

Burford, ON

Customer Service Representative

April 2018 - Present

- Handled a high volume of customer orders during rush hour, aiding when ordering and resolving issues ensuring a positive experience. As a result, positive customer feedback was received, and sales target was consistently met or exceeded.
- Ensured orders were prepared accurately and efficiently while maintaining a clean and organized work environment. Consistent positive customer reviews were received and recognition from managers for delivering high-quality service.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association

Hamilton, ON

Senior Advisor; Previously Director of Corporate Development

April 2024 - Present

- Served as a liaison between the executive team and external stakeholders, including industry professionals and faculty advisors, providing guidance, fostering strong relationships, and facilitating collaboration on key initiatives.
- Achieved record-high sponsorship revenue exceeding \$20,000, enhancing the financial resources of DAA, supporting educational events, and cultivating valuable corporate partnerships.
- Received recognition for outstanding leadership and contributions, earning the "All Star Executive of the Year" award at the DCS Leaders Recognition Gala, for exceptional dedication and impact within the DeGroote Accounting Association.

DeGroote Commerce Social Committee

Hamilton, ON

Director of Marketing

August 2022 - April 2023

- Collaborated alongside co-chairs to answer questions students may have, in a timely manner, through emails and social media posts, enhancing interpersonal communication skills.
- Design promotional material using various art platforms including Canva, growing creativity while paying close attention to detail.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Intermediate proficiency in various Microsoft Office platforms including Teams, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel
 - Basic proficiency of Power BI
 - Orally fluent in Dari and basic level of written comprehension
 - Personal Interests: Puzzles, music, art and reading.

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroote School of Business

Hamilton, ON

Honours Bachelor of Commerce with Internship (Accounting)

Expected Graduation 2025

- Dean's Honours List 2019-2020, 2020-2021
- President's Award 2019
- DeGroote School of Business Entrance Award 2019
- GPA: 11.8 (12.0 Scale), 3.9 (4.0 Scale)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KPMG Canada

Hamilton, ON

US Cross Border Corporate Tax – Staff Accountant

May 2023 – Present

- Prepared 100+ US corporate tax return filings for corporate clients, assisting with ad-hoc filing requirements throughout clients' fiscal year.
- Developed unique future US tax planning and advising models, catered to identify tax opportunities /reporting requirements with a business.
- Lead staff training and seminars on key US tax guidelines, assisting 6+ staff in routine tax preparation as a peer buddy and trainer.
- Developed CaseWare expertise in file management, financial statement drafting and tax preparation; was identified as a knowledge resource for this software on the team.

Elections Canada

Mississauga, ON

Deputy Returning Officer

September 2022 – March 2023

- Prepared and maintained administrative records, certificates, and forms for 20+ individuals, each critically assessed by need and case within two minutes.
- Verified and enforced ID policy for all electors throughout the day, ensuring community safety and voter confidentiality remained.
- Managing 600+ electors throughout the day with speed, resulting in less wait time.
- Balanced 1000+ ballots throughout the day to ensure ballot accuracy resulting in an accelerated final count by 20 minutes.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association

Hamilton, ON

Director of Education, previously: Vice President of Events

September 2022 – Present

- Lead 6+ events for the DAA from their inception to final execution, gathering over 100 participants.
- Coordinated DAA executive team during the Fast Pace to the case competition i.e. event breakdown, assigning roles and structuring cases.
- Maintained communication with the DeGroote Campus team and various clubs regarding events collaborations i.e. CPA Night, DWIB x DAA, etc.
- Managed event bookings, catering and campus approval procedures prior to event days by creating detailed event layouts and summaries.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel (V/X/H lookups), CaseWare, GoSystems Tax, CCH
 - VP of Operations, DeGroote Business Challenge (August 2021 – April 2022)
 - Second Place Award Recipient, DeGroote Business Challenge, Sustainability Division (March 2021)
 - Second Place Award Recipient, Debits and Credits Case Competition (November 2020)
 - Leader, McMaster Catholic Students Association (September 2020 – May 2022)

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EDUCATION

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Honours Bachelor of Commerce with Internship

- Area of Focus: Accounting & Finance and Minor in Computer Science

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP

Incoming Financial Analyst – Wealth Management Intern

Toronto, ON

August 2024 – August 2025

PressPlay, Multimedia Design & Marketing Agency

Freelance Brand Consultant

Brantford, ON

April 2017 – Present

- Generating 11+ million impressions and counting through leading branding projects in collaboration with subsidiaries of Comcast Corp., COX Comm., and Nenking Group.
- Grew creator's average viewership by 27% YoY through eye-catching branding for short/long-form video content.
- Delivered solutions for projects to 130+ unique creators/businesses by implementing client-centric strategies for retaining long-term relationships and attracting new customers through high-praise referrals.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association

Director of Finance, previously: Director of Marketing

Hamilton, ON

May 2023 – Present

- Oversaw a \$33,700 cash budget, resulting in improved financial stability and increased support for club activities.
- Spearhead the creation of comprehensive annual budgets, meticulously detailing financial requirements and strategic priorities to secure funding from sponsors.
- Effectively handle reimbursements for club activities, coordinating with club members and sponsors to facilitate seamless financial transactions and enhance member experiences.

ACE (DECA) McMaster

Director of Finance

Hamilton, ON

May 2023 – April 2024

- Conduct comprehensive financial planning and analysis to safeguard ACE McMaster's financial well-being, including the preparation of annual budgets, forecasting, and financial modelling utilizing Excel for informed strategic decision-making.
- Facilitated the collection and distribution of \$6000 in funding reimbursements, enabling delegates to participate in professional development events outside the classroom by coordinating with faculty programs and donors effectively.
- Ensured accurate and timely financial reporting to the McMaster and ACE Canada governing bodies, maintaining compliance with regulatory standards and organizational requirements.

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification**, *Bloomberg for Education – 2023*
- **Bloomberg Finance Fundamentals, Bloomberg for Education - 2024**
- **Python for Data Science Certification**, provided by IBM, *CognitiveClass.ai - 2023*

INTERESTS

Programs: Excel, PowerBI, PowerPoint, Access, Photoshop, After Effects, Illustrator, InDesign, DBeaver, GitHub

Languages: Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Haskell, MySQL & DB2

Interests: A self-taught guitarist and avid record collector with an admiration for indie rock music, a shortstop for a McMaster intramural softball team, a passionate Toronto Blue Jays fan and managing my own stock portfolio.

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McMaster University – DeGroot School of Business

Hamilton, ON

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

Expected Graduation 2025

- Cumulative GPA 3.85/4.0, Dean's Honour List: 2022 – Present, Top 10% Student
- Faculty of Business Achievement Award and Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KPMG Canada

Toronto, ON

Incoming Staff Accountant (Audit)

Starting September 2025

DeGroot School of Business

Hamilton, ON

Teaching Assistant – COMMERCE 1GR0

September 2023 – April 2024

- Enhanced communication skills by conducting bi-weekly tutorials for 31 students and large lectures for 150+ students, promoting growth.
- Built rapport with students to gain insights, leading to 25% higher classroom engagement within three weeks through strategic initiatives.
- Incorporated efficient time management techniques to evaluate and provide constructive feedback on 31+ student assignments per week.
- Applied critical problem-solving and teamwork skills to generate viable solutions for student concerns working with 20 TAs and the professor.

Ascendion

Remote

Accounting Intern

May 2023 – August 2023

- Contributed to budgeting and forecasting, utilizing Excel skills to analyze variances, identify cost optimization opportunities, and derive insights from extensive databases with over 1000 entries, resulting in informed decision-making and improved financial performance.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams, efficiently updating data across 280+ client databases to achieve new revenue and sales targets.
- Conducted industry trend analysis and research to generate actionable insights for informed decision-making.
- Demonstrated meticulous attention to detail by utilizing Excel to validate the accuracy and reliability of deal pricing models utilized by the Sales team. Conducted comprehensive testing, inputting over 500 entries to ensure precise results and informed decision-making.

Town of Caledon

Remote

Camp Counsellor

June 2022 – August 2022

- Demonstrated leadership through strong mentorship while facilitating educational and recreational camp activities to 20 children aged 4-14.
- Built strong student connections, fostering a growth-oriented environment, resulting in a notable 10% attendance and engagement boost.
- Applied strong problem-solving to resolve high-stress incidents, resulting in a 20% reduction in incidents and highlighting successful outcomes

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association

Hamilton, ON

Director of Education

April 2024 – Present

- Worked closely with the President and cross functional teams to develop and implement an educational program for DAA.
- Utilized creative thinking and problem-solving skills to address challenges that arise in planning and execution of events.
- Exhibited effective leadership skills in coordinating educational initiatives such as professional development workshops, networking events and academic programs.

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EDUCATION

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Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Royal Bank of Canada

Analyst – Data Stewardship Intern

Toronto, ON

May - August 2024

- Analyze complex data sets to optimize, refine and deliver improved data accuracy.
- Leverage analytical and problem-solving skills to support various goals and objectives.
- Responsible for report creation and analysis of data with the goal of improving efficiencies.
- Partner with stakeholders to manage the impacts and change from various strategic initiatives.

Royal Bank of Canada

Banking Operations Associate

Toronto, ON

May - August 2023

- Supported fulfillment of client requests from branches and business banking centers
- Analyzed and identified opportunities to improve and optimize existing processes.
- Collaborated with team members on various projects and initiatives.

Town of Oakville

Camps Program Play Leader

Oakville, ON

Summers 2022 & 2021

- Planned, organized, and led engaging daily activities for all participants.
- Ensured compliance with Health and Safety regulations, COVID-19, and Public Health Guidelines.
- Collaborated and communicated with a team to provide exceptional customer service.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association

Director of Internal Affairs

Hamilton, ON

April 2024 – Present

- Update the membership database following events.
- Oversee the production of the monthly newsletter, ensuring it provides valuable and relevant content for members. Prepare and send communication to members via e-mail.

Director of Research and Communications

April 2023 – April 2024

- Develop and implement a research and communications strategy for the organization.
- Collaborate with internal teams to assist with research for various events such as Fast Pace to the Case.
- Represent the DAA in a professional manner to external stakeholders, students, and members.

Town of Oakville

Oakville Youth Action Committee Member

Oakville, ON

November 2020- June 2021

- Collaborated to plan and facilitate events and youth programs to further improve the local community.

Youth Library Leader, Oakville Public Library

October 2020- June 2021

- Collaborated to develop new ideas to inspire new programming collections at Oakville Public Library

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Computer skills: MS Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook), Tableau and Power BI.
- Scholarships: Awarded two McMaster University Entrance Scholarships: The DSB Deans Achievement Award and the DSB Achievement Award.
- Other Awards: Two RBC Performance Awards, Town of Oakville First-Year achievement award.

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroot School of Business

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) & Interdisciplinary Minor (Sustainability)

Accounting GPA: 3.2/4.0, Cumulative GPA: 3.2/4.0

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BDO Canada

Incoming Canadian Tax Services Intern

Oakville, ON

January 2025 – April 2025

Primerica Financial Services

Finance Intern

Mississauga, ON

May 2024 – August 2024

- Assisting with daily finance tasks
- Reviewing and enhancing Excel files using different Excel techniques
- Sharing best practices to enhance team productivity
- Cultivating strong working relationship across departments and enhancing team productivity
- Collaborated with a team of unique individuals to analyze and optimize our month end, and semi-annual financial statements.
- Daily financial reporting of net asset value entries for Primerica's biggest investment funds

Bernardi Building Supplies

Sales Associate/Assistant

Mississauga, ON

July 2021 – August 2023

- Working 50 plus hour weeks to provide efficient, friendly, and professional service in a very fast-paced environment
- Developed relationships leading to a notable increase in sales revenue and new clients.
- Assisted with inventory management and client database
- Led the delivery team to efficiently deliver stakeholder packages, resulting in a significant increase in productivity

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association

Co-Chair Fast Pace to the Case Competition

Hamilton, ON

April 2024 - Present

- Head coordinator of the Fast Pace to the Case, case competition
- Working with a team to organize logistics of events, along with communicating with external stakeholders
- Responsible for recruiting delegates from universities across Ontario to participate in this prestigious case

Sheridan Park Alliance Church

Camp Counselor Assistant

Mississauga, ON

July 2016 – August 2017

- Planned, coordinated, and executed activities while guiding campers in personal religious growth
- Provided leadership to campers in all areas of camp activities, including chores, rules, and sportsmanship
- Organized and led small and large group activities such as crafts, songs, games, and ceremonies

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Soft Skills: Communication, collaboration, accountability, problem solving

Technical Skills: Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Power BI, Microsoft Access

Awards: DeGroot School of Business achievement award and The Deans Entrance award (\$3000).

Athlete of the Year Award (Gr.8-Gr.12), GTHL, Mississauga Terriers AA Hockey – ten-year Veteran Award and Most Valuable Player.

Interest: Fitness, hiking, golf, hockey, squash

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroote School of Business

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) & Minor in Statistics

Accounting GPA: 4.0/4.0, Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KPMG LLP

Audit Intern

Hamilton, ON

May - August 2024

- Collaborated with cross-functional teams and senior auditors to conduct walkthroughs and risk assessments, ensuring compliance under both IFRS and ASPE across diverse markets.
- Performed substantive testing procedures across various financial statement line items, identifying misstatements, communicating findings within my team, and adjusting our audit approach as needed, contributing to accurate financial reporting
- Enhanced audit efficiency by incorporating the use of AI and data analytics tools to assess large data sets and documents extracting key information and improving the accuracy of audit.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association

Director of Internal Affairs

Hamilton, ON

April 2024 - Present

- Developed a communication strategy that facilitated transparent communication amongst DAA members including weekly newsletters, resulting in increased engagement among members.
- Planned and executed high-profile financial and accounting events, empowering members in a supportive environment to network with CPA and finance professionals across many industries.
- Implemented new systems to standardize documentation, streamline communication, delegate tasks increasing our operational efficiency and enhancing collaboration within the DAA.

JDCC DeGroote

Incubator Delegate

Hamilton, ON

September 2023 - January 2024

- Participated in case analysis workshops on financial analysis, and business strategy on a weekly basis leading to large growth in my problem solving and analytical skills.
- Reviewed and analyzed high-level cases concerning business issues working to find creative solutions and translate them into presentable and accessible insights while managing strict time constraints, resulting in a podium finish in our end-of-term competition.
- Contributed to group discussions by synthesizing individual insights, demonstrating a collaborative approach to decision-making that enhanced the overall quality of financial analyses and strategic solutions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Technology: Teams, Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, RStudio, Excel (Queries, Dashboards, Macros/VBAs)
 - Intermediate knowledge of statistical methods: regression, ANOVA, probability theory, hypothesis testing
 - Awards: McMaster Award of Excellence (\$3000), DeGroote Award of Excellence (\$2000), Ontario Scholar (2022), Deans list '22/23

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Accounting GPA: 4.0/4.0, Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KPMG

Incoming Audit Intern

Hamilton, ON

May 2024-August 2024

Stacked Pancake House

Server

Hannon, ON

April 2022-Present

- Demonstrated the ability to multi-task efficiently by accurately taking customer's meal orders and ensuring food was sent out in a timely manner to maintain the restaurant's reputation of quality customer service
- Analyzed patterns in guest behaviour to implement suitable sale techniques and increase average daily sales by 15%
- Developed professional relationships with guest by offering personable service resulting in customer loyalty, increased sales, and positive Google reviews

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association (DAA)

Director of Corporate Development, previously: General Member

Hamilton, ON

April 2024 - Present

- Collaborated with fellow directors in creating a sponsorship package and annual newsletter to DAA sponsors to cultivate a professional image and increase retention rates and funding
- Communicated with sponsors, faculty, and team members to organize and execute networking events and case competitions, resulting in establishing stronger relationships between accounting professionals and McMaster students

DeGroot Ambassador Program

DeGroot Student Ambassador

Hamilton, ON

September 2023-Present

- Created presentations containing personal experiences and growth in the Commerce program to inform their university decisions and increase the average amount of returning students to other McMaster Commerce events by 10%
- Successfully provided students with detailed and accurate answers to their questions concerning campus life, clubs, events, and the Commerce program's course structure to uphold the professional reputation and increase the retention rate of the ambassador program

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Extracurriculars: Past member of McMaster Varsity Field Hockey, Intermural (soccer and ball hockey)
- Technology: Excel/VBA, PowerPoint, Python, PowerBI, Google Suites (Docs, Slides, Sheets, Meets)
- Awards: Deans Honour List (2022-2023), Top 10% of DeGroot Students (2023), Golden Key Society

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroot School of Business

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) & Minor in Justice, Law, and Order

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

McMaster Decision Science Laboratory

Economics Research Lab Assistant

Hamilton, ON

March 2023 – Present

- Executed three in-depth economic decision-making experiments encompassing over 10 rounds of data, emphasizing attention to detail and analytical prowess.
- Achieved timely data processing by contributing to refining experimental protocols, displaying effective analytical, organizational, and time management skills.
- Analyzed and modeled data, demonstrating an ability to manage multiple tasks under pressure.

Lux Kippot

Accounting Assistant

Thornhill, ON

May 2023 – August 2023

- Prioritized tasks to tackle stringent deadlines, illustrating exceptional attention to detail, effective analytical skills, and the ability to manage multiple tasks under pressure.
- Accomplished customer satisfaction through establishing a relationship with clients and tailor to meet the unique requirements of each customer's custom order.
- Propelled a notable surge in sales by 10% by enhancing the perceived value and driving an upswing in customer referrals.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association (DAA)

Co-Chair Fast Pace to the Case Competition

Hamilton, ON

April 2024 - Present

- Developed and maintained positive relationships with stakeholders, fostering a supportive and collaborative environment for the FPC competition.
- Demonstrated strong time management, organization, and leadership skills in executing responsibilities within strict deadlines.

Moments McMaster

VP of Finance

Hamilton, ON

September 2023 - Present

- Streamlined financial resource allocation within a constrained budget for palliative care initiatives, from budget of \$50 to \$475.
- Coordinated organizing charity events and leveraging collaboration with large brands to help in marketing of events and charity

DeGroot's Analytical Insights (DAI)

Co-Chair, previously; General Member

Hamilton, ON

June 2023 - Present

- Educate students on data analytics and its business applications, demonstrating a results-oriented approach with an average attendance of approximately 25 students per event.
- Developed a custom data case over five months, working closely with the professor of data analytics to ensure its relevance beyond the classroom, advancing our commitment to practical learning.
- Spearheaded the largest first-ever case competition in securing a gold sponsorship and drawing over 50 attendees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Soft skills: Innovative leadership, communication, teamwork, visionary thinking, problem-solving, and resilience.

Technical skills: Excel, SQL, Power BI, Square, Photoshop, Animation, and Microsoft Suite.

Awards: DSB Deans Achievement Award (\$1500), DSB Achievement Award (\$1000)

Personal Interests: Reading, history, law, painting/ drawing, and economic theory.

- Featured in the McMaster INCITE magazine 2024.

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroote School of Business
Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting & Finance)

Hamilton, ON
Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Canadian Tax Services Intern
BDO Canada LLP

Oakville, ON
June 2024 – Present

- Tracked and renamed 600+ TNOAs by verifying account detail accuracy through TED files, managing the completion of 2023 T1 workflows, approving reviewed returns, updating assessment dates as filed, and ensuring timely and accurate file processing.
- Actioned 900+ statements of account for CRA liabilities by confirming amounts owed through CRA, verifying clients' cash balance, and communicating critical data to representatives via email, settling all clients' liabilities.
- Collaborated with the team coach by taking the initiative to develop the intern team's instructions for refunding available payment summaries, decreasing the processing time, and extending the timeframe for other duties.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association (DAA)
Director of Marketing

Hamilton, ON
April 2024 - Present

- Collaborated with the DAA Executive Team to build and maintain the club's brand positioning by managing the club's Instagram and LinkedIn pages, increasing accounts reached by 13.4% on Instagram.
- Completed the DAA 2024/2025 marketing timeline by setting post deadlines, forecasting social media trends, and highlighting sub-team tasks, enhancing team cohesion, and reducing promotional delays across the year. □

McMaster Women in Pre-Law
Social Media Sub-Director

Hamilton, ON
September 2023 - Present

- Analyzed student trends by leveraging Instagram analytics to create the McMaster Women in Pre-Law TikTok platform to engage women in the legal field, elevating social media engagement by 20%+.
- Promoted the first largest collaboration event for all McMaster law clubs by coordinating promotional efforts across all participating clubs, resulting in significant participation growth and improved event turnout by up to 80-100 students.

McMaster Humanities Society
Graphic Designer

Hamilton, ON
July 2023 - Present

- Designed the MHS Breast Cancer Awareness Month initiative cover by utilizing Adobe Photoshop and Canva to produce a campus interview questionnaire, boosting Instagram engagement to 190+ likes.
- Optimized the club's branding and engagement through collaborative efforts by utilizing Canva teams, resulting in the growth of the club's followers and social impact.

CAREER SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerBI, Access and Excel, PowerPoint
- Beginner proficiency in conducting data regressions and other data analysis and visualization tools.

INTERESTS

- **Tennis:** Started competitive tennis at age 7 and enjoy playing during my free time.
- **Basketball/ Volleyball:** Played on the school basketball and volleyball teams for all four years of high school.

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EDUCATION

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Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) & Minor in Innovation

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Express Italian Eatery

Server

Hamilton, ON

Feb 2024 - Present

- Executed expert client-facing service and advising, maintaining seamless operations through attentive assistance during peak service hours ensuring an optimal dining experience, evidenced by over 15 positive reviews posted on Google highlighting attentiveness and support.
- Managed substantial cash transactions with meticulous accuracy, ensuring precise end-of-day reporting to uphold restaurant cash flow and bookkeeping integrity.

Hillfield Strathallan College

Camp Counsellor

Hamilton, ON

June 2022 - August 2022

- Led and planned over 30 engaging activities for campers, achieved through organized planning, preparation and acquirement of supplies and execution of activities to ensure success and enjoyment.
- Ensured safety and well-being of 100+ campers alongside the team, through attentive and supportive leadership, resulting in positive feedback from parents and campers.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association

Director of Events

Hamilton, ON

April 2024 - Present

- Spearheading the planning and execution of events, including a CPA networking night, a case competition, member meeting, office tours and more to promote community and member engagement alongside the events team and club president.
- Collaborating with club executives to plan and implement logistical planning of events, including our corporate partner collaboration, sponsorships, and financial budgeting to ensure adequate event preparation and success.

DeGroote Commerce Society

Media Content and Strategy Intern

Hamilton, ON

Sept 2023 – March 2024

- Cultivated 35+ creative and unique posts to showcase various events, community initiatives and content from the DeGroote Commerce Society, and the clubs and associations overseen by the DCS for the Instagram page.
- Worked alongside marketing executives to plan and execute various marketing strategies with intent to further community connection through charity sales, engagement with content and event attendance.

McMaster Student Union

MSU Maroons Representative

Hamilton, ON

May 2023 – April 2024

- Demonstrated strong leadership and organizational skills in volunteering for over 100 hours during Welcome Week and a multitude of community events and initiatives available for all undergrad students.
- Facilitated an inclusive environment for both incoming students and the community, providing vital information, guidance, and fostering a sense of belonging within the university.

CAREER SKILLS

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- Intermediately proficient in Microsoft Excel (including Pivot tables, Simulation, Scenario analysis, Linear programming, Solver, Sensitivity analysis, and Decision tree models).
 - Well-versed in the use of power BI, including the ability to create data visualizations and dashboards.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- DeGroote Women in Business Mentor & General Member (Sept 2022-Present).
 - McMaster Student Union Representative Intramural Volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee Teams (Sept 2023-March 2024).

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroote School of Business

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) & Minor (Innovation & Sustainability)

Accounting GPA: 3.9/4.0, Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2027

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Canlan Ice Sports

Incoming Audit Intern

Toronto, ON

May 2025

Canlan Ice Sports

Senior Hockey Instructor; previously Hockey Instructor

Scarborough, ON

July 2019 – December 2023

- Directed and customized skill development initiatives for 80+ diverse student groups, demonstrating adaptability and a commitment to individualized instruction.
- Provided comprehensive mentorship and training to a team of 10 new instructors, ensuring their seamless integration and sustained excellence within the organization.
- Received recognition as Winter 2021's Employee of the Quarter for exceptional leadership and dedication to delivering unparalleled customer service.

Pedalheads Bike Camps

Camp Supervisor; previously Camp Instructor

Markham, ON

June 2021 – August 2023

- Supervised and guided a team of 12 instructors, fostering a high-performance environment conducive to camper growth and development.
- Developed and implemented comprehensive weekly schedules and activities for over 500 campers, showcasing strong organizational and planning abilities.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroote Accounting Association

Director of Corporate Development; previously First Year Rep

Hamilton, ON

November 2023 - Present

- Identified and established collaborative relationships with key accounting and financial organizations, expanding the DAA's network and enabling the largest DeGroote club alumni network.
- Planned and executed high-profile financial and accounting events, fostering an environment conducive to networking with CPA and finance professionals providing students with exposure to McMaster graduates.
- Achieved record-high sponsorship revenue of over \$20,000, enhancing DAA's financial resources, funding educational events, and forming developmental corporate relations.

DECA Ontario

Events Coordinator

Markham, ON

September 2022 – June 2023

- Established and nurtured collaborative partnerships with prominent industry stakeholders, amplifying DECA Ontario's reach and fostering an extensive network for future opportunities.
- Spearheaded strategic initiatives resulting in a remarkable 35% and 45% increase in team success rates at both Regional and Provincial competitions, solidifying DECA Ontario's reputation as a leading force in business education.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- First Place - DeGroote Accounting Association Debits and Credits Case Competition
- First Place - DeGroote 1GR0 24 Hour Case Competition
- Second Place – DeGroote Analytical Insights Annual Case Competition

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EDUCATION

McMaster University – DeGroot School of Business

Honours Bachelor of Commerce & Minor in Economics

Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0

Hamilton, ON

Expected Graduation 2027

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JOEY Sherway

Server Liaison

Etobicoke, ON

May 2024 – August 2024

- Demonstrated ability to multitask under pressure in a fast-paced restaurant setting, by effectively managing product running, table maintenance, and environment upkeep to optimize service flow and ensure guest satisfaction.
- Engaged with over 100 guests daily, promptly addressing their requests and fostering personalized relationships, leading to heightened customer satisfaction levels as evidenced by an increase in 5-star reviews.
- Supported servers and management in maintaining a smooth service flow by proactively anticipating needs and addressing issues, ensuring seamless operations, and optimizing restaurant efficiency.

McMaster University

Residence Ambassador

Hamilton, ON

September 2023 – April 2024

- Delivered engaging dorm room tours to prospective students and their parents, emphasizing positive attributes of living spaces, boosting students' enthusiasm about applying to McMaster.
- Addressed inquiries from prospective students and parents during tours in a professional manner, fostering meaningful conversations, and improving the quality of feedback received about the university's environment and tour satisfaction.
- Conducted time-sensitive tours during open-house days, skillfully managing time and promptly addressing all inquiries to maintain smooth traffic flow and ensure guest satisfaction.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association

Director of Marketing; Previously First Year Representative

Hamilton, ON

November 2023 - Present

- Managed the club's marketing channels (Instagram, LinkedIn, website) by designing promotional materials for events and initiatives, maintaining brand consistency, and increasing engagement, reaching over 1500 accounts monthly.
- Developed strategic marketing plans and timelines to optimize promotional campaign execution for various events, ensuring a cohesive and organized flow of posts that enhanced campaign effectiveness.
- Fostered relationships with members, other student organizations, and sponsors through social media to broaden the Accounting Association's reach and optimize event turnout and impact.
- Facilitated effective collaboration across teams within the club, leveraging varied expertise and perspectives to align strategies, ensure cohesive execution, and achieve shared goals and visions.

St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School

Teacher Assistant

Mississauga, ON

February 2023 – June 2024

- Collaborated in teaching 28 AP science students by creating and delivering engaging lessons, worksheets, study guides, and demos to convey complex scientific concepts, leading to a 7% increase in student performance.
- Supervised and assisted during labs and evaluations by addressing students' concerns and inquiries, managing time, and ensuring student engagement, enhancing overall productivity in the classroom.
- Recorded students' grades in an organized manner weekly, enabling data analysis to identify the learning objectives requiring additional support, then implemented effective solutions to narrow the learning gaps.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Canva
- **Awards:** Finance Subject Achievement (June 2023), Marketing Subject Achievement (June 2023)

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McMaster University – DeGroot School of Business

Hamilton, ON

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

Expected Graduation 2027

Accounting GPA: 4.0/4.0, Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PepsiCo

Cambridge, ON

Field Merchandiser & Sales Auditor

May 2024 – September 2024

- Generated and presented audit reports to senior management, highlighting key trends and areas for improvement.
- Conducted detailed sales audits to ensure compliance with company standards and identify discrepancies.
- Collaborated with sales teams to optimize product placement and promotional displays, enhancing overall product visibility and customer engagement.

Red Bull

Hamilton, ON

Field Marketing Specialist

January 2024 - Present

- Demonstrated strong organizational and inventory management skills by overseeing promotional materials, guaranteeing that resources were readily accessible for all marketing activities and events.
- Developed and maintained relationships with campus organizations to facilitate collaborative events, increasing brand visibility.

Squares Hardware Inc.

Cambridge, ON

Sales & Marketing Associate

August 2022 - August 2023

- Engaged with community on social media to expand awareness of new products and sales while communicating with customers via direct messaging.
- Devised communication and collaboration skills by working with a team in a fast-paced environment in 20+ sales events.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DeGroot Accounting Association

Hamilton, ON

Director of Events

April 2024 - Present

- Promoted effective communication channels by disseminating information about association events, resources, and opportunities to students of all years through various channels.
- Worked closely with a team of executives to brainstorm, plan, and implement engaging events that catered to the diverse interests and needs of students inside and outside of the school.

DeGroot Analytical Insights

Hamilton, ON

Marketing Director

June 2024 - Present

- Managed relationships with external partners and sponsors to support club activities and initiatives.
- Analyzed marketing campaign performance, utilizing data-driven insights to refine strategies and optimize outreach efforts.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Hespeler School Of Art (2018-2020)
- Cambridge United competitive soccer U14-U17 Team Captain (2018 - 2021)
- Skills: Excel, Office, Lightspeed, QuickBooks, Canva, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint
- Awards & Scholarships: 1st in 1GR0 case competition, Dean's list award