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Education

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada   **2005 – 2010**

- Cultural Anthropology + Area Studies (Africa) + Computer Science.
  Recipient of the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship for academic excellence.
  Social Director of the Computer Science Union and presidential candidate.
  Co-published in three books relating to Semiotics, Linguistics, and Anthropology.

Catholic Central High School, London, Canada   **2001 – 2005**

- Graduated with high honors. 4 year member of world-renowned choir and orchestra.

St. Mary's Choir School, London, Canada   **1997 – 2001**

- Specialized choir and orchestra school. Graduated with an A average.

St. Anselm's Redcourt, Merseyside, United Kingdom   **1994 – 1997**

- Member of Rugby & Karate team.

Glenealy Primary School, Hong Kong Island, Hong Kong   **1993 – 1994**

- International education environment.

Notable Achievements (Science)

- Provincial finalist for ECOO Java & Turing competition at York University.
- Won the SW Ontario ECOO programming contest at the University of Western Ontario
- Developed an infrastructure for short distance wireless networks in impoverished areas.
- Sole developer of the "Feed to Audio iPod" application. It takes any text feed and converts it to synthesized audio. It has been of great use to the visually impaired community.The app rose to #6 on the apple.com "Top Ten Downloads" list. With over 14,600 downloads, it is currently Editor's choice on AutomatorWorld.com

Notable Achievements (Music)

- Member of prestigious St Mary's / CCH, choir and orchestra. Won numerous regional and provincial competitions. Performed in venues across Canada, USA and Europe.
- Vocalist for the Semitones, a charity driven and globally recognized 50's era rock band.

Notable Achievements (Academia)

- Advanced Kiswahili language training at the university level.
- Principals Honors list for perfect attendance and outstanding marks (CCH).

Work Experience

University of Toronto Research Work (Sciences)   2006 – 2010

Formulated and executed a research plan which combined my studies of Anthropology & Computer Science. Secured university and private funding to determine the feasibility of a mesh network rollout in highly impoverished locales of Africa and India. In 2009 I restructured the project to focus on building a utility for Doctors to share research and patient information without a wired infrastructure.

University of Toronto Research Work (Arts)   2008 – 2010

Concurrently worked with distinguished semiotician and linguist, Dr. Marcel Danesi. My responsibilities were gathering, analyzing, and reporting, on raw data sources. I was co-published on three separate occasions.

Microsoft (Volt Canada)   2008 – 2009

Student evangelist. Held lectures and presentations on emerging Microsoft technologies. Mixed marketing with low-level technical inquiry and developed unique initiatives to propagate usage of Microsoft products.

ThinkBox Marketing   2007 – 2008

Organized and executed plans which saw teams of 4-6 people running campaigns and promotions for Metro newspaper. The job required great attention to detail, time management, and public relations. Responsible for writing reports to head office.

eTel Response   2006 – 2007

Junior developer and later a response manager. The latter involved coordinating a core group of 12 support and response employees.

CWO Computers   2005 – 2007

Placement as a part-time salesperson and sole computer technician. Tasks ranged from custom system building and data recovery, to spyware and virus elimination. Earned 'employee of the month' 9 times during for high sales and excellent customer satisfaction.

Residence Computer Tech (U of T)   2005 – 2006

Served as an on site computer installation and repair technician for New College, U of T. Tasks included network outage diagnosis and repair, along with administration of software and hardware updates within the building. Helped students with OS installations, upgrades, and malware removal.

Work Experience (Con't)

Aboutown Cabs   **2005 and 2006 (Summer)**

Started as an installation technician within a team of computational and mechanical engineers. Together we designed touch-screen and GPS enabled computing units for 300 industry taxi's. This technology has been taken up by companies throughout Ontario. For a period of three months, I also deployed an emergency light system for the fleet.

BCF (Buren Concrete Forming)   **2002 – 2004**

Throughout high school I worked as a foundation layer on both commercial and residential properties. The job was extremely labour intensive requiring both physical stamina and strength. Safety and team-work were key to a successful build and with peoples lives at risk if a mistake were made, there was no room for corner cutting or showboating.

Relevant & Transferable Skills

Fast Learner, Approachable, Energetic & Confident, Self-Motivated, Organized, Good Time Management, Responsible, Excellent Communication Skills.

Programming & Technology

OS Usage: Windows (Advanced), OSX (Advanced), Linux (Moderate).
Languages [ordered by experience]: Cocoa, Java, Turing, Shell, MySQL, C, VB.
Tools: Development (Eclipse, Visual Studio, Subversion). Productivity (Sun/MS Office).

Customer Service & Communication

Many of my past positions have involved working directly with clients and business partners, ranging from sales to support. I am trained in cultural sensitivity at the university level and my intercontinental travels will serve to heighten my interactions with clients worldwide.

References

Bernie Watts: On Request
Ron Buren: On Request
Dr. Marcel Danesi: On Request

Professional Interests & Hobbies

Software Development — Semiotic Analysis — Music Production & DJ'ing
Web & Document Design — Startup Branding — Tutoring & Proofreading
Computer Design & Repair — Interior Design — Event Promotion
Event Management — Media Center Design & Installation