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KEY ATTRIBUTES

Interpersonal Skills - Ability to communicate with people at all levels

Organizational Skills - Developed through academic studies.

Time Management Skills - Developed through event planning in Pathfinders (Church based scout-like group), running a radio show and academic studies.

Leadership skills- Developed through running and organising a radio show, being Captain of my Pathfinder club and as a prefect in both high school and intermediate.

EDUCATION

**Third year Media Studies student at Massey University.
Graduated with High Merit from Feilding Agricultural High School.
On the Dean's Honour Roll in year 13 at FAHS.**

EMPLOYMENT

Radio host at Access Manawatu for Collage Radio Show [unpaid] (2016)
Producer for Collage Radio Show [unpaid] (2016)
Member of the Palmerston North Creative Youth Council [unpaid] (2016)
Crew member at McDonald's Feilding (2016)
Junior Leader at MiCamp Taupo's kids holiday program (2015-2016)
Customer Service Assistant at One4All (Nov. 2017 – Mar. 2018)
Caregiver for Drake International (Nov. 2017 – Aug. 2018)
Short story writer for Forge and Flint website [unpaid] (2017-2019)
Taco Bell Crew Member (Oct. 2019 – Jul. 2020)
Sales Representative at City Chic (Jul. 2020 – Dec. 2020)

PERFORMING ARTS HISTORY

Acting history

Helen O Grady Drama Academy (2014-2016)

Titania in a school production of A Midsummer Night's Dream (2015)

Creon in a production of Antigone (2016)

Extra in Ray BLK's music video for Paradise [paid] (2018)

Featured Extra in The Justice of Bunny King [paid] (2019)

Singing history

Kids for Kids soloist (2012)

Alto in school choir (2013-2016)

Performed lead vocals as part of an acapella group in the Wellington Opera House (2017)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

Public speaking/Performing- I have spent two years at Helen O' Grady Drama Academy which enhances the confidence and performance skill of the students. I have also played lead roles in multiple school productions, was on the school debate team and regularly speak up the front in church.

Communication- I am an effective communicator and have no problem dealing with seemingly stressful situations regarding customers. This skill has been developed through drama and extra-curricular activities such as debate and improvisation classes.

Critical Thinker- I am able to use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of different solutions to a problem.

Ambitious- I am constantly striving to be my best and therefore complete tasks to the best of my ability as a way to better myself so that I can achieve more in life.

Activities and Interests

Literature- I enjoy reading novels, poetry and short stories. I also have an interest in writing my own. In my free time I write short stories for a website and currently have two stories published to date. I also write poetry and run a poetry Instagram account.

Music- I have a deep passion for music. As well as the joy I find in time spent listening to it, I have also been writing my own songs since I was seven. I enjoy going to concerts as well as collecting vinyls and CD's. However, my favourite thing about music is discovering something that I haven't heard before. The experience is nothing short of magical.

Movies- I would call myself a film enthusiast. While I enjoy popular film genres such as romance and comedy, my favourite genre of film would have to be indie. I find that there's something special about independent movies. I also have a thing for French cinema and classics with my current favourites being Metamorphoses, Heathers and the French version of Beauty and the Beast.

Mythology- I believe that the stories that we tell each other show people who we truly are and allow others to see our beliefs. That is one of the main reasons I love mythology. It allows us to look into the beliefs and values of those that came before us as well as to see how we as a civilization have grown and where some of our beliefs come from.