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Profile

Motivated MA Economics student at Queen's University, seeking a full-time government position, starting September 2025. I possess strong leadership, communication, and analytical skills, with a proven ability to manage multiple tasks efficiently. I am experienced in data analysis, economic research, and policy development, and I am fluent in both English and French.

Education/Awards

Master of Arts, Economics – Queen's University (expected August 2025)

Bachelor of Economics (Honours) – Queen's University (2024)

- Graduate Scholarship (2024)
- Entrance Scholarship (2020)
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma – John F. Ross CVI, Guelph, ON (2020)
- French Immersion DELF level B2 in French
- Dean's list – 2023-2024

Work History

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Queen's University, Kingston, ON (2024–2025)

- Supported course delivery for "Economic Aspects of Social Issues".
- Delivered guest lectures, provided grading, and facilitated Q&A sessions for students

Tour Guide/ Server / Bartender, Kingston Thousand Islands Cruises, Kingston, ON (summers 2023-24)

Steward, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, AB (summer 2022)

Professional Experience (Extra-Curricular)

Model UN Queen's University (2021-present)

- **Club Director** (2023-2024)
- Orchestrated team growth of 50% plus in one year
- Achieved the highest ranking for Ontario-based Model United Nation teams; 3rd in Canada.
- Wrote a comprehensive guidebook to instruct new members, improving member efficiency and learning
- Presented and chaired semiweekly practices
- Organized conference schedules; trained and prepared new delegates for competition.
- Participated in large economic councils; represented the Dominican Republic in a World Trade Organization Committee and Argentina in the ECLAC (Economic Council for Latin America and the Caribbean) committee
 - Awarded Best Delegate, Concordia, Montreal, QC 2024)
 - Outstanding Delegate Award, Concordia, Montreal, QC 2023)
 - Honourable Mention (strong policy writing skills) Boston U. (Boston, MA 2023)
 - Verbal Commendation (strong presentation skills) McGill's conf (2024)

Queen's Model Parliament (2021-present)

- Elected Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa Conference (2024), Deputy Leader of the Opposition (2023)
- Featured on Global News' segment on Gen Z political participation and CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*
- Led a 120-member team to the House of Commons in Ottawa, where we engaged in policy drafting and public speaking

References:

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