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Skills

- Personable, friendly and presentable
- Quick to learn and possessing a strong work-ethic
- Works well both individually and in teams
- Pays close attention to detail
- Honest and reliable
- Has fluency in French and competency in Spanish (both written and oral)

Education and Qualifications

- **University of British Columbia, Vancouver: 2001 to Present**
 - Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Human Geography and Urban Studies
- **Université de Paris X – Nanterre (France): 2007**
 - Exchange program in conjunction with the Bachelor of Arts at the University of British Columbia
- **Sentinel Secondary School, West Vancouver: 1996 to 2001**
 - Grade 12 diploma with a focus in Photography and Film
- **AMS Bartending Course: 2003**
 - Learned the preparation of a wide variety of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, bartending standards and responsible service.
- **Serving it Right (Licensee): 2004**
- **Class 5 Drivers' License: 2003**

Work Experience

- **Tour Guide Team Leader (Sandeman's New Paris Tours) – 2007**
 - Led three different tours of central Paris to travelers. Responsible for the general operation of the company, including payroll, scheduling, business expansion, promotions and contact with central office.
- **Office Assistant (Canadian Mental Health Association) – 2006**
 - Compiled information and published a report on the Association's annual conference on mental health in the workplace. Short-term assignment.
- **Customer Service Representative (Bingo.com) – 2005 to 2006**
 - Took care of clients' concerns over the telephone, processed payments by electronic cheque, credit card and debit card, promoted the website through online campaigns, and prepared mail-out bonuses for preferred players.

- **Production Coordinator/Silk-screener (Pollution Clothing) – 2004 to 2005**
 - Ordered supplies, organized scheduling, produced silk-screened t-shirts, secured initial funding, oversaw prompt repayment and managed basic A/P and A/R responsibilities.
- **Bar-back/Porter (Celebrities Nightclub) – 2004 to 2005**
 - Maintained a clean, orderly and well-stocked bar, provided information and assistance to patrons and productively contributed to atmosphere.
- **Barista (JJ Bean Café) – 2003 to 2004**
 - Prepared specialty coffee and tea, maintained a clean café, operated a till (including cashing out) and provided customer service and product education. Left responsible for closing.

Volunteer Experience

- **Beer Manager, Off-Campus Promotions Coordinator, Driver and Field Entertainment Coordinator (Arts County Fair) – 2002 to 2007**
 - Held various positions in the promotion and production of Arts County Fair, a 15,000-person charity beer garden and rock concert. Responsibilities included ordering field entertainment, liaising with performers, setting up and striking an outdoor venue, driving both cargo and passengers (including VIPs), actively promoting the event, coordinating poster locations, and managing all liquor service responsibly.
- **Promotions Coordinator (UBC Arts Undergraduate Society) – 2002 to 2003**
 - Organized the publicity of various events, chaired a committee, held regular meetings, sat on council and promoted school spirit within the Faculty of Arts.
- **OutWeek Coordinator (Pride UBC) – 2002 to 2003**
 - Organized and promoted a week-long series of events, including speeches, workshops, social mixers and two licensed events.
- **Member (Sentinel Secondary School Grad Council) – 2000 to 2001**
- **Member (West Vancouver Youth Advisory Committee) – 1997 to 2001**

Interests

I'm very interested in urban issues, such as community governance, transportation and public and private space. I have a passion for quality food and drink from around the world. I also stay abreast of things by often listening to the CBC and BBC. Finally, I'm an avid cyclist, my bicycle having become my primary mode of transportation.

References gladly supplied upon request.