



MEET OUR ALUMNI!



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What are you up to now?

I recently obtained a license to work as an immigration consultant that allows me to advise clients on immigration pathways to Canada on a temporary or permanent basis. I am also waiting on my Canadian citizenship now, owning a passport that facilitates visa-free entry to many countries was a very long-term goal. I moved to Toronto, ON, after graduating from UBC and continue to live here for the time being. My license and Canadian passport would allow a more flexible global mobility so I am looking at undertaking a long trip to live in different countries and building relationships for my immigration practice.

Do you have any passion projects?

My main passion project that is not related to my work is probably writing: I have a blog where I reflect on my thoughts/events once a month. Sometimes I have struggles remembering all events in my life, so this is a good way to look back and remember what happened before, but it is also a good way to clear the mind. I love Latin dancing, before the lock-down I was attending many classes or social dance events. I tried art classes to diversify my creative outlets, but wasn't a fan.

What was the biggest challenge you faced in College?

Selecting my major was the biggest challenge I faced; as many alumni here mentioned, there are so many options available in college and the items that you liked in high school, may not be the same in college. I tried 2 majors before I found the one that works for me.

What advice do you have for BFS students as they go off to university/college?

Make connections and ask questions! First one is definitely a never-ending repeated statement but it is the most useful skill that you can polish during college. Asking questions will help you to get the answers faster, don't be shy at picking up your phone and calling someone to ask them all questions that you have (they can't see you anyways so you can ask the silliest questions!)

What memory of BFS comes to mind?

Favorite memory was discovering the pattern from teachers of assigning homework and completing all homework at school so that I didn't need to carry those heavy books home.