

STUDENT PROFILES



28th Generation

Students: 39

females: 20

males: 19

Countries: *Russia, Italy, North Macedonia,
Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia*

Živa Bele



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Marketing Communication and Public Relations

Why this specialization? Due to frequent relocations during my early years, I've experienced severe dynamics in the context of the cultural environment, often finding myself surrounded by individuals with life views full of contrasts. This journey was mind-shaping and taught me a great lesson of perspective's importance over the situation itself. That is one specific reason I identified the field of marketing and public relations so appealing, as it calls for creativity in storytelling and thus enables turning weaknesses into strengths while achieving goals.

5 words that describe you best:

curious, driven, spontaneous, empathetic, visionary

Strengths:

I'm curious, creative, ambitious, open-minded, analytically-thinking and always eager to take challenges. When it comes to facing them, I try to be as passionate as possible and take every opportunity that gives me a sense of personal development, which is vital for me. I sincerely believe that while each of us has a unique set of natural talents, a truly game-changing distinction is one's curiosity and eagerness for continuous learning.

My proudest achievement:

Among my recent achievements I am definitely proud of my time at the Central Bank of Slovenia, where I was having a wide array of daily tasks, as well as worked on several major projects. The reason I am particularly proud of this is because these projects were of massive scale and had the highest degree of impact in comparison to other projects that I have taken during my professional career. For me personally, it is a tremendous pleasure to work on something that can inspire other people and can influence one's life for the best.

Klara Bohnec



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Trzin

Undergrad degree:

Faculty of Pharmacy, Cosmetology

Why this specialization? While studying at the Faculty of Pharmacy I saw the economic potential in the field of Cosmetics. This got me interested in economics, business and organization. I noticed that the cosmetic industry is much more developed abroad which is why I choose this international programme. Although I enjoyed my experience of working in a laboratory, I don't see myself working there full time. Instead I would prefer to combine the knowledge that I have received with knowledge I can acquire in this IMB programme. I would like to improve my communication skills and learn how to work in a team. I believe that the IMB programme will open new doors for me and help me get in contact with potential employers and co-workers while getting to know their methods of work on living projects.

5 words that describe you best:

Hardworking, responsible, patient, empathetic, kind.

Strengths:

I have learnt to be responsible, patient and to be able to look at things from a different perspective. Attending school and my extracurricular activities taught me to manage time in order to be successful. I am persistent and won't stop working on something until I get it right. In the years of playing basketball I have played for many different teams led by different coaches which taught me a lot about discipline, teamwork and performing under pressure.

My proudest achievement:

My proudest achievement is finishing my diploma. The aim of my thesis went more in the direction of organic chemistry than cosmetology. Because of that, I had to learn new instrumental methods of analysis and how to work in a laboratory on my own while using various devices that I had not used before. I also had to learn more about chemical structures and reactions. It took me quite a long time to finish my diploma and prepare for the presentation and the discussion. The whole process taught me that if I set my mind to something and work hard, I can achieve anything.

Dominik Božić



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Rijeka, Croatia

Undergrad degree:

Faculty of electrical engineering, Ljubljana

Why this specialization? The main reason select would be my strong will to learn and understand about the ways of the business world. I am keen to understand the concept of modern-day business, hence I feel like the only correct place to get the answers is one that gathers people with highly valuable work experience, which ultimately encouraged me to approach my future career with an enthusiastic spirit. I aspire to be included in projects with people that are open minded for new ideas and consistently strive for improvement. I want to compile a business world with technology one.

5 words that describe you best:

persistent, reasonable, enthusiastic, reliable, temperamental

Strengths:

All in all, I am a persistent character and I mainly I know how to handle myself in social group gatherings. I have gained various work experience; therefore I am quite independent since my adolescent ages. As I have trained sports since my young age, I have a strong competitive nature.

My proudest achievement:

It is impossible to summit up into one thing. I am proud of various things. My sport achievements, my graduation as electrical engineer, my experience abroad, capability to manage the student organization in Slovenia etc.

Zala Brinšek



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, Money and Finance

Why this specialization? Since my early childhood I've been listening to my parents talking about business since they run a successful family company. We debate about economics, political situations, money and finance on a daily basis. It only seemed natural for me to gain academic knowledge from this field of economics and broaden my horizons since I believe that there is always room for improvement.

5 words that describe you best:

Leader, persistent, communicative, curious, ambitious

Strengths:

I would say that one of my biggest strengths is that I am not a quitter. I always try to make the best of a given situation in which I find myself in. When facing a problem, I don't get scared but instead I always find the best solution possible. I never choose the easiest way to reach my goal as in my opinion the road to reaching a goal is as important as the goal itself.

My proudest achievement:

The thing I am the proudest of is that even though I went through a very hard period in my life I was able to get back on my feet. I learned a lot about what is really important in life and what kind of people I want to be surrounded with. I realized what kind of person I want to become and that I am able to do whatever I decide no matter what life brings me.

Tilen Burgar



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, International Business

Why this specialization? While starting my bachelor's studies my main ambition was to get an international experience. Therefore, I chose one of the two programs at SEB LU that offer Slovene students the chance to study along with foreign ones. Additionally, I also was not yet sure of what field I wanted to work in, so I chose a broad programme that would not limit me in the future. Lastly, in the future I want to work in an international environment, either abroad or in Slovenia, and I believe that the International Business specialization enabled me to prepare for that.

5 words that describe you best:

Ambitious, open, loyal, honest, versatile

Strengths:

I have done two Erasmus exchanges, which enabled me to build a strong network of international contacts and become comfortable when dealing with foreign people. Additionally, through my studies at SEB LU and through my jobs I have developed good teamwork skills. Furthermore, I am a quick learner as I have switched between different industries easily in the past. Lastly, I am also very good at utilizing tools such as Excel and other similar products to optimize work tasks.

My proudest achievement:

While working for a company doing real estate valuation, I proposed a project to optimize a work process, which would automate a 20-minute analysis and shorten it to a few seconds, saving the company countless hours of unnecessary work in the future. After the project was given the "go-ahead" by my boss I also successfully completed the project, while coordinating with team members on what the final implementation would look like.

Lucija Divjak



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Maribor

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, International Business

Why this specialization? When I applied to the School of Economics and Business, I knew that the business world interests me. However, I did not specifically know what field would be the best and would be the most interesting for me to learn about. With the specialization in International Business, I had the opportunity to learn about different aspects of a business. From the internal processes like accounting, human resource management etc. to specific elements connected to companies that are competing on a global scale.

5 words that describe you best:

I am honest, friendly, reliable, motivated and a perfectionist.

Strengths:

I have quite a few strengths that define me. The first batch of strengths I would like to stress out are that I am very enthusiastic, hardworking, dedicated and determined. This means that for every problem or challenge I face, I put 110% of effort into it and I do not give up until a solution is found and the problem is solved. Another two strengths I believe are very important are communication and organization skills in my everyday life as also during teamwork. Even though I can be quite persuasive, I do keep an open mind when it comes to important decisions.

My proudest achievement:

I was not always the high-achieving and ambitious student I am today. In high school, I was quite average in terms of grades because I spent a lot of time pursuing different passions like playing the piano, taking singing lessons, acting in a musical etc. Most of the subjects, especially science subjects, did not interest me. On the other hand, I took Economics in my last two years of high school and I started to sense that this field of study is quite fascinating and there are so many areas you can pick from to study. Since the first day of university studies, I can say that I started to develop this eagerness to learn, this thirst for knowledge, which I did not experience before. I can proudly say that in the last three years of being very studious, curious, risk-taking and having a few sleepless nights, I have reached the grade point average that puts me on the top of my generation.

Jan Drab



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Novo mesto

Undergrad degree:

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Master's degree specialization: Mechanics of materials, systems and processes.

Why this specialization? Ever since I can remember, I was always interested in how things work and when I got older, I wanted to understand the physics behind it. Consequently, I developed an interest in mathematics. That is why I enrolled in a technical high school and from there on into the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. I was particularly interested in mechanics of materials, so I am currently doing my master's degree in that field. But I feel that just knowing engineering is not enough, so I decided to enroll into the IMB Programme to combine the world of engineering with the world of economics.

5 words that describe you best:

Ambitious, conscientious, diligent, friendly and fun.

Strengths:

I would describe myself as a kind and compassionate person. That is why I am very collaborative and prefer to work in groups. School-wise, I am ambitious, hard-working and conscientious. I like to think innovatively and outside of the box. I tend to implement programming in solving all kinds of computational problems in order to save time and maximize productivity. I aspire to learn as much as possible from mistakes.

My proudest achievement:

On a personal level, I am very proud that I am gradually and persistently becoming a better version of myself. It is nice to see yourself becoming more and more mature, rational and dependable. I am proud of graduating at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and becoming a member of the IMB Programme. I am also proud of being a member of a local acro-dunk team and winning a national championship with them.

Irma Duraković



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Velenje

Undergrad degree:

Academy of fine arts and design, industrial design, University of Ljubljana

Why this specialization? Industrial design is a perfect combination of various fields, balancing creativity and scientific realization as well as additional factors that define products to serve individuals, society and the environment. I was always curious how certain products are designed, from the first idea to the manufacturing process along with experience and response of the final user. I chose this specialization because I saw a great potential in this field besides my excitement to execute ideas. I want to take part in developing concepts that would serve and fulfill others.

5 words that describe you best:

Compassionate, independent, responsible, reliable and curious.

Strengths:

My biggest strength is calmness, control and balance I mastered through the education process and in personal life. This way I can keep conversations professional with a positive attitude, which can immensely affect any relationship and leave a good impression. In relation to others I am highly committed and fair considering that I am responsible for my actions. In my previous specialization my biggest strength was being practical and organized, as our subjects were very diverse, and I could 'connect the dots'.

My proudest achievement:

In school I was very proud of myself for how I collaborated and overcame the fear of participating and signing up for different extracurricular activities (projects, lectures, events). I would expose a project "Po kreativni poti do praktičnega znanja" where I realized that I am capable of collaborating with individuals with entirely different backgrounds. I was incredibly surprised by my capabilities and realized that up to this moment only my mind and comfort zone were holding me back.

Luka Eržen



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Komenda

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, Marketing (English Track)

Why this specialization? I have always wanted to understand why people do certain things, so consumer behavior was a big interest for me in high school. As I then got a job in the marketing field, choosing marketing specialization felt like a natural decision to make.

5 words that describe you best:

Funny, easy going, friendly, usually busy and always there to help

Strengths:

Leadership, quick thinking and decision making, growth mindset, almost all things interest me, being highly adaptable and always ready to help others.

My proudest achievement:

I would say that my most meaningful achievement is when I, at a very early age of 14, with my friends, built out of fun, one of the biggest gaming communities and developed a unique game mode that had more than 100,000 active players per month. I oversaw business development and leading the management team.

Ana Fatur



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

Why this specialization? I chose to do my bachelor's degree in law because I have always felt the need to help others and I believe law is an ideal platform to do so. Apart from that, I have always enjoyed a good, well-structured argumentation. Because I enjoyed being on the debate team, I figured law school was the perfect choice for me. I am especially interested in commercial law and human rights law.

5 words that describe you best:

Sincere, adventurous, empathic, ambitious, adaptable

Strengths:

I would say perseverance is probably my biggest strength. I never quit a task or a challenge only due to its difficulty or because of the lengthy process that may lead up to achieving what needs to be achieved. I am also always looking for new opportunities to learn and I usually go out of my way to do more than is expected of me and to push myself to do better.

My proudest achievement:

My proudest achievement in connection with my studies and/or work is being elected member of the Management Board of University of Ljubljana. This was something I had been working towards since my first year at the Faculty of Law. I am actually prouder of the path that led up to that moment; in the four years of my active involvement in student bodies at the University, we managed to accomplish a great deal and put countless hours into helping the student population.

Žan Hrovatin



Age: 21

Country & hometown: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, Economics

Why this specialization? When I was a little boy, I spent a lot of time at my grandma's workplace. She was an accountant, so therefore I fell in love with numbers. I started to care for economy during the 2008 crash, when my dad lost his job, and everything was going down. So basically, these two reasons were crucial for my interest in economics and politics. Later in high school I read a lot about fiscal policies and FED, so after that I absolutely knew what is right for me.

5 words that describe you best:

Funny, talkative, honest, naive, night owl

Strengths:

I think my biggest strength is communication and getting along with people. I am not shy, and I love to be around people. I think that I am also a hard worker and I gained this dedication for hard work during my swimming years when I was training 9 times per week. I describe honesty as my strength because I always say what I mean and I'm not two faced and the last one is that I am not a grumpy person.

My proudest achievement:

I am really proud of my Brussels internship because it was hard to get in. I think it was a great opportunity to see what a real-life job looks like and I gained a lot of skills and a good insight in European politics. Up there I made few really good contacts that may come right at some time in my life. Also during Erasmus and internship I was all on my own and as an only child in the family I am very proud of that. I am also proud of being a national champion in swimming quite a few times, because I worked really hard for it.

Martin Ivanjko



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:
SEB LU, Management

Why this specialization? Business has always fascinated me. Studying at SEB gave me the opportunity to explore and to learn from all its different fields, from management to marketing, entrepreneurship and finances. It also provided me with a broad knowledge on microeconomics and macroeconomics. I chose management as my specialization because I wanted to learn more about organizations and their structures. I also found it really interesting learning about different leadership methods and how to improve working conditions and relationships in organizations.

5 words that describe you best:

Patient, perseverant, thorough, caring, generous

Strengths:

I usually go along great with people. I am a patient, tolerant, not judgmental, considerate and a non-conflict person, which makes me great at teamwork. I would say I'm very down to earth, practical, and good at finding ways to make things work. I always try to see the bigger picture and try to find ways to improve the problems I'm facing. I consider myself an easy-going person with whom you can talk about anything. I am very persistent with my goals; I always finish all the tasks that are given to me as good as I can. I will always try to help others and to lend a hand whenever is needed.

My proudest achievement:

I would have to say my Erasmus exchange to Glasgow. It got me out of my comfort zone, and I got so many valuable and positive things from it. I met loads of amazing and incredible people from all over the world and they taught me about different cultures. I learned so much about so many different things: from global innovation management to whisky and how to dance ceilidh, the traditional Scottish dance. I also proved to myself that I am independent and strong enough to move to a whole different country without knowing anyone or without knowing what will be happening next.

Žiga Jarc



Age: 26

Country & hometown: Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, Marketing

Why this specialization? Marketing is a specialization and a field, where I am able to combine my understanding of economy, my creativity and human psychology. These areas have always interested me. Therefore, I can fully express myself. I see marketing as a tool you can use to shape a better tomorrow. By trying to educate people and change their bad behavioral patterns, you can really make a world a better place.

5 words that describe you best:

Art enthusiast, sport addict, traveler, plant lover and a good friend.

Strengths:

Social awareness, emotional intelligence and creativity. I would say that I possess a high level of empathy and related soft skills. Experiences from different workplaces and cultural environments and a high level of emotional intelligence makes me a pleasant co-speaker and a good solution provider. I am able to transfer and adopt this mindset in private as well as business environment. I would also say that I am a creative person with an eye for aesthetics.

My proudest achievement:

I would say that my most successful project so far was organizing Juste Debut Ljubljana 2018. Juste Debut is the largest and most prestigious urban dance competition in the world. In 2018, I was on the organizing committee and we brought this international event to our region for the very first time. From my academic perspective, I would say that my biggest success is successfully conducting research about the role of CSR in the B2B environment for one Slovenian start-up company, which was also my final thesis at the Faculty of Economics.

Domen Arne Jelovčan



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Moste pri Žirovnici

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, International Business

Why this specialization? I wanted to specialize in something which would allow me to work in an international environment, with people from different backgrounds and with different experiences, to learn from them and improve my skills and knowledge. The added international exposure combined with a broader view of world economics, technology, politics and of course business seemed like a perfect fit for me. Following the programme in English also helped me improve my second language passively and gave me time to focus on learning other foreign languages outside of college.

5 words that describe you best:

Kind, confident, resourceful, fair, well-read.

Strengths:

I would say my strengths are my experience internationally, both academically and professionally. Working with many people from many cultures and countries on different projects and jobs is something I view as extremely valuable, because it gave me a better ability to not only look at the situation from my point of view, but also consider others. I would also say my strengths are my adaptability, my desire for knowledge, my confidence and that I am quite well-read in different subjects and can be an interesting person to talk to about many things.

My proudest achievement:

I would say that my proudest achievement was the period when I completed my semester abroad in Belgium. I learned a great deal of new things, met many exciting people, discovered beautiful places and learned about my subject in a completely different manner. I was also able to do my job of regional sales manager in Slovenia online, which was a challenging task, but I managed to complete it successfully. I would say I grew the most during that time.

Jakob Jež



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, International Business

Why this specialization? I chose the specialization of International business, because I wanted to gain broad general knowledge that will be applicable in multiple ways in my professional future. Furthermore, I believe that due to the international nature of the class, I will be able to gain more acquaintances and connections outside of Slovenia, allowing me to broaden my social circle and create new possible business opportunities.

5 words that describe you best:

Optimist, Active, Organized, Sociable, Creative

Strengths:

One of my main strengths is that I am a highly goal oriented individual, when I decide on a goal or vision, I will do everything to achieve it and am willing to completely dedicate myself to complete what I have set up for myself. Other than that, I have a great ability of connecting the dots when it comes to business problems, I am able to find creative, unique and out of the box solutions for a given real life business situation.

My proudest achievement:

My proudest achievement is that I worked as head of sales in a holding company and was responsible for creating and streamlining the process of sales for the holding. Even though it was a truly stressful and hard-working part of my life I learned a lot and will definitely be able to use this knowledge for all my future business endeavors.

Nenad Karadžić



Age: 25

Country & hometown: Montenegro, Tivat

Undergrad degree:
Maritime Sciences

Why this specialization? I hope that IMB will provide me with modern and practical knowledge that I will be able to use in my future career. After completing the IMB program I would be particularly well-suited to the demands of a role that requires both big picture-vision and frequently interfacing with other roles and departments including finance, research, service development, marketing, and more.

5 words that describe you best:
Resilience, Persistent, loyal, ambitious and patient.

Strengths:
I consider my leadership skills to be one of my greatest strengths. I am very honest. When I feel that my workload is too large to accept another task, or if I don't understand something, I always let my supervisor know. My people skills are my greatest strength. I find it easy to connect with almost anyone, and I often know how to empathize with others in an appropriate way.

My proudest achievement:
One of my proudest accomplishments is assisting Misahara jewelry to organize the first charity event in Montenegro (2017). It was a fundraising event for children of Montenegro. I contributed the most by taking advantage of my local contacts as well as clients from the yachting industry who responded to the call and were donors. We raised enough money to renovate a couple of children's playgrounds to the local community.

Dušan Keković



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Herceg Novi, Montenegro

Undergrad degree:

Bocconi, International economics and management

Why this specialization? I always loved being my own boss, and the idea of owning my business one day always stuck with me, because I wanted to follow the steps of my parents. I might not be self-made completely, as my parents did financially support me, but I hope to give all the support back at one point in my life and be able to support myself through life.

5 words that describe you best:

Quick, informed, dubious, funny, necessary

Strengths:

I am a very communicative and visionary person, and I like to see an opportunity in many things. I like contemplating abstract things and giving my own perspective on certain areas. I am an excellent debater, and I am quick on my feet, thus I can improvise in situations where I must. I am very well informed and updated on the world issues, thus I have a very wide range of topics to talk about.

My proudest achievement:

I think I am my proudest achievement, since I left home at 16. I truly believe that becoming who I am today is my most successful project. I made the right decisions many times, starting with the International Business Programme in high school, then the bachelor studies in Milan with a major I like, and I certainly believe that IMB is another good decision on the list, which will make me prosper, and fully shape me into an individual I would like to become. Even after many achievements in sports, education etc., I still believe that the person that I am today is my proudest achievement

Tilen Kodrin



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

Xavier University, Business Management

Why this specialization? I always wanted to be in the world of business, but at the beginning I wasn't completely sure in which specific direction I wanted to go, so I chose business management because I got a very general knowledge about business and was able to get an overall look over the business world.

5 words that describe you best:

Resourceful, logic, perseverance, laidback, open-minded

Strengths:

I have a very strong work ethic, and willingness to go an extra mile in order to get the best results. Most people are afraid of obstacles and of course I am no different, but on the other hand I also love them because they challenge me and push me out of my comfort zone, and I know that is how I will learn new things, acquire new skills, evolve and improve. I've learned to never quit at a very young age. I am also a lifelong learner that craves to expand their boundaries. I like to believe I am someone like that because I am genuinely excited to learn new things and seek out situations that help me expand my knowledge. I am humble because the more I know, the more I am aware of how much I still need to learn. Only with gaining new knowledge we can evolve our perspectives, philosophy, values, and mindset, and finally keep pushing ourselves to become better than we were the day before. If we can at least try to do that every day, then I am sure, sooner or later, we will be able to find a way to symbiotically live a deeply meaningful, successful, and prosperous life.

My proudest achievement:

I don't have one. I am proud of my whole journey even though I made many mistakes, but I am hoping that before I die, I will be able to say that my proudest achievement is that I lived a life I don't regret.

Hana Končan



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Horjul

Undergrad degree:

School of Economics and Business, Ljubljana

Why this specialization? I want to learn how to successfully manage my own company. Being your own boss has many perks, but becoming a successful leader demands creativity, innovation, and a strong execution strategy. IMB Programme is a perfect choice to acquire knowledge by focusing and working on current issues and to get a better insight into the business world. I believe I will improve analytical and critical thinking, communication and deepen my knowledge about business. I will develop my leadership skills and it will enable me to test launch my ideas.

5 words that describe you best:

Confident, visionary, dedicated, focused, humble.

Strengths:

My greatest strength is the ability to solve problems fast and effectively. Efficient and effective solutions are necessary during a crisis to prevent and mitigate damage. I can see any given scenario from a different viewpoint, which makes me uniquely prepared to complete my work even under challenging conditions. Problem solving allows me to be a better communicator. My ability to see an issue from different perspectives and presenting my solutions make me a great asset to the team.

My proudest achievement:

One of the most meaningful achievements were my two exchange semesters abroad. The first one at the University of Amsterdam taught me a lot about working in an international environment and cooperating with people from different backgrounds from all around the world. It improved my ability to adapt to diverse situations and I developed the capacity to adapt to various educational settings. While the second one at WU Vienna during the pandemic was different. I am extremely proud that I was coping with the challenges of everyday life in foreign country so well. Living outside the so-called "comfort zone" helped me grow as a person and expand my horizons. It boosted my confidence, dedication, courage and the ability to solve problems.

Rok Križaj



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Idrija

Undergrad degree:

University of Nebraska - Lincoln & Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Why this specialization? I am interested in social psychology, thus what better way to study it, than studying economics and markets, as you are able to see what the world is thinking in an exact moment.

5 words that describe you best:

Determined, understanding, competitive, enthusiastic, amusing.

Strengths:

My experience as an athlete has prepared me to strive in an environment that entails hard work, taking responsibility, and delivering results. While my experience as a student-leader in an international setting has helped me to become more open-minded. All in all, I believe that a tremendous amount of determination and enthusiasm I bring, while still maintaining a pleasure to work with is what sets me apart from others.

My proudest achievement:

On the academic side, I consider it as the most meaningful achievement, receiving my degree with summa cum laude distinction, which is awarded to graduates in the top 2% of their class. While on the athletic side, I am most proud of the National Championship titles in tennis I've won.

Krištof Kuzman



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:

Faculty of Social Sciences - University of Ljubljana: Media and Communication Studies

Why this specialization? I'm a very communicative and open-minded person. After finishing high school I struggled deciding which kind of field my future self would like to pursue. Therefore, when I was choosing which University I should apply to, my priority was being able to broaden my knowledge in the field of communication. I also at the time realized that real-life work experience is something to be able to focus on during my studies and attending the Faculty of Social Sciences would allow me to achieve that. I've gained a variety of different skills in the broad field of communication, which helped me immensely at realizing what I want to do in my future.

5 words that describe you best:

Straight-forward, communicative, motivated, energetic, optimistic

Strengths:

My biggest strength is most definitely my straight forwardness. I'm not afraid to stand out and I never hesitate to say or ask if something is bothering me or if I think that something isn't done as it should be. I believe giving and receiving appropriate feedback is one of the great ways a person can improve and develop. I would consider myself to be a very stubborn and motivated individual who is dedicated to achieving his goals. One of the things that are important to achieving goals is also having a positive mindset - therefore looking for opportunities and good outcomes when faced with a bad situation. I'm very optimistic about my future and about life in general and that's what keeps me going every day!

My proudest achievement:

I don't really have one exact proudest achievement in my life. I live for the little 'victories' in my life that give me energy and motivation to constantly set myself new goals and reach them as soon and as best as I can. I believe the value and the way we perceive our achievements changes overtime, each holding a specific meaning to one's life. Looking back, at the age of 5 my proudest achievement was learning to ride a bicycle. However, my latest and proudest achievement therefore was being accepted to IMB.

Eva Lipnik



Age: 26

Country & hometown: Grosuplje, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

Ljubljana University, Textile and Fashion Design

Why this specialization? I have always been very creative in various areas, such as drawing, writing, acting, and playing and creating music. I am also excelled in math, languages, and other subjects, so at first, I decided to go study Mathematics and stayed there for a year. It felt severely unnatural, though, so I transferred to Textile and Fashion Design, where I finally felt like I belong. I gained plenty of knowledge about textiles, design, project work, and teamwork, but unfortunately, not much about finances, economics, or entrepreneurship. Thirst for such knowledge brought me to IMB.

5 words that describe you best:

Caring, honest, persistent, curious, engaging

Strengths:

I never give up. No matter how hard life gets or what it throws my way, I keep going. I'm very compassionate and have a big heart. I always tend to consider other people's points of view and try to understand the real reasons for their actions, beliefs. I strive for honesty because even though the honest way is often harder and/or longer, I think it is the right one. I'm quite adaptive to different people and situations. I'm also engaging and polite to everybody.

My proudest achievement:

My proudest achievement is launching a brand, Veronika by Prelli, with a colleague, or rather, having the guts to do it. The official launch was May 15th earlier this year. We sell silk bandanas - "scarfettes" in two different sizes. Starting a brand taught us a lot already and we're still at the beginning. This decision did not only affect our priorities, comfort zones, and future decisions, it has also challenged our former schoolmates to get rid of the fear of failure and start thinking about their own fashion brands.

Urška Lovšin



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:

University of Ljubljana: Faculty of Education, Social Pedagogy

Why this specialization? First and foremost, I was attracted to Social Pedagogy since I enjoy working with people of all ages and was excited at the prospect of plenty of interpersonal interaction. At the same time, I have always been interested in understanding interpersonal relations and their entanglement with the human psyche on a deeper level. Specifically, this exact specialization introduced me to the causes of distinctive social behaviors, thus granting me better insight into the actions of individuals. Further, I was able to not only explore how and why different types of individual problems may arise, but also learn how they may be effectively counteracted with appropriate professional responses. In conclusion, my undergraduate degree was a holistic exploration of the nature of learning, interpersonal relations and human development.

5 words that describe you best:

extroverted, curious, analytical, committed, ambitious.

Strengths:

One of my most pronounced strengths are my interpersonal skills. An extrovert by nature, I have had the opportunity to further develop my communication, public speaking and emotional intelligence competencies in an academic setting throughout my undergraduate degree as well as through various extracurricular activities. The latter often placed an emphasis on collaboration, allowing me to hone my teamwork skills through continuous cooperation and various group activities. Such group projects also allowed me to develop project management and organizational abilities

My proudest achievement:

I consider my contributions as a volunteer at the Association Centre for Youth Assistance (CPM) over three years my proudest achievement. Specifically, I was once personally responsible for the organization and management of post-secondary educational workshops on topics ranging from personal perception to communication improvement to addiction. In addition, I contributed to the delivery of social skill sessions which involved a week-long comprehensive training centered around numerous social skills.

Mario Miličević



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Undergrad degree:

School of Economics and Business Sarajevo, Bachelor of Financial Management

Why this specialization? Even in High School I knew that I would pursue Management once enrolled in University. During the first two years of studying at the School of Economics and Business Sarajevo I realized that Financial Management is something I want to specialize in. I choose it as my specialization because I realized the large specter of applicability it has in different industries ranging from the Banking sector to the continuously growing IT sector (FinTech).

5 words that describe you best:

Ambitious, Confident, Versatile, Persistent, Energetic

Strengths:

Developing my character through international schools and sports I believe that I managed to combine the best of both worlds and develop some strong attributes along the way. I have an extremely positive mindset which gets me through stressful and hard situations calmly, I am excellent in working under pressure and deadlines and have developed social and communication skills that help me while working in teams but also when being set in leadership positions.

My proudest achievement:

Here I can directly relate to my field of study and future goals. I would point out the fact that during my third year of bachelor's study together with one of my colleagues I wrote a successful investment proposal and business plan for a startup that we plan to bring to reality, as recommended to us by our professor. Besides this I was the leader of the team that won first place in the Pro Banker Intercollegiate Competition 2019 for the School of Economics and Business Sarajevo. I would also point out that during my High School days I was actively involved in sports (I've been team captain for both my club and school teams) and volunteering through which we raised funds for many different causes.

Anja Mlinar



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Logatec

Undergrad degree:

Biotechnology, Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana

Why this specialization? I had this idea to be a scientist, but during my master in Biotechnology and Erasmus exchange in Belgium I figured out, that I like to search solutions for scientific challenges, but I prefer organizing things, be in charge of something, have some responsibility, be able to spread scientific application worldwide, to earn some real money instead applying for different public tenders etc. Once I was told that economists are like sailors in a stormy sea, meaning that the economic market/environment is changing quite fast and that is full of challenges – you can't get bored. I think that the IMB Programme can give me the knowledge to combine scientific discoveries and worldwide use of them.

5 words that describe you best:

Dynamic; responsible; determined; social; organized

Strengths:

Mother nature or my parents passed on me few talents, but I think that most valuable for my professional path is successful dealing with people. I have a very good developed ability of empathy, which helps me to understand everyone. Meaning that I can easily find a way to work and motivate most of the people. So far this ability also enabled me to correctly organize and divide work inside the group of people.

My proudest achievement:

The first thing that comes to my mind is my Erasmus+ exchange. I spent my first semester (September 2018 – January 2019) of my master's degree in Belgium. I studied at Faculty of Bioscience Engineering at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven). Erasmus exchange challenged me at many levels. First was definitely a professional one – KU Leuven is one of the best universities in Europe. Consequently, they have higher knowledge standards and completely different concepts of studying. Despite my problems (lack of background knowledge and experience with independent work) I got quite broad and good knowledge, which was graded with highest marks. Erasmus exchange put me out of my comfort zone and showed me that life abroad isn't easy, that you have to work really hard to succeed. I learned how to be an independent, confident and self-standing person.

Jan Muc



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Metlika

Undergrad degree:

University in Ljubljana, Faculty of mechanical engineering

Why this specialization? I have been interested in technical problems ever since I was a little kid. I really liked to dismantle and then reassemble old electronics, building things with Lego Technic and creating all sorts of practical products. I later decided to visit and study at the Technical high school in Novo mesto. There I got really interested in mathematics and engineering problems. I also considered the fact that the profession of a mechanical engineer is in great demand nowadays. These are the main reasons why I chose to study at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.

5 words that describe you best:

Loyal, Team-player, Thorough, Obliging, Dedicated.

Strengths:

Since I have played handball for a long time of my life, I find myself working well in a team. This was also shown later when we carried out various projects at the faculty. I am detail oriented and I always try to deliver as good finished products (reports, diploma ...) as I or my collective can. I am also good at organizing work, tasks and even different events or trips for me or groups of people.

My proudest achievement:

Since I am still a student and I have dedicated most of my life to studying, I have not yet achieved everything I would like on a professional level or better put something worth mentioning. I still have goals I am aiming to achieve. But as my proudest achievement I would count the fact that even though I am not playing handball for quite some time now, me and my teammates still help each other and are great friends. The whole team I've been training with every day for 10 years still answers and comes to assist you and expects nothing in return. The fact that I have friends for so long and that we are willing to lend a helping hand regardless of whether the work is demanding, it is a drive with a car no matter what time or just a conversation, I consider as my proudest achievement.

Taja Novak Levstek



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, International Business

Why this specialization? I chose International Business as my field of specialization, as I decided I wanted to pursue a career in business, and I knew understanding the international perspective in the ever-changing economic environment is very important. Moreover, in today's globalized world, I believe that it is highly beneficial knowing the business terminology in a foreign language, especially in English. Since SEB LU currently offers only two programmes in English, International Business seemed like the obvious choice.

5 words that describe you best:

Friendly, organized, reliable, honest, ambitious

Strengths:

Throughout my studies, I gained a comprehensive knowledge of international business and quite some work experience. Some of my main strengths are thoroughness, reliability and persistence. I am a fast learner, quite talkative and I operate in teams well. I am highly organized and detail oriented and have showcased leadership ability on many occasions. One of my strengths is also empathy, helping me understand perspectives besides my own. Finally, I am also a very curious person with a wide range of interests, always willing to learn something new.

My proudest achievement:

During the first year of my undergraduate studies, I was not yet certain whether choosing to study economics was the right choice for me, as I also had some other universities in mind at the time. Therefore, my grades and overall GPA were lacking. By the end of year one, I knew business was what I wanted to do, and I set a goal to significantly improve my average by the end of the third year. I succeeded to surpass the goal I set, all by working part-time as an assurance intern. This is my proudest achievement in the academic field so far.

Petja Oplotnik



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

Faculty of Social Sciences, International relations

Why this specialization? The study of International relations encompasses a variety of different fields, from economy and politics to international law, relations among countries. For me this was an interesting specialization, because you get a broader perspective on the connectivity between these different fields. All the areas are relevant no matter where you work and IMB is a perfect next step to get a better insight into the world of business.

5 words that describe you best:

Kind, positive, ambitious, determined, organized.

Strengths:

I would say my strengths are organization, coordination, fast learning-especially new languages, enthusiasm and that I am a team player. I also adapt really quickly to different situations, quickly find solutions to different problems and am really good in managing crisis situations.

My proudest achievement:

My two proudest achievements in the student years are the internship in the European Parliament, where I got to see how an international institution functions in practice, where I was able to contribute with my work and test the knowledge I gained throughout the four years of my bachelor studies. The second is the organization of an international conference with around 50 participants, from three different continents and 14 different countries, which also included high-level guests that participated at the two panels. As the project manager I was really happy that the conference turned out better than expected.

Hana Palčič Vilfan



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:

Faculty of law, University of Ljubljana

Why this specialization? Although I finished law school and I wish to pursue my career as an attorney, I decided on enrolling in the IMB Programme to obtain better understanding of inner workings of a company. Namely, during my student years and work experience, I have come to realize that in order to effectively and efficiently apply legal rules and solve legal issues (in the area of commercial law), you also need to understand and consider economic aspects of business. The other reason I have chosen the IMB Programme, is my desire to maybe someday experience working and living abroad.

5 words that describe you best:

Persistent, straight-forward, assiduous, loyal, and reliable (also sometimes difficult).

Strengths:

I am hard working, ambitious, determined and I always give 100%. I am skilled in organizing my time and managing my work to get as much done as possible. I am not afraid to take on new challenges and am not afraid of failing, as I opine that you learn the most from your mistakes. I can take criticism, especially when it is constructive as I see it as a great way to learn and grow as a person. I am also very honest and straightforward. Because I do not like tension or insidiousness, I try to immediately resolve any arising issues. In that sense I am a good mediator and a good listener, and I always try to understand where the other person is coming from.

My proudest achievement:

My proudest achievement is from a legal area of expertise. In the academic year 2019/2020 I have competed in the European Law Moot Court competition, which is an international competition in legal writing and debate on issues of EU law. My team and I had been preparing for this competition for 6 months and achieved some great results at the regional final in Ghent, Belgium. I was also awarded best pleader of the competition.

Nejc Pavlič Damijan



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, International business

Why this specialization? In terms of my interests, I was always somewhere in between a naturalist and a sociologist, which is why I took an economics class in high school already. The field of economics seemed broad enough for someone who was not completely sold on what exactly he wants to do in life.

5 words that describe you best:

Confident. Open-minded. Easy-going. Responsible. Independent.

Strengths:

I believe one of my biggest strengths is my hard-working and determined mindset. Topics/projects I'm interested in quickly consume me as I become determined to finish them in the best way possible. This also shows in my free time activities, such as mountaineering and climbing. I am also an architect when it comes to personality types, which means I am a pretty good researcher, organizer, and analyst. I'm constantly analyzing various scenarios in my head and can offer quick, imaginative, and strategic decisions to various problems. Besides that, I am a highly self-confident and a rational person, while also having an open mind to various ideas and matters. Even though I don't believe in the consumption-oriented society we currently live in, I am still very open to new technological ideas and am, in many ways, intrigued by them. Moreover, I am also an independent and decisive person who, usually, does not need a lot of guidance when completing a task. Lastly, one of my attributes that also comes to mind is my ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

My proudest achievement:

Being the head of the Marihuana marš event (5000-6000 attendees) and successfully organizing the event while managing a team of 12 people has probably been one of my proudest achievements so far.

Metka Sajovic



Age: 23

Country & hometown: Kranj, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

University of Primorska, Faculty of Tourism Studies

Why this specialization? I obtained my University Bachelor's degree in Tourism, which was an obvious academic choice since my interests go to business in tourism and organization. On the other hand, tourism is a worldwide industry that can open many opportunities and expand your perspective. I also enjoy travelling and meeting new people which is why I found the programme suitable for me. I see myself as an optimistic person and motivated by knowledge and I would like to upgrade my current knowledge in the field of economics and business.

5 words that describe you best:

Friendly, Motivated, Reliable, Caring, Flexible

Strengths:

I would like to emphasize my ability to work under pressure. From an early age, I was more productive and efficient in stressful situations and I was also more successful under pressure than in calmer conditions. Under stress, I do more and better. Playing volleyball also carried great importance. Not only does it take disposition, talent and passion for the game, it also takes hard work, discipline and perseverance to be successful in the sport. I acquired these qualities at an early age, and they helped me shape my personality.

My proudest achievement:

The most meaningful achievements for me are several volleyball titles, such as National Champions with team Zgornja Gorenjska and OK Mladi Jesenice. The titles are rewarded for every-day hard training, busy weekends with tournaments and shortened holidays due to preparations. It showed me that with hard work and consistency, I am able to achieve high ranked goals. One of the most meaningful achievements for me is also University graduation. During studies it was important to be organized, disciplined, responsible and there were many diligence assignments. Through the studies and extracurricular projects, I have gained a lot of knowledge that will help me with my further education.

Sara Sekuloska



Age: 22

Country & hometown: North Macedonia, Skopje

Undergrad degree:

SEB LU, Marketing

Why this specialization? I decided to study marketing mainly because I was interested in consumer behavior and marketing research. I have always been fascinated with psychology and the study of human nature, how people perceive reality and how they make decisions. Even more so, I was interested in how we attain that information, which is through research and statistical analysis. Hence, I would say that the approach marketers use to make decisions is the key reason why I wanted to study marketing.

5 words that describe you best:

Compassionate, ambitious, reliable, trustworthy and passionate.

Strengths:

My greatest strength is my curiosity; I always want to understand why things are the way they are, rather than just retain information. As a result, I find studying and learning enjoyable and fulfilling. My other strengths are determination, focus and commitment. I am passionate about everything I do, and I try to do everything with the same level of devotion and attentiveness to detail. Lastly, I am a good team player, because I care more about the achievement itself, rather than getting credit for it.

My proudest achievement:

My proudest achievement is my success in debate competitions. Public speaking and oratory, particularly about political and societal issues, have been my passion for as long as I can remember. Moreover, the debate community is notorious for its brutal competitiveness, which is why any success is that much more valuable. On both national and international competitions, my team always ranked in the top; not just as a result of our knowledge and talent, but more so because of our cohesiveness as a team and dedication to one another.

Hana Tahiri



Age: 25

Country & hometown: Kosovo, Prishtina

Undergrad degree:

Rochester Institute of Technology in Kosovo | Management and Economics

Why this specialization? I have chosen these specializations because this mix is a perfect combination and preparation that allows you to understand the business environment, the market players, influencing mechanisms, how organizations function, and the power of leadership for enabling change. Also, having a degree in both fields, allows you to have a general knowledge of almost any business field which then allows you to easily specialize in an area where you are mainly interested.

5 words that describe you best:

positive, organized, curious, team player, hard-working

Strengths:

I consider my greatest strengths the ability to deal with pressure and tight deadlines, and also collaborate in an environment with diverse teams. Throughout these last years, I have had the opportunity to work with multiple projects that entailed delivering results at very tight deadlines and also provide presentations to high profile organizations. While under extreme pressure, I managed to successfully deliver the desired results.

My proudest achievement:

One of my greatest achievements I consider to be my graduation from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Kosovo from a 4-year programme with a GPA of 3.72. Even though I had financial support from my family, I strived to maintain the GPA and thus my scholarship to lower the tuition burden. While studying, I also held an almost full-time job which has helped me extremely with time management and prioritization skills.

Aleksander Tepić



Age: 21

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Ljubljana

Undergrad degree:
SEB LU, Money and finance

Why this specialization? I wanted my studies to be challenging and worthy. Besides, I had high interests in the financial side of companies, financial markets and mechanisms of economic policies. I think knowledge gained through program Money and finance sets excellent grounds for me to excel in business. The understanding of market and economic mechanisms are fundamentals to understand and succeed in the business world.

5 words that describe you best:
Hard working, dedicated, loyal, communicative and motivated.

Strengths:
I think I am a very communicative person with many interests. I am very good at managing my own time and organizing activities, as well as managing different teams. Since I have been playing volleyball for the last 10 years and basically had practices every day, I had to learn and coordinate sports, education, students work and private life. Furthermore, through all those years I have learned what hard work and dedication means.

My proudest achievement:
I am very proud of my underage volleyball career. I was national champion in indoor as well as beach volleyball. Those successes brought me to Slovenian, under 19 and two years after that under 21 years old, national team. My biggest success was probably a win at the qualification tournament for European championship U21. I also proudly say that I had the honor to represent Slovenia at the beach volleyball U17 and U19 European championship.

Samo Vidic



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:
SEB LU, Money and finance

Why this specialization? Before I came to SEB LU I heard from many people that the easiest way to get a job as an economist is to have a Bachelor degree in Money and finance. It is also known as one of the hardest specializations at SEB LU. I wanted to test my knowledge and mine work ethic with other best students. Besides that, Money and finance involve a lot of mathematical problems and models that I really liked.

5 words that describe you best:
I am honest, friendly, stubborn, shy, hardworking.

Strengths:
My biggest strength is that I attended Erasmus+ exchange back in 2018. I had to work really hard to achieve all my goals there. I studied a lot more than here in Slovenia but my expectations before were totally different. I overcame adversity and passed all my exams there. My other big strength is that I attended one of the best and hardest high schools here in Slovenia. I had to work smart and hard to achieve everything I did back then.

My proudest achievement:
As I said, I passed all my exams on an Erasmus+ exchange. I worked really hard for that goal. I think, if I am capable of doing that, I can do anything I can imagine. I truly left blood, sweat and tears back in Madrid. Never before in my life I was so dedicated and focused. That experience will forever be a part of me, and I will never take anything for granted.

Teja Vrščaj



Age: 24

Country & hometown: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Undergrad degree:

Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology; Chemical technology

Why this specialization? I was always intrigued by things that were constantly involving and changing. Nature was one of them. Subjects I mostly enjoyed were natural science related. Later on in life, when choosing the field which I wanted to graduate in, the area of science was still in my mind. I chose chemistry, more precisely chemical technology. Now after graduation, I can proudly say that this programme broadened my knowledge in ways I could only imagine, when signing my enrolment in the beginning.

5 words that describe you best:

Organized, reliable, proactive, friendly, creative.

Strengths:

I'm highly organized and eager to take on more than required. I'm willing to learn and improve my knowledge in every step of the way. At my last student job I applied all of these qualities. In the long-term absence of a colleague I managed to juggle two work positions. Before further pursuing my career at IMB, I was willing to coach two new employees and enabled them to understand their position and key tasks.

My proudest achievement:

The biggest one was graduating from the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology. I am extremely proud of the fact that I truly enjoyed researching and writing my thesis in the department of inorganic chemistry. My second, more recent achievement was being accepted into the IMB Programme. I am extremely proud of myself for stepping out of my comfort zone and enrolling in IMB, which will without a doubt benefit me in the long run.

Sara Zahovič



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Slovenia, Maribor

Undergrad degree:

University of Social Sciences, International Relations

Why this specialization? I chose to study International Relations because I believe it is a very dynamic field of study, as it combines international law, economy and politics with the goal to elucidate current crucial events, such as crises or wars. Being a vastly curious person, I have always been interested in what is happening in the political and economic area not just at the domestic, but also the global level. In my opinion, having the ability and knowledge to understand processes and relations that surround us universally, can immensely help you in any field you pursue your career in, especially economics.

5 words that describe you best:

Organized, trustworthy, optimistic, perfectionist, ambitious.

Strengths:

I would say that my strengths include being an efficient team player. In recent years I have worked on many different projects in smaller groups. From these I have deeply strengthened my interpersonal skills and learnt that in order to successfully achieve a common goal, all teammates must constantly work together (no one being left behind), keep motivated and have fun in the process. Another strength also stems from this and is being a very organized person. This includes time management, which enables higher productivity and less stress. My other strengths are multi-tasking, handling pressure and fairness.

My proudest achievement:

Reflecting on my current achievements, I believe that what I am truly most proud of at this point in life is leaving home at a relatively young age and becoming an independent person. I have always been encouraged to be self-sufficient and finding my own apartment in a new city has made me more organized, disciplined and responsible. In my opinion this has helped me to redefine my priorities and to develop into the person I am today.

Federica Zanasi



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Italy, Vignola

Undergrad degree:

Fine Arts Academy of Bologna, Graphic Design

Why this specialization? I chose the specialization in Graphic Design despite graduating in a classical high school because I have always liked artistic and more practical jobs. Through my years of study I understood that my choice was the right one: even though I am now shifting my field of study, I had the chance to experiment both practical and more project oriented works. Doing so, I discovered that the latter are the ones that I liked the most and in which I could express my full potential, leading me to my current master's degree choice.

5 words that describe you best:

Independent, bold, non-judgmental, daring, caring

Strengths:

My strengths are being decisive in my actions and not having second thoughts about my decisions because I try my best to evaluate the best options, both through my judgement and by not being afraid to ask to or rely on others to make up my mind if I don't have the knowledge to choose by myself. This trait of my personality has helped me heavily in being a good team member. I have a strong but friendly character and both organizational and, where needed, improvisation skills that have often come useful when covering team leading roles both in scholar activities and in my job as an Athletics coach.

My proudest achievement:

My proudest achievement is growing my confidence and developing my character in such a way that brought me where I am today. I'm proud that I had the courage to take life changing decisions that have and will shape my future positively, like choosing to continue my studies in a foreign country to attend a more fitting university. I'm also proud of having overcome my fears and having planned by myself two solo trips which made me reconsider my boundaries and discover new aspects of my personality while dealing with difficult situations. By learning to be unafraid to speak my mind, I am now able to have a more active involvement in social activism and a more fulfilling role in my volunteering association.

Daria Zheleznova



Age: 22

Country & hometown: Russia, Yaroslavl

Undergrad degree:

University of Warwick; Engineering Business Management

Why this specialization? I have always had a passion for physics and mathematics when I was in school, so I decided to study Engineering. During my university studies, I have developed an interest in business management and finance as I was proceeding with my undergraduate degree.

5 words that describe you best:

Intelligent, responsible, approachable, independent, reliable

Strengths:

My strengths lie within my thirst for knowledge. I am very brave, and I manage my time well. I am hardworking and determined.

My proudest achievement:

Graduating from a top 10 UK University.