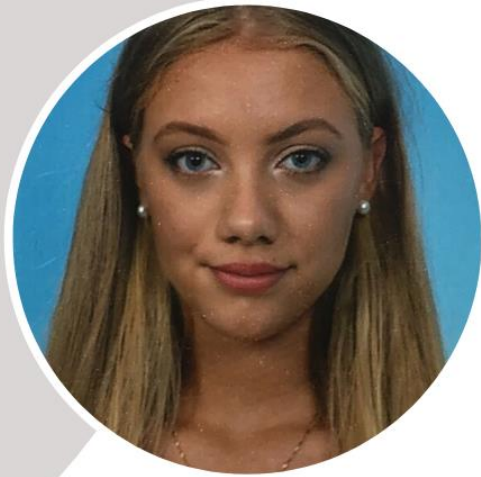


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VITA BALZAMOVIĆ

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

The achievement I am most proud of is the fact that I have been successfully developing, organising and leading the scout organisation's programme for children over 15 years old as well as helping my proteges to become self-standing, logical-thinking, environmentally and socially responsible people.

Which words describe you best?

Lively and bold student, which always follows through.

What is your life motto?

"You have to work not only as much as you think you are capable of, but as much as it takes to reach the goal. And even if it's a lot more than you thought you were capable of."

What are your strengths?

I am a very hardworking and goal-oriented person. At the same time I am extremely eager to learn. I am ready to study hard, to work on demanding projects and stay late at night studying. I devote a lot of my time to gain new knowledge. Being a very positive person, I can contribute to any environment with my personality and attitude, expressed through my systematical approach, full involvement and high level of motivation.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

The program caught my attention already years ago (in high school), because I wanted to make the best out of my education. When browsing through the SEB LU page and looking at all that it has to offer, I came across IMB. Therefore, after finishing SEB LU my knowledge of business has widened and deepened, therefore I am now fully convinced that your program would be the best fit for both; my further education and career.



LARA BRICL

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

That I learned to manage fear and stress. After a bad fall from a horse, I overcame my fear, got back on the saddle, and continued to compete in this sport. During my active sports activities, I encountered stressful situations, which are an inevitable factor in today's lifestyle, but with more experience I also perceived stress differently and learned to manage it.

Which words describe you best?

Organized, ambitious, communicative, curious and empathetic.

What is your life motto?

"Mistakes are often the greatest teachers."

What are your strengths?

I would say that my strengths is ability to work under pressure, being honest, not afraid to ask and admit if I do not know something.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

During my international undergraduate studies, I became acquainted with the IMB programme. Already in the international undergraduate program, I gained a lot of knowledge and joy for teamwork with people from different international cultural backgrounds. All of these relationships have also contributed to my personal growth.

The IMB program is unique and fits my career goals. I also look forward to studying and collaborating with highly motivated colleagues and gaining knowledge from renowned professors.



URŠA BRUMEC

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Accounting and Auditing

What is your proudest achievement?

My What is your proudest achievement? is becoming a part of Lidl's accounting department as a part of my student job and living abroad in Germany, München

Which words describe you best?

An optimistic, honest, passionate, trustworthy, curious.

What is your life motto?

Be the change you wish to see in the world. I always try to give my best and do good for the community

What are your strengths?

Being adaptable, always ready to help others, perseverance, and ability to solve problems fast and effectively

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

Since my childhood, I have been listening to my family talking about business since they run a successful company. We debate about economics, political situation, and finances every day. Three years after I started to attend the classes at SEB LU and the IMB posters around the campus have caught my attention and now I am curious about how the program can improve my career.



LUKA PASCAL CAVAZZA

Year of birth:	1997
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering
Specialization:	Metallurgical Technology

What is your proudest achievement?

Leaving my home country for a gap year after high school to go working in Australia by myself.

Which words describe you best?

Hardworking, honest, kind, reliable and persistent.

What is your life motto?

Treat everyone like you'd like to be treated. I believe everybody should be respected.

What are your strengths?

Persistence, punctuality, people skills, languages, will to learn fast.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I feel that the program is best suited for my skills and aspirations. I found out from good friends who enrolled and had nothing but nice things to say.



ŽAN DEMŠAR

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Computer and Information Science
Specialization:	Bachelor of Comp. and Inform. Science

What is your proudest achievement?

My very own web application used by our student club.

Which words describe you best?

Extrovert, enthusiastic, funny, thorough and explorer.

What is your life motto?

I do not have an explicit one. My goal in life is to work as hard as I can to become the best version of myself. Every day I strive to learn something new.

What are your strengths?

Enthusiasm, thoroughness, foreign languages, desire to work with others and solve real problems

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I have three reasons why I chose the IMB programme. The first reason is that I have liked math since I was a kid and promised myself that my master's degree would be related to it. For the past year, I have been programming for a company in Ljubljana and felt how much good management affects every member of the company.



DRAGANA DESPOT

Year of birth:	1998
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Education
Specialization:	Primary Teacher Education

What is your proudest achievement?

Living independently abroad for half a year.

Which words describe you best?

Ambitious, curious, adventurous, kind and optimistic.

What is your life motto?

"You are never too old to learn something new."

What are your strengths?

I work well under pressure, I am very creative, curious, adaptable, a good team player who has no trouble taking over and leading a group if necessary and I am used to public speaking.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I chose to apply to the IMB programme because I realized over the past few years that I want my job to be more challenging and rewarding and that I am very interested in how businesses work. Long-term planning, managing resources, networking, staying in the know and problem-solving are all things I want to learn more about. When I entertained the thought of changing the course of my studies to something more business oriented I visited the website of SEB Ljubljana.



SILVIJA DJELIĆ

Year of birth:	1996
Undergraduate degree:	University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Specialization:	Mechanical Engineering

What is your proudest achievement?

I have a couple of proud achievements so far. My proudest moment was graduating Cum Laude from University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2020 alongside a demanding and successful swimming career, which lasted for 15 years and also landed me a scholarship in Hawai'i.

Which words describe you best?

Organized, empathetic, ambitious, proactive and team player.

What is your life motto?

There are two mottos I live by, »Attitudes are contagious.« and »Entitled to nothing, grateful for everything.«

What are your strengths?

I am organised, have great time-management, work well in teams and under pressure.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I have found about IMB from alumni. I chose the IMB programme because it is well accredited, it is culturally diverse, it is in English and it works on real life business cases.



TINE DOBNIK

Year of birth:	1998
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty for Social Sciences
Specialization:	European Studies

What is your proudest achievement?

The achievement I am most proud of is embarking on a month-long trip to Spain, Portugal, and the Azores completely alone.

Which words describe you best?

Curious, open-minded, extroverted, resourceful and reliable.

What is your life motto?

The motto that keeps me going is "Creativity flows when curiosity is stoked." The quote always helps me with being productive and creative because the more curious you are, the more you learn.

What are your strengths?

One of my strengths is most definitely that I am a person that will always encourage my peers and offer my help. I always strive towards upgrading my creativeness, which is usually applied to people that are working with me.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

Many people that I have spoken to about this programme said that it offers much needed practical knowledge in combination with theory, and it facilitates contact with leading companies, providing young professionals with their potential employers.



INJA DOVŠAK

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Primorska, Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies
Specialization:	Biopsychology

What is your proudest achievement?

The achievement that I am most proud of is a continuous one. Two years ago, at the start of the pandemic, I started learning about digital marketing besides my studies. I am proud of myself for keeping pushing and hard work, which led me on a journey of new experiences.

Which words describe you best?

Ambitious, driven, determined, strong-willed and empathetic.

What is your life motto?

It would be »Do what you love and love what you do.«

What are your strengths?

I would say my strengths are in the way I approach what I do. I like to learn about the topic or problem, and then my mind can get creative around it. I approach challenges and tasks holistically. Most of the time, I try to find "the why" behind almost everything I or we do as a team.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I chose IMB because I believe I will have the ability to get valuable insight into the business world and learn how big companies and corporations approach business planning and marketing.



MARTIN FERJAN

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering
Specialization:	Civil Engineering

What is your proudest achievement?

My greatest accomplishment would be my personal development over the previous year. After two years of corona crisis, lack of motivation, and many negative ideas, I was able to find my purpose and motivation, as well as strengthen relationships with loved ones. Understanding who you are, in my opinion, is the basis for achieving your goals and creating your own environment with people who inspire.

Which words describe you best?

Reliable, cooperative, inventive, mischievous and empathic.

What is your life motto?

Problems are the gifts that makes us dig out and figure out who we are, what we're made for, and what we're responsible to give back to life. (Tony Robbins)

What are your strengths?

Engineering mindset, sales communication, adaptability, critical thinking and work ethics.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

To be surrounded by ambitious people, to solve challenges that are practical, to learn from real-world situations, to learn how to work in a team, to push myself outside of my comfort zone.



IAN GOŠNAK

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

I would say that my proudest achievement is the fact that during my second year of undergraduate studies I had a GPA of 9.6 for which I was awarded a commendation for study performance.

Which words describe you best?

Curious, adaptable, ambitious, reliable and honest.

What is your life motto?

I wouldn't necessarily say that I have a life motto, but I resonate with the motto "where there is a will, there is a way". So far in life I've found that if something is important to me it is much easier to make an effort and achieve that goal.

What are your strengths?

I would say that adaptability is one of my main strengths. Because I am able to learn and understand new things very quickly, I can adjust quicker when it comes to new and or different situations/circumstances.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

In general, I knew I wanted to pursue a business based programme. However, I specifically chose the IMB programme because of its practical use of real-life business projects, international nature and possible specialisation in finance.



TIMOTEJ GRM

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Marketing

What is your proudest achievement?

I am most proud of getting a job as an auditor in EY two years ago after the first pandemic outbreak, when the labour market didn't yet fully recover. In the first round of interviews, there were ten candidates, from which three of us were selected. A crucial part of being selected was passing the numerical and English test.

Which words describe you best?

Persistent, hard-working, ambitious, diligent and trustworthy.

What is your life motto?

It is not particularly a motto, but I think all things in life should be in balance. I daily crave to create harmony between responsibilities and personal fulfillments. Ironically, I think that is why accounting was my profession for the last two years.

What are your strengths?

As a result of my experiences, my strengths are analytical skills, good time management and fast learning. All three were strongly developed in EY, where the working environment was dynamic and competitive. To provide sufficient analytical evidence (mostly for P&L accounts), I had to be precise and deepen my understanding on the topic.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I want to take a break from working and studying at once and focus on one particular thing. Additionally, I want to move from audit to management consulting.



ALPEREN HATIOĞLU

Year of birth: 1998
Undergraduate degree: Cankaya University,
Faculty of Law
Specialization: Law

What is your proudest achievement?

I finished Law school.

Which words describe you best?

Passionate, trustful, happy, not so clever but hardworking.

What is your life motto?

If the bird dies, remember how it flies. (Turkish phrase)

What are your strengths?

Determination and trust.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I am already working as an internship lawyer in a Factoring company in Turkey, in here I realised I have a great interest in management in international area.



TARA HORVAT

Year of birth:	1998
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences
Specialization:	Media and Communication Studies

What is your proudest achievement?

The first thing that comes to mind is last year's study exchange in Rotterdam. Given that this was in the time of Covid, for me it was not only an academic but above all a personal achievement. I learned to be independent, and also to spend time with myself in moments when socializing was difficult, given that I am very outdoor person.

Which words describe you best?

Communicative, creative, patient, caring, reliable.

What is your life motto?

My life motto or phrase I most often utter is that everything happens for a reason.

What are your strengths?

As my strengths, I would highlight quick learning, patience, thinking outside of the box and flexibility.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB programme and where did you find out about IMB

I would like to be part of the IMB especially because it is supported by internationally renowned experts and professors. After an Erasmus study exchange in the last half of my bachelor's studies, I want more than ever to continue my studies in an international environment.



SARA HRAŠAR

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

Winning Slovenian youth Start-up competition, being accepted to an American school in Denver and actually going there, pitching in front of 150 people in English, two years in row organizing dinners for families in need (all together we helped and created better Christmas for 60 parents and kids), successfully completed gymnasium, even though I had many extracurricular activities at that time.

Which words describe you best?

Hard-working, passionate, motivated, ambitious, caring (making sure we are all on the same page, that there are no tensions and that people feel good)

What is your life motto?

If you want to be, be the best. That helps me to focus and put the maximum on the assigned task.

What are your strengths?

Writing, organising and being organised as person, leadership, enjoyment in team-work and being communicative.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I like when things are challenging and I see this program as a challenge due to its intensity, getting to know new people, from different countries, that are also ambitious. I am also looking forward to working together with such classmates and developing friendships with them. I was also very intrigued by a curriculum that equips you with the proper knowledge for employment.



ALISA KIM JAGODIC

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering
Specialization:	Graphic and Interactive Communication

What is your proudest achievement?

Even though I've been able to do quite a lot of things that I am proud of, such as product development for Semenarna Ljubljana, creating a marketing strategy with Rubikon Gral, being the head of marketing at Management Group Association, and many more, I think my biggest achievement is the project I did for one of the biggest Slovenian companies Mercator.

Which words describe you best?

Resourceful, creative, hard-working, ambitious and passionate.

What is your life motto?

'Honor and celebrate your divinity.'

What are your strengths?

I believe that in life we always learn and improve and the way to do that is to acknowledge your weaknesses and strengths. One of my greatest strengths is that I am goal-oriented, motivated, and resourceful. I tend to find a solution to every problem that I face and sometimes I have to be patient and creative.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

Education is the passport to the future. I believe that a good education and real-life projects can be a great foundation for continuing in the business world and taking on more and more complex challenges and roles. In the undergraduate program, I studied Graphic Design, which I like very much, but through my experiences and various opportunities, I found my passion for Marketing.



NINA JANKOVIČ

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Marketing

What is your proudest achievement?

I would say that it is impossible to sum everything up in one sentence. My achievement that I am the most proud of is my capability of doing three student jobs and finishing my last year of bachelor's degree with high grades because this needs a lot of coordination and time organisation.

Which words describe you best?

Optimistic, hard-working, extrovert, ambitious and passionate.

What is your life motto?

I have a life motto, which is slow goes a long way (počasi se daleč pride). Each day and each achievement is a step closer to my goals so slowly but confidently I know I will accomplish them.

What are your strengths?

My strength is that I am an extrovert person who is always optimistic for what the future holds. I consider myself an ambitious, organised, reliable, and highly driven person with strong leadership skills, work-related skills and work ethic. My academic path has given me the skills to be an effective communicator and also a problem solver. All this helps me to be a reliable team member because I am persistent and passionate about everything I do.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

The reason I decided to apply to the IMB program is that it has a lot to offer. I believe that the future is hard to describe, but I can confidently say that for my career path, a management role is something I strive for.



JERCA BRINA JERAN

Year of birth:	1995
Master degree:	University of Primorska, Faculty of Health Sciences
Specialization:	Dietetics

What is your proudest achievement?

Getting my first employment where I wanted (at the time).

Which words describe you best?

Interesting, fun, thoughtful, precise, self-demanding

What is your life motto?

The most personal one is: "Life is a canvas, make it your masterpiece." It inspires me to try out new things and not be afraid of change. It also reminds me that I'm the author of all decisions I make in my everyday life. I believe I'm portraying that by being an authentic person, thinking for myself.

What are your strengths?

Persistence and dedication, ability to learn complex concepts, having many interests, ability to connect with people and collaborate.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

In the last few years, I developed an interest in business and economics. Recently, I decided to transfer from working in public healthcare system to privately held companies. I see a major advantage in having a better flexibility to change your work environment, as well as the flexibility to work in different roles and having more opportunities to progress career-wise.



KLEMEN JURHAR

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Maribor, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Specialization:	Electrical engineering, Automation and Robotics

What is your proudest achievement?

In the recent past I would highlight the successful completion and overcoming of countless problems during the final bachelors project. Looking back at high school years, I am proud of participating in different competitions from various fields, with winning of silver medal at Balkan Geography Olympiad being the most visible achievement.

Which words describe you best?

Curious, communicative, flexible, hard-working, humble

What is your life motto?

My motto is "Strive for progress, not perfection". It is important to do what you believe in and to not be afraid of failure.

What are your strengths?

I think ambitiousness, persistence, and curiosity in combination with general humbleness and kindness form a unique combination I can leverage to my benefit. I am also hardworking and can work under pressure.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

When finishing the bachelor's in electrical engineering I faced a dilemma whether to further specialize in engineering or broaden my horizon applying to a different master's program. I found IMB while searching through faculty's website and after studying the curriculum I knew it offers exactly what I am looking for.



MARK KLARIĆ

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

When I came to the university, I was not especially determined since I have not yet realized how important a stage of my life I have entered. I also considered doing my first year again since I knew that I am capable of doing much more but decided not to and that this will be my turning point. With fresh ambitions came better results and also a love for the study.

Which words describe you best?

Determined, sociable, organized, precise and persistent.

What is your life motto?

The first is more related to my relationship with others: "Don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you". I show this in everyday life by having a lot of compassion and empathy towards others. The second one is more connected to my self-actualization as I already mentioned in one of the previous questions: "Nothing is given, everything is earned".

What are your strengths?

First of all, I am a very organized person. It bothers me a lot when things are not in order so I always make sure to arrange everything.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I decided to apply for this program after reading about it on the website but mostly after talking with students that attend or attended the program.



MATEVŽ KOPAČ

Year of birth:	1998
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
Specialization:	Financial mathematics

What is your proudest achievement?

Finishing at the top of my class in high school, organising bigger events that I am in charge of (Mafijski piknik, charity stand-up) and the fact that I will receive a bachelor degree from one of the hardest courses of the University of Ljubljana.

Which words describe you best?

Competitive, thoughtful, reliable, analytical and versatile.

What is your life motto?

I do not have a life motto yet, however I aim to be the best I can be at everything I do. I build relationships, study the topic, work extra hours if that's what I think will get me the wanted result.

What are your strengths?

I possess the ability to work in a team and make it better, I am analytical and communicative.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I want to run a business, manage other people to achieve great results and I think the IMB programme is a great master's degree to choose in order to get closer to my goal. I heard the programme is renowned and well respected among employers. I heard about it in my first year in university, when prof. dr. Domadenik told us about it and later on I did my own research.



TAJDA KOROŠEC

Year of birth:	1996
Master degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Pharmacy
Specialization:	Pharmacy

What is your proudest achievement?

I am the proudest of the person that I have become how I am successfully balancing my studies, work, sports, and my free time. One of my biggest academic achievements is my master thesis which was completed in department of pharmaceutical chemistry at University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Pharmacy. I am also proud of myself to have spent a part of my studies abroad in Belgium at KU Leuven at Department of Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences.

Which words describe you best?

Interesting, fun, thoughtful, precise and self-demanding.

What is your life motto?

Don't give up and remember your why.

What are your strengths?

I am a good team worker, but I can also work on my own and use my initiative. I am very organized, disciplined and detail oriented. I have good social skills, as well as I love to communicate with people. I can adapt in different situations; I am a good listener and try to understand different points of view.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I believe there is no better place to continue my academic career as this programme provides the skills in marketing, finance, management, and social skills that I can combine with the knowledge I have gained from my studies.



ALJAŽ KRAJNC

Year of birth: 1998

Undergraduate degree: University of Primorska,
Faculty of Design

Specialization: Interior Design

What is your proudest achievement?

Attending college and writing my bachelors thesis while working in automotive marketing, a job which I started in my 3rd year of college and still have. It really pushed my organisation, coordination and optimisation skills to the max.

Which words describe you best?

Practical, disciplined, ambitious, reliable, straightforward

What is your life motto?

What do you know, you have to do and you are not doing it right now? This is something that I ask myself every day because I feel like it pushes me forward and is making me a better person. It is questioning my decisions and challenging me to do things that are making me better.

What are your strengths?

Organised, logical, ambitious, observant, accurate, strategic and versatile.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I found out about the IMB programme while playing tennis with the former working student at BMW that started to work there after I finished. The programme seemed really interesting to me and so I did some research about it and I knew that this is something that I would really like to be a part of.



MARTIN KRALJ

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Maribor, Faculty of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Economics

What is your proudest achievement?

I am proud of my achievement for being amongst the best 5% of the students in the generation in 2019/2020. In 2021 I participated in the EIT Jumpstarter Bootcamp for start-ups. In 2022 we successfully launched our start-up Remea. I am also proud of joining CEEPUS and Erasmus Exchange programs in Prague and Istanbul for two semesters.

Which words describe you best?

Adherent, open-minded, social, ambitious and disciplined.

What is your life motto?

My life motto is 'Seek discomfort' as it helps me to get out of my comfort zone. Discipline and consistency are the most important things to achieving our goals.

What are your strengths?

My strengths are rationality, determination, strategically thinking, long-term focus, and drive to achieve the goals I have set for myself. I am also inspiring, flexible, and social which helps me in teamwork activities. I believe that nothing is impossible with a little hard work and help of the others.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

IMB could help me extend my knowledge in economics, but even more so it would help me meet people with the same ambitions as me. We would help each other on our way to conquering our dreams.



ENEJA KRIŠTOF

Year of birth:	1998
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Business Informatics

What is your proudest achievement?

In 2019, while studying, I started working as a freelancer as a Twitch/YouTube emote designer under a name: Eneyas and I got many different opportunities working with big names in the industry when it comes to digital art (the biggest being rapper Aj Tracey and FaZe Jarvis). I soon started making connections with people and this year I started an NFT project called Hoomans with the other 3 friends.

Which words describe you best?

Motivated, organized, flexible, curious and daring.

What is your life motto?

I would say I live by a quote: However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up. (Stephen Hawking).

What are your strengths?

Creativity, detail-oriented, trustworthy.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I received recommendations through friends, whom I asked for a proposal regarding a quality master's degree. Reasons why I like this study program is mainly because it is focused on practical knowledge, teamwork and program being carried out in English language, which gives opportunities to meet people from other cultures and countries.



VERONIKA KRIUCHKOVA

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

Moving and settling down in a foreign country by myself.

Which words describe you best?

Understanding, curious, adaptive, loyal and intuitive.

What is your life motto?

One of them is: It's not a problem - it's a task! I really like this one, it's simple but effective; it reminds me to look at the bigger picture and not to focus on small inconveniences for long, it reminds me that everything is solvable. There is another one: Be the person I'm comfortable to be around. This one is almost a meditative and grounding motto: it inspires me to take care of myself, grow and develop, and not people-please at my own expense.

What are your strengths?

I am independent, calm, compassionate and unafraid to solve problems on my own.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

For me, IMB is about many new experiences and knowledge that is applicable and practical, as well as professional opportunities upon graduation. Now it is hard to remember where I first heard of IMB, because now it is an extremely well known and coveted program; but perhaps it was in one of the Financial Times rankings.



ĐORĐE KRSTAJIĆ

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

I am proud of all of the success in the competitions where I participated. These include debate, maths, logical problems and sport achievements. I also take great pride in any of the work I did as a part-time manager (for a small business) and trader (this achievement would be measured financially).

Which words describe you best?

Honest, committed, decisive, open-minded and energetic.

What is your life motto?

My life motto is: "Never give up, stay consistent and be honest with yourself". I show it by never going back on my word, never giving anything less than a 100% when I take something to work on, and finally I think I always do the right thing instead of the easy one.

What are your strengths?

I think my greatest strength is that I am never giving up, with the power of strong will and determination. However, I consider my critical thinking and problem solving abilities to be very useful. And in social relationship skills I would include my sensitivity, understanding and tolerance.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I want to learn everything I can about running a business and managing an organization. I have many ideas I would like to try out one day and I think some advanced, modern, business and organisation-oriented course like IMB would give me a chance to get closer to that point. I found about it at the SEBLU and heard a many words of praise for the course.



EKATERINA KUZNETSOVA

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

I keep a list of books I've read and try to read as much as possible. My latest records are sixteen books and book collections from the beginning of the year. I am also proud of moving to a new country and learning the language pretty fast - in less than six months. It delights me a lot that I generally do not get tired of learning new things and trying new stuff.

Which words describe you best?

Creative, hard-working, adventurous, communicative, supporting.

What is your life motto?

There is a Russian quote that says "In order to live and rejoice, one needs only two things: firstly, to live, and secondly, to rejoice". I appreciate my life and try to see positivity in every aspect of it, taking example from my grandmother. Such an attitude makes my life full and helps to avoid unnecessary stress.

What are your strengths?

sociability, perseverance, ability to avoid conflicts; thirst for knowledge, charisma, learning ability.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I believe that it is very important to constantly study and develop, and I want to use to the fullest the opportunities that the university provides me. I want to get all the benefits from the curriculum, built taking into account current trends in business and the global market, flexible individual approach to the student, practical orientation of training.



MILENA LJUTICA

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

My biggest achievement by now is my Bachelor's degree. I have started undergraduate studies in a different culture where I have integrated quickly. With my motivation, hard-working, ambition, and a lot of effort, I managed to complete all courses in the first term with good grades, which is a huge achievement for me.

Which words describe you best?

Ambitious, hard-working, communicative, cooperative and responsible.

What is your life motto?

Never stop daring is my motto because I strive for excellence in everyday life and I dream big. I am always ready for a new challenge starting from simple daily tasks (e.g. completing another mile) to big ones such as my career.

What are your strengths?

Energy, optimism, ability to learn, analytical skills, flexibility, proficiency in English, and communication skills are all my strengths.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I have chosen the IMB program because I believe that it will bring me a strong foundation for the business world and a professional career. Additionally, real-life cases done in teams would strengthen my capabilities and again prepare me for the career. The absence of work requirements and the program's motivation to prepare and make its students the best in the field attracted me a lot.



ŽAN MIKOLA

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
Specialization:	Financial mathematics

What is your proudest achievement?

I am probably most proud of being at the top 5% students in the 3rd year of bachelors study.

Which words describe you best?

I would describe myself as highly motivated, ambitious, team player, extroverted and honest.

What is your life motto?

My life motto is: improve everyday. I tend to improve myself everyday, by learning a new skill or reading a few pages of science literature.

What are your strengths?

My strengths are determination, dedication, patience and discipline. I am also relatively good at statistics, economics and I have a few computer skills.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I was told about IMB programme by professors of EF. Main reasons I am choosing this programme is because I have immense desire to success and I believe that IMB is the right choice for me. Besides my beliefs, I am enchanted with the fact that IMB offers collaborating with the business world and that is stimulating team-work learning approach.



HANA MUROVEC

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Business and Economics
Specialization:	Supply Chain Management and Global Trade

What is your proudest achievement?

My What is your proudest achievement? is not a reward, project or degree I obtained but the ability to balance my personal and professional life while completing my goals and not having a burnout. Being a high achiever, I have many ambitions that are not always complementary.

Which words describe you best?

Persistent, creative, motivated, realist and critical-thinker.

What is your life motto?

"When it gets tough, find the usefulness of the matter in question to find motivation." I believe no knowledge is useless.

What are your strengths?

Detail-oriented, identifying my teammates' strengths and weaknesses and persistency.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I chose the IMB program because of the study system it offers. It is progressive and offers more interactions, challenges, teamwork and international exposure



KHALID OSMANOV

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International business

What is your proudest achievement?

Successful projects done during my exchange in France.

Which words describe you best?

Determined, easy-going, gregarious, self-possessed and fair.

What is your life motto?

I set myself strategic goals which I want to achieve and I try to make sure that every day I do something to bring me closer to achieving those goals.

What are your strengths?

Determination, loyalty, multilingualism, work ethics and leadership skills.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB programme and where did you find out about IMB

I think it is the most appropriate program for me to be a starting point and allow me to build my future career abroad. I found out about this program on the website of the faculty.



TAJA PAVLIN

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Bank and financial management

What is your proudest achievement?

At this point in my life, I would say that my What is your proudest achievement? on professional level is getting my bachelor's degree in three years, despite working part-time. On a personal level I am proud of the person I am becoming.

Which words describe you best?

Ambitious, committed, enthusiastic, emphatic and patient.

What is your life motto?

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take" by hockiest Wayne Gretzky or in other words you can't succeed if you don't try. I believe that you should act towards your goals slowly but surely.

What are your strengths?

I am goal-oriented and when I set my mind to something I tend to accomplish it. Additionally, I am a quick learner with a strong desire to expand my knowledge. I also believe that I developed analytical skills during my studies as well as communication and teamwork skills while working on group projects and student jobs.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

Economics has always piqued my interest since I was in elementary school. In high school, my desire to study economics only grew stronger, so I enrolled at the University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business.



JAN PEHARC

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Audencia Business School
Specialization:	International Business, Management Consulting

What is your proudest achievement?

Being selected for the double degree programme which I was really looking forward to and am enrolled in now.

Which words describe you best?

Determined, easy-going, gregarious, self-possessed and fair.

What is your life motto?

Being selected for the double degree programme which I was really looking forward to and am enrolled in now.

What are your strengths?

Efficiency, perfectionism, hard-working attitude, good general knowledge and eagerness to learn.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

As I have studied International business at SEB LU I have good education background, so it seemed as a good next step. The course seems interesting and suitable for me as I also like challenges. As I have also completed the course of Management Consulting at Audencia, it forced me to learn to look at problems from different point of views and to search for solutions "outside of the box". I learned about IMB (while searching for options of Master studies suitable for me) on SEB LU's website.



NIKO PETROVIĆ

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

Currently I am most proud of winning the Business Hive 2022 competition because it was something that my teammates and I wanted to do for a few year now and was also a self-motivating thing.

Which words describe you best?

Loyal, ambitious, tenacious, competitive and adventurous.

What is your life motto?

I would say that I do not have a life motto, but I work hard for the things I want to achieve and I am ambitious especially when it comes to school and work.

What are your strengths?

My strengths are that I am innovative, I can adapt to different situation, I like to work in a team but I am effective on my own too. I am loyal and honest. I am persistent. I am ambitious and set high goals but I am still rational.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I've always set big goals for myself and wanted to be among the best and achieve something that would feel special to me. I feel the same about education and after doing research on which masters I want to take I found that IMB is the best option for me to evolve as much as possible.



TINA PIVK

Year of birth: 1998

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana,
School of Economics and Business

Specialization: Entrepreneurship

What is your proudest achievement?

Getting in 3rd place in middle school national logic competition.

Which words describe you best?

positive, driven, efficient, open-minded, logical.

What is your life motto?

I do not have a motto per se, however, I try to always look on things from different points of view, so that I can understand them more thoroughly and more objectively. However, I also try to always stay positive and not concentrate on the negatives, meaning if I fail at something, I look at what went wrong but do not dwell on it and continue onwards with new knowledge and no bad feelings.

What are your strengths?

Logic, positivity, efficiency, listening, objectivity and teamwork.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

One of my reasons for choosing the IMB Programme and also the main reason is a wish to obtain more advanced education, knowledge than I would in other programmes offered at SEB. Furthermore, I also see great advantages in qualitatively expanding my network and getting a great stepping stone for my future career. Another reason for choosing the programme is also the challenge I see in it.



MIHA PRISTOV

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

I would have to say that an achievement that I am maybe most proud of is finding a good life rhythm. I found it easier for me to be productive with more on the plate, and I believe the rhythm that I have now helps me get the most done while still leaving enough free time. I believe that to be big achievement as it increased my satisfaction in life.

Which words describe you best?

Creative, confident, energetic, reliable, flexible.

What is your life motto?

I don't have a Motto, but I do have a rule that I try to stick to best as I can. Whenever something disturbs me I back off and give myself time to cool off and think if it trough. It has helped me greatly in professional and personal relationships and situations.

What are your strengths?

I believe communication and understanding of people are my biggest strengths. Good communication is key to building strong professional and personal relationships. I also find that knowing what people want or what bothers them helps greatly in relationships.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I believe that the IMB program is by far the best option for my professional career. I made the choice of applying around three years ago. I heard about it from a friend.



KRISTJAN PUHEK

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security
Specialization:	Criminal Justice and Security

What is your proudest achievement?

Playing an important role at a Social security institution, intended to help handicapped groups and/or individuals.

Which words describe you best?

Strong, adaptive, curious, attentive, honest.

What is your life motto?

Improvise, adapt and overcome. We are faced with the biggest obstacles and the most adversity when we deal with a situation, for which there is no by-the-book solution, no cookie-cutter way to overcome an issue. In such instances, one must improvise, be creative and think outside the box.

What are your strengths?

I'm a good speaker, a good listener, a hard worker, a fast learner, a good contribution to the team dynamic, proactive in my work, open to new ideas, charismatic, possess a good sense of ethics, I'm great at boosting morale and team spirit and focused on personal and community growth.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

Throughout my undergraduate study, I've gained a lot of interest in the economy, which led me to explore academic routes in the field.



RISHABH KUMAR RAIKWAR

Year of birth:	1998
Undergraduate degree:	Smt. Kashibai Nawale College of Commerce
Specialization:	Human Resource Management

What is your proudest achievement?

Achievement - Represented the college in inter-college event "Brand Maniac" in the 1st month of college.

Which words describe you best?

Creative, organized, relentless, punctual, sympathetic.

What is your life motto?

The only evidence of life is growth. Basically, it applies on every living organisms. For me I like to grow internally as a person by having different experiences in daily life. Be it meeting new people or discovering and learning new things.

What are your strengths?

Empathy, punctuality, creative thinking, disciplined.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

Internationally recognized Programme from university of Ljubljana (which is a top ranking university in the world), the course offers high employability, tuition fees are economical compared to US, UK or Canada. I was looking for various management programmes available in Europe for my masters. In this quest, I stumbled upon IMB while reading about university of Ljubljana on a blog post.



ŽIVA RUS

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

I am most proud of the journey I had in the Slovenian National Rowing team – mostly because it was something I worked hard for and dedicated my whole lifestyle toward it. I have competed at the highest international level of my category, meaning I rowed at the World and European Junior Rowing Championships.

Which words describe you best?

Enthusiastic, extroverted, adaptable, creative, friendly.

What is your life motto?

What I live by is »give it all you got«. No matter what the outcome will be, I always want to find an opportunity to be proud of myself, since I knew, I tried my best.

What are your strengths?

One of my strengths would be my talkative nature. I enjoy spending time with people and talking with them and getting to know new perspectives on life.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

Ever since enrolling in the School of Economics and Business, I knew that the IMB program is where I want to do my master's degree. The reason for my decision is that I know for a fact that I want to continue my professional journey in an international environment and there is no better program to open that door for me, than the IMB program.



PAUL MARTYN JOSHUA SHENSTONE

Year of birth:	1994
Undergraduate degree:	University Of Surrey
Specialization:	Sociology BSc

What is your proudest achievement?

When faced with unforeseen and challenging circumstances in 2021, beyond the worsening impacts of the global Covid-19 pandemic, I took the decision to change my plans, and prioritise my family. I endeavoured to personally raise funds and manage a full renovation of my parents' house, with limited existing resources and a tight six-week deadline in order to sell the house in time to take advantage of a stamp duty waiver policy.

Which words describe you best?

Ambitious, charming, conscientious, curious, funny.

What is your life motto?

"People who say it cannot be done, should not interrupt those who are doing it" - George Bernard Shaw

What are your strengths?

Motivating people. Identifying their motivations and unique qualities and then empowering them to utilise these and helping them to see a brighter future for themselves. Leading people. I have actively endeavoured to learn how to build upon my existing ability to lead people. I am an effective leader because I can build meaningful connections with people from various backgrounds.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

My long-term vision in life is to meaningfully contribute to nation building. I know my talents support the foundation for this vision. However, I need to hone my talents by developing a framework consisting of skills .



NIKA STRMČNIK

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

I think I am most proud of the past semester that I have spent abroad, on Erasmus exchange in Oslo, Norway at BI Norwegian Business School. First off, I was very proud of myself for being accepted to go on exchange, because the spots were limited.

Which words describe you best?

Open, communicative, adventurous, curious, creative.

What is your life motto?

"Things can change for the better in a moment." Every time something "bad" or inconvenient happens to me, I always stop and say this to myself, because you never know what is waiting for you around the corner, something better is always coming your way.

What are your strengths?

I would say that one of my biggest strengths is that I am a very open person. I am open to learning new things, gain new skills, meet new people from other countries, learn a new language, for example go to a university abroad, try out new things, experience as much as possible.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I chose this programme because it encourages team work and working on real - life situations and examples, it is not just about studying the written material and then having the exam about it and moving on. The learning approach is different than what I have ever done before, I am really excited to see what it will be like.



PAULINA SUVOROV

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Marketing

What is your proudest achievement?

The achievement that I am most proud of myself is that I chose to participate in Erasmus Exchange Programme in Berlin, Germany at Free University Berlin. Because of the outgoing pandemic, a lot of classes that were anticipated to execute in English, were not available. Therefore, I was "forced" to have my classes in German. My German at a time was at B2 level.

Which words describe you best?

Communicative, authentic, ambitious, resilient, team player.

What is your life motto?

My life motto is that if you believe in yourself, you can do it. As hard as it may seem sometimes, all work is done for a reason. From my personal experience, when I am hiking and my legs are hurting, all the pain is swept away as I reach the top, rest there and enjoy the views.

What are your strengths?

My strengths are that I am a very stubborn person, and I don't give up easily. I like to explore the things that interest me, and I am a good team worker. For example, in our bachelor studies, we had to do a lot of team projects on different topics.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

The reason that I am applying to the programme is that I think, I am a highly motivated individual, who can thrive in the right environment, by that I mean being in direct contact with individuals that are also highly motivated and ambitious.



JULIA VULIĆ

Year of birth:	2000
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	Marketing

What is your proudest achievement?

It is hard to answer this question shortly, but I would say that finishing my second year of studies is something I am incredibly proud of because I was subject to a parental loss as well as my grandmother getting very ill and having to have a life saving operation, which meant my mother and I took her in to take care of her. Getting through a very complex loss while taking care of my grandma and doing all my school obligations on time, was very challenging for me.

Which words describe you best?

Resilient, creative, open-minded, thinker, principled

What is your life motto?

There is always a reason to smile. Explanation: I truly believe that we can learn something from every experience, so in that way every experience can be seen as something positive.

What are your strengths?

I believe my strengths are public speaking, teamwork, and creativity/thinking outside the box. I see myself as someone who is ambitious and principled. I believe that the fact that I am extroverted, allows me to connect with others more easily, and my loyalty helps people confide in me.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

I found out about the IMB programme at SEB LU, where I am currently studying. What attracted me to the programme were the testimonies of friends.



ŽIGA ZALAR

Year of birth:	1999
Undergraduate degree:	University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business
Specialization:	International Business

What is your proudest achievement?

proudest achievement is very difficult for me to pinpoint, but if I would have to choose one it would be ranking in the top 3 youth bowlers in Europe as well as the top 25 youth bowlers in the World in the 2017/2018 season.

Which words describe you best?

Ambitious, motivated, organized, communicative, and hard-working.

What is your life motto?

My most recent and most influential life motto is from a book I got very recently from my girlfriend. The motto is that you need to improve yourself by just 1% each day and you can achieve a significant change.

What are your strengths?

I would consider one of my biggest strengths to be my motivation, I hardly ever find myself reluctant to start new things or finalize a project that I have been working on.

What were the reasons for choosing the IMB?

My decision for choosing the IMB program comes from the challenge and potential that it presents me with. Being one of the top-ranked master's programs combined with the stories that I have heard from my fellow students painted a combination in my head that I found really appealing.