



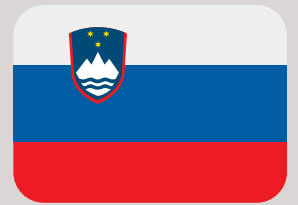
# 31<sup>st</sup> GENERATION

2023/24

Total number of students: **37**

Female: 24

Male: 13



## Anže Ambrožič

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** Marketing

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I have learned in my academic journey so far is recognising the importance of education and knowledge in our society.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

From a personal aspect, I am most proud of creating big social capital around the world that helps me achieve my personal goals.

### **Which words describe you best?**

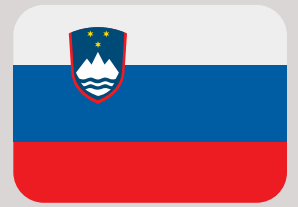
Extrovert, creative, adaptable, optimistic and open-minded.

### **What is your life motto?**

Embrace the power of optimism. The motto projects the power of optimism if we follow it everyday. It motivates me trying to achieve maximum results even when days are complicated.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

My biggest intrests are sports marketing and sponsorships in football. I spent a lot of my free time watching and analysing sports in general.



## Nina Arh

**Year of birth:** 2000

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

**Specialization:** Mechanical Engineering

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Having spent the last 3 years as a mechanical engineering student, I've come to realize that anyone can accomplish anything, regardless of the apparent challenges or conformity to conventional standards. The investment of effort yields its own rewards.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Graduating in Mechanical Engineering and successful business-events.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Hardworking, passionate, ambitious, adaptable and collaborative.

### **What is your life motto?**

Don't let fear win; even when faced with uncomfortable conversations and situations I push myself because I believe valuable lessons can be gained anywhere and from anyone.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Event management, ski instructing, mountaing bike riding and painting.



## Andjelina Arsenjević

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Maribor,  
Faculty of Organizational Sciences

**Specialization:** Enterprise Engineering

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

What my academic journey has taught me so far is dedication and persistence. I have realized that when something seems difficult and I feel like giving up, I should always try one more time. I apply that lesson in all fields of life.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I successfully arranged a free make-up event for primary school graduates who couldn't afford it in my hometown.

### **Which words describe you best?**

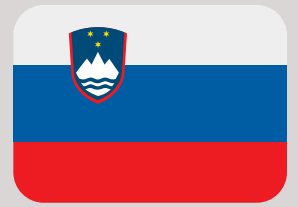
Broad-minded, generous, trustworthy, independent and inspiring.

### **What is your life motto?**

My motto is "Be the change you wish to see in the world". This motto has always inspired and guided me in my life because it symbolizes a call to action that urges people to take accountability for making the world a better place, beginning with themselves. Every day, I believe, is the unique chance to make the people around us happy and to assist those who need it the most. Helping others and gifting them, always makes me happy. Sadly, I don't often have the chance to plan large events such as free make-up for girls who can't afford it, but every day I try to make someone's day better by simply being nice and thoughtful to those around me.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

My biggest ambition and driving force in life is flying, that is, airplanes. Besides, I love going to the gym and enjoy doing make-up.



## Nika Boh

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** Marketing

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

First, the importance of critical thinking, which requires us to analyze complex real-world problems and develop evidence-based arguments, usually the ones that are suitable for a longer period of time. It also helps understanding the market dynamics, and predicting potential outcomes.

In addition, studying economics has also explained the global perspective on interconnectedness of economies worldwide, which has helped me a lot understanding the international trade and how several events can impact the local economy as well as which factors to consider when entering foreign markets.

Lastly, due to the study at SEB LU, especially my communication skills and a good time-management skill have improved significantly which can be applied in various different situations.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Probably some of the extremely high scores on exams. Generally speaking, I am proud of my creative problem-solving ability to conquer every obstacle.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Motivated, hard-working, reliable, talkative and loving.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Dream big, work hard, stay focused, and surround yourself with good people." I am my own biggest competitor and I always look for opportunities to improve myself. Of course having a good company plays an important role as your surroundings may really affect your decision-making process.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Topics of business and marketing. I love travelling, learning new things and doing sports, especially walks with my dog - we do mantrailing as well.



## Ashish Bhambhaney

**Year of birth:** 1996

**Undergraduate degree:** Gujarat University, Commerce  
Department

**Specialization:** Commerce

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most important lesson which I have learnt during my academic journey is to have a purpose-driven approach rather than process-driven. This is because if our purposes are clear we get the flexibility to change our processes to get to the goal more effectively but a process-driven approach which doesn't have a clear purpose may result in an inefficient use of efforts as processes get obsolete over time, but purposes don't.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I got the 2nd rank in my senior secondary school's commerce class, securing 94.8%, and I won city level quiz competition.

### **Which words describe you best?**

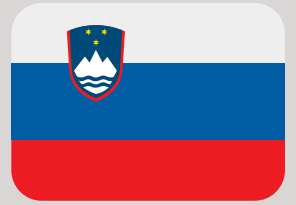
Professional, honest, understanding, analytical and thinker.

### **What is your life motto?**

The motto of my life is to learn not just from books but from people as well. That's why I aim to talk with people and understand their views, even if they are different than mine. I like to understand their approach and how they shape their opinions.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I love cycling, swimming, quizzing and solving math questions.



## Sara Bračun Duhovnik

**Year of birth:** 2000

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

My academic journey allowed me to start believing in two things I did not necessarily believe in before. First is that change isn't always a bad thing and can be enlightening, and the second is that through critical thinking, we can always find a solution to any problem.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I am most proud of all national and world titles I obtained in 12 years of attending dance competitions.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Kind, positive, reliable, motivated and organised.

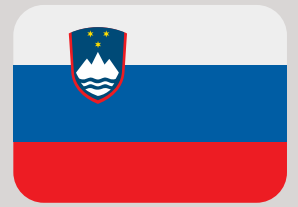
### **What is your life motto?**

I don't really have a motto, but I aspire to live by the Greek constellation of values, called Filotimo. It is a very complex idea which I find best to describe with: Be good, do good, and expect nothing in return. It is all about compassion, generosity and the duty to do what is right.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Several courses in my field of studies, Spanish language course, dance classes and participating in a dance show.





## Zoja Ciglencečki

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Pharmacy

**Specialization:** Bachelor of Cosmetic Sciences

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

I think I learned two things: first, how to multitask even better, and second, that no challenge is unattainable. If you learn to approach challenges step by step and are aware of what you want to achieve in the end, anything is possible.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Landing my first internship with a company that I've always dreamed of working for.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Strong-willed, ambitious, curious, decisive and optimistic.

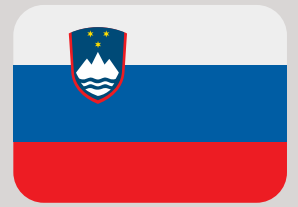
### **What is your life motto?**

My life motto is: 'There is only one way to learn, and it's through action. I am a very 'hands-on' person and I try to take on every opportunity where I am able to gain new skills.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Formulating my own cosmetic products, playing tennis and reading.





## Luka Černila

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** Marketing

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable academic lesson I have learned so far is that even if your road to desired goals is different from others, that shouldn't discourage you. On the contrary, you should embrace it, have faith in it and make those goals a reality.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

My proudest achievements so far is going out of my comfort zone and spending two semesters of my studies abroad in Madrid and Nice.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Hard-working, disciplined, loyal, committed and resourceful.

### **What is your life motto?**

I don't have to do things, I get to do them. It serves as a reminder for me in everyday life, every time that I complain about something or find something difficult it helps me to realise, how lucky I really and helps me to push forward.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Gym, running, playing drums and reading.



## Erdenemaa Enkhdalai

**Year of birth:** 1993

**Undergraduate degree:** Moscow Aviation Institute

**Specialization:** Management

**What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

**What is your proudest achievement?**

Becoming fluent in English and Russian.

**Which words describe you best?**

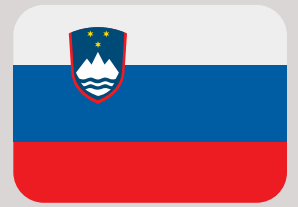
Analytical, collaborative, detail-oriented, innovative and communicative.

**What is your life motto?**

My motto is 'Embrace Learning, Inspire Growth.' I believe in the power of continuous learning and personal growth.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

Reading books.



## Anja Gorše

**Year of birth:** 2000

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Arts

**Specialization:** Educational Sciences and  
Sociology

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

I realized that we often take professors for granted. I think having a good mentor to help, support, guide and provide structure is very helpful in life. In this way, you learn and acquire new skills and knowledge better and faster than if you were to do everything yourself.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

That I lived and worked in London for half a year during my gap year after high school.

### **Which words describe you best?**

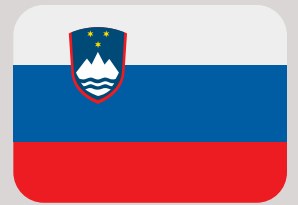
Extroverted, ambitious, passionate, reliable and diligent.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Let's do this." I am a person of action and my schedule is always filled either with work, sports or socializing. I never want to miss an opportunity to learn, network or simply enjoy myself.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy doing sports (running, yoga&gym). In my free time I also read, hang out with my friends, participate in various projects, work, etc.



## Luka Henigman

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** Banking and Financial  
Management

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most important thing I've learned in my academic journey is that hard work leads to success. When I stay dedicated, embrace challenges, and persistently pursue my goals, anything becomes possible.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

My greatest achievement to date has been my Erasmus program experience. It marked a major step outside my comfort zone, the first time I ventured far from home. I am very proud of pushing through my fears and embracing the unknown. This experience broadened my horizons and taught me the power of personal growth that lies beyond our comfort zones.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Honest, friendly, organized, ambitious and emphatic.

### **What is your life motto?**

I do not have a specific life motto, however, I do strive to be the best version of myself. Each day I embrace the opportunity to grow, learn and excel in all aspects of my life. Thus, you could say my motto is continuous self-improvement

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I'm a sports enthusiast with a passion for soccer. I gained a sense of teamwork and devotion, and the skill to manage school and hobbies effectively.



## Anja Ilić

**Year of birth:** 2000

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I learned is setting priorities and improving my time-management skills. I believe that good organization was crucial for completing all tasks on time and increasing my efficiency.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

My proudest achievement is obtaining my Bachelor's degree while studying in a foreign country.

### **Which words describe you best?**

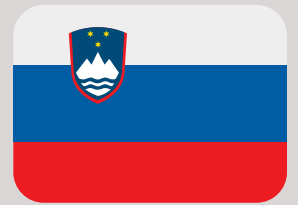
Curious, communicative, reliable, persistent and hard-working.

### **What is your life motto?**

Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. When something happens, the only thing in our power is our attitude toward it - we can accept it or resent it. Even though I cannot influence the things happening to me, I am always trying to learn something new from every situation. Every new challenge we face could teach us a new lesson, but it is crucial to have a positive perspective.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I am passionate about travelling, experiencing new cultures, and discovering places. I enjoy learning new languages and trying different sports.



## Boris Jovanović

**Year of birth:** 1999

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Formal education serves as a mere door. Yet, beyond that door stands an unbuilt house, awaiting our aspirations, perseverance, and resourcefulness. What emerges solely depends on our dedication. It can take the shape of a humble hut or a grand palace.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Despite taking great pride in numerous accomplishments I am most proud of a business idea that is currently being brought to life, and will hopefully be an achievement by the end of the IMB programme.

### **Which words describe you best?**

A resolute individual refusing to give up.

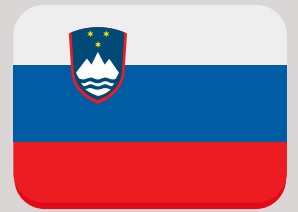
### **What is your life motto?**

"Be a better person than you were the day before" is the motto I live by. It is very simple, yet applicable to every field of life, and without an endpoint which makes the evolvment endless. My objective is a positive trend in the long run.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Interests: Automotive industry, technology, business & entrepreneurship.

Hobbies: Basketball, playing the guitar, workshops, content creation and business development



## Saša Kočar

**Year of birth:** 2000

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I've gained from my academic journey this far is the significance of time management. Learning to maximize every minute has become one of the most beneficial skills I've applied in the jobs I have been a part of. Moreover, I have extended its application to all aspects of my life, including school, work, family, friends and hobbies.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Training twirling for 10 years and competing internationally. I'm proud that I successfully manage school and sport.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Hardworking, reliable, adaptable, committed and curious.

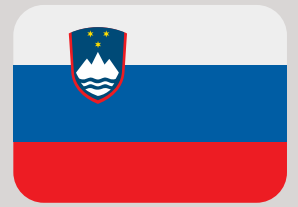
### **What is your life motto?**

I believe that my motto 'The only way to do great work is to love what I do,' shapes my everyday life. It influences the way I approach every task and decision, driving me to give my full attention and focus to make even just basic daily activities the best I can.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Traveling, exploring cultures, trying new food, and spending time with loved ones bring me joy. To relax I like to go to nature.





## Nik Kovač

**Year of birth:** 2000

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

**Specialization:** Mechanical Engineering

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

I learned how to be independent. In my first year of studies I moved away from home and for the first time in my life I was solely responsible for managing my budget, time and workload. It made me grow into a more confident and competent person.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm most proud of myself for living on my own since the age of 19. I do all my faculty work on time, take care of myself and keep track of my finances.

### **Which words describe you best?**

The five words that I think best suit me are: Versatile, ingenious, intuitive, direct and quick-witted.

### **What is your life motto?**

My life motto is: "You can accomplish anything you put your mind to." It reflects in my personal life in my quick learning and dedication to anything and everything that I gain interest. When I find something I have a great interest for, I learn a great deal about it and become skillful in a short amount of time. The motto is portrayed in the wide array of skills and activities I have become to know through the course of my life.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

When I was younger, I competed in different sports. In high school I tutored science subjects and lately I've gotten into more financial hobbies.



## Milica Krivokapić

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Throughout my academic journey, I have validated the weight of my life motto, "The desire for success offsets the fear of failure." Encountering various challenges from the first year of my studies until the very end, I have come to realize that persistence and determination are far more crucial for success than any fear or defeat. Constantly facing the fear of the unknown, the fear of not living up to expectations after graduating from high school in Podgorica, and the fear of not becoming what I envisioned, I have learned that SEB LU (School of Economics and Business at the University of Ljubljana) has been instrumental in helping me realize that this academic journey not only empower me with resilience but also provide the right motivation for all aspects of my life. This understanding has become the most significant aspect of my learning journey, teaching me to persevere, knowing that life can be challenging and things are not always straightforward. I have come to believe that failures do not define me; they merely offer opportunities for growth and learning. Through unwavering determination, I have learned that mistakes can be corrected, and even the most challenging tasks can be accomplished. Regardless of less promising subject grades, I firmly believe in never giving up on my endeavors.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Volleyball journey instilled resilience, humility. Titles won, expanded horizons beyond Montenegro. Embraced growth, excelled academically.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Gentle, committed, responsible, hard-working and creative.

### **What is your life motto?**

The motto "The desire for success outweighs the fear of failure" sums up the idea that striving for excellence is stronger than any worries or setbacks that can arise along the road. I completely commit to this philosophy and direct all of my efforts and attention into achieving my objectives, regardless of tripping or making mistakes.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Volleyball, reading books and exploring diverse cultures through travel, driven by a thirst for knowledge, watching movies and socializing.



## Rishabh Kumar Raikwar

**Year of birth:** 1998

**Undergraduate degree:** SMT Kashibai Navale College of Commerce

**Specialization:** Human Resource Management

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Most of the time when you have expectations, things don't go as you wish. You are going to feel down. It's better to focus on your destination and not the journey. Never be surprised, go wherever it takes you.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

The achievement I am most proud of is completing my college (with First Class Distinction) in a new city. It was pretty tricky for me as it was the first time I had left my hometown and gone to a new place. The language was different and so was the culture.

### **Which words describe you best?**

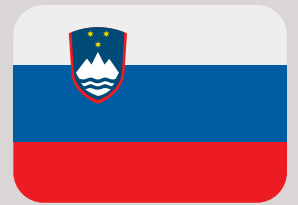
Creative, Organized, Relentless, Punctual, Sympathetic

### **What is your life motto?**

The only evidence of life is growth. I like to grow internally as a person by having different experiences in life for eg meeting new people and discovering/learning new things.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Interests - Reading about technology, all about businesses and human civilization  
Extracurricular - Early Morning Walks, Video Editing, Deep Conversations.



## Anej Levpušček

**Year of birth:** 1999

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

**Specialization:** Money and Finance

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Being a student entails much more than just striving to perform well on exams. It offers a fantastic opportunity to forge valuable connections, establish meaningful friendships, and consequently relish your student life while aiming to achieve excellent academic results.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Played tennis competitively, high GPA, TopEF member, worked for Bloomberg Adria, wrote 50+ articles, Erasmus exchange in Amsterdam.

### **Which words describe you best?**

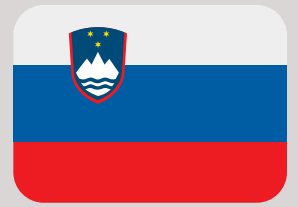
Analytical, decision-maker, ambitious, team-oriented, ethical.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Go the extra mile; it's never crowded." I believe that by going above and beyond, you can set yourself apart from others and achieve exceptional results.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Corporate finance, asset management, podcast, socializing with friends, working for Bloomberg Adria, being a tennis coach.



## Mohor Lotrič

**Year of birth:** 1999

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

**Specialization:** Mechanical Engineering

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson from my academic journey so far is the power of critical thinking. It has sharpened my ability to analyse information, ask insightful questions and approach problems from different angles. It has helped me to become a more analytical and independent thinker, which will help me in my professional career.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm most proud of winning 2nd place in the Design/Build/Fly 2023 engineering competition in the USA with the DBF Edvard Rusjan Student Team Slovenia.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Strategic, hardworking, kind, respectful and open-minded.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Your greatest asset is your learning ability. Your greatest resource is your time." It inspires me to make the most of my time and learn something new every day.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy travelling, meeting new people, playing sports (skiing, volleyball, tennis) and keeping up with business, political and technology news.



## Ilina Maksimovska

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** Marketing

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

If you want to get to your goal quickly, working alone might be the way. But if you're aiming for big success over long distances, doing it with a team is the key.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Moving to Slovenia alone, learning how to be independent and face every challenge. Also, having no failed exams on my academic journey makes me proud.

### **Which words describe you best?**

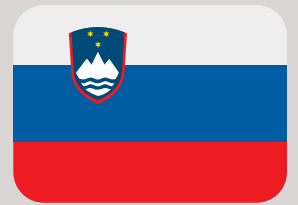
Analytical, Hard-working, Communicative, Organized, Collaborative.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Elevate your dreams with dedication." is my life motto that was inspired by my lifelong hobby - ballet. The only way to excel in ballet is to be completely dedicated with a high level of discipline and hard work. It taught me that only through fully committing to our dreams, they can be elevated to new heights. In my everyday life, it reminds me to embrace challenges, persevere, and always strive for excellence in the pursuit of my passions.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

My lifelong hobby is ballet but since I moved to Slovenia I do pilates and go on morning runs in Tivoli Park. I also enjoy cooking and traveling.



## Luka Mihailović Potrč

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** Marketing

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

I've learned not to trust what you presume to know.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I wrote the best open-topic essay in Slovenia in 2020, as chosen by the Slovenian association of writers PEN.

### **Which words describe you best?**

As not having enough words.

### **What is your life motto?**

I find mottos silly; I simply give my 110% to whatever it is that I am doing. I like the idea of constant learning and as such value adaptability above patterns or convictions in behavior.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy tax and law related work, reading, and writing.





## Ivana Milivojević

**Year of birth:** 2000

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Nova Gorica,  
Faculty for Viticulture and Etnology

**Specialization:** Viticulture and Etnology

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

For some things to learn you first need to forget everything you thought you know about it and allow yourself to relearn it.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Getting the great deals, distributors and increasing sales in winery VINAG 1847.

### **Which words describe you best?**

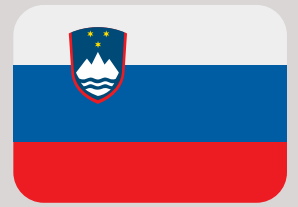
Intuitive, emphatic, decisive, organized and diplomatic.

### **What is your life motto?**

If you don't take risks, you can't create a future. If I give up now, I'm going to regret it-. I love to inspire other people, make them believe in themselves and make them smile. I have left my home-county four years ago looking for new minds, ideas and possibilities that this world offers. I am enjoying every step of the way so that one day when I look back I see no regrets. :)

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Learning new skills, running, writing, designing, volunteering, etc.



## Edi Oblak

**Year of birth:** 1999

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

**Specialization:** Mechanical Engineering

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I have ever learned during my academic journey so far is next: For sure no one is giving you anything, you just have to take it! And another valuable lesson for me was realising how important good friends are.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I am most proud of being a person who can trust himself. I achieved this through my determination to reach goals where failure is not an option.

### **Which words describe you best?**

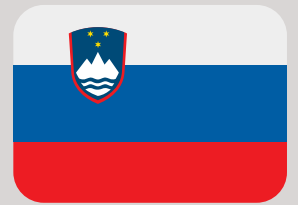
Determined, diligent, persistent, responsible and sincere.

### **What is your life motto?**

Always trying to become a better version of myself. That's why my motto is: "Challenge yourself. Be consistent. Achieve outstanding results."

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I like running and hiking. In my free time I like to read self development books. I also have an after-school job.



## Larisa Omanović

**Year of birth:** 2000

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Law

**Specialization:** Law

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Throughout my academic journey, the most valuable lesson I've learned is that there is no limit to what I can accomplish if I wholeheartedly dedicate myself to something. For example after every exam I've realised that I can learn and grasp concepts faster and better than I previously believed possible. The key to everything is just to trust in myself, believing that I can conquer any challenge that comes my way.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Being the world champion in Hip-Hop and Street Dance, organizing humanitarian aid for Ukrainians, obtaining a 9 in Roman Law (the most feared subject).

### **Which words describe you best?**

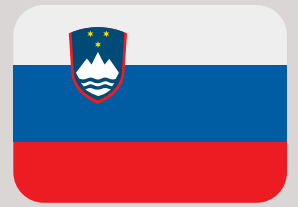
Communicative, detail-oriented, creative, compassionate, straightforward.

### **What is your life motto?**

One of my favourite phrases to live by is: "From little seeds, grow mighty trees." It shows in everything that I do - sometimes a simple act of kindness, can plant a seed of hope in others; if I procrastinate, the thing to do will get bigger and tougher... So it really applies to the good and the bad in everyday life.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I love traveling, but that is an expensive hobby so when I am at home I enjoy spending quality time with my friends and family and exercise.



## Metka Pintar

**Year of birth:** 2000

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

**Specialization:** Money and Finance

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

During my undergraduate studies, I've fully realized the power of continuous learning. Over the past few years, I've learned that education is not limited to the classroom but extends beyond textbooks and lectures. Embracing a mindset of curiosity and seeking knowledge from various sources has allowed me to grow intellectually and personally. I now understand that learning is a lifelong process, and every experience, whether academic or practical, presents an opportunity for growth and self-improvement.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

One of my personal achievements is completely changing the direction of my studies. Taking this brave step allowed me to explore diverse fields that ignited my curiosity and passion. This decision has taught me essential lessons in resilience and adaptability, shaping me into a more determined and open-minded individual. Additionally, my study exchange in Finland and winter school in Sweden provided a distinctive academic experience that further enriched my journey.

### **Which words describe you best?**

I can best be described as responsible, curious, respectful, persistent, friendly, and caring.

### **What is your life motto?**

Embrace new experiences and extract the finest lessons from each. You're bound to learn something, even if it's merely the realization that it's not your path.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Participating in associations, skiing, hiking and making delicious desserts.



## Enea Prelaz

**Year of birth:** 1998

**Undergraduate degree:** Accademia di Belle Arti di Udine  
G. B. Tiepolo

**Specialization:** Graphic Design

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I've learned is that nobody expect for you to be perfect, it's a waste of time trying to be. It's better to be constant and efficient.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Right now my bachelor degree is what I'm most proud of.

### **Which words describe you best?**

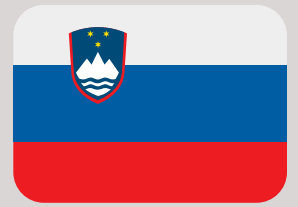
Calm, precise, thoughtful, resolute and creative.

### **What is your life motto?**

I don't have one.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Automotive, card games, books and music.



## Lana Rakovec

**Year of birth:** 2000

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

**Specialization:** Marketing

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

In my academic journey, I have learned the importance of independent thinking and the value of genuine interest in the field of study I am pursuing.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I am most proud of publishing a research paper in The Journal of World Intellectual Property.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Enthusiastic, curious, creative, adaptable and thorough.

### **What is your life motto?**

Take the risk or lose the chance. Whenever I am in doubt whether to take a risk or stay in my comfort zone, I remind myself that if I take the risk and fail, the worst thing that can happen is to stay in the same place as I am now. It's my fool proof drive force that pushes me forward and makes me resilient.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I love spending time outdoors - hiking, skiing, discovering new places and recently surfing. I also love playing piano and do modern calligraphy.



## Nađa Roganović

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The academic journey in international business has been an incredibly rewarding and exciting adventure, opening my mind to new perspectives and providing me with valuable knowledge. My time at the School of Economics and Business in Ljubljana allowed me to delve into the fascinating world of global commerce, while my semester on an Erasmus exchange at Deusto University in Bilbao was an unforgettable experience that exposed me to cultural diversity and allowed me to form lasting friendships with students from around the world. Throughout this journey, I developed essential skills like adaptability and effective communication across borders, and I embraced the significance of ethical business practices. This enriching experience not only prepared me for a successful career but also instilled a deep sense of global unity and responsibility.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Proud of stepping out of comfort zone during Erasmus exchange and becoming B.Sc. Econ. in city I have imagined myself working in and starting family.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Optimistic, motivated, ethical, hard-working, and a team player.

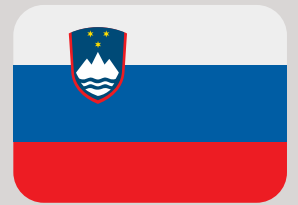
### **What is your life motto?**

There is a quote by the Montenegrin Prince Bishop Njegoš: "Who stands on a hill, even a small one, sees more than he who stands below the hill". - In everyday life, through diligent hard work, I tend to rise above circumstances, gain a broader perspective and seize greater opportunities.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Exploring nature, volleyball, traveling and food photography, Red cross volunteering, programming (R Studio), working in Canva.





## Rok Rojc

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I have learned during my academic journey is that networking is one of the key factors of business and life because once you gain a good and reliable network e.g. friendships, and colleagues, there isn't anything that is impossible or undoable. I also learned that being selfish and not a team player won't last you long in being successful, because once you start being selfish and unwilling to teamwork and help there will come a time when all of a sudden you will be the one needing help and you will not have anyone to back you up. Hence why a good network, being a teamplayer and being open to help are the most important assets and values you can have in life and business.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Stepping out of my comfort zone; moving abroad for a year and committing to a high-intensity school like Audencia.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Ambitious, intelligent, supportive, innovative, and a leader.

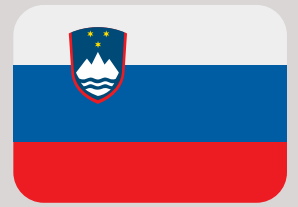
### **What is your life motto?**

It's not about how hard you hit, its about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward!

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Interests: stock, crypto and real estate markets, and global economics.

Hobbies: tennis and basketball, extracurricular: UBC Ljubljana founder.



## Matej Suhajl

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** Entrepreneurship

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I've learned during my academic journey so far is that everything I learn at college is not necessarily the same in practice. That's why for the last year or so I've been looking at the information given by professors from several different angles and not just as one fact.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I would say experiencing a study exchange in Nice (France), because I was always quite introverted person, so I'm quite proud of that.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Ambitious, responsible, hardworking, humble and friendly.

### **What is your life motto?**

I don't quite have a life motto per se, but I try living my life in a way that I do all my obligations first and then I have free time to enjoy the rest of the day.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I played football for 13 years. Nowadays I spend my afternoons going to the gym, learning, hanging out with my friends and my girlfriend and working.



## Anastasija Šofranac

**Year of birth:** 2001

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

**Specialization:** International Business

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson I have learned during my academic journey is the power of interdisciplinary knowledge and a holistic approach to life. In the same way that economics and business have a connection with numerous areas, so are our everyday experiences and challenges. Accepting this interconnection has helped me to approach life's difficulties from a variety of angles, resulting in more innovative, creative, and well-rounded problem-solving. Furthermore, the value of continual learning, adaptability, and crucial soft skills such as communication and teamwork have prepared me for the dynamic journey ahead, allowing me to handle challenges in life with confidence and resilience.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Despite insecurities due to my scoliosis, I dedicated myself to strict physical therapy, avoided surgery, becoming physically and mentally stronger.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Disciplined, ambitious, reliable, caring and curious.

### **What is your life motto?**

Embracing my life motto, "Hope for the best and be prepared for the worst," guides me as I flow through life with a balanced perspective. I have an optimistic attitude and believe that my goals will be accomplished if I put in enough effort to fulfill them. I tackle each day with this mindset. I continue to let hope be my compass, allowing it to fuel my perseverance and motivation in the face of difficulties. However, I am aware of the unpredictable nature of life and the fact that setbacks are inevitable. I consequently commit to comprehensive planning, both mentally and practically, in order to foresee and overcome possible problems. I develop a proactive and flexible mentality that enables me to manage both the good and the bad aspects of life gracefully by integrating optimism with planning. The phrase gives me the ability to dream big while giving me the skills I need to face challenges and take opportunities as they reveal themselves.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Reading about biology and genetics, traveling, swimming, hiking, watching ballet and opera, spending time in nature and listening to music.



## Ivana Tonevska

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree:** University American College  
Skopje

**Specialization:** Business Economics and Management

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Studying is not merely about chasing grades, but it's a journey of self-discovery and self-development. Throughout the years I've realized how important it is to perceive every obstacle as an opportunity for growth and never stop exceeding yourself. Since self confidence and good communication fuel success, one should always express personal opinion in the most authentic way possible and never just blindly follow others.

As hard as it is to choose only one valuable lesson, I would say being yourself and believing in yourself can lead to achieving anything one sets their mind to. Continuously pursue greatness and broaden your horizons through learning, networking and daring to take the next step out of the comfort zone.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Graduating with honors regarding my education so far. Also, the version of myself I have become and the choices that have led me where I am today.

### **Which words describe you best?**

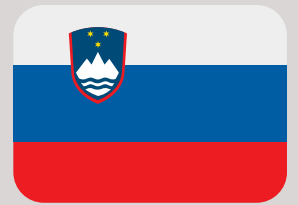
Loyal, hard-working, persistent, ambitious and friendly.

### **What is your life motto?**

Never stop believing in yourself. By embracing self-belief, one can overcome obstacles, pursue goals, and continue to grow and succeed in various aspects of life.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

My diverse interests include sports, quality time with friends and family, playing the piano and exploring cultures through travel and networking.



## Patricija Varšek

**Year of birth:** 2000

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

**Specialization:** Money and Finance

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

Organize your time well - by developing strong time management skills, you can create a great work-life balance.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

The achievement I am most proud of is being a President of the Association of Female Students of Business Studies at the School of Economics and Business in Ljubljana during the 2022/23 academic year. The role taught me the significance of effective time management, guiding people, navigating through different timelines, and the power of learning from the knowledge and experiences of others. Together, we successfully organized important events and projects, fostered a culture of mutual growth and met exceptional people.

### **Which words describe you best?**

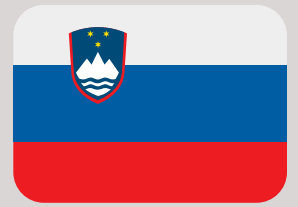
Organized, hard-working, creative, reliable, and curious.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Show what you can do" - I reminds me to be the best I can be every day.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Traveling, skiing, sailing, going to the theatre, volunteering and being involved in different programmes.



## Katja Volk Štefić

**Year of birth:** 1996

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Primorska,  
Faculty of Health Sciences

**Specialization:** Kinesiology

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

The most valuable lesson that I have learned during my academic journey so far is that comfort is the enemy of progress. If you keep doing the same things every day, you get caught up in a place with no space for personal development. Facing constant challenges, striving to improve and to learn new things every day is not always easy and sometimes comes with a risk of failure but I believe that in the end it makes you grow and expand your horizons.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Getting a job and working abroad (in Switzerland).

### **Which words describe you best?**

Team player, disciplined, ambitious and creative.

### **What is your life motto?**

I can dream or I can do - I choose action. Being creative, setting goals and achieving them.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Reading books and listening to podcasts about personal development and business, practicing sports and being engaged in environmental organisation.





## Teodora Vurdelja

**Year of birth:** 2000

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Novi Sad,  
Faculty of Technical Sciences

**Specialization:** Engineering Management

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

During my academic journey so far, I had the opportunity to work with individuals of different backgrounds and expertise. This has allowed me to enhance my people skills and learn how to combine various ideas to achieve the best possible results.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I have overcome my fear of public speaking, when I competed in the CFA Research challenge 2023 and presented our solution in front of a big audience.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Brave, ambitious, hard-working, social and persistent.

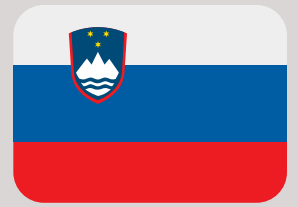
### **What is your life motto?**

Everything in life that matters requires risk. I show this by always keeping an open mind and not being afraid of reaching for new opportunities outside of my comfort zone.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Some of my hobbies are skiing, reading, spending time with my friends. Additionally, I have recently completed a three month internship in Novi Sad.





## Kaja Zajc

**Year of birth:** 1999

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana,  
Faculty of Pharmacy

**Specialization:** Laboratory Biomedicine

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

During my studies, I have learned to think critically and always check the situation from multiple angles and approaches. Always look for the bigger picture. Nevertheless, the most valuable lesson I have learned is that it is more than just about the studies- extracurricular activities and taking upon different challenges count for a lot; it is where the most significant lessons and personal development can occur.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Firstly, work I have done on my self-development. Secondly being accepted to the student exchange program (laboratory practice) in South Korea.

### **Which words describe you best?**

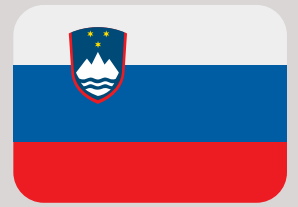
Dynamic, communicative, optimistic, problem-solving and motivated.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Make it count". We were given one life, so I say this motto to remind myself to constantly seek growth, personally and professionally. And try to leave something good and meaningful behind.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Sports (surfing, volleyball, fitness, walks in nature), meditation, student organizations, travelling, spending time with friends, reading.



## Maja Zupan

**Year of birth:** 1999

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Maribor,  
Faculty of Organizational Sciences

**Specialization:** Enterprise Engineering

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

I think the most valuable lesson I have learned through the past years is that knowledge and network are the keys. Education is the way how to get both – you gain knowledge while making a network of like-minded people. What makes them priceless is that they don't lose value over time – the opposite – their value increases.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I would say I am mostly proud of the fact that I have already tried and experienced so many things and still kept my focus and continued with the education and job. All of these challenges I have been through and people I have met made my life more "colourful" but I also always knew what should be the base, foundation.

In the meaning of jobs or activities, I am mostly proud of being a part of the team of the "Masks for All" campaign, through which we donated materials for 250,000 washable face masks and received the "Apple of Inspiration" award from the President.

One of the latest achievements was the project I have managed at my job in a marketing agency, which received numerous awards at SOF 2023.

### **Which words describe you best?**

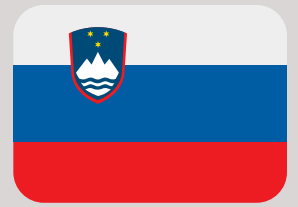
Open-minded, dedicated, adaptable, empathic and soft-skilled.

### **What is your life motto?**

There was one quote that made a special impact on me and I remembered it forever: "Fortune favours the bold." As I was growing up I started to understand it more and more and realised how powerful it actually is.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I find relaxation most often while hiking or engaging in sports in general. I love nature and a healthy lifestyle, which is why I also have my own garden where I grow my own vegetables. Because I also have an artistic nature, in my free time, I draw and I moderate events, act in movies, TV series and commercials.



## Maja Železnikar

**Year of birth:** 2000

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

**Specialization:** Entrepreneurship

### **What is the most valuable lesson you've learned during your academic journey so far?**

I've come to realize how important a combination of theoretical learning and hands-on experience is. Classes and lectures are essential, but the real learning happens when you have to apply all of your knowledge in practical settings. That's when you gain a deeper understanding and become better equipped for both academic and professional journey.

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

In general, I'm proud of effectively managing university, student work and being an active member of Management Group association while maintaining a good average. However, one achievement that holds a special place in my heart is being selected as the Slovenian representative for the European Leadership Academy in Valencia in 2023, where I joined talented women from every EU country in a week full of masterclasses, panel discussions, and team projects.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Organized, ambitious, trustworthy, reliable and kind.

### **What is your life motto?**

My motto is the Stoic saying "The obstacle is the way" by Marcus Aurelius. Instead of viewing obstacles or challenges as failures, I've learned to embrace them and see them as chances for growth, personal development, and fulfillment. This way of thinking has given me the strength to combat challenges and has also encouraged me to be more positive in the face of any setbacks or failures that may occur. Every time I encounter a challenge, I think about the opportunities it presents and what I can gain from it. However, I do not just accept challenges; I actively seek them out and push myself to do things that are challenging. My approach is particularly evident in the fact that I take part in a wide range of contests, programs, and events apart from organizing various projects. In addition, I always strive to uplift and encourage those around me when they encounter hardships themselves.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I like sports, playing the piano, reading, traveling, learning new things and organizing different projects and events as Management Group member.