

Outstanding Student, Faculty of Business 2018

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I am Madina Kaliyeva, a final year student majoring in Management with a minor in Enterprise Engineering with Management. It is a great honour to be selected as The Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Business. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Faculty of Business for providing us with all the opportunities, support and great environment.

As I reflect upon my university days, I am truly blessed to have had so many amazing opportunities, memories and life-changing experiences here at PolyU and in Hong Kong. I have always wanted to study business and become a business woman since I was a little child. I chose to study in Hong Kong because I was amazed by the dynamic city lifestyle and opportunities that are available here. I knew I would be challenged in Hong Kong. In the past 4 years, I have acquired a sound theoretical knowledge and background in all aspects of business and the management profession. I believe the knowledge I have acquired through various courses I have taken at PolyU and the problem-solving skills and analytical skills I picked up have well prepared me for my future career. The diversity of PolyU's professors and students stimulated the exchange of ideas and enhanced my learning experience.

Aside from studying, since PolyU puts a big emphasis and resources on an all-round education, I have had many opportunities for a whole-person development. Since my first year I joined several student societies that helped me to develop planning, teamwork and leadership skills. In addition, I completed two academic exchange programmes at University of Cambridge and University of Alberta. Besides common benefits students usually gain from exchange opportunities; I have built the international network with students from different universities and backgrounds who helped me to understand the world through new perspectives. For example, during Economics of Inequality, Poverty and Exploitation lectures, we had fruitful discussions about different social issues that have increased my passion to work towards elimination of poverty and inequality and always think of new ways to help society and people in need. I believe this experience has expanded my general knowledge, improved my communication skills and





I have become a more mature and responsible individual and global citizen. Additionally, I have become increasingly passionate about tackling the homelessness issue. During my exchange semester in Canada, I have participated in several projects that aimed to help homeless people and worked on a project with a young social venture, Tuff Sprout, that aimed to increase awareness and help families and children who face extraordinary challenges.

Apart from university curriculum and extracurricular activities, I took up multiple internships where I further developed commercial awareness, analytical and project management skills. I had my internship experiences at ATAL Engineering Ltd. and KPMG, accounting firm. Having a work experience and background carries a major significance when attempting to enter the job market since it is all about competition. Internships helped me to gain first-hand exposure of working in the real world and allowed me to harness the skill, knowledge and theoretical practice I have learned in PolyU. Furthermore, it leads to a greater understanding of self and encourages personal development.

I would like to pursue my career in Management Consulting. After the completion of my internship in the Management Consulting, I realized that it is what I am passionate about. I aim to be a specialist in my field and also make marks on the world in a positive way. I want to realize my potential, so that I can be a global citizen who strives to make a difference and will make a positive impact on my community.

As a university student, we are taking vital steps toward doing things we really want to do, even if you are not sure what this might be. Thus, it is so important to seize every opportunity possible and realize the possibilities and choices in front of you to find what you love to do.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my family, mentors, friends and professors who have supported me throughout my journey.

