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Education:

Canadian International School, Singapore | Aug 2010 – June 2019 & Sept 2020 to June 2024

- International Baccalaureate: Primary Years, Middle Years & Diploma Program (Grades 1 - 6 & Grades 9-12)

Wesley College, Melbourne, Australia | Jan 2019- Aug 2020

- International Baccalaureate: Middle Years Program (Grades 7 & 8)

Academic Honors & Awards

- Grade 11 (2022-2023)
 - Honor Roll
 - Academic Progress Award for English Language & Literature (2022-2023)
- Grade 10 (2021-2022)
 - o High Honor Roll, with distinction in Design Technology, Drama, Physical Education & Science
 - o Academic Progress Award for Individuals & Societies
 - o Academic Progress Award for Mandarin Language Acquisition
 - o MYP Service Excellence Award (2020-2022)
 - MYP IB Personal Project Distinction (created a business plan for a carbon trading platform for B2B and B2C audience)
- Grade 9 (2020-2021)
 - Honor Roll, with distinction in Design Technology, Drama, Individuals & Societies
 - o Academic Progress Award for Design

Environmental Science Experience. Research & Initiatives

- Internships at Climate Impact X (CIX), Singapore | Summer Break 2022 & 2023
 - Interned at Asia's first Carbon Exchange, CIX, Singapore in 2022 & 2023 with a deliberate intent to understand the economics behind Sustainability, climate change, decarbonisation projects and initiatives.
 - Worked on carbon market analysis in 2021 with the communications team and worked on seaweed, renewable credit portfolios with the product development team in 2023.
- Mangrove Ecosystems Literature Review (in review at the <u>Journal of High School Science</u>)| July 2022 Oct 2023
 - Literature review on the topic of human disturbance and its effect on key biodiversity relationship in Asian mangrove ecosystems.
 - The research paper was written under the guidance & mentorship of Dr. Natalie Chardon, a post-doctoral fellow at UBC, Canada
- Report on novel AI applications in Environmental Studies | July 2023 Nov 2023
 - Used Cloud compute resources/machine learning on open data sets to provide insights on optimizing clean energy transition (fossil fuels to renewables)
 - Written under the guidance of Dr. Srinivasan Iyengar, CTO's Office, Energy Industry, Asia at Microsoft
- Mangrove Initiative: Cherishing Coastal Ecosystems | April 2023
 - Planned and executed a 5-day Mangroves educational program (coinciding with Earth Day programming) for 3100 students including gamification, fact & fun filled lectures highlighting the role of coastal ecosystems in climate change.
- Extended Essay: A Sustainability Assessment of Singapore's Urban Farming Systems | Sept 2022 Nov 2023
 - Researched sustainable approaches to urban farming and conducted a sustainability analysis of Singapore's urban farms.
 - Suggested next steps to reduce food insecurity sustainably in Singapore.

Competitions

- Conrad Innovator Recognition, Team Name: Cytocycle | 2022 2023
 - Designed the "Toino-kami" a simple, production grade, low-cost sanitation system to address rural sanitation issues.
 - Conrad competition sent our team a note encouraging us to patent the idea and take the design idea to production.
- Finalist for Singapore's Nation-Wide Competition: Green Nudge | June 2022
 - As part of the Singapore Green Plan 2030 initiative the Green Nudge was a Singapore nation-wide hackathon inviting all the Gen Z's (aged 16-21) to provide the Singapore Government with viable ideas to implement, a Net Zero initiative.
 - I led a school team that designed and presented an idea around a Singapore-wide sustainable food composting system.
 - This idea was selected for possible future implementation in Singapore and recognized by the Senior Minister of State (Mr. Tan Kiat How)

Biology Experience, Research & Initiatives

- CREST Silver Award on the "Parallels of GERD Medications An Investigation on the Importance of Chemical Rate of Reactions" | Sept 2022
 - The silver award was received in recognition of an experimental research paper that studied the factors that influence the chemical rate of reaction between magnesium and hydrochloric acid.
 - This paper also suggested future research potential for acid reflux (GERD) medication.



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- Literature Review on Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria & Bacteriophages | Nov 2021
 - Researched the environmental impact of antibiotic pollution and the global health crisis of emerging antibiotic resistant bacteria.
 - Analyzed both the medical and sustainability angle of bacteriophages in solving antibiotic resistant bacteria crisis.
- UC San Diego Online Course Completion Biology Meets Programming: Bioinformatics for Beginners | 2021
 - This course focused on the application of Machine Learning (ML) and technology in Genetics.

Community Outreach

- Built Biogas Chamber for Tamang Community in Bagmati, Nepal, Canadian International School CAS
 Project | Feb 2022
 - Built biogas chambers for Tamal Community in Nepal. Project aimed to reduce deforestation rate through education efforts & providing renewable biogas sources.
- Certificate of Recognition for Partnership in Supporting LGBTQ+ and Australian Aboriginal Communities,
 Wesley College, Melbourne, Australia | 2019 2020
 - Fundraising through community bake sales to support vulnerable LGBTQ+ and aboriginal communities.
- Participant at the International School Libraries Network (ISLN), [Canadian International School] | 2022
 - Involved in conducting a literature analysis of 5 books, helped Canadian International School receive \$1000 to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation
- Gymnast & Volunteer Gymnastics Coach at Raffles Gymnastics Academy Singapore | 2020 Present
 - Gained experience in training young future gymnasts (ages 3-5) through creating fun & engaging lessons
 - Participated & won 3rd place in Wesley Invitational multi-school Gymnastics competition in Melbourne, Australia in 2019.
- Volunteer at Guide Dogs Victoria, Australia | 2019 2020
 - I was a volunteer for Guide Dogs' fostering and training program.
 - The guide dog I trained went on to graduate as a guide dog.

Leadership

- News "Editor-in-Chief" for The Print Organization | 2022 Present
 - The official monthly Newsletter of the Canadian International School. The Print supports student voices on array of topics: social issues, science & technology, climate change & sustainability. The readership of "The Print" is estimated at 3000 students across 2 campuses.
- Executive Leader for Green Machine, Canadian International School | 2021 Present Introduced a food composting system to school community of 3,100 students, helped build a rooftop community garden & in process of designing a "Green Certificate", an online sustainability course for students.
- Symphonic Band: Flute Section Leader [Canadian International School] (2021 Present)
 Help coach young flutists & helped organize concerts. Involved in planning & organizing a musical cultural exchange between Fuhua Secondary School and Canadian International School music bands.

Language Proficiency in Mandarin:

- High School Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Chinese Language Acquisition 2021
- The Goodtalk (Global Village) Children and Youth Bilingual Speech Conference, Australia Station Finalist, Certificate for 2nd placement (2019).
- Youth Chinese Test (YCT) Level 5 Certification (2022)

Music & Theatre Endeavors:

- ABRSM Flute (Grade 4) Merit
- ABRSM Vocals (Grade 3) Merit
- ABRSM Piano (Grade 4) Distinction
- Actress in Hairspray Musical 2018 at St. Kilda National Theatre, Melbourne, Australia [Wesley College School]
- Actress in School of Rock Musical 2022 [Canadian International School]

<u>Interests & Hobbies:</u> Sustainability based advocacy & research, music, gymnastics, learning new languages, embracing nature-oriented activities like bird watching & snorkeling.

References: Ms. Elsa Baptista (elsa.baptista@cis.edu.sg), IB Diploma Program Coordinator [Canadian International School]