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What is your current position?

I am currently a Project Manager with LAUNCH! Marketing. Specifically, I am managing the Tour for Humanity, which is a mobile museum education program. The Tour for Humanity program uses the Holocaust as a base to educate students on both historical and current human rights issues within Canada and around the world. Using sound, images, video and live facilitation the program aims to teach and promote discussion amongst participants.

What History program did you take at Western? What year did you graduate?

I did an Honours double major in History and Political Science. I graduated in 2011. After leaving Western I attended the University of Leicester in the UK to complete my Master's in Museum Studies, specializing in museum education. This program allowed me to apply what I had learned at Western in a variety of new settings.

How did your History degree prepare you for your current position?

My History degree equipped me with very strong research, inquiry and presentation skills. A good deal of my job is teaching students and dealing with the general public to promote the program, which I would not be as confident in doing were it not for my History degree. My ability to think in innovative and creative ways was fostered through writing many research

papers and now applies directly to the demands of marketing a new initiative. My History degree also instilled a lifelong love of learning, which helps drive me to continue developing myself professionally every day.

What would you tell an incoming History student?

I would encourage all incoming History students to take full advantage of their time at Western in terms of taking a wide variety of courses, including ones that push them out of their comfort zones. The four years will fly by, so make sure to enjoy all of it and get as much out of it as possible. Talking to other students and professors gives students the opportunity to get different perspectives and tap in to other people's experiences. Getting involved in some of the clubs or teams also provides different ways of learning a variety of skills, which always help in making you a better-rounded person. Learn as much as you can, because you never know what will end up coming in handy later in life.

Any other thoughts or comments?

It is all about balance! Learn a lot, but also have some fun while at Western. The school provides a great environment to meet so many different people who all come from different places and backgrounds. Take advantage of that and get to know them. Your time at UWO will leave you with lifelong memories and invaluable lessons, enjoy it!