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CLASS of 2020

Degree and area of specialization:
BSc Double Major in Environment and Health, and Neuroscience, Minor in Physiology

Why did you choose to study in the School of the Environment?
The programs are interesting and broad in nature, and thus can be applied across multiple platforms providing a more holistic experience.

What is your favourite memory from your time with the School?
Walking through the buildings. From the basement tunnels to the terrace greenhouse, it makes for an excellent break from studying and you learn so much! Plus, you get to know all the shortcuts for the snowy winter days.
What have you learned about yourself through the program?

I didn't think I would be as interested in the program, but the program is so broad, I had the freedom to choose from SO MANY courses. Being someone who didn't have a definitive plan starting undergrad, this helped me learn where my interests lie, and through some courses I even learned topics that I am not at all interested in too, which is equally important.

Do you have any advice for incoming students?

The School has lots of wonderful resources and people that are there to help you out. Use them. You won't regret it! It will only make your experience better. Also, participate outside of class, it makes the world difference in your mental health and academics.

What are your plans upon graduation?

I plan to apply to a master’s program in a field that can combine my undergraduate academic experience such as research in environment innovation and management.

How have you been affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic? What are your thoughts about the future?

I am a residence don on campus, so I had to stay on campus as there are many students still living in residence who could not return home. As a researcher, I can evaluate that this is going to be a long journey. Not just to get to the end of the pandemic but also for many years to come after. It is not going to be easy, but it will teach us a lot about medicine, anthropology, psychology, economics, politics, etc. One virus was able to affect every single thing. As we are taught at school, I hope we can learn from this pandemic and make changes in the way we live and operate. Most importantly, don't lost hope, humans are resilient, and we will only get through this together, helping one another.