

Personal statement

Detailing your recent achievements and personal development and how the GPP program will assist with your future career goals (1 page statement 700 words).

Complementing my education in International Hotel and Resort Management is my international experience in the Front of House and Back of House. I have performed roles as a Purchaser, Service Staff, Barista, Bartender and Apprentice in Italian restaurants in Singapore, and honing Service and Kitchen skills further in Australia's Chambers restaurant. I take great pride in my work and strongly instil accountability in the tasks that I undertake. Being a 3rd Sergeant in the Singapore Armed Forces for two years has reaffirmed these responsibilities as I devote in leadership roles as a Vehicle Commander and Signals Sergeant for the nation.

Being a Guest Service Host at Longitude 131 at Baillie Lodges was challenging, however it was one of the few defining moments in my life that has moulded me to be a more resilient and professional individual. The remoteness of the location has trained my independence and the constant focus on excellence in service standards in all areas at the resort has further honed my professional service level in the F&B industry. The Ballie Integrity Management System (BIMS) is a strict set of policies and procedures that has trained me to achieve a higher level in service excellence. The two most important skills learnt in Longitude 131 were hospitality excellence in first name culture and service excellence in attention to details. As J.W Marriott succinctly puts forward: "Only close attention to the fine details of any operation makes the operation first class." It is the sheer, immaculate excellence that has had driven the success and growth in the world leading luxury lodge in the world.

Highly self-motivated with an energetic style, I am also adventurous, eager to acquire new skills and knowledge, always seeking challenges to expand my horizons. I am observant, frequently paying attention to details and also possess the ability to relate effectively with individuals from various management levels and cultural backgrounds. Achieving strong academic performance, nominee for Three Pillars Award and MSS (Duty Manager) are some achievements I have attained so far as part of my learning journey at BMIHMS. I strongly believe a GPP at BMIHMS would push my limits further and potentially strengthen my managerial skills in the future as it puts me at a better position in looking for opportunities of a managerial trainee position with Marriott International Group in the near future.

The GPP program connecting highest achieving second year students with a select group of industry partners will assist me in my future career goals. Firstly, the alumni mentorship program in year three will be extremely useful for me in partnering with a like-minded mentor. This will allow me to learn essential skills from the mentors and also smoothen my transition into the workforce after graduation. Secondly, it will accelerate my career path by putting me in a greater advantage in entering the workforce upon graduation as a corporate management trainee of my ideal choice, in my case Marriott. According to Ethisphere, Marriott is ranked world's most ethical hotel in 2016 and displays high level of business code of conduct. Being an individual with high levels of integrity and trust, it would be a remarkable opportunity to share the same beliefs and principles as Marriott and connect with like-minded professionals in the organisation. Furthermore, one of Marriott's core values: "Take care of your people and they will take care of your customers." It is not impossible to find a job that you love, however that also starts from selecting a property that looks after their associates through nurturing future leaders of the hospitality industry.

Having a strong interest in F&B since 2013, I had the opportunity to assist an Italian restaurant with purveyor duties, menu design and planning and pre opening and an all-rounded experience for a café in Singapore. Always inquisitive about food and showing strong interest in culinary, it is a strong blend between service and culinary. As I embark further in my career within the next three years after graduation, I am looking at opportunities for growth in the f&b operations department particularly The Voyage Global Leadership Development Programme with The Ritz

Carlton property. GPP program has the industry connections to link students with potential positions that will provide me with the opportunities to work in the selected area of interest.