I always had the dream of having a successful career in the future. In order to complete the Career Development badge, I had to step out of my comfort zone by overcoming my fears. I started attending events and conferences and then reaching out to alumni. I got inspiration from alumni and speakers who were at the events. It helped me to see the bigger picture of my future profession outside of a classroom. The picture gave me a clear sense of direction to build myself towards my dream job and motivates me to overcome certain challenges that come my way.

By earning this badge, I learned how to conduct high-quality research. Our group started off with well structured planning to decide where and how to conduct our research and to find what sources are needed. I came up with the creative idea of using different sources such as museums, interviews, books, and movies for my research. By using these different sources, we gained a deeper and broader understanding of our research topic. This experience helped me to improve my problem solving, listening, and collaborative skills. I can apply this research learning in my future profession by conducting deeper research about the company, market, or product.

I have improved and gained numerous transferable skills while I was abroad. So far, those skills have boosted my performance at school and my relationships with people. My motivation skill is applied at school. It is giving me an intrinsic motivation to be the best in order to get my dream job as a financial analyst. I started performing better at school and getting involved in student activities to gain more transferable skills that are needed for my career. There are some skills such as collaboration, communication, and listening that are applied to improve my relationships with my family, friends, and classmates. My transferable skills made me understand and listen to them more, which strengthened my bond with those around me.

“I am only here for one semester” -- “This quote has encouraged me to do extraordinary things. It gave me the extra strength to go out of my comfort zone while discovering my true potential.”