



Introducing our Summer 2022 Co-op Students

This summer, more than 17 post-secondary students from across Ontario will complete their co-op terms at Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA). The students have taken on responsibilities across various departments including communications, engineering, construction, information technology, procurement, and human resources.

Experiential learning continues to be an important part of WDBA. This once-in-a-lifetime project provides students the opportunity to develop their professional and technical skills that contribute to their career path

Since WDBA's co-op program began in 2016, 210 students have been hired from different post-secondary institutions across Ontario including, the University of Windsor, University of Waterloo, University of Western Ontario and St. Clair College

WDBA's program has been recognized by the University of Windsor with the Co-op/Internship Employer of the Year award for four consecutive years. The honour recognizes organizations who have a long-standing partnership with the co-op office and have created exceptional work term experiences.

"I am continuously impressed by the contributions of our co-op students and the exceptional mentorship by WDBA staff to ensure a successful learning experience. We are proud to offer an award-winning co-op experience that not only prepares students for entry into the workforce but also benefits WDBA" said Bryce Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, WDBA.

This semester, WDBA's Corporate Affairs and External Relations student Brittnee Meloche, was tasked with developing a creative way to introduce the co-op students. Learn more about our summer 2022 co-op students and why they chose WDBA below.



Beau Shaw

**Electrical Engineering Co-op
Student**
University of Windsor

2nd Year Electrical Engineering Student

"I chose to work at WDBA because it is a rare opportunity to contribute to such a significant local project. My work experience at WDBA has helped me explore my professional interests and enhance abilities that will be applicable to my upcoming opportunities."

On a personal note...



When Beau is not working, he enjoys playing soccer.



If Beau could travel anywhere in the world, he would travel to Egypt to see the pyramids.



Beau's dream job is to become an electrical engineer.



Brittnee Meloche

**Stakeholder & Community
Engagement Co-op Student**
University of Windsor

2nd Year Business Administration Student Specializing in Marketing

"I chose to work at WDBA because it gave me the opportunity to contribute to a once-in-a-generation project in my own way! I knew I would gain valuable real-world experience that will help me excel in future positions."

On a personal note...



Brittnee's favourite childhood memory is going camping with her family.



In Brittnee's spare time she enjoys going out to eat and spending time with friends and family.



If Brittnee could travel anywhere in the world, she would go to Alberta to visit Banff National Park.



Hayden Brennen
 Information Management Co-op Student
 University of Waterloo

Master of Library and Information Science Student

"I joined WDBA because it offers many unique opportunities to apply the skills that I have gained within my degree to such a monumental project like the Gordie Howe International Bridge!"

On a personal note...



If Hayden could travel anywhere in the world, she would travel to Borneo and Sumatra and volunteer at an Orangutan sanctuary!



Hayden loves discovering new music across many different platforms and genres.



Hayden enjoys going hiking and camping, especially in Algonquin Park where she can find new trails to explore.



David Tebbens
 Construction Co-Op Student
 University of Windsor

2nd Year Civil Engineering Student

"I choose to work at WDBA because it allowed me to be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime construction project that was being built in my hometown. The Gordie Howe International Bridge will distinctly change the Windsor-Detroit skyline, and I get to be a part of that!"

On a personal note...



David is very passionate about Jesus and sharing the gospel.



In David's spare time he enjoys sailing, woodworking, longboarding, and playing the piano and guitar.



David's dream job is to be a missionary where he could travel around the world using his engineering degree to help people.



Krista Marshall

Business Analyst Co-op Student
University of Windsor

2nd Year Business Administration Student Specializing in Supply Chain Business Analytics

"I chose to work at WDBA because it gave me the opportunity to learn how to use valuable software, while working on a world class project that will have a lasting impact on my community."

On a personal note...



Krista is most passionate about the outdoors. She loves to participate in as many outdoors activities as possible.



In Krista's free time she enjoys playing sports. Some of her favourites include hockey and baseball.



If Krista could travel anywhere in the world, she would go to Egypt and Jordan.



Lauren Quesnel

Construction Co-op Student
University of Waterloo

1st Year Civil Engineering Student

"I chose to work at WDBA because it is an amazing opportunity to be a part of a monumental project. I am excited to take away the valuable work experience, connections, and skills that can be acquired whilst working within the engineering department."

On a personal note...



Lauren enjoys staying active and spending time with friends and family.



Lauren's favourite childhood memory was visiting Walt Disney World.



If Lauren could travel anywhere in the world, it would be Italy to see where her ancestors lived.



Noah McLeod

IT Co-op Student
University of Windsor

2nd Year Honours Computer Science Student Specializing in Software Engineering

"I choose WDBA because I was excited to be part of such a large, lasting project. I also had great interactions in my interview and was excited to gain real-world experience!"

On a personal note...



Noah enjoys sports, both recreational and organized as well as hanging out with his friends.



Noah's favourite childhood memory is playing hockey. As an amputee, he was always forced to prove that he was equally capable. Playing hockey was the first time was able to work to get better rather than just work to be equal to others.



If Noah could travel anywhere in the world he would visit Ibiza, for the culture, landscape, and music.



Maria Lederer

Architectural Co-op Student
University of Windsor & University of
Detroit Mercy

Recent Graduate of the Joint Architecture (VABE) Program

"As an architectural intern at WDBA, I had the privilege to take part in an international landmark project within the Windsor-Detroit built environment. Here I was exposed to valuable learning opportunities and witnessed the design and building process of a P3 project. By understanding the inner workings of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project, I now have a unique perspective on the industry that will support my education and future career aspirations."

On a personal note...



One of Maria's proudest accomplishments is marking the Gordie Howe International Bridge as her first in-person project within her career.



Maria is most passionate about supporting restorative and sustainable design within the architectural field. Members of the architecture community have an obligation to reduce the carbon footprint of our industry.



Maria's dream job is to become a licensed architect within Canada, where she hopes to take part in future projects with a similar influence as the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.



Nolan LaBute

Accounting Co-op Student
University of Windsor

3rd Year Business Administration Student Specializing in Accounting

"I chose to work at WDBA because I knew what a big and monumental project this was for my community, and it is gratifying being able to say that I had an impact on this project. As well, I knew that the opportunity would help me expand my understanding in the accounting field and lead me towards my future career."

On a personal note...



Nolan has been a drummer since childhood, and has a part-time job teaching the drums.



If Nolan could travel anywhere in the world he would go to Liverpool, because he is a big Beatles fan.



Nolan is very passionate hockey fan, specifically for the Montreal Canadiens team.



Saranya Jeyakanthan

Bridges & Roads Co-op Student
University of Waterloo

3rd year Civil Engineering Student

"I chose to work at WDBA because of the unique opportunity to be a part of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project. I knew it would be a great chance to grow my knowledge of the relevant standards and codes, as well to apply them effectively in the review process. One of my classmates had previously worked with this team and he had nothing but positive things to say."

On a personal note...



If Saranya could travel anywhere in the world, she would go to Italy. She would love to read on the beach at Lake Como and see the stunning architecture.



Saranya's proudest accomplishment was becoming a Toronto District School Board Top Scholar when she graduated high school as this was something she didn't believe she was capable of in the past.



A hobby of Saranya's that she recently picked up is reading. She is currently reading a book called Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life.