

## **BB Testimonial**

Beyond Borders has been my favourite semester of school without question. The easiest way I've been able to explain it is that I never have to look at the clock to see when class will be over. I enjoy learning and I am motivated to make the most of my time. This program has taught me to take pride in my work and my learning and I believe that has been the best way for me to learn. It's hard to express just how important this year has been for me not only as a student but as a person, I've made relationships that will last a lifetime and learned how to make an impact in the community. The team dynamic of this semester has impacted me even more than I thought it would, I have learned the importance of having everyone on board and using everyone's abilities to accomplish goals. Mr. Parsons emphasized that you are only as strong as your weakest link and it makes everyone more successful and happy when you keep that in mind. We have all grown to truly care for each other's well being and I think it's important to carry that on and have that mindset with every person you meet and work with. We have learned about the different leadership styles and how the best leaders have a focus on productivity as well as relationships, but as I have met CEOs and experienced managing people I have learned that it is important to always let people know that you care about them before you show the productivity side of leading. Beyond Borders has prepared me with a busy schedule to see what university and the rest of my life will be like and I am very grateful for it. I have learned to mature and put myself out there in many more situations, I would say Beyond Borders has forced me to become more of a go getter and I've realized those are the type of people that will be successful. Throughout our various activities and challenges we were forced to leave our comfort zones and lead in different styles and situations, this is one criticism I have with regular school, we are not taught how to handle diversity properly and we are definitely not taught how to lead people through these times of diversity. Many people say Beyond Borders is very chaotic and it absolutely is. That is one thing that I love and appreciate most about it, regular school teaches us as labour workers where we have to focus on one class for a certain amount of time then move to the next. We are not given projects that force us to get out of the school environment and we are not given real life challenges. Beyond Borders teaches me how to manage many different things at once, as well as dealing with real life business problems during projects like Limitless.

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