

Coming from a multi-cultural community, I had the opportunity to learn first-hand from a diverse set of people with different cultures, traditions, and mentality. As a versatile teenager, I had interaction with people from a different class, status, and race. The information and the knowledge I got through these conversations made me consider a degree in law as I could extrapolate the reasons and genesis of most conflicts and clashes in my community and the neighboring communities. Living in a conflict-torn zone shaped my mentality and resolution about my future career and pushed me to focus my energy and knowledge pursuing a line of work that oversees the resolution of conflicts that would otherwise result in unnecessary loss of lives and properties.

Even at a young age, being an activist and a front liner in peaceful demonstrations in my community has been my hobby. One of such demonstration forestalls a clash that could have been one of the bloodiest clashes in the history in my community. All these and many more formed the backbone of my resolution to study law.

I got into the University at an age of 15 through a landslide test score. With a strong resolution and the support of the members of the university community, I found a new home where I learned tremendously both in the classroom and in the residential learning community. I was shouldered with the responsibility of overseeing the Love and Unity Group Sorority Group on campus for three years and through my leadership and contribution, our membership strength doubled in three years.

I graduated from the University with a GPA of 3.7/4.0, although I didn't make it as the best graduating students, I was awarded the ambassador of peace and love on campus. After graduation, I took a job at a local conflict resolution office in my community instead of moving to the city for a better and bigger offer from world-class firms. In the local conflict resolution office, I am always present in the panel that provides resolution to several clashes and conflicts. The pre-knowledge of my community clashes, the knowledge I gained in school, and the exposure I had even before getting to the university afforded me the expertise to make valuable contributions and to lend my opinion in cracking seemingly difficult cases.

Aside from my job at the conflict resolution office, I am also involved in some community service and some voluntary programs. In July 2017, I and few of my colleagues started the organization called **Voice of the People**. The organization collates information from members of the public whose identity is hidden to protect them from any harm or danger that may arise from speaking the truth. The information is cross-referenced to sieve out falseness and biased opinion using a pool of previous reports. In six months of operation, **Voice of the People** became a go-to avenue to seek unbiased truth and narratives. The information and resources from the organization have been instrumental in attaining long-lasting peace in the community.

Even though I have been able to make tangible contributions in my community in a few years after graduation, I believe a lot can still be done to forestall future crises and ensure long-lasting peace. A master's program at the prestigious Peter A. Allard School of Law - the University of British Columbia is a necessary prerequisite for me to reach my height in conflict resolution. I will not relent in my efforts until peace and harmony become a norm.