

# Resume - Raya Rehmat

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## QUALIFICATIONS

Highly focused and responsible student with excellent time management skills and an exemplary work ethic.

- **Customer Service:** Developed an appreciation for the importance of presence and great customer service through operating a business, competitive dance and volunteer work.
- **Teamwork:** Able to apply lessons learned as a competitive dance team member to motivate and support all team members and co-workers.
- **Technical Proficiencies:** Solid command of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), graphic design and website development.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Co-Founder, The Smarker [www.smarker.ca](http://www.smarker.ca) (2022 – present)
  - Patent-pending UV-sensing marker indicating when to reapply sunscreen, helping to prevent skin cancer
  - Attracted investor interest, seeking funding to develop proof-of-concept
- Co-Founder, Totally Accessorized [www.totallyaccessorizedshop.com](http://www.totallyaccessorizedshop.com) (2020 – present)
  - E-commerce site selling handmade jewelry and accessories, with the goal of promoting self-confidence within girls and helping to solve global problems
  - Designed and handcrafted masks, jewelry, and hair accessories
  - Developed website, created social media marketing campaigns, and handled customer inquiries, sales, and order fulfillment
  - Donated partial proceeds to VGH COVID-19 Fund and Brain Aneurysm Foundation
- Host, Earls Restaurant (2022)
  - Greeted and seated guests, managed seating plans, served food and reset tables
  - Gained customer service, leadership, and adaptability skills

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Food Service Volunteer, Pay It Forward (2018 – present)
  - Worked with a team of 10 to 15 people to cook, assemble, and handout food to 300+ unhoused people bi-monthly. Learnt to compassionately serve under pressure.
- Youth Head of Religious Ceremonies (2022 – 2023)
  - Selected as one of four youth to lead monthly religious ceremonies for a one-year term
  - Organized activities to engage youth in service, socialization, gratitude, and self-reflection
- Team Lead for Young and Youth Volunteers at Community Organization (2020 - 2021)
  - Coordinated and led younger volunteers to complete tasks such as serving tea and snacks, light cleaning, greeting members
- Camp Discovery Counsellor in Training (2019)
  - Built positive relationships with children using humour, creativity, and empathy.
  - Entrusted with the responsibility for the safety and well-being of camp participants.

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Grade 12 student with straight-A average, Handsworth Secondary School (2019 – present)
- Dance training in ballet, jazz and other genres, North Shore Academy of Dancing (2014 – present)
  - Advanced Two, Royal Academy of Dance
- Summer Ballet Intensive, Atlanta Ballet (2022)
- Serving-It Right Certification - Responsible Service BC Program (2022)
- St. John Ambulance Life Saver First Aid Certification (2018)
- Red Cross Baby Sitting Course (2017)

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Competitive Dancer in Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, and Broadway, North Shore Academy of Dancing (2014 – present)
  - Youth America Grand Prix (Toronto, 2023 and Atlanta, 2024)
  - Dancer and Speaker, Illume Canada Sports and Arts Competition (Hamilton, 2023)
  - Performer, TedEd Conference (Toronto, 2023)
- Student Ambassador, Young Entrepreneurs Leadership Launchpad (present)
- Competitive Public Speaker (2015-present)
- Club member and speaker, TEDEd Club (2022 – 2023)
  - Delivered TED Talk entitled “How Passion Leads to Purpose”  
<https://youtu.be/c93l9AmRr3k?feature=shared>
- Model United Nations – Delegate participant in 6 conferences (2018-2021)

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Regional Award winner of Rideau Hall Foundation’s Ingenious+ Youth Innovation Challenge (2024)
- Winner out of 40 groups across Canada of the Young Entrepreneurs Leadership Launchpad Venture Challenge (2023)
- VAYA International Speech, Arts and Drama Festival - Most Outstanding Speaker Award (2023)
- Top 3 placement in multiple dance team competitions (2017 - 2023)
- North Shore Academy of Dancing High Achievement Award for Most Dedicated Dancer (2022)
- Completed Grade 2 to Grade 5 Ballet, Intermediate Foundation Year One, Intermediate Foundation Year Two and Advanced One/Two (Achieved Merit and Distinction Levels in Royal Academy of Dance/Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing Exams)
- Platinum, Gold, and Silver awards in Public Speaking at Vancouver Speech Arts Festival (2017-2022)
- Top 10 ranking at B1 Dance competition for Pointe Solo (2021)
- North Shore Academy of Dancing High Achievement Award for outstanding achievement in Jazz (2018)