



CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

EXAMPLES OF EVENTS IN YOUR PAST THAT WILL EXCITE RECRUITERS

1. You are in the top one or two percent of your class.
2. You have won academic scholarships, awards, bursaries or other similar prizes.
3. You have been responsible for starting a club, charity organization, sports league or team.
4. You are, or have been, president, chairperson or captain of a club, charity organization, sports league or team.
5. You have coached a sports team of any kind, at any level and for any age players.
6. You have teaching, tutoring, instructing or marking experience.
7. You have worked in a foreign country.
8. You have travelled alone or to exotic places.
9. You have worked for a “glamour” employer. Professional sports teams; Disney and the United Nations are examples.
10. You have received Community Awards of Distinction.
11. You have a pilot’s licence, SCUBA certificate or parachuting experience.
12. You have received a Black Belt in any Martial Art form.
13. You have held unusual or obscure jobs. A character at Canada’s Wonderland, an actor at an historic site or a tourist attraction, working as a page for the Parliament in Ottawa, or a fishing guide in a remote resort are examples. Even tree planting, while far more common these days, still attracts curiosity and interest, and indicates that you are not only tenacious, but also adaptable and are able to meet goals.

Look long and hard into your past to try and find something special that you have done. It need not be one of the suggestions above, but rather something that will allow you to stand out in the crowd.

Having any one of these accomplishments on your résumé will not necessarily guarantee you an interview but a combination of any of these and a well prepared résumé will go a long way to getting you onto the interview list.