

Nicholas Gakena

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EDUCATION

Queen's University

Bachelor of Commerce

Kingston, Ontario

2017 – Present

- **Cumulative GPA:** 4.15/4.30; Dean's List with Distinction (top 10% of class)
- **Relevant Courses:** Calculus (A+), Elements of Computer Science (A+), Finance I/II (A+/A), Managerial & Financial Accounting (A+)
- **Awards:** Recipient of the John Nixon Scholarship; awarded for academic excellence, creativity, leadership, and involvement in extracurriculars

Edward Milne Community School

Dogwood Diploma

Sooke, British Columbia

2013 – 2017

- Academic Honor Roll; graduated with a 98% academic grade average (ranked 2nd/140 students)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Blackstone Group

Summer Analyst (Infrastructure Private Equity)

New York, New York

Summer 2020

- Scheduled to complete a 10-week internship with the investment team of Blackstone Infrastructure Partners in Summer 2020

InstarAGF Asset Management

Summer Analyst (Infrastructure Private Equity)

Toronto, Ontario

Summer 2019

- InstarAGF is an infrastructure-focused private equity fund with ~\$2.0B in AUM; completed a 17-week internship with the investment team
- Prepared various financial analyses and performed detailed research and due diligence to support investment memorandums for potential acquisitions

The Potential Group

Freelance Consultant

Toronto, Ontario

March – May 2019

- The Potential Group is a boutique consultancy in Toronto, Ontario focused on advising for-profit and not-for-profit healthcare organizations
- Completed 2-month independent research project, conducting a competitive analysis for a homecare provider in Ontario with ~2,500 employees

Firm Capital Private Equity Realty Trust

Summer Analyst (Real Estate)

Toronto, Ontario

Summer 2018

- FCPERT is a diversified real estate private equity firm with ~\$800M in AUM; completed a 16-week internship with the investment team
- Built pro-forma returns analyses to evaluate and underwrite the financial feasibility of acquisitions
- Created internal asset valuation models for each of the firm's public and private assets for the heads of acquisitions and asset management
- Select Transaction Experience:
 - \$83 million joint-venture acquisition of retail portfolio
 - Created detailed cash flow projections for a portfolio of 7 multi-tenant retail properties by analyzing lease terms, market rents, operating costs and potential financing scenarios
 - Assisted with preliminary due diligence, such as reviewing leases, environmental and building condition reports

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Queen's University Investment Counsel (QUIC)

Junior Portfolio Manager (Technology, Media & Telecommunications)

Kingston, Ontario

2017 – Present

- Work with a team of students to manage a \$1.4M portfolio of public equities on behalf of the Queen's University Endowment Fund
- Prepare investment memorandums and holding analyses to present at QUIC public meetings on a tri-weekly basis to aid in the security selection process and exploration of industry trends
- Participated in QUIC's annual Deal Competition, acting as mock M&A advisor to Metro on its \$4.5B acquisition of Jean-Coutu; presented case analysis and findings to a panel of judges from Burgundy Asset Management

Youth for Change

President

Sooke, British Columbia

2015 – 2017

- Youth for Change is an organization that helps youth pursue environmental sustainability and social-impact projects
- Raised over \$4,000 for the purchase and installation of an electric vehicle charging station at local high school

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Proficiencies:** S&P Capital IQ, FactSet, Python, Bloomberg Terminal, and Yardi Voyager
- **Competition:** Greentech Capital Advisors-QFAC Stock Pitch Competition – Finalist (2018) pitching Pentair Inc.
- **Interests:** Basketball; reading history, sociology, psychology and philosophy; camping and hiking