

INTERNATIONAL

**MASTER** **MB** **BUSINESS**

2025/26

**33<sup>rd</sup> Generation**

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## Zala Ažman

**Year of birth:** 2000

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law (Law)

**Nationality:** Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

My ability to use my Bachelors in Law to enter more economics related fields and being able to use my knowledge of the legal field as my advantage.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Ambitious, hard-working, curious, adaptable, dynamic.

### **What is your life motto?**

In my life I like to follow the motto that nothing good or interesting ever happens to you if you stay in your comfort zone. I enjoy challenging my comfort and entering new situations that are unknown to me, because I've learned that putting myself in those situations has given me some of the most valuable experiences in my life.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy a variety of sports, especially running and hiking. I've always been a big fan of traveling and I love learning a new skill whenever I can.



## Žan Blejc Vončina

**Year of birth:** 1999

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Money and Finance)

**Nationality:** Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

In addition to my existing scholarship with the company, I was awarded a performance bonus for successfully bringing in four new clients.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Versatile, articulate, energetic, reflective and analytical.

### **What is your life motto?**

In life, even though I'm still young, I've already faced several failures. When doubts arise, I tend to be quite self-critical. In those moments, I remind myself of my motto: "A person like me is going to find a way." It helps me remember of my achievements - bringing in four clients, creating professional presentations, being recognized by professors, and knowing how to help others. I redirect my mind from negative thoughts to positive reminders and compliments, which allows me to transform stress into manageable pressure and stay focused.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Golf (hcp < 10), Chess (rating 1571), and debating club - where I enjoy structured argumentation and public speaking.



## Nuša Brezovnik Bunderla

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Health Sciences (Laboratory Dental Prosthetics)

**Nationality:** Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Obtaining a job in Switzerland, climbing a glacier and weekly tutoring a student on the autism spectrum to complete the studies.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Passionate, determined, reasonable, caring, adaptable.

### **What is your life motto?**

My life mottos are "Where there's a will, there's a way!" and "Greatness comes from small beginnings!". The first guides me most. It reminds me I can achieve anything I set my mind to, that the only real obstacle is myself, and to never give up. These words motivated me in Portugal where I was alone in a foreign city dealing with an accommodation scam. It also sustained me after about 60 job rejections in Switzerland.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Alpine hiking, traveling, surfing, diving, snowboarding, playing violin, volunteering at children camps and serving as a Faculty Student Council.



## Ariana Butina

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** NOA (International Logistics Management)

**Nationality:** Slovenian

**What is your proudest achievement?**

I am the former president of Leo Club Ljubljana.

**Which words describe you best?**

I am creative, adventurous and passionate while also being compassionate and reliable.

**What is your life motto?**

Live and let live. It reminds that each person should live in their own way, including myself - helps me feel free and confident with my choices.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

Medicine and management, travelling, charity work, fine arts, theatre, ballet, dancing, playing volleyball, golf, tennis and family.



## Klimentina Chapovska

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Maribor, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (Automation and robotics)

**Nationality:**

Macedonian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Organizing an event that helped new international students feel at home, turning uncertainty into belonging through empathy and teamwork.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Ideas grow where comfort ends.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Hard work puts you where good luck can find you." It is something I remind myself of very often, especially when things get difficult. When I started studying electrical engineering, I knew it was the right choice for me. I liked it and found it interesting. Because I did not have much practical experience, the lab work, the equipment, all of that felt completely new. At times, it felt a bit overwhelming, but I just kept going, asked for help, and stayed involved as much as I could. And with time, things started to come together. The same mindset carried over into Tour de Maribor 2024, an event I helped coordinate. We were a group of people who had never worked together before, so I expected there would be problems along the way. But just after a few meetings, everyone started contributing and enjoying the process. The event turned out better than we expected. And now, when things get difficult, whether it is during an exam period or an unexpected problem, I always go back to that mindset. When you stay committed, eventually the effort brings results. That is why I live by this, it reminds me that good things usually happen when you earn them.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Curious by nature, interested in people, stories, and systems. I tutor, organize events, crochet, love films, and find joy in helping others.



## Aljaž Colnar

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Accounting and Auditing)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Representing Slovenia on World Championship in road cycling. Also winning 12 times National Championships in cycling was quite nice.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Analytical, ambitious, disciplined, precise, professional.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Po vrhu se gre" - cycling expression that means you push hardest when others ease off. For me, it's more than just a phrase - it's a mindset. I carry this mentality beyond the bike: staying sharp, challenging my limits, and feed my curiosity whether it's 11 a.m. on a Tuesday or 3 a.m. on a Saturday. It's about constantly striving to grow, learn, and improve - even when no one is watching.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Cycling and cognitive psychology are my interests. I like hiking - this summer I want to walk Camino. I am also interested in wine.



## Eseniya Ganina

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Nova Gorica (Viticulture and Enology)

**Nationality:**

Russian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Performing at the International Youth Dance Competition on the stage of the largest drama theatre in Russia, located in the city of Tyumen.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Creative, resilient, communicative, responsible, empathetic.

### **What is your life motto?**

I wouldn't call it a life motto, but there is an expression I often refer to: 'Rejection is redirection'. It helps me reframe setbacks as opportunities to explore new paths and grow from experiences, even if they don't go as planned.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Dance, wine tastings, journaling and drawing, outdoor activities.



## Nik Gregorič

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Entrepreneurship)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

**What is your proudest achievement?**

8th place at the World Radio Orienteering Championship.

**Which words describe you best?**

Curious, communicative, adaptable, collaborative, team-player.

**What is your life motto?**

You are what you think about. Thoughts lead to actions, actions to behaviour, behaviour to life-style, life-style determines your destiny - try to be the best version of myself every day.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

Crypto & Market Analyst, Guitar player, Fitness.



## Benjamin Halilović

**Year of birth:** 1997

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (International Business)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

**What is your proudest achievement?**

Donating hair for girls with cancer.

**Which words describe you best?**

Hard worker, humble, persistent, organised, and respectful.

**What is your life motto?**

We rarely get an opportunity to do exceptional things, and that's why we have to do ordinary things exceptionally well.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

Running, hiking, and football.



## Amila Herenda

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Sarajevo, School of Economics and Business (Management and Organization)

**Nationality:**  
Bosnian

**What is your proudest achievement?**

Project Coordinator for the CEO Conference and the Economics Olympiad, where I collaborated with educational institutions.

**Which words describe you best?**

Dedicated, hardworking, team player, focused and ongoing.

**What is your life motto?**

That you never stop learning and that it is a continuous journey.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

Reading, traveling, theatre.



## Klemen Liam Jelovčan

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (Research and Development Programme)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Becoming a ski instructor and not giving up on studying Mechanical Engineering.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Enthusiastic, clever, curious, optimistic, determined.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Do not panic." A phrase spoken by my father on many occasions, and applicable in every single one. When an unexpected event occurs, I try to make breathing and staying calm my main focus. That way I can keep a clear head and figure out a way to deal with the situation at hand - good or bad.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Skiing, ski instructing, hiking, travel planning and travelling, numismatics, basketball, diving, I am a big enthusiast of anything related to cars.



## Anja Kadič

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences (Marketing Communications and PR)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

My group and I presented our marketing campaign to marketing, PR, and sales executives at Mercator, and received highly positive feedback.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Driven, curious, thoughtful, creative, ambitious.

### **What is your life motto?**

That dream was planted in your heart for a reason. Chase it. - In every decision I make, I listen to my intuition and take intentional steps toward my goals (small habits and big decisions), trusting that no dream is too big for the universe. When I encounter obstacles, I see them as signs that I simply need to grow as a person and learn something new. I never abandon my dreams, I adapt, explore new paths, and always keep moving forward.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I love fashion, Formula 1, cars, travelling, gym and running. I also participate in volunteer activities in different associations.



## Taja Križnar Starčič

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty (Microbiology)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

The ability to be open-minded enough to find a priceless life/business mentor that helps tackle life changing decisions and career development.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Responsible, empathetic, communicative, stubborn, solution-oriented.

### **What is your life motto?**

My personal motto is "Trust, but verify." In a world saturated with information, I've learned to listen attentively to those who are willing to share their expertise, while critically evaluating what I hear, addressing its relevance and value to my own context. I believe independent thinking is key to staying grounded and discerning, without losing respect for diverse perspectives. When something captures my interest, I actively explore it further, allowing me to internalize it more deeply and apply it with clarity and purpose.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Physical activity (Pilates, tennis, running), meeting new people, travelling, fine wines, experimental cooking, self-exploring.



## Lars Lenard

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Twente, Faculty of Behavioral, Management and Social Sciences (Psychology)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian and Italian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm proud of staying disciplined and consistent in my goals, especially through family struggles—and now seeing that efforts start to pay off.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Inquisitive, collaborative, innovative, driven, empathetic.

### **What is your life motto?**

I've learned to see value in everything, which has made me more curious and open to new ideas. Letting go of my earlier stubbornness helped me try things outside my comfort zone and discover what I truly enjoy. This mindset has made me more creative in solving problems, as even unusual ideas can lead to great results. I use this approach every day when facing challenges, always giving ideas a chance. I also saw how powerful this can be in group work at university—the best teams were always the ones that stayed open-minded and flexible.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Learning about the world and current affairs, travelling and exploring, photography and visual art. I am also a self-taught guitarist.



## Manca Levašič

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Marketing)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm proud of my exchange at Católica Lisbon, which challenged me to adapt, step out of my comfort zone, and connect with people from around the world.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Strong, organized, outgoing, resourceful, kind.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Take the risk or lose the chance." I first came across this quote in a contemporary art museum in Barcelona, just before starting my bachelor's at UL SEB. It stuck with me because I was going through a major shift. I had just left law school after realizing it wasn't the right fit. I missed working with numbers and wanted to study in a more international, dynamic environment. So, I took a risk and enrolled in the English track at UL SEB, and it turned out to be one of the best decisions I've made, as I quickly found a sense of belonging here. This quote still guides me in everyday situations, like when I hesitate to ask a question in class, when I want to express how I feel to someone but fear their reaction, or when I question whether something is worth my time or money. My proudest moments, such as studying abroad and moving alone to a new country, all came from living by this motto. I have become a braver and more open person because of it, and I am excited to keep following that instinct as new opportunities come.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy fitness, nutrition, swimming in the sea, traveling, meeting new people, and experimenting new recipes in the kitchen.



## Lara Mahkovec

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Marketing)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

**What is your proudest achievement?**

To successfully finish my double degree in France.

**Which words describe you best?**

Curious, hard-working, reliable, creative, flexible.

**What is your life motto?**

"Experience as much as you can and do not regret anything". I try to experience as much new things as I can to get the broadness and not get bored, having little challenges in everyday life.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

Horseback riding, travelling, listening to music.



## Maja Makorič

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** Southern Methodist University in Dallas (Supply Chain Management and Data Analytics)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm most proud of earning a scholarship to study in the USA through my tennis skills. This opportunity allowed me to pursue a degree, shaped my growth.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Active, supportive, loyal, reliable, motivated.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Embrace change and adapt." Life is full of change, and this motto encourages flexibility. I show this in many aspects of my life, particularly in tennis. The game often requires me to adjust my strategy based on my opponent's style, weather conditions, or unexpected challenges during a match. This constant adaptation mirrors how I embrace change in my personal and academic life, such as moving to the USA for college. Whether it's learning a new skill, taking on a new challenge, or adjusting to different environments, I believe in staying flexible and open to growth.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Playing tennis, hiking, skiing, and traveling, cooking, reading, crocheting, spending time with friends, camping, sailing.



## Jaka Marinšek

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Computer and Information Science (Computer and Information Science)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Currently ... creating an image generation model for a product in our family run business.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Curious, emphatic, calm, enthusiastic, ambitious.

### **What is your life motto?**

I don't have a motto yet, so I don't limit myself to much.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Photography, design, volunteering, skiing, running, sailing.



## Mark Mataruga

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Banking and Financial Management)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian and Croatian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm proud of my resilience - through tough, uncertain times, I always rise stronger, more focused, and committed to my goals.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Ambitious, authentic, curious, perfectionist, persistent and wise.

### **What is your life motto?**

I don't follow a specific life motto, but I try to live in a way that allows me to be proud of my actions, to stay true to myself, and to remain human - doing my best while treating others with respect and integrity.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I'm passionate about team sports, skiing, and perfumes - from collecting scents to exploring their composition and the business behind them.



## Aljoš Matičič

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (Research and Development Programme)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm most proud of working on the Formula Student project and helping turn the team into a well functioning, efficient unit.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Creative, extrovert, curious, reliable, practical.

### **What is your life motto?**

Anything above (a grade) 6 is wasted time. I value education, but believe we gain more from hands-on projects within our limited time.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I love being creative, but don't spend enough time on it. I'm into pottery, bonsai, cooking, film and golf. Currently I'm making my own skis.



## Matej Metelko

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Entrepreneurship)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I am proud of finishing a 64 km ultramarathon with 2700 m ascent, it took hard work, discipline and consistency.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Dedicated, fast-learning, team player, competitive, resilient.

### **What is your life motto?**

I don't have one specific life motto, but over past two years of doing endurance sports, I have adopted two of them: »Go one more! « and »Love the grind. « The first one reminds me to push past my limits, even when things get tough. The second encourages me to embrace the process, not just chase results. I now apply both in my everyday life not just sports.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy endurance sports, bouldering, karting, basketball, and solving business problems in hackathons and student projects.



## Alekса Milošević

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Banking and Financial Management)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

If I had to pick one of the more recent ones, it would be winning the Business Hive competition two times in a row.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Outgoing, resilient, tolerant, funny, and creative.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Words and ideas have the power to change the world." Choosing the right words at the right time can change someone's perspective. Hence, I always try to think about what I am going to say before saying it.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Theatre, public speaking, team sports, moto-sports.



## Matej Mivšek

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Money and Finance)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

From my recent achievements, I'm most proud of leading ŠSDMS as president (2023/2024) and working with top marketing talents from the region.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Driven, organiser, loving, curious, diligent.

### **What is your life motto?**

My life motto is a piece of Chinese wisdom: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." Whether in personal growth or professional work, I believe that now is always the right moment to act with intention and make progress.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Passionate about case-solving competitions, filmmaking and public speaking. I enjoy leading teams, creating impact, and exploring business issues.



## Rene Mohorič

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Money and Finance)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

The achievement I am most proud of is securing an Internship in Valuation Advisory at Kroll in Frankfurt and then having the opportunity to extend it based on my performance.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Curious, Resourceful, Persistent, Ambitious and Structured.

### **What is your life motto?**

Fail forward.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

My hobbies are guitar playing, spearfishing, sports (football, waterpolo, running), reading and watching movies.

My interests, on the other hand, are M&A, Private Equity, Strategic Management, Tax Optimization structures, Architecture and Military History.



## Jakob Pirš

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Money and Finance)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

My greatest achievement was being elected as the President of the Association of Student Clubs of Slovenia, where I represented over 50 clubs and led the organization of an event that welcomed over 21,000 visitors. Other important milestones were also being selected among the TOP 20 SEBLU students of 2021 and spending a semester abroad in Vienna.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Ambitious, responsible, organized, exact, self-initiative.

### **What is your life motto?**

Learn something new every day.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Photography, travel, hiking, reading, investing, working in local student club.



## Neža Podpeskar

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (International Business)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Co-authoring a paper that was presented at ICON•S in Madrid, been a TopEF member and earned top grades at BI Norwegian Business School.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Goal-oriented, responsible, problem solver, team player and optimistic.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Embrace the journey with curiosity, cherish moments with gratitude." I believe that there is always something new to learn and always something to cherish - even the little moments. I try to find joy in the everyday things, whether it's a kind word, a bouquet of flowers or a simple smile.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy organizing events, travelling, trying international cuisines, staying active through gym, running and volunteering.

# Kristijan Popovski

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Entrepreneurship)

**Nationality:**

Macedonian

## **What is your proudest achievement?**

My proudest achievement is not a single event or award — it's the journey I've built since the day I arrived in Slovenia. At 18, I left behind a stable and fulfilling life in North Macedonia, where I had graduated top of my generation and served twice as president of a high school student council of over 1.200 students. I had a clear path in student leadership, a strong support network, and a sense of belonging. But I chose instead to start over in a foreign country, in a system I didn't fully understand, studying economics without having a background in it. That decision — and everything that followed — is what I'm most proud of. The first year was difficult. I had to learn how to study in a completely new way, work to support myself financially, and start building new relationships from scratch. I balanced student life, part-time jobs, and the emotional toll of being far from home. But slowly, things began to shift — and I started finding ways not just to adapt, but to contribute. One of the most defining parts of my journey has been founding MSOS — the Macedonian Student Organisation in Slovenia. What started as a small initiative became the first formal support structure for Macedonian students in the diaspora, not just in Slovenia, but globally. We've grown into a respected organisation that works directly with ministries, ambassadors, and universities to address both individual and systemic challenges. More importantly, we've built a platform where other young people are now taking initiative, leading projects, and making their voices heard. Along the way, I've also had the chance to represent students on institutional bodies like the Student council of the School of Economics and Business, the Senate, and the University Student council, contributing to real decisions affecting academic life. Each step has been part of a longer process of becoming who I am today. This entire journey is what I consider my greatest achievement. Not because of any single milestone, but because I chose growth over comfort, and built a meaningful life from the ground up.

## **Which words describe you best?**

Resilient, curious, strategic, trustworthy, altruist.

## **What is your life motto?**

If there's one motto that truly defines how I live, lead, and support others, it's this: "Be the best version of yourself."

## **What are your hobbies and interests?**

In terms of hobbies and personal interests, I love spending time outdoors, especially walking or exploring new places in nature. I find it both grounding and energizing. I enjoy going to public events, conferences, and workshops, particularly those that bring together people who are trying to improve their communities or create something meaningful. I also enjoy discussing business ideas, watching TV shows or documentaries about the future and society, and having fun at a party or with friends. These moments, while simple, are often where I recharge and find new perspectives.



## Abby Prasetyo

**Year of birth:** 1999

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** Brawijaya University, Faculty of Cultural Studies (French Language & Literature)

**Nationality:**

Indonesian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

When I graduated for my Bachelor's, I'm the first in my family to do so. And seeing how proud my parents were just, it's something you can't buy.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Creative, curious, collaborative, compassionate, committed.

### **What is your life motto?**

Memento Mori. As morbid as it is, it's a good reminder for me to always ask myself, "Have I done my best today? Death is coming, is this the legacy you want to leave behind?". And it's also a good reminder that I have to live my life to the fullest before it all ends.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Ultimate Frisbee, backpacking to lesser known countries (e.g. Laos, Kyrgyzstan or North Cyprus), social justice and the outdoors.



## Pika Prinčič

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law (Law)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Authored a book chapter called "Legal Aspects of Setting Up a Supportive E-Environment for Stakeholders."

### **Which words describe you best?**

Curious, ambitious, analytical, adventurous, committed.

### **What is your life motto?**

I believe growth comes from curiosity — exploring new places, ideas, and challenges. To me, learning is a lifelong journey, and each experience, whether on a mountain trail or in a professional setting, offers a valuable new perspective.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy reading about history, business, and personal development. My hobbies are mostly sport-related, I love hiking, playing tennis, and skiing.



## Finnegan Jeremias Rachfahl

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Twente  
The Netherlands, Faculty of Behavioural, Management and  
Social Sciences (International Business)

**Nationality:**

German

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Successfully organising the booth and event at the ZP Europe Exhibition in Cologne for my previous Company (Pescheck).

### **Which words describe you best?**

Curious, analytical, independent, resilient, driven.

### **What is your life motto?**

Not really but the closest thing to it would be something like "It is what it is". I'm trying not to be negatively influenced by things out of my control because I think that it often drains a lot of energy and focus. Instead I aim everyday to make the best out of situations by focusing on what I can influence.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Interested in (geo)politics, history, technology & culture. I practice BJJ, kickboxing, go to the gym, and enjoy cooking or being outdoors.



## Ksenija Ristić

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Montenegro, Faculty of Economics (Economics)

**Nationality:**

Montenegrin

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm proud of gaining valuable professional experience early while completing my Bachelor's degree successfully and on time.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Detail-oriented, curious, reliable, creative, adaptable.

### **What is your life motto?**

My motto in life is: "Consistency is what turns ambition into achievement." I apply it by setting myself clear goals and making an effort every day - in my studies, at work and in my personal development. I structure complex goals into manageable tasks and work on them daily, always with the goal of progress, not perfection. This routine helps me to stay balanced and productive, steadily moving toward long-term goals. I believe that constant effort, even in small steps, really leads to progress.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I enjoy fitness, creative arts, scouting, travelling and learning through hands-on experiences and cultural exchange.



## Olivia Samsa

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Pharmacy (Cosmetology)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

**What is your proudest achievement?**

Recognizing my growth and being proud of the direction I'm heading.

**Which words describe you best?**

Outgoing, creative, disciplined, ambitious, fun.

**What is your life motto?**

Growth begins at the edge of your comfort zone.

**What are your hobbies and interests?**

Being active, traveling and learning German.



## Izabela Seršen

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Banking and Finance Management)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

My first solo trip to Singapore showed me I want to work in an international, dynamic environment and helped me grow personally and professionally.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Outgoing, proactive, energetic, hardworking, organized.

### **What is your life motto?**

Growth comes from stepping outside your comfort zone.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Traveling, exploring foreign cuisine, playing tennis, running, skiing, a lot of reading and trying to learn new languages.



## Jurij Sitar

**Year of birth:** 2004

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Computer Sciences (Computer systems and networks)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Preparing for and competing in the EuroSkills competition. I dedicated 6 months full-time to show my best.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Curious, well-read/worldly, competitive, talkative, understanding.

### **What is your life motto?**

Not all things worth doing are worth doing well. At any point in my life I have so many different obligations, personal projects and interests that I just can't complete all of them. I know I am capable of doing each of them very well, but not all of them. I value finishing a project - even if imperfect - over an obsession with perfection and never finishing.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Reading personal blogs, sci-fi novels. Tinkering with computers & electronics. Tutoring. Music.



## Adam Karol Siwek

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** Cracow's University of Economics (Business Management)

**Nationality:**

Polish

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Most probably landing my second corporate job. Without experience in that field and in the middle of last year of bachelor's I set my eyes on the IT industry, and made it.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Here's what came to my mind first: open-minded, eager to learn, collaborative, passionate, organised.

### **What is your life motto?**

I don't have a particular one, however I find a lot of peace in Japanese theories of self-improvement. Kaizen, Ikigai or Wabi-Sabi are my favourites, and I try to make use of them within my everyday life - whether it's building habits and routines, learning, training or anything else, I already know they're versatile and so far they helped me in becoming the best and calmest version of myself.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Sports, but besides I love public speaking too. I keep an eye on politics and finance, and I adore everything vintage - fashion, music, records etc.



## Ana Stajnko

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Money and Finance)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

One of my greatest achievements is contributing a chapter to a scientific publication that explored the intersection of law and economics, as well as serving as president of Top EF, generation 2022/23.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Energetic, communicative, strong-willed, detail-oriented, organized.

### **What is your life motto?**

My motto is You only live once. It reminds me not to worry too much about minor setbacks, to embrace new experiences without fear, and to live in a way that leaves no room for regrets. This also shapes the way I approach my career, as I am motivated to take initiative, make the most of opportunities, and pursue goals with determination and confidence.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

In my free time, I enjoy the gym, dancing, trying new foods, and reading about strategy and personal growth. I am also interested in psychology and global affairs, which help me understand people and the world better.



## Anna Suchanova

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** Prague University of Economics and Business (International Relations)

**Nationality:**

Czech

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Being a SKOK student club member, doing marketing and leading networking events like Business Cocktail, and practicing Aikido for over five years.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Reliable, resourceful, passionate, empathetic, communicative.

### **What is your life motto?**

I came across a statement, called seishi, during my years at aikido: "Pledge of the day (誓詞 - seishi): I promise to live today without anger, fear and sadness. Honestly, kindly and happily, with strength, courage and faith. I will fulfill my duties, ever conscious of human love and peace, as a true human being, all this I promise myself today." It embodies how one can start their day, making themselves this promise in the morning. This Seishi always reminds me to see each day as a fresh start. To smile, to have courage, to see the opportunities and not the obstacles, to be kind and empathetic towards others, and to be the best version of myself - in professional life as well as in personal. It reminds me that I am human, and to be human.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Exploring Japanese and Korean cuisine and culture, reading, and cooking. I practice Aikido and enjoy ballroom dancing. I'm a fan of Jackie Chan films.



## Matej Svetina

**Year of birth:** 2001

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Money and Finance)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Cannabis legalization advocacy, youth rights work nationally & internationally, founded an electronic music event brand, completed IB internship.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Hardworking, reliable, solution-oriented, outgoing, trustworthy.

### **What is your life motto?**

In a time of growing intolerance, my motto is: "Trust your fellow human to know what is best for themselves." I live by it through open-mindedness, empathy, and respect for others.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Investment Banking (M&A), Cannabis Advocacy, Youth & Student Politics, Event Organizing, Socializing, Football, Tennis.



## Sara Špajzar

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (International Business)

**Nationality:**  
Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I'm proud to have balanced working and contributing to our family business while also successfully completing my studies.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Hardworking, ambitious, creative, adaptable and collaborative.

### **What is your life motto?**

"Nothing in this world worth having comes easy." I live by this by staying dedicated and working hard, knowing that challenges are only steps toward my goals.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Traveling, cooking and tasting different cuisines, and playing tennis.



## Oleksandr Tyutyunnyk

**Year of birth:** 2003

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (International Business)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Founder of Slovenian Step by Step (1.5K+ users), European Kickboxing Champ '21, World Cup Winner '23, Taekwondo Vice Champ '24

### **Which words describe you best?**

Focused, driven, disciplined, strategic, competitive.

### **What is your life motto?**

“Discipline beats motivation.” I live by this through consistent training, running a startup, and balancing it all with full-time studies.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

Slovenia National Team athlete, startup founder, passionate about finance, geopolitics, sustainability, stock market and crypto.



## Jan Verovšek

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree & Specialization:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences (International Relations)

**Nationality:**

Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

Being elected Vice-President of the National Youth Council and contributing to the improvement of public policy for youth from all backgrounds.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Concrete, adaptable, creative, reliable, self-critical.

### **What is your life motto?**

Fortuna audaces iuvat. I believe that stepping out of my comfort zone, taking calculated risks and thinking big are crucial for my personal growth and for making a positive impact. This motto reminds me to stay bold even when things feel uncertain.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

When I have the time, I enjoy running and cycling. I also really like listening to policy-related podcasts.



## Vesna Vrtovec

**Year of birth:** 2002

**Undergraduate degree:** University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business (Marketing)

**Nationality:** Slovenian

### **What is your proudest achievement?**

I am most proud of volunteering to organise successful international events and children's retreats. But I would not be where I am without the priceless knowledge gained from studying at Stockholm Business School.

### **Which words describe you best?**

Driven, curious, organized, introverted and witty.

### **What is your life motto?**

Only fools despise discipline and wisdom.

### **What are your hobbies and interests?**

I am interested in swimming, watercolour painting and my club Management group where I represent the organisation to the IWCO.