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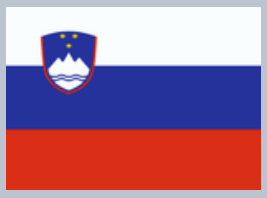
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Ariana Andoljšek

Year of birth: 2003

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, Academy of Fine Arts and Design (Visual communication design)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My education in Visual Communications Design has shaped me most by teaching me to approach problems through research, analysis, creativity, and continuous adaptation. It taught me to approach the solution through the needs of the people and context surrounding it.

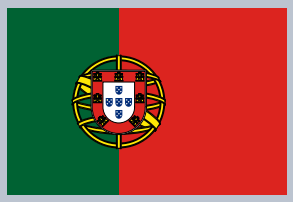
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain strong practical and theoretical knowledge about business and management, while developing my interpersonal, strategic and analytical skills. I look forward to building meaningful connections and friendships with people from diverse academic, cultural and professional backgrounds.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am looking forward to tackling complex business problems outside my existing area of expertise and learning to approach them from strategic, financial and organisational perspectives. I see this as an opportunity to become a more adaptable and well-rounded problem-solver, as well as to hone my teamwork skills.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to build a career at the intersection of business, marketing and creativity, eventually moving into a management or strategic marketing role. In the long term, I would like to take on leadership responsibilities in an international environment.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I successfully monetised my passion for Specialty Coffee. What started as a personal interest became an opportunity to turn my passion into a way of becoming part of a community of devoted and knowledgeable people, who elevate the coffee experience through hospitality, quality and care.





Laura Cristina Azinheiro Franco

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Portuguese

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Law taught me how to think critically and independently when it comes to problem solving. Also, throughout my bachelor's I developed strong determination and dedication. Finally, law made me see the value of education and the impact it has on society.

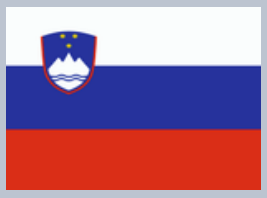
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
From the IMB experience I hope to gain a foundation in business, a picture of how companies operate, and the skills to be a valuable asset in the job market.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am looking forward to stepping out of my comfort zone, learn new topics related to company operations, and how the obtained knowledge can help me solve problems.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
After completing IMB, I am sure I will leave with strong knowledge and skills to be a valuable asset to a company. I expect to get a solid network and experiences to prepare me for the business environment in any part of the world.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I like adrenaline sports.





Nina Brinšek

Year of birth: 2003

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, School of economics and business (Accounting and auditing)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Group work, discipline, and adaptability have taught me how to cooperate with others, stay committed to my goals and adapt to different situations.

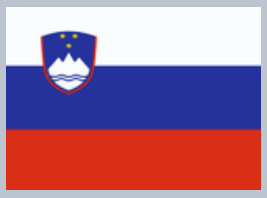
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to develop problem-solving, leadership, and critical-thinking skills while gaining a broader understanding of international business.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I'm looking forward to challenging myself in unfamiliar situations and finding effective solutions.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
After completing IMB, I hope to first gain experience working in international businesses and later use that experience to build and manage my own firm.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I tend to be quite reserved at first, but around people I'm comfortable with, I'm surprisingly talkative.





Žiga Cafuta

Year of birth: 2003

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, School of Economich and Business (Money and finance)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Definitely the economic and financial courses have influenced my understanding and interest in this world. One has shown me how to approach problems and how to seek the best possible outcome, while the other taught me about different financial institutions, policies, equity markets etc. dictate and shape the world around us. Together these two shaped me into being a very eager to learn and competitive person at the same time as to reach these heights I need to put the effort in and try and aim high.

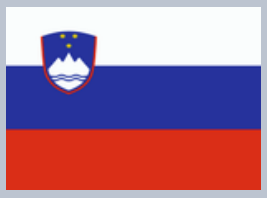
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I expect to further develop my project management, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills. One of the aspects that particularly attracts me is the opportunity to work on multiple projects with different teams throughout the year. Constantly adapting to new team members, working styles, and project requirements will strengthen my ability to collaborate effectively in diverse environments and quickly adjust to changing circumstances.
Additionally, I hope to deepen my strategic thinking and business analysis capabilities through real-world business projects and case-based learning.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
The different types of working styles, constant adjustments to working with different people. However, because of the intensity of the programme, this will help me become more resilient, improve my ability to perform under pressure, and enhance my time-management and prioritization skills.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I wish to enter the fields of consulting, in-house strategy or high financial industries and build my skills sets and experience to eventually reach a major role in a company and helping it shape its strategy and achieving the goals it sought out to achieve.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I was a basketball coach for kids ages 8-15.





Rok Čebron

Year of birth: 2002

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: New University, European Faculty of Law (Law)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
The problem solving mindset I developed while studying law has shaped me the most. It taught me to work hard, stay patient and approach complex problems step by step, with precision and from different perspectives. I also learned to ask others for input when something is unclear and to build clear, well structured arguments.

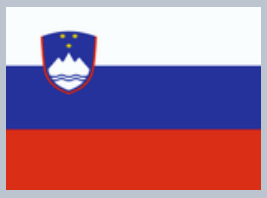
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain as much practical knowledge and real market insights as possible through IMB's connections with companies and guest speakers from the business world. I also want to apply the analytical approach I developed while studying law to real business problems.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
The challenge I am most looking forward to is adapting from the more rigid and theory based approach of law to the more practical and logical nature of economics and business. I am curious to see how I handle real business problems while also developing my teamwork skills by working with people from different backgrounds.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to work in an international company alongside forward-thinking people from around the world. I am especially drawn to people focused industries, such as real estate and consumer brands, where I could combine business with creativity and work on projects that have a real impact on people's everyday lives.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I hope to work in an international company alongside forward-thinking people from around the world. I am especially drawn to people focused industries, such as real estate and consumer brands, where I could combine business with creativity and work on projects that have a real impact on people's everyday lives.





Gašper Čulk

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Microelectronic.

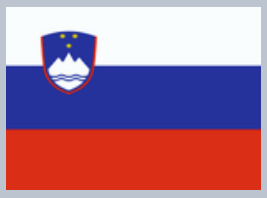
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
New perspectives on how the world works.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Everything is new, so I will start with microeconomics.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I am open to where it takes me. I'm going in blind.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I have been a scout for 15 years now.





Hana Durić

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Learning to work with different people, as it taught me to be more open-minded and adaptable.

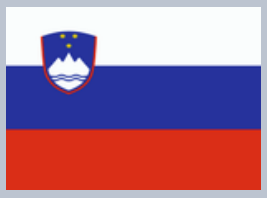
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
To develop strategic thinking, international business acumen, and leadership skills that complement my practical experience and entrepreneurial mindset.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I'm looking forward to stepping out of my comfort zone and taking on new challenges.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to build a successful career and eventually take on a leadership role.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I'm surprisingly good at remembering small details about people.





Jošt Fatur

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My Erasmus exchange to KU Leuven.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
Lifelong friendships.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I look forward to using the knowledge I have gained during my studies so far and applying it successfully to the various problems I will face.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I want to build my career abroad.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I speak Dutch.



Sophie Ann Freeman

Year of birth: 2004

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: Florida State University, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy (International Affairs)

Nationality: British

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Studying International Affairs has shaped the way I approach and understand problems. I enjoyed learning how political, economic and social factors interact, and how different countries and organisations can respond to the same challenges in very different ways.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to come out of IMB with a strong skillset that I can take into my career, but also a better understanding of myself and where my strengths lie. I want to learn as much from the people around me as I do from the programme itself, and leave feeling more confident in what I can bring to the workplace and where I want to go next.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I'm looking forward to the challenge of stepping into a more intensive business environment after studying International Affairs. I know there will be areas that are completely new to me, but I'm excited to push myself, build new knowledge and see how much I can grow through the programme.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I'd like my career to take me somewhere I can collaborate with people across different countries and do work I genuinely believe in. I'm open to different industries, as long as the work feels meaningful and gives me room to grow. I want to keep taking on more responsibility over time, with the eventual goal of moving into leadership.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I've been swimming competitively since I was eight, and I went to university in the US to compete as an NCAA Division I swimmer.





Samuel Jerome Handy

Year of birth: 2001

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Vermont (Russian Language and Political Sciences)

Nationality: American

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Discovering the social sciences like economics and political science opened my eyes to a new and different way of understanding the world and how people make decisions.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain the expertise that will propel me into a career in international trade and business.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I look forward to understanding and solving real-world problems that face businesses around the world.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to be working as part of a multinational team providing goods and services needed by people across the globe.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I can speak Nepali!





Filip Hlaveš

Year of birth: 2004

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: IMC Krems University of Applied Sciences (International business management)

Nationality: Czech

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My internship.

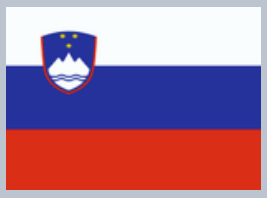
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
On hand experience.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Time management.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
To Red Bull.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I already studied in 3 different countries.





Paulina Horvat Zeilhofer

Year of birth: 2004

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: Vienna University of Economics and Business (Enterpreneurship & Innovation, Sustainability Reporting)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My studies at Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) shaped me most through spending three years abroad in a highly international environment. Working with people from around the world taught me to see problems from different perspectives and step outside my comfort zone. My exchange at LUISS Guido Carli in Rome deepened my international experience and passion for fashion, luxury and marketing. I also joined AIESEC WU and Mosaik, and co-founded Ladies That Lead WU. These experiences made me more independent, open-minded and confident in taking on new challenges.

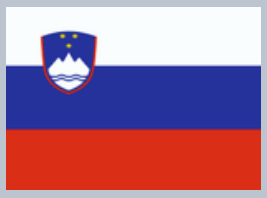
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
Practical experience, new perspectives and a strong professional network from IMB and I hope to become more connected to the Slovenian business environment while building relationships with ambitious people who will continue to inspire and challenge me beyond the programme.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Working on real business problems where there is no single right answer. I want to be pushed to make decisions under time pressure, tackle unfamiliar industries and topics, navigate different team dynamics, defend my ideas and adapt when they are challenged.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope my career will take me across different companies, industries and countries. After IMB, I want to build international experience in the fashion, luxury or sports industry, working at the intersection of marketing, strategy and innovation. In the long term, I want to combine this experience with my creativity and entrepreneurial drive to build my own marketing and strategy agency, helping Slovenian and international companies grow and scale.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I spent 12 years competing internationally in Acrobatic Rock and Roll, becoming five-time Slovenian national champion, won World Cup and reached 3rd place in the world ranking.





Domen Humar

Year of birth: 2002

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Combining a demanding law degree with real legal work at several firms at the same time. It forced me to apply theory immediately instead of just memorizing it.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
A practical business mindset to go with my legal one, a network that spans industries and countries, and the confidence to eventually build something of my own.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Running two demanding programmes in parallel, and learning to think like a founder, a manager, not just a lawyer, in the process.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
Into entrepreneurship abroad. Long-term, I'd like to bring that experience back and eventually try new ventures in Slovenia.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
Even after finishing my law degree, I still mix up the Council of the EU, the European Council, and the Council of Europe.





Lea Janachkovska

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Macedonian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
During my academic years at SEB LU, I was constantly surrounded by an international environment, both through the people I met from all corners of the world and through my own experiences of living in some of those places myself. Each new country, culture and community introduced me to a different way of thinking, studying and living. I got to see the different academic and social systems, but more importantly, I learned how to adapt. With every move, I became more open to what was unfamiliar. I learned to welcome what stood in front of me instead of resisting it simply because it was different. New places stopped feeling like obstacles I had to overcome and became opportunities to discover another way of seeing the world and in many ways, another part of myself.

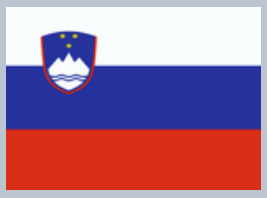
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain people, ideas and experiences that will stay with me far beyond these nine months. I want to meet people I may one day build something with, call for advice, exchange ideas with or simply keep in my life as friends. I hope to leave IMB with more questions, more inspiration, more ideas and a much wider sense of what is possible for me.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I'm really looking forward to working with people who think differently from me. Simply because our minds work in such different ways. I also see it as a chance to prepare myself for the future, because throughout life I will meet and work with a variety of people and I want to learn how to understand them, communicate with them and find common ground.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
My ultimate goal is to build my own creative agency. After IMB, I hope to work with people who are already doing the kind of work I want to grow into, building brands, shaping ideas and turning strategy into something people can actually see and feel. I want to be in the room where ideas are challenged, developed and sometimes completely changed.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
8 years in the gym. Still waiting for the part where I start enjoying cardio...





Ana Jazbec

Year of birth: 2004

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My exchange semester at NOVA SBE had the greatest impact on both my academic and personal growth. Studying in an international environment taught me to look at business challenges from different perspectives, become more adaptable, open-minded, and connect academic knowledge with real-life challenges.

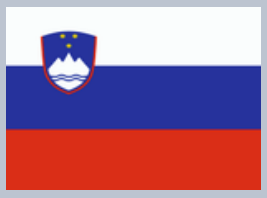
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
New perspectives and a better understanding of where my strengths and interests can take me are some of the things I value most. Through IMB, I would like to further develop my strategic thinking, decision-making, and leadership skills, while also building meaningful connections and growing both professionally and personally.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I'm looking forward to stepping outside my comfort zone, taking on unfamiliar business challenges, and learning how to make confident decisions even when there is no obvious right answer. After all, fortune favors the bold.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
Working in an international environment, exploring different markets, and collaborating with people from diverse backgrounds are opportunities that really appeal to me. I would like to build a career that allows me to grow through new challenges, both at home and abroad.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I used to compete professionally in Latin American and Standard ballroom dancing.





Eva Jenko

Year of birth: 2004

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Studying marketing has taught me to always think from the audience's perspective and ask myself, "What's in it for them?" Through presentations, I also learned how important it is to communicate ideas in a way that captures attention and creates interest.

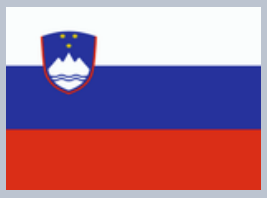
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope the IMB experience will push me to grow, learn from new challenges and expand the way I think. I also want to develop a broader understanding of business and discover where I can make the most of my strengths.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I'm looking forward to tackling real business challenges and learning how to make good decisions even when there is no clear right answer.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope my career will take me to a position where I can lead projects, take on responsibility and turn ideas into successful outcomes, while still staying open to different industries and opportunities.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I used to train ballroom dancing for several years.





Klemen Jakob Kastrevc

Year of birth: 2003

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Electrical Engineering (Automation)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Intense and rigorous problem solving.

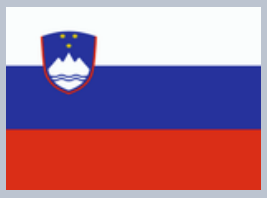
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain a solid business foundation, a new way of thinking about organizations and strategy, and a network of driven, international peers. Beyond knowledge, I want to develop the confidence to operate effectively outside my technical comfort zone.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am most looking forward to working on real business cases. Coming from an engineering background, I have solved many technical problems, but applying that same structured thinking to real organizational and business challenges is something I have not yet had the chance to do, and that is exactly what excites me most.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to move into product management or a business development role, ideally in a technology-driven company. Long-term, I want to be in a position where I can bridge the technical and business sides of an organization, contributing not just as an engineer, but as someone who understands the bigger picture.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I play the trumpet and, perhaps more unexpectedly, I am an avid viticulturist — I actively tend to vineyards and have a deep appreciation for the craft of winemaking.





Nike Kozamernik

Year of birth: 2004

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Several experiences throughout my academic journey have shaped me into the person I am today. Above all, participating in case study competitions has strengthened my strategic and creative thinking, taught me how to collaborate effectively, and improved my ability to perform under pressure. Studying abroad at WU Vienna and Trent College has also played an important role in my development, helping me become more independent, adaptable, and confident in multicultural environments.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
Through the IMB experience, I hope to gain valuable knowledge while further developing my critical-thinking and problem-solving skills through real-world case studies and insights from experienced industry professionals. I would also like to strengthen my negotiation skills and deepen my knowledge of finance. Finally, I hope to meet ambitious and interesting individuals with different perspectives and experiences, from whom I can learn a lot.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am looking forward to tackling complex, real-world business challenges that will require me to apply newly acquired knowledge and think beyond familiar perspectives. I am particularly excited about working on the research project and presenting our findings at the business conference, as this will challenge me to collaborate effectively and confidently communicate findings to a professional audience.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
After completing the IMB programme, I hope to begin my career in an international corporate role abroad..

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I competed as an apline ski racer for 9 years.



Sophia Längauer

Year of birth: 2004

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: IMC Krems University of Applied Sciences (Tourism and Leisure Management)

Nationality: Austrian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My internship in an international environment in Ibiza, Spain.

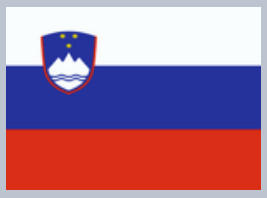
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I am hoping to gain multicultural experiences as well as more detailed insights into the different business industries.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
A challenge I am looking forward to tackling is the large workload of the programme.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I am hoping to work in an international company with multicultural clients, preferably in Marketing or Event Management.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
Slovenia is the fourth country I have lived in in my life.





Jakob Marn

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Financial and Economist subjects.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
To acquire quality connections aswell as new skills which are crucial for international business.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Successful working in groups and completing different cases and projects.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I am hoping to enter a company that specializes in motorworks or something similar.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I completed voluntary military service.





Anja Miletić

Year of birth: 2004

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences (Human resource management)

Nationality: Serbian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
I was able to focus on what i was most interested in, which in my case, was leveraging human resource potential within the dynamic European business environment, with a strong emphasis on the startup scene.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain practical skills and strategic insights to navigate complex business environments. Equally important, I want to immerse myself in a community of like-minded, ambitious individuals who will challenge and inspire me to grow.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am most excited to learn more about finance and business mathematics.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope I will start my career as a management consultant.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I wrote my first book when I was 17 years old and have since completed three more. I am now in the process of preparing my debut novel for publication.





Joshua William Moolman

Year of birth: 2003
Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences (Defence Studies)

Nationality: British

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My specialisation in Defence where I came to understand how an industry moves throughout time and different political movements.

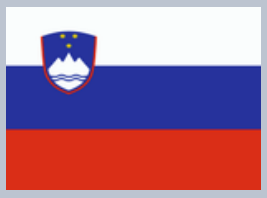
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
Real life knowledge which I will be able to use in my career & a good circle of connections.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am looking forward to the NLB project.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
In general political economics. More specifically the defence industry, M&A or lobbying.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I enjoy sports and rugby is a big part of my life and I'm proud to be apart of the Slovenian national rugby team.





Liša Mujagić

Year of birth: 2004

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Studying in an international environment has probably shaped me the most. From studying in English to spending semesters in Lisbon and Bratislava, I have constantly been surrounded by people who think, work and see the world differently. It taught me that there is rarely just one good way of doing something, and that the best ideas usually come from different perspectives coming together.

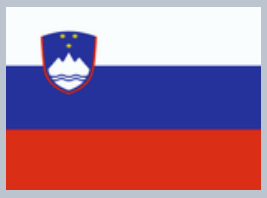
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
New ideas, new people and probably a few moments of "I never thought about it that way." I want IMB to challenge my assumptions, expand my network and give me experiences that stay with me long after graduation.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
The kind where there is no perfect answer. I enjoy situations where you have to take a messy problem, bring different people and perspectives together and somehow turn it into something that actually works. I am especially looking forward to being put in situations where I have to rethink my first instinct.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
Somewhere that keeps me moving. I see myself working internationally, leading people and projects and being involved in work that has a visible impact. I do not have one specific job title in mind yet, and honestly, I like it that way. I want to build a career around the things I know I enjoy: people, challenges, responsibility and making things happen.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
For the past four years, I have spent my summers working in places like Greece, Budva and Spain, and my winters in destinations like Belgrade and the French Alps. My "workplace" changes with the season, the people around me change constantly, and I somehow still love it.





Marko Perger

Year of birth: 2002

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

Nationality: Slovenian

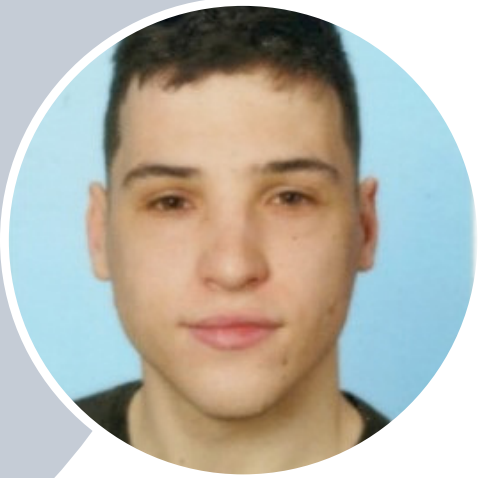
What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Doing exchanges at NUS Singapore and WU Vienna back to back reshaped how I see business — I went from studying markets on a slide to sitting in classrooms with people who'd grown up inside them. It's the reason I don't default to a Slovenian or European frame when I think about a problem anymore.

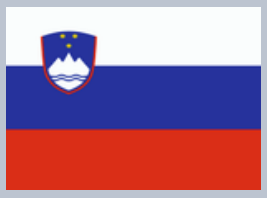
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
A real test of how I handle pressure and ambiguity when a team's work is on the line, not just my own, and a group of people I'd still trust to call for advice years from now. I'm also hoping it sharpens how I think about business generally — less from a textbook angle, more from actually having to make a call and live with it.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Being pushed into a room with people from completely different academic backgrounds and having to actually convince them, not just present at them — no shared vocabulary to fall back on. On top of that, balancing the programme's intensity with working part-time on the side, which I know is the combination that trips people up most.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
Somewhere in finance, ideally abroad for a stretch, before eventually coming back to Slovenia.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I've booked one-way flights more than once without a plan for what happens after landing.





Mark Reven

Year of birth: 2001

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Primorska, Faculty of Management (Management)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My exchange semester at NEOMA Business School in France shaped me the most. Studying abroad pushed me out of my comfort zone, made me more independent and adaptable, and exposed me to different cultures and perspectives. It also strengthened my interest in international business and working in diverse environments.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I want to build a strong network, form lifelong friendships and business relationships, and create opportunities that can open many doors throughout my career. I hope to become a more capable, confident, and well-rounded. I want to sharpen my analytical and decision-making skills, and gain practical experience.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am looking forward to challenging myself with the programme's demanding workload and improving my time-management skills. I also want to learn how to perform effectively in teams with ambitious and highly capable people.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to build a successful career in finance, ideally in an international environment, and gradually move into a strategic or leadership role.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I have a twin brother.





Dylan Michael Rinehart

Year of birth: 1997

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Spanish)

Nationality: American

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
During my undergraduate studies, I had the opportunity to participate in two semester-long student exchanges in both Spain and Puerto Rico. I loved the excitement and challenges that comes with exploring new places and cultures. These experiences helped broaden my perspective and form many cross-cultural friendships that I cherish to this day.

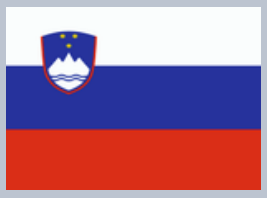
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
In addition to the knowledge and skills gained in the classroom, I hope to form lasting professional relationships with my classmates and professors.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am excited to adapt to life in Slovenia. I expect many instances of culture shock at first, but I intend to approach these moments with curiosity and a growth mindset. I look forward to learning the Slovenian language and its customs.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I think the awesome thing about IMB is the wide range of career opportunities available to its graduates. Ideally, I would like a role that would enable me to travel and help businesses grow globally.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I ran with the bulls in Pamplona!





Žan Rupnik

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My bachelor's studies gave me a broad understanding of business, but I was especially drawn to management, entrepreneurship, and international business. They made me realize that I am most interested in how businesses are run, how decisions are made, and how people are managed.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain new knowledge and practical experience, become better at leading and working with people, and learn from real business examples. I also hope to meet ambitious people, build strong connections and learn from different perspectives.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am looking forward to stepping outside my comfort zone, taking on challenging projects, working with different people, and becoming more confident with presentations.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to build my career in a large international company, grow into a management role, and gain valuable experience that could help me start my own business later in life.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
One of my hobbies is spearfishing.





Maximilian Slabbert

Year of birth: 2002

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: Budapest University of Economics and Business (Business Administration and Management)

Nationality: German

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Towards the end of high school, I very quickly came to the realisation that I did not want fulfil my higher education studies in South Africa. That realisation led me to Hungary, where I completed my undergraduate degree and now, participating in the IMB programme. It was easily the best decision I could have made and the greatest turning point for my academic career.

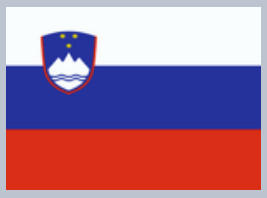
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
Completing my undergraduate studies abroad was the most incredible experience. I hope within the IMB programme I will be able develop strong friendships as before while also challenging myself at the even higher educational standards.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am somebody who always prefers to work alone as it allows me to take complete responsibility of my outcomes. I do welcome the opportunity of group projects as I hope it will help me develop better teamwork capabilities and develop professional relationships.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
At the moment, I am undecided of my future career path. While I may continue with my current trajectory, I am equally to discover what other opportunities will emerge through the IMB programme. For now I will just have to wait and see what happens.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I am a German National, yet I was born, raised and spent the majority my life living in South Africa. As a result, I can speak Afrikaans and English fluently. I currently am using my time in Europe to better my German and travel as often as possible.





Lovro Smrekar

Year of birth: 2002

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences (Journalism)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
Practical work in broadcast television journalism at POP TV, during my internship period.

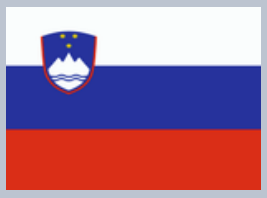
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain a strong understanding of how corporate businesses operate, develop knowledge and skills useful for consulting, and build the entrepreneurial skills needed to start my own business.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I am looking forward to challenge myself in the programme's intense and highly ambitious focused environment, while developing my skills in statistics.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope to start my career in corporate consulting, with the long term goal of either starting my own business or a managerial role in a large multinational company.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
At age 12, I wrote and illustrated my own comic book, which was released by a publishing house.





Gaja Stegovec

Year of birth: 2002

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts (Ethnology and cultural Anthropology / Sociology)

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My academic background trained me to hold two scales at once: the broad, structural view of how societies and systems work, and the close-up view of the individual person navigating them. What that combination really gave me is a resistance to easy answers. I've learned that nothing is black and white. People's choices and the situations they're in usually come with layers of grey rather than a clean explanation, and once you get comfortable with that, you start understanding both people and social dynamics more clearly.

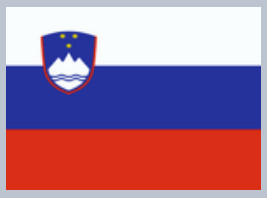
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain solid knowledge of management and business, and to build on that through real, hands-on projects rather than just theory. What matters most to me is being able to take what I learn and actually put it into practice.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Coming from a social sciences background, I'm looking forward to tackling the more analytical and structured side of business, things like finance, strategy, and project management, that I haven't had much formal training in. It's a different way of thinking than what I'm used to, and I see that as a good challenge rather than a weakness to work around.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
After IMB, I'd like to work abroad for a while, somewhere in Europe, and stay in creative, business-oriented work.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I'm a bit of an adrenaline junkie. I've been doing extreme sports since I was a teenager, windsurfing, surfing, skydiving. I enjoy putting myself out of my comfort zone.





Lovro Strasberger

Year of birth: 2002

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

Nationality: Slovenian

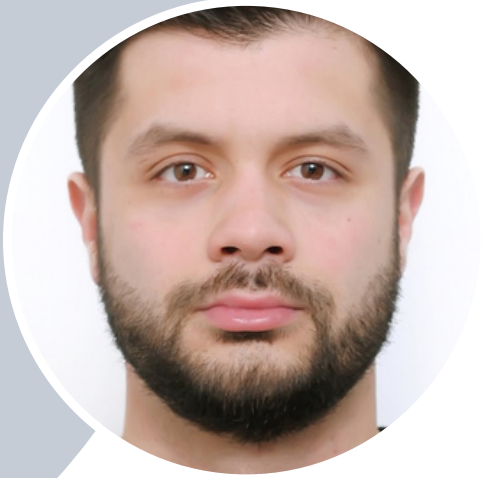
What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My science studies taught me precision and how to solve problems step by step. They also taught me how to study under pressure and manage my time well.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
Confidence to lead teams and make better strategic decisions, backed by a solid understanding of finance. I also hope to make friends and contacts from all over the world.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Learning economics subjects that are new to me. I also look forward to teamwork, debating, and speaking up with new ideas in the moment, even when it pushes me out of my comfort zone.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I'm not sure yet, and I'm open to where the programme takes me. Maybe the business side of the pharma industry, or maybe even starting my own company. Who knows?

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
IMB is my second master's degree. My first was in Industrial Pharmacy at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Ljubljana. My friends know me as someone who always says yes to new things, because I feel bad if I miss out on anything. I'm a huge sports guy, and there is no sport I wouldn't try. I trained skiing professionally, and in my free time I travel to kitesurf. I can't stay at home for long.





Igor Tashkovski

Year of birth: 1996

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” (Management)

Nationality: Macedonian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My academic background taught me to look at business from a broad management perspective, but it was the combination of theory, international projects and opening my own company during my studies where I could put the theory in practice. Additionally, participating in many programmes especially through the Erasmus+ and interacting with people from different countries and backgrounds taught me to see the world from different perspectives.

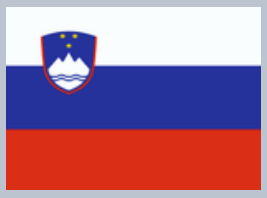
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
The IMB experience will give me broader perspective.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I want to challenge my own way of thinking, learn from others and see how well Ican adapt when faced with unfamiliar problems and perspectives.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I want to build an international career in commercial management or business development. In the long term, I see myself combining corporate leadership with entrepreneurship and building my own business.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I really enjoy hiking, exploring new places and being in nature. One of my life goals is to visit all UNESCO natural heritage sites.





Rok Tretjak

Year of birth: 2002

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
The aspect that has shaped me the most has been my involvement in legal competitions, both domestic and international. Through competing and later coaching younger competitors, I gained a completely new perspective on what it actually takes to succeed, and forged friendships with fascinating people from around the world.

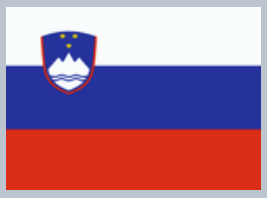
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to gain valuable experience in business and economics, while also meeting fellow like-minded students from various fields and nationalities, and hopefully building connections that will last a lifetime.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
Stepping outside my previous field of study and adapting to a new way of thinking will be the biggest challenge, but also one I'm looking forward to most.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope that after completing the IMB, I will be able to embark on a career where I both practice law and work on legal tech and AI solutions that help transform the field.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
Few people would guess it, but I make an excellent bowl of chili.





Miha Tukarić

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
My Erasmus exchange in Warsaw shaped me the most by pushing me out of my comfort zone and teaching me how to adapt to a completely new environment.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to connect with people who share the same mindset and drive for business, building a strong network and lifelong friendships along the way.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I'm really looking forward to diving into the company projects and figuring out how to turn business theory into actual, working solutions.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
To the international workspace.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I've never been on Triglav.





Ante Vuković

Year of birth: 2003

Undergraduate degree & Specialization: Rochester Institute of Technology (International Business)

Nationality: Croatian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
A course in which I had to think of business ideas that are feasible and have a competitive edge.

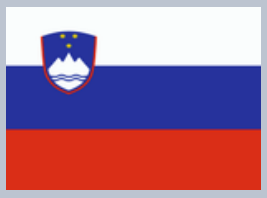
What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
I hope to improve my problem-solving skills, critical thinking and become more independent.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I look forward to tackling real-world problems assigned by companies.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
Into the entrepreneurial territory.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
I have visited Slovenia so many times that I have lost count.





Kely Zakelšek

Year of birth: 2003

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

Nationality: Slovenian

What aspect of your academic background has shaped you the most?
One of the decisions that has shaped me the most was choosing a different direction in my education. After graduating from healthcare as a golden graduate, I realised that continuing on the same path did not align with the career I envisioned for myself. I therefore took a chance on the matriculation course, becoming one of the few who both enrolled and completed it. The experience was challenging and required a great deal of discipline, resilience, persistence and independent work.

What do you hope to gain from the IMB experience?
A stronger business knowledge, more comprehensive and practical set of skills and a deeper understanding of how companies are managed. At the same time, I see the international community and alumni network as great opportunities to build meaningful relationships and learn from people with different experiences and perspectives.

What challenge are you looking forward to tackling during the programme?
I look forward to developing my ability to collaborate with people who have different perspectives, experiences, and approaches to problem-solving, applying theory to real business challenges, and, lastly, becoming more confident in presentations, teamwork and communicating ideas in an international environment.

Where do you hope your career will take you after completing IMB?
I hope IMB will provide me with the knowledge, international perspective and network to build a meaningful career in an international business environment. I am still open-minded about the exact direction, as I see the programme as an opportunity to explore where my strengths and interests can create the most value.

What is one fact about you that your classmates might be surprised to learn?
It may come as a surprise to others that I am a tech enthusiast who enjoys programming in my free time, using technologies such as Python, JavaScript, HTML, and CSS, among others.