



ACE HARRY

Year 45/2020, Canada-BC

Student Profile

Roommates – Countries of Representation: Paraguay, Kenya, Singapore

Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) Activities: Pearson Dancers, Choir, Orchestra

Annika (‘Ace’) Harry is a first-year Pearson College student from Powell River, BC who is a member of the Tla’amen First Nation. Ace is a highly intelligent and motivated student, a leader and independent thinker, and a talented pianist who has nearly completed the Royal Conservatory of Music program.

She was motivated to apply to the United World Colleges because of our mission of using education as a force to unite peoples, nations, and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. This vision immediately resonated with her and given the state of her home community and the world environment, she couldn’t imagine not participating in such a movement.

Ace’s first-year studies include courses in Global Politics, French Ab Initio, higher-level Biology, Mathematics, English Language and Literature, History, and Theory of Knowledge. She is currently most inspired by her History class; she has always enjoyed learning about history on her own, but the traditional classroom lessons of memorizing dates and names were not engaging. Here at Pearson, however, she appreciates the emphasis on critical thinking, asking ‘why?’ and analyzing events of the past from multiple perspectives.

Ace’s favourite aspect of campus life so far is the people that make up the Pearson community. She says, “Both the students and the teachers are everything I expected from a school so focused on intentional diversity. The hundreds of different opinions, upbringings, and general culture are an amazing thing to experience. So far, I’ve spent my whole life in a small city in British Columbia, surrounded only by my First Nations community and my Canadian community, feeling constantly a little bit out of place in both. To come here and experience a small piece of a much bigger world, a much bigger community, has been fantastic.”