

New insights to my vision...

(present and future reflection)

Innovation studies, hmm, a year ago I would not thought I would have been doing this study. It has helped me broaden my vision a tiny bit more. For example, I knew I would like to work in the Tourism industry, but now I will be adding the making of innovative packages for different target groups to my plan. An idea I also been thinking about is new and different (innovative) concepts within this sector. It is such a broad study, as oppose to specializing in one field. The reason why I say its broad is due to the fact that every single company, business and organization needs innovation. Even if you own a janitor business, in order for it to succeed it needs to be different or atleast has a factor that the competitors does not have.

It may just be the first week, but classes such as “What’s in my backpack”, “Thinking and Reasoning and “Information Skills” is helping me developed more insights to my goal and how I can achieve them. A student, especially a student studying away from home may need motivation from time to time. Unfortunately barely any study programmes offers classes that provides this, but IBIS does. The class “What’s in my backpack” does gives motivation in my opinion. It’s inspirational and motivational, makes a student feel that they should chase their dreams and make sure have a career they’re pleased with.

I’m young and my vision can always change, the future is untold. That’s why I am going to pursue this degree, not only because I can work anywhere or in every sector. Also, there’s the opportunity to help lower class people. Which is the ___ of the programme,that I also like and there’s the business side. Something I would like to do in the future is to help St.Maarten in the improvement of several sectors that effect the lower class people.

(time to reflect back)

Four years ago is when my journey started, I moved to The Netherlands pursue the programme of Social Worker/Community Worker. Successfully I obtained my advance diploma in this field. In my last year something clicked in my mind. As I thought about what I am going to do after this, I said to myself “I’m only 19, I don’t want to work”. I made the decision to pursue my bachelors, which was actually always the plan. As usual plans change, that’s why the future is untold. During my studies I wanted to pursue a bachelors in the healthcare ___, but I was really done with

studying Dutch and done with studying in a environment that I do not consider multicultural. The Dutch language was always a struggle for me, when it came to presentation or written assignments. Being that it is t my native language, but my second. I wanted to study in an international environment wand I pursued that, like I did/do with everything I put my mind to. The Tourism international programme was the only English thought study that I found interesting at the time. Although I was one of the best students, I was also a student that did not like studying 10 chapters for a written exam. The motivation was definitely not there, I'm more of a person that enjoys written assignments and presenting what I learn, also through other practical methods. This is how the ___ stays in my memory. With a written exam I usually forget a lot after and only remember the information of some sort if someone brings it up. A day after after exams, I was sitting with some friends having drinks and finger food at the Campus. The friend of my friend joined us, she heard how stress we were and how tough it is. Her response was "Wow, I thought my study was rough, but hearing you guys now, make me feel like my own is way easier without exams". I said "What you mean without exams" and that's how I got introduce to IBIS. Remember, the future is untold!