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Letter of Invitation for High School Students

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Rotaract Club of Vancouver, I invite you to DiscoverME: Pathways to Success, our 9th Annual Professional Development Conference. We are a non-profit club with close ties to the Rotary Club of Vancouver. Most of our community projects are done on behalf of the Downtown Eastside community and we dedicate ourselves to making a difference in Vancouver. Our club also believes in the importance of empowering youth and giving them the tools to lead a successful future. We hope to help youth establish themselves as well-rounded leaders.

Our conference will teach lessons about passion, teamwork and leadership. We are hosting speakers and workshops to help students find their passion and be powerful leaders. Our goal is to equip students with tools to help them find their place in the world, regardless of their interests.

Aaron Bailey (AMS President, UBC) – Aaron is the President of the AMS of UBC. He is a 5th year Science student with a track record for student leadership. Aaron has been President and Senator for the Science Undergraduate Society. He has many lessons to share about how to be a good, likable leader and how to make an impact in the community.

Scott Murray (Senior Advisor, EY) – Scott is a Senior Advisor at EY Vancouver. He is a consultant working to cultivate innovative ideas across EY's Canadian practices. At 30 years,

Scott found this position by chasing his passion and creating his own position at EY. He will be sharing his journey, meant to inspire students to chase what they love.

Anushka Kurian (President, Interact Club Hugh Boyd) – Anushka is the President of Hugh Boyd's Interact Club. She is a Loran Finalist and a TEDx Granville speaker. Anushka is a youth journalist and humanitarian who believes in the power of self-love. She will be talking about the ties between her definition of success and the value of self-love.

After each speaker, we will be hosting workshops. The purpose of this is to give students take-away items that they can look back on in the future. Currently, we have:

Action Plan (Marina Jenkins) – Action Plan is a workshop meant to help students achieve non-academic lifestyle goals. We want to emphasize the importance of self, on how one's is lived and what makes them happy. Aaron may be joining Marina for this workshop.

Pass-Your-Passion (Scott Murray) – This workshop will help students find their passion, using a format that has been used with top consultants at EY. His approach will dig into the students' past, using their stories and influences to construct their passion.

One more speaker and workshop is planned, but we do not have anything confirmed for this yet. They should focus on discipline, leadership and teamwork, and we are currently reaching out to the Vancouver Police Department for a police officer to attend our event.

We will also be inviting Rotaractors to provide attendees with potential mentorship opportunities. Finally, we are looking for student volunteers to help spread the word and give their input on what they would like to see in our conference this year.

Who can attend?

Students from Grade 10 to Grade 12 in the Lower Mainland. Because the spots are limited, we have a maximum capacity of 80 attendees. Please register as soon as possible, links are below.

Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1657497227834346/>

RSVP Link: <https://discoverme-vancouver.eventbrite.ca/>

When/where is the event?

The event will be held at UBC and the room will be announced soon. Please register to receive an e-mail update. Volunteers will be on campus to guide you to the room and a map will be provided.

Registration will begin at 12:30 PM and the event will end at 5 PM.

What can you do to help promote our event?

We would appreciate it if you let all of your students know, especially those in leadership groups. It would also be helpful if you mentioned our event to fellow school administration within the district.

If you'd like for us to give a short talk, please let us know by e-mail (pdrotaract@gmail.com). We will set up a time for one of our committee members to visit or have a Skype call with your students.

For more information, please contact us at any time by e-mail (pdrotaract@gmail.com).

Sincerely,
Steven Zhang and Team

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