Aly:

Alright, so last question about your undergraduate career.

What was the most beneficial thing you learned during undergrad at Waterloo?

Vitu:

The most beneficial thing I learned during my undergrad.

I mean, there's so many things and there are things that I learned post undergrad that I wish I spent more time on in undergrad too. So I feel like I'm just I'm just like really like one I could speak to that second one first.

I wish I cared more about school when I was in school like I think I did, you know, get you know, good enough grades to open up opportunities, I guess I'm speaking like particular to the math classes and the finance classes. I sort of like, you know, my approach to school was just, get the grades and I'll let co-op educate me on like the things that I really want to learn and you know, what you don't realize at the time is there are all these unknown unknowns that will emerge in the future, and these things that you could have learned in the past or I guess, for current students you could be learning now.

Even if you don't think it's viable now, there's a really good chance it'll be valuable in the future, and there's a part of me that wishes now, like focus a bit more on my stats classes and my finance classes, because it may have opened other doors or opportunities that I don't have access to today or at the very least, it could make me more effective in my job.

But in terms of things that I learned while I was in school. I think I'll also come up with two things. Through my coop experiences, I learned like how to be a professional in the working world, but like the real thing that I that I learned you know through first-hand experience was the importance of attention to detail.

I think you know in the school world you know, because the things that we're learning or harder, you know there's more room to make mistakes in the professional world, generally speaking. I actually found that conceptually things were a little bit easier than what you learned in school, but the trade-off there is, you know there's a really high bar for getting things done correctly. So I was someone who trusted myself through school to like, be smart enough to figure out all the advanced concepts, and I let myself make a really mistakes on exams on assignments. I've had to learn through several Co-op terms and even a little bit after graduating. How to really have attention to detail and avoid those kinds of silly mistakes because the working world is a little bit different than the academic world in that sense.

I think the finance concepts, probably were the concepts that most that I found to be most interesting and informative.

If you asked me a couple of years ago, I would have said the like strategy class because I was working in strategy consulting, but I think, that the advanced corporate finance classes where you're thinking about how to value companies, and like the financial statement analysis classes, we're doing that too like those classes are a crystallization of everything that you've learned in business coming together and being able to think about businesses, and even like non business enterprises through those lenses of like you know, one of the cash flows coming in strategically,

what are the variables that are influenced by what I believe about this industry you know it's those kinds of classes that where everything comes together. If you really do a good job and focusing on those classes, you just you train yourself to think about businesses in a big picture wet and I think I learned a lot from that.