

## Testimonial Letter

To Whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure and limitless pride that I present to you the greatest UGDSB leadership development program: Beyond Borders. Established in 2012 by Mike Parsons, Beyond Borders offers active, involved and community minded Grade 12's the opportunity to expand their learning of Business Management, English, International Business, Advanced Functions and Leadership with a focus on globalization, technology and social responsibility. Today I am advocating to save Beyond Borders because Beyond Borders saved me.

The Beyond Borders program came to me late Grade 11 when I needed a miracle. I had fallen out of love with school and lost all confidence in my abilities. I had forgotten what it felt like to feel like I was a part of something. I didn't know much about the program when I applied. All I knew was that a couple of my new friends were already a part of it, and that I would be away from Ross for the fall semester of my senior year. It sounded like a terrifying unknown and a huge risk that just might be my miracle.

Little did I know that my Beyond Borders experience would be much more than that. Every day has been a new adventure and I'm always learning. Camp Tawingo taught me that everyone has a story behind their courage and bravery. Hogwarts challenges have taught me that when we work together as a team, we can set records that are out of this world. New York taught me that everyone has a dream and together we can make our dreams come true. Before Beyond Borders I was always afraid to jump because I was too fearful of the fall. But now, jumping doesn't seem so scary, because as a BB alumni, I think I just might fly.  
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