



KFA Open the Doors Campaign

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HIGH SCORE: Reach all new levels of achievement with a great education!

3... 2... 1... Go! It's time to **start your education journey.**

Through this piece, "*Start Your Education Journey*", I wanted to communicate some of the amazing skills I feel were developed and refined during my time at KPU; skills that I feel every student has the chance to develop through post-secondary education. These skills include: **academic growth, personal growth, making new friends, and getting prepared for jobs.**

In likeness to the arcade game, PacMan (the inspiration for this piece), each student is a "player" of sorts in their own "game" of post-secondary education. Each step one takes – whether it's a tough exam, volunteering, getting involved in senate or some of KPU's publications, or starting a club to foster ideas between students – is another learning experience and an achievement one should be proud of! Sometimes between managing student life and a personal life, one feels like they can't continue. But, every time one picks themselves back up, they best their own "high score" and completely surpass what they thought they'd be able to achieve.

Besides simply getting a great education, I was fortunate to be able to be a part of many initiatives outside of my core academic studies. I worked for the KSA in the Active KSA department, as Associate Culture for The Runner, and volunteered as the Production Editor for Pulp magazine. Other areas of involvement included facilitating a sandwich drive, serving as a student senator, volunteering for KPU's annual fashion show, aiding in leadership seminars, and taking part in KPU's very first Strategic Planning Process. In 2014, I was given the opportunity to attend a field school in Basel, Switzerland. I was able to use the skills I learned in class to make a difference in both my school community and the communities in my personal life. KPU was an environment where I wasn't afraid to take chances to try better myself. Sometimes I failed, but I learned that's okay! **In short, during my time at KPU, I learned SO MUCH!!**

I come from a small town in central Canada of about 1,400 people. Growing up, there wasn't much to do and exposure to international opportunities and culture was scarce – I wasn't even able to dream of what was awaiting me at KPU. KPU connected with me on a deep level and inspired me to get involved and become a leader! I discovered a side of myself that I didn't know existed and I felt like I was truly a part of something; some of the best friends I've made were in post-secondary education.

Since graduating, I've continued to achieve more than I imagined possible before starting school. I've started a profitable marketing agency, made friends around the world, and am currently doing working in Europe while improving my foreign language skills.

In my opinion, post-secondary education is absolutely an investment worth funding. So... get out there and **START YOUR EDUCATION JOURNEY.**