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Industry: Government

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Career Experience: 10 years

Claudine, turning to a global perspective, have you traveled to a particular location which you would highly recommend to others? Is there any particular advice on accommodations, attractions or local cuisine you can suggest?

I have been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to live abroad and to travel the world. I have lived in Costa Rica for more than five years and visited many countries over four different continents. Costa Rica is amazing for surfing, closely followed by Bocas del Toro in Panama. Cyprus is exceptional for wreck-diving with its famous Zenobia. My ultimate favorite destination is Seychelles. This Archipelago of 115 islands is a paradise for diving and sailing lovers. The undeveloped landscape will bring you back to life. Whenever I visit a new country, I always make it a priority to go into small grocery stores. I find you can learn so much from a culture through walking through these small stores.

There are many compelling reasons to undertake an Executive MBA Program. What is your goal for the Telfer Executive MBA program?

My goal is to complete this program with the skills and knowledge to become a well-rounded manager and coworker, as well as to maximize the efficiency of the various teams I will work with in my career. Having experienced life to the fullest over the past ten years, I am now looking to deepen my knowledge, and acquire new skills that will help me grow into a stronger leader. I wish to develop a better strategic perspective of the different aspects of business in order to better understand and grasp the impacts and repercussions of my decisions. I am also looking forward to growing into an effective consultant after completing the Signature Series of Six Business Consulting Projects, and draw from the experiences and knowledge of the mentors who will guide me through the processes of consulting.

Claudine, what qualities do you admire in a mentor? Do you have someone you consider a strong mentor in your own life?

I have had many mentors throughout my life who taught me a lot about myself. One of my greatest mentors was an autistic child who I worked with for three years. She taught me to see life through a different set of eyes, to appreciate the little things in life, and to always thrive to become my best self. I will forever be grateful to her. More recently, I have been inspired greatly by Nelson Mandela & Maya Angelou. Having been a yogi for over 10 years, I believe that each person we encounter is carrying a lesson for us and that our greatest mentor lives within ourselves.

