

Which qualification did you study for?

I started off doing a Bachelor of Commerce in Dunedin and then transferred up to Lincoln because they bought out a new degree Bachelor of Agribusiness and Food Marketing.

What were the best things about the institution you attended for you?

Lincoln was great as it's a much smaller Uni than most others, I was always running in to my friends whereas at Otago, not. The lectures at Lincoln were a lot smaller than Otago, it also seemed a lot more relaxed and laid back, on rainy days there were always tonnes of red bands lined up outside the library.

Were there any negative things about the institution for you?

No

If you lived in a hostel, which one was it? What was your experience like?

I lived in Uni Col in Dunedin and loved it. It's the biggest hall down there with around 500 people. There are still people I meet now that were in the same hall in the same year that I never met. I couldn't have chosen a better hall to be in for my first year, it was really social and there was always something exciting going on. Would 100% go back if I was to do it all again.

If you flatted how did that go for you? Was it hard to find a flat? Did you have to travel far from your flat?

I flatted in my second year when I came up to Lincoln and loved it. I lived with some girls I went to boarding school with, so it was super easy as we had all lived together before. In the years I've flatted it's never been hard to find a flat. I think we travelled about 20-30mins to Lincoln. Most Lincoln Uni students will flat in Christchurch, mainly Upper Riccarton and drive out each day rather than flat in Lincoln.

Did you manage to work during your study? What did you do for jobs?

I was lucky in my first years of study to be able to work during the summer holidays and save up some money for the year and to be able to come home during the holidays and help out on the farm and get a little extra pocket money. I also worked for the racing board one summer and was able to do a little bit of work for them during the Uni year and worked at a restaurant for another summer holiday and kept working a few nights a week during the first semester. But for the majority I didn't work during the semester.

Did you manage to get a job that related to your degree?

Yes, I did, I currently work as a Marketing Co-Ordinator for a seed company.

How did that happen? How easy/difficult was it for you?

I got my job through word of mouth, most of my friends have gotten their jobs this way as well, or they had worked there over summer. I was really lucky as it was the first job I applied for.

Would you describe your job as your dream job for your qualification?

Yes, I would. I really enjoy my work and I work with some amazing people.

What are your plans for your career going forward?

To keep progressing as I am.

If you had any advice for a year 13 student what would that be?

Your last year subjects don't necessarily matter to what you potentially might study. They are helpful to have a wee bit of background knowledge, but you can pick up a subject when you get to Uni easily enough.