Mates at RMIT: Become a Team Leader Script

- I am studying Bachelor of Business Management specialising in Human Resources, and I am originally from Somalia.
- I am doing a Bachelor of Business IT.
- I am doing a Bachelor of Psychology – Social Science.
- With my course, I know that one day I want to go overseas and try and do international business. And I got to see first hand from other countries from how they do their business and how they run it. So my mentees were really helpful with that they would tell me about how their economy was and how they conduct their businesses up there and what they hope to get out of Australia when they go back.
- I think MATES program, how to say, they gave me clear understanding of what is leadership and gave me good opportunities to train my leadership skills. Also - how to say - I enjoy a lot and I make so many new friends so many new people from different nationalities, from different countries and also trained my communication skills.
- Coming from a job where before this was just my casual job working at a pub so you do just did what you needed to do. Then being in a Uni classroom for three years, I needed the skills of just meeting people that you may not realise how high up they are. So, you would be like “Hi how are you”, when really you needed like - David my supervisor - showed us how to have that proper etiquette when you meet someone, how to send emails how to hold meetings to get things you want your way, pretty much to have that whole how to have that whole business handling.
- I gained friends in different cultures, different diversity and I socialised and I networked, and I think it’s a great opportunity for everyone to embark on.
- I think this has sort of given me that hands on experience that if I did a placement somewhere else I wouldn’t really know what I wanted to do but I have been given that responsibility and that practical side.
- We learn about especially with the MATE program about understanding different cultures which living in Melbourne is pretty important in any workforce you go into.
- So I think that if you get the chance you should definitely join them MATES program and become a part of that.
- Definitely do it even if you are not thinking of going into a further field just the skills that you get just for everyday life and for when you do apply for a new job is amazing.
- So it not just the experience, it is whole lot of training that develop confidence in the students to actually do the job really well, The whole three days is spent doing experiential work, doing skills training so that at the end of the training, all the team leaders and the mentors walk away confident that they can do the job, confident in their skills when they meet with people, and confident that they can put in place the activities and events that are going to be run in the program.