

STUDENT PINNACLE AWARD



Divya Kanabar was born and raised in Hyderabad, India, a city renowned for its vibrant culture and booming technology industry. Before attending FDU-Vancouver in January 2019 at the age of 17, she lived with her parents and younger brother. She will now graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Information Technology with minor in Business.

From her childhood, she discovered her interest for classical dancing, specifically Bharatnatyam, one of India's oldest classical dance forms. By the age of six, she began participating in various dance events and was awarded several accolades. She also excelled academically, consistently receiving distinctions from grade one to grade eight.

In addition to dancing and academics, she is a self-taught guitarist and enjoys spending time hiking in the woods, working out, painting at the beach, and spotting dogs at the dogs' park. She also finds great pleasure in stargazing and solving Leetcode problems, which are both activities that help her unwind. She had been an active member of her high school's debate team and competed in the inter-school competitions, which helped develop her critical thinking and public speaking.

Her interest in programming began in her eighth grade when she had to choose between Arts, Java, and Business. Initially, she chose Business, but soon realized that she was more interested in Java. She had to teach herself the syllabus, which was challenging but extremely rewarding, and it was then that she realized her passion for programming.

Upon completing high school, she knew that she wanted to study abroad. Despite the initial reluctance of her parents, she managed to convince them, and she is now the very first person in her family to move abroad to pursue higher education at the age of 17. During the past four years, she has maintained a position in the Honor's list every semester since January 2020, and was fortunate enough to secure a software engineer internship at Intellyon Inc. She has also been working as a student IT assistant on campus since September 2021.

As a child, she was always fascinated by the natural world. After moving to Vancouver, she spent much of her time exploring the nearby hike trails and parks. This curiosity led her to develop a deep interest in wildlife conservation, and she has since dedicated herself to learning more about how we can protect the world's endangered species.

As a wildlife enthusiast, she believes that her true passion lies in wildlife conservation. While she enjoys programming, she hopes to start her journey as a wildlife conservationist, using her skills and knowledge to help save and protect animals from extinction. She strongly believes that we should all be their voice and hopes to contribute to making this world a better place.

In conclusion, she believes that it is our responsibility as individuals to use our skills and resources to help those in need, and she is committed to making a positive impact in the world. She hopes to connect with other people who share her passion for wildlife conservation and to work together to create a brighter future for our planet.