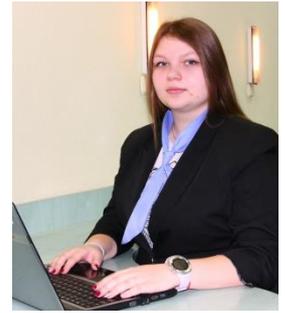


## My future profession



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Learning is a treasure that will follow  
its owner everywhere

Chinese proverb

The 21<sup>st</sup> century is a time of growth in technology and information explosion. In addition, workforce skills and demands have changed dramatically in the last 20 years. There has been a rapid increase in jobs involving nonroutine, analytic, and interactive communication skills. Today's job market requires competencies such as critical thinking and the ability to interact with people of many linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

To live in the 21 century it's not enough to master academics. Students also need to acquire a set of skills that will last for a lifetime. To be able to solve problems in our complex, fast-changing world, students must possess certain competences known as the 21st-century skills which are summed up as the "4Cs". They include the following: collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.

They are the skills I have always tried to acquire.

I'm 16 and my mother says that since my early childhood I have been a very curious child, and I have been interested in absolutely everything. I remember my first English lesson, which I attended in the kindergarten. This was the beginning of my love for foreign languages. I was pretty good at learning, because it was very amazing and unusual to hear a new, still unfamiliar way of speaking. When I started school, my interest did not disappear, only increased even more. English was my only obsession until I was eight, but soon everything changed. I didn't give up adoring foreign languages, but...

I have an older brother, who I loved to spend time with, and he loved computer science and everything associated with it. Lesha often told me about the structure of the system power supplies. To be honest, love for information technology is common in our family. My uncles are also engaged in this field. When we started such a subject as Computer Science, I realized that I was quite successful in performing tasks. Physics, Computer science and mathematics are inseparable Sciences. Therefore, I find them very interesting and informative for me, because they help to develop logical thinking, to understand the laws of life.



At high school, I had new Hobbies. I really like to photograph, because I can capture the moment and keep the memory of an event. The second hobby is writing poems. First they were small, but with time became more voluminous. And one more passion – Chinese culture. As a teenager, I came across a very interesting historical series “Legend of Fu Yao”. And it amazed me with its interesting and unusual plot, and the quality of the scenes shot. Everything looked harmonious. I considered it not only as

form of entertainment, but also as the professional work of many people. I wondered in what country it was shot and who shot it. After searching for information, I found out that that was a Chinese TV series. Since it was historical, I became interested in the culture and traditions of China. I began to investigate this topic and learned a lot of interesting information. I especially admire Chinese traditions and etiquette of communication.



I had a lucky chance to meet the Chinese dance group Zhuhai Hansen from the city of Zhuhai in my native Bobruisk. In 2015 they came to the festival “The wreath of friendship” held in Bobruisk. It really unites nations and teaches to respect all cultures and traditions in the world.

Participation (as a volunteer) in this festival and meeting with different delegations inspired me to make the research work “The Wreath of Friendship Festival. Unity of People and Cultures” and then another work “The Wreath



Code” dedicated to the unique collection of wreaths brought from different countries to the contest “The Wreath, the Symbol of the Festival - a Gift to the Festival”.

I believe my curiosity led me to very interesting hobbies which in their turn helped me develop 4Cs (collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking) needed in the modern world. In my opinion they will be required at any job I’ll have in the future.

Since I will soon graduate from school, I have to think about the institution in which I would like to study, because my future will depend on it. Educated youth is the future of our country. Therefore, each state tries to provide various opportunities to the younger generation, in order to interest future university entrants. Nowadays, there are 42 state institutions of higher education in the Republic of Belarus, which

offer a wide range of specialties. Unfortunately, in my native Bobruisk there are no educational institutions that could provide higher education. Therefore, I have to consider going to University in other cities.

I began to look for a specialty and educational institution according to my interests in life. First I considered institutions with a language orientation, but then I realized that I do not want to make a bias only on languages. After seeking advice from my mother and learning about students' life, I decided to consider other options. One friend advised me to enter the Belarusian state University of Informatics and Radio electronics (BSUIR). I found the faculty that suits me most of all, it's Electronic marketing and the specialty which corresponds to my entire sphere of interests - a Marketing programmer.

The University also hosts annual exchange programs for students from different countries. And this means that I will have the opportunity to learn more about different countries, their cultures and languages. I am especially pleased that the partnership between the Belarusian state University of Informatics and Radioelectronics and the universities of China has been established, because everyone gets the opportunity to go abroad. Personally, for me, it is very promising to visit and possibly study at a Chinese University. First, in China, nanotechnology is at a very high level. Secondly, the exchange of experience and valuable information is provided. Third, I would like to see the beauty of nature and architecture of China.