# **Curriculum Vitae**

### Personal details

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#### **Profile:**

A down-to-earth woman who grew up on a farm in Voss. Finds great joy in exploring and researching topics such as Digitalization and Business Process Management and looks forward to continuing a path of learning and professional growth throughout a PhD journey.

## **Education and training**

2025 – t.d. Norwegian School of Economics. PhD Programme

Developing research competence and conducting independent research on Business Process Redesign in the context of Digitalization.

2023 – 2025 Norwegian School of Economics. Business and Administration, Master in Science

Major in Strategy and Management and a minor in Economics.

2020 - 2023 University of South-Eastern Norway (USN), campus Bø. Business Administration, Bachelor's Degree

Specialization in Tourism Management.

2015 – 2016 The college of Bergen (HiB). Kindergarten teacher, 3rd year, bachelor's

Specialization in sustainability and participation.

- 2014 2015 The college of Hedmark. Outdoor life. One-year program
- 2012 2014 The college of Sogn and Fjordane (HiSF). Kindergarten teacher, 1st year and 2nd year, bachelor's degree

Courses in pedagogy and leadership.

- 2010 2011 Hardanger Folk High School
- 2007 2010 Voss Agricultural School

### Work experience

2024 - 2025 The skyscraper at Ulriken, Waiter

### 2023 - 2024 Thon Hotel Orion, Head waiter

Responsible for the quality of service in the restaurant and trained new employees. Worked about 90 hours per month. Headed the hotel's strategy committee and was a member of the work environment committee.

Results: Job satisfaction in the restaurant and kitchen increased by 8 percentage points, during my tenure, according to the employee survey.

### Summer of Hardanger Hostel B&B, General manager

Responsible for day-to-day operations, customer inquiries and employee training.

Results: Revenue record, made over 2,000,000 NOK in sales in 7 weeks.

### 2021 - 2022 USN, Learning Facilitator in Business Administration

Led structured study groups for undergraduate students.

**Results:** Received great feedback from students and managers. Was encouraged to apply to manage the program on my own campus.

### 2021 Brakanes Hotell, Waiter

**Result:** Was encouraged to apply for the head waiter position the following year.

#### 2018 - 2020 Voss Municipality & Læringsverkstedet, Kindergarten teacher

Practiced pedagogical skills and gained experience in how to best develop others, both children and employees.

- 2015 2017 Eidsbugarden Hotell, Summer job and seasonal work
- 2011 2012 Hardanger Folk High School, Scholarship holder
- 2011 2013 Europris Voss, Summer job
- 2005 2010 The family farm owned by my uncle, Agricultural Assistant

### Student engagement

### 2024 - 2025 FremHenne, Head of the Mentoring Program

Active board member of the recently established NHHS-interest group FremHenne. Our vision was to "help close the gender gap in top management positions". With my organizational experience, I have contributed to the group's development. I've also familiarized myself with the theory behind mentoring programs and contributed to the development of our own mentoring program.

#### 2022 - 2023 USN Board, Board member as Student Representative

Strategically advocated for students' interests at the highest level. The university's Onboard Learning Alliance program now receives 3.7 million NOK annually, after my performance on the board.

2021 - 2023 Kroa i Bø, Volunteer

### 2021 - 2023 Sigma – Student Association for Business Administration students, Leader

When I was the leader, the number of volunteers increased from 2 people to 22 people. We held events with up to 200 participants and established business relationships with corporations seeking our expertise.

Fall 2020 Sigma, Deputy Leader

# 2014 - 2015 Pedagogstudentene i Utdanningsforbundet (PS), Member of the central

working committee

Responsible for following up with the local associations in my region and making recommendations to the national board.

2013 - 2014 Student Parliament HiSF, Member

2013 - 2014 PS, National Board Representative

# Political engagement

2015 - 2019 Voss municipality, Member of the Municipal Council

2015 - 2019 Voss municipality, Member of the Living Conditions Committee

# Other engagements:

2015 - t. d. Bjørgum Mekansike, Board member and Deputy member

2010 Voss Agricultural School, President of the graduates

2006 - 2007 IOGT, Head of the children's lodge at Voss

2005 - 2006 IOGT, Deputy head of the children's lodge at Voss

### **Tour projects:**

2017 1800 km of «Norge på langs»

Winter 2018 400 km of «Norge på langs»

Summer 2018 300 km of «Norge på langs»

# **Interests:**

Hiking, socializing with friends and family, engaging in organizational work, exercising and addressing societal challenges and political issues.