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Employer **Qantas Airways**



I have done it! I worked so hard to get my dream career, and I finally made it. It took two years to get here, and it wasn't easy, there was many rejections from airlines, and sometimes I wanted to give up.

I kept the attitude "if there is will there is away". I knew I had what it took to be a flight attendant, but sometimes I never thought I would get to this point.

I started on my Travel and Tourism Course in 2013 and during this Time I was encouraged to apply for the Walt Disney World International programme. I attended the Interview along with several other students, after being endorsed by the Campus Manager.

We were nervous, excited and pumped about the Interview but it was a very relaxing experience. I was asked questions like what roles I was interested in. How did I feel about living with strangers and what I would do if a conflict was to arise?

About four weeks later the news arrived! I was to be starting in August 2014, so I completed my Travel & Tourism qualification and then obtained a Job at Auckland Airport, this allowed me to save for my big adventure.



August 2014 came and I was off to start in merchandise and Retail at Epcot. I was then asked to extend my stay, which I did, staying with merchandise but relocating to downtown Disney at world of Disney, which is the biggest store in all of Disney.

I have met amazing people from America, japan, Puerto Rico, Honduras, Peru, South Africa, Brazil & Australia. I was scared of leaving my family, my Job in New Zealand, having to get used to America, adjusting to a different culture and Life style but I am glad I came on this experience. I gained, on top of my qualifications, 1yr of international customer service experience.

All along the way I was encourage by the Staff at NZST to push myself and try something new. They walked this journey with me especially my course Tutor and here I am today living my dream.

Well Done!

Leanne!