The Great Canadian Sales Competition (GCSC) is Canada's biggest student competition. The GCSC is designed to educate students about the possibilities with sales as a career and the importance of sales as a skill-set. With a 12.8% youth unemployment rate and an overall lack of understanding on the B2B sales opportunities available for students and new grads, the GCSC seeks to mitigate a gap between students looking for great jobs and employers eager to hire talented junior professionals.

Introduction: In this assignment, you will learn to create a very short, well organized video that "pitches" an innovative idea or provides relevant information on a topic to spark the interest of an audience or move them to a next step.

Your Task: Create a 30-90 second video pitch selling anything that you are passionate about. You will be marked on 4 things: a good value proposition, confidence, credibility and the ability to close your pitch. See example pitch here.

Your Grade: This is assignment is worth [blank]% of your grade

The Following Steps Will Help You Complete Your Assignment:

- 1. Choose a topic that interests you or that you are passionate about
- 2. Brainstorm the possible ways to communicate the benefits of your topic and how to persuade an audience of your offering. Be as creative as possible, but be appropriate.
- 3. Make sure your pitch includes the following:
 - a. **A good value proposition:** You will be marked on your ability to convey a strong message about a product/idea/ideology/etc., that in turn gets your audience excited about it. A value proposition in its simplest form is a promise to either a) solve a problem or b) improve a situation.
 - b. **Credibility:** You are considered a subject matter expert on the item that you are talking about. Speaking purely to your own personal preference is not a strong enough. That said, bringing in evidence or even metrics to support your opinion, help form a persuasive pitch.
 - c. **Confidence:** Confidence can be translated through things like body language and tone; sitting up straight, enunciating your words, and showing a bit of personality go a long way.
 - d. A close: Keep in mind that when you close your pitch you are looking for a next step. Clearly define what next step you have in mind for your audience

How To Submit Your Assignment:

- 1. Upload your pitch to [blackboard, D2L, etc.]
- 2. Upload your pitch to www.greatcanadiansalescompetition.com/enter-now
 - a. If your video exceeds 140MB you will need to upload to YouTube and copy/paste the link