

# **Meet the MBA Class of 2024: Kalsey Belle**

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## **Kalsey Belle (MBA '24)**



### **Where did you grow up?**

Seychelles

### **Educational Background**

Undergraduate and Masters in Mechanical Engineering with Business Finance

### **What is a fun fact about you?**

I spent five weeks on an uninhabited island in the middle of the Indian Ocean manually collecting 25 tons of marine debris. I have interacted with 2 members of the British Royal Family, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Harry.

### **Tell us about your work experience. What you are most proud of?**

I have over five years of experience in project management and consulting in the energy and technology industries. Amongst others, I led the deployment of the 2nd walkthrough Biometric Corridor in the world that is being used for international border control. I have also worked for a Development Finance Institution (DFIs)

structuring financing facilities including a \$300M Trade Finance Facility.

### **Why are you pursuing your MBA?**

The MBA is an opportunity for me to obtain a strong foundation of business fundamentals to complement my hands-on experience in project management in state-owned utilities and the technology industry. Upon graduating, I want to use my enhanced knowledge of the business environment to help businesses and/or government strike a balance between economic growth, responsible environmental management and sustainability by leveraging digital technology.

### **What attracted you to Freeman?**

The emphasis placed on understanding the global business environment through experiential learning is unique to Freeman. Over the course of my studies, I hope to gain a better understanding of the global interaction across countries specifically in the energy industry, as well as specialize in Strategic Management and Innovation.

### **Where do you hope to be in five years?**

I am an islander. Matters of conservation and sustainability affect my country, my people, and my heritage. I want to enable businesses to operate more sustainably. By identifying a business's sustainability challenges, I want to help balance those with business objectives and risks with a focus on how to use technology and sustainability to drive competitive advantage, innovative solutions and value for society.

### **What do you like to do in your spare time/hobbies?**

I am an active swimmer. I also enjoy volunteering in projects/activities that empower youth and/or promote sustainable development/environmental awareness.

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