

AGAINST ALL ODDS

Adversity is a part of life, whether we like it or not. Overcoming adversity is a test of character. It can grow us, or it can break us.

In this edition of *The Flame*, we feature two of our alumni who faced their adversities head on and overcame them. They share a similar goal to study in a prestigious university and they worked hard to get there.

OVERCOMING ADVERSITIES



Celine Lean Yew Lin

MCKL's Most Inspiring Student of 2017, Celine Lean Yew Lin was diagnosed with a rare disease, Acute Promyelocytic Leukaemia (APML), a debilitating form of cancer which resulted in her losing her sight at the age of four. Growing up blind, she observed that the rights for the disabled were weak and not letting her condition deter her, she set out to fight for the rights of the disabled.

She shared with the attendees of the January 2018 Graduation Day that she approached many A Level providers around Klang Valley but was faced with countless rejections because they did not have the experience of having a blind student study at their institution. She was on the verge of giving up but it was because of her father's persistence in the "battle of wits" that she gave in and gave it one last try, at MCKL.

EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING



Tan Chee Yong

"Life must move on as usual and we must be brave enough to face the future" – I was reminded by my relatives and friends when I was just 18. My life was a constant struggle. I had to grapple with the loss of my father, mother and close relatives, school issues and unsatisfactory SPM results. I had never been so clueless in my life. I needed to ask myself why I was born with such disappointments, struggles and sorrows which had almost become the established "philosophy" of my life.

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From The CEO's Desk



It is that time of the year when we look back at MCKL's achievements in 2018. Our numbers have grown to nearly 1,600 students and 200 staff, a remarkable feat because the College's population was less than 200 ten years ago. It is only by God's grace that this is possible!

In this edition we feature Celine Lean Yew Lin and Tan Chee Yong. Celine is MCKL's first ever blind student who has performed exceptionally well for her Cambridge A Level examination and will be reading Law at the University of Cambridge in 2019. Tan Chee Yong was an ordinary student who pushed himself to be an outstanding student. He is currently studying International Relations at King's College London. Both of them are recipients of the Yayasan Khazanah scholarship. May their stories inspire you!

The Cambridge A Level programme continued with its excellent performance of 100% passes in both the November 2017 and June 2018 examinations. There was a significant increase in the number of As and A*s in most subjects. In the November 2017 examination, 12 of our students gained Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards with Cheong Ruoh Wen sweeping 3 of the awards. She is also the bronze medallist for this year's International Chemistry Olympiad at Bratislava, Slovakia and in Prague, Czech Republic. She will be heading to the University of Cambridge to pursue Natural Sciences in Chemistry. In the June 2018 examination, 17 students gained Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards with Kan Man Kit winning Best Across 3 subjects award. Amongst them were 8 students who were Top in the World in AS Level Mathematics. Congratulations to both students and staff!

We have signed an MOU with Nottingham University Malaysia in which an exclusive scholarship will be given to an MCKL alumnus annually. The first recipient is Kok Hanz this year who will be pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering.

We also have three recipients for the RCSI-UCD Scholarship. MCKL A Level students have been consistently receiving this scholarship yearly and this year is our best achievement. Six scholarships were awarded and three of them were to MCKL students. They are Sheena Siva Subramaniam, Chan Shu Chen and Engracia Yap Shihuan, all pursuing medicine.

The ACCA-CAT programme once again produced world class students with Adrianna Yong Qiao-Ru achieving Top in Malaysia & Worldwide for the March FA1 paper while Ho Yee Khoon is Top in Malaysia for March MA1 paper.

For the first time, Denise Thean Pui Yan won the Government of Ireland-International Education Scholarship to pursue an honours degree in Early Childhood Education in the Institute of Technology Tralee (ITT). Denise is one of 16 alumni who have gone to ITT to top up their diploma studies to a bachelor's degree.

Messiah College Professor of Theology and Missions, Dr George F. Pickens joined our ADTP teaching faculty on his sabbatical. He was here for 6 months, from January to July, with his wife, Dr Ruth, to give a new learning experience to our ADTP students. He conducted workshops as well as visits to religious sites.

Our ADTP students have done exceptionally well in transferring to highly ranked universities and we are expecting our first batch of ADTP students to graduate from their respective American universities.

MCKL Teaching Scholar, Claire Tan Yi Zhi completed her studies in the University of Cambridge and has joined our teaching faculty. Claire teaches English and Literature in English. Miss Yee Weng Yan, a member of staff was awarded the United Board scholarship for Master of Education (Curriculum & Pedagogy) in The University of Hong Kong. She graduated with distinction and has returned and is giving valuable contribution to the College in various administrative capacities as well as in teaching Biology. We sent off this year's recipient of the MCKL Teaching Scholarship, Tee May Ern to the London School of Economics and Political Science where she will be reading Master of Law.

The first ever Alumni Annual General Meeting was held this year, followed by a grand dinner a few months later on 28 July. This event brought back many of our alumni from various cohorts for a night of catching up and forming of new friendships. At least 140 alumni attended the dinner that was held at the College, some even came back from overseas.

We are very proud of our students and our staff who worked hard in the classroom, on the playing field and in the streets helping and feeding those less fortunate than themselves. For everyone mentioned in this message there are hundreds not mentioned who have held the MCKL flag high and given good service to the Lord Jesus Christ as they developed themselves to the best of their potential and served people.

Soli Deo Gloria – To God Alone Be Glory

Moey Yoke Lai

Today's success is built on yesterday's efforts.

Our students took responsibility for their education, and with the tutelage of their lecturers, they excelled in their external examinations. The following figures are the most recent results yielded by our AUSMAT, ACCA, and Cambridge A Level programs.

AUSMAT 2017 Results

Highest ATAR	99.00
Students with ATAR 90 and above	32 (23.7%)
Students with ATAR 80 and above	73 (54.1%)
Students with ATAR 70 and above	101 (74.8%)
Students with ATAR 60 and above	120 (88.9%)

ACCA June 2018 Pass Rates

ACCA Paper	Global Pass Rate	Full Time	Part Time
F1	83%	100%	100%
F2	67%	75%	67%
F3	71%	80%	60%
F4	63%	57%	71%
F5	38%	60%	50%
F6	59%	67%	78%
F7	50%	81%	33%
F8	40%	43%	50%
F9	48%	73%	60%
P2	50%	N/A	44%
P4	40%	71%	40%
P6	28%	38%	36%

**Congratulations students,
MCKL wishes you the best in your
next venture!**

A Level June 2018 Results

100% passing rate	46% of students scored at least 3As
32 students with 4A*s	59% scored A or A* in Psychology
70% scored A or A* in Biology	46% scored A or A* in Economics
66% scored A or A* in Chemistry	42% scored A or A* in Accounting
61% scored A or A* in Physics	38% scored A or A* in Business Studies
59% scored A or A* in Mathematics	36% scored A or A* in English Literature
70% scored A or A* in Further Mathematics	19% scored A or A* in Law

A Level November 2017 Results

100% passing rate	1 student with 5A*s
17 students with 4A*s	38.4% of students scored at least 3As
40% scored A or A* in Biology	33% scored A or A* in Psychology
56% scored A or A* in Chemistry	46% scored A or A* in Economics
53% scored A or A* in Physics	49% scored A or A* in Accounting
47% scored A or A* in Mathematics	31% scored A or A* in Business Studies
75% scored A or A* in Further Mathematics	31% scored A or A* in English Literature
	36% scored A or A* in Law

MCKL Secures Exclusive Pathway To IT Tralee, Ireland



Seated left, Ms. Moey Yoke Lai; seated right, Dr. Oliver Murphy, President of IT Tralee. Picture taken with former MCKL students and staff of IT Tralee and MCKL.

On 25 May 2018, MCKL signed an MOU with Institute of Technology Tralee (ITT) to provide an exclusive degree pathway for graduates of the Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE).

Under the agreement, DECE graduates of MCKL will be able to gain direct entry into the final year (Year 4) of the Bachelor (Hons) in Early Childhood Education programme at ITT. In addition, ITT is offering financial aid and accommodation fee waivers, making it an affordable and viable option for Diploma graduates wishing to gain an overseas experience as they continue their academic pursuits.

MCKL has an excellent track record with ITT. Many past DECE graduates such as Nadia Iman, Vivian Tan and Stephanie Cheah, just to mention a few, have secured 1st Class Honours in the ITT degree programme.

Exclusive Scholarship From University Of Nottingham, Malaysia



Kok Hanz, recipient of the Nottingham Scholarship 2018, with Vice Provost for Research and Knowledge Exchange for University Nottingham, Malaysia Campus, Professor Deborah Hall

On 25 August 2018, University of Nottingham Malaysia joined the list of established universities who are offering exclusive scholarships to MCKL students. Their scholarship offers a full tuition fee waiver and it applies to the August 2018 intake for all undergraduate programmes except MPharm (Hons) and BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence.

It is open to Malaysian MCKL students who score at least 3As in their Cambridge A Level examinations. Selection is based on academic and extra-curricular achievements as well as financial backgrounds.

MCKL & HELP University Offering Bursaries



Ms. Moey Yoke Lai and Datuk Dr. Paul Chan, Vice-Chancellor and President of HELP University

On 11 April 2018, MCKL and HELP University signed a joint agreement in which HELP University will offer bursaries and scholarships exclusively to MCKL students who have completed their pre-university studies and are planning to further their studies at HELP University in 2018-2019. This joint agreement includes one full scholarship for one MCKL student who achieves top grades in his A Level or AUSMAT programme.

Additionally, all MCKL students will automatically receive bursaries up to 30% off their tuition fees for the first academic year of studies.

Exclusive Bursaries From Monash University Malaysia



Ms. Moey Yoke Lai with Professor Andrew Walker, President and Pro Vice-Chancellor of Monash University.

On 30 July 2018, MCKL signed a mutual agreement with Monash University Malaysia (MU) in which MU will be awarding THREE Monash Book Prizes worth RM 1,000 each and ONE Medicine Bursary Award worth RM 50,000 exclusively to MCKL students.

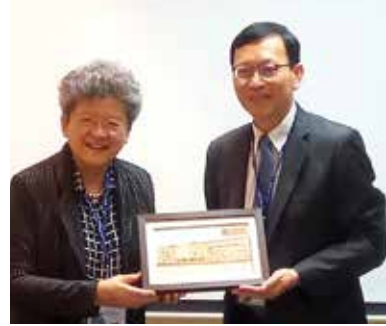
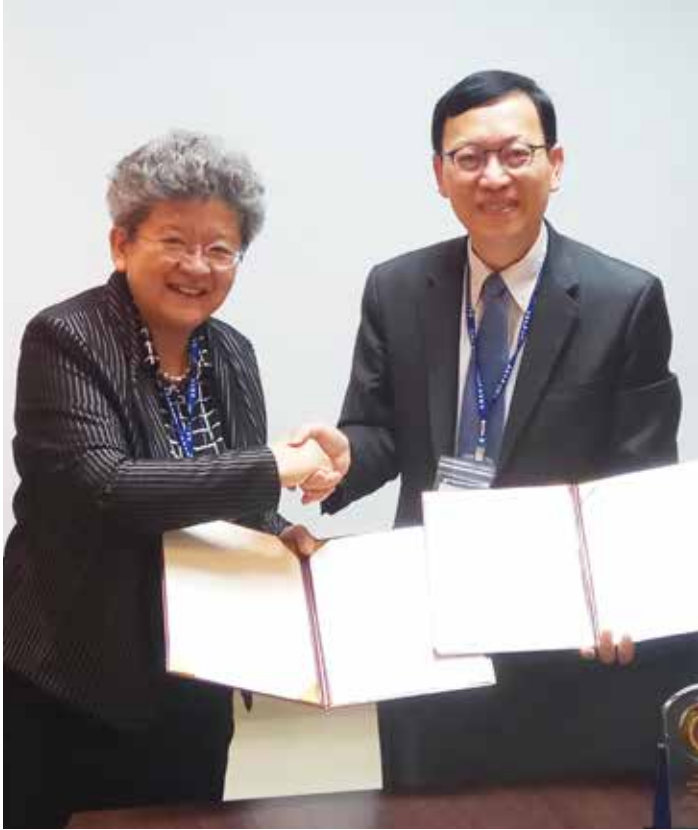
The agreement was signed between MCKL's CEO Ms Moey Yoke Lai and MU's President & Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Andrew Walker.

"I saw a really strong sense of value-driven education in your College. I'm delighted that we can work with you not only through formal agreements like this but also through the informal relationships we can develop and anything we can do for you, for your College, for your staff or students, we are always happy to contribute." (Professor Andrew Walker)

MCKL graduates with high academic performance are eligible to be selected for the Book Prizes or Medicine Bursary Award.

MCKL alumni who are interested in the scholarships above may approach MCKL's **University Placement Office** or drop an email to ask@mckl.edu.my.

MCKL And Chang Jung Christian University Collaboration



On 29 October 2018, MCKL and Chang Jung Christian University (CJCU), Taiwan signed an agreement for collaboration in academic, social and cultural exchange. CJCU is a private university located in southern Taiwan. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, CJCU is committed to developing the God-given gifts and abilities of each student within a culture of love, respect, and service.

The MoU was signed between MCKL CEO Ms Moey Yoke Lai and President of CJCU, Professor Lee Yung-Lung, in conjunction with CJCU's 25th anniversary celebration.

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METHODIST COLLEGE KUALA LUMPUR

The College of Excellence for Life



AMERICAN DEGREE TRANSFER PROGRAM

KPT/JPS(A4447)03/19

January, April & August

CAMBRIDGE A LEVEL

KPT/JPS(A9308)07/23

January, March & July

DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK

KPT/JPS(A8500)09/21

April

ACCOUNTING (ACCA)

KPT/JPS(A9696)01/24, KPT/JPS(A1206)06/22

CAT: January, March & July

ACCA: January & July

AUSTRALIAN MATRICULATION

KPT/JPS(A9207)07/23

January & August

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

KPT/JPS(A5668)12/19

April & August

Top MCKL Student Secures

Government Of Ireland-International Education Scholarship (GOI-IES)



Having an education is important but getting one can be costly, more so if it is at private education institutions. In order to reduce costs, students would normally look for scholarships or an institution that provides affordable tuition fees. This is where MCKL comes in.

On top of being known for its affordable fees and attractive scholarships, MCKL has over the years formed partnerships with universities globally where MCKL graduates are offered exclusive scholarships and entry to undergraduate programmes.

One such partnership is with Institute of Technology Tralee, Ireland (ITT). MCKL and ITT have an agreement where Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE) graduates of MCKL can enter as final year students to pursue Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Childhood Care and Education at ITT.

They are also entitled to a special discount along with free accommodation at ITT which makes it as affordable as studying locally. While it is an attractive

offer, it did not stop DECE graduate Denise Thean Pui Yan from searching for other scholarships in a bid to reduce the financial burden on her parents.

Her research paid off when she came across the GOI-IES which gives a full tuition fee waiver and allowances amounting to €10,000. She decided to give it a go and to her joy, was awarded the scholarship. This makes her one of the few Malaysian students to receive the award.

With the scholarship, she can greatly reduce her expenses to about RM15,000 as she would only need to spend money on living expenses and flight tickets.

When asked for words of encouragement to give to her juniors, she said, "Keep on going, and don't give up easily even when you face obstacles during this process which is definitely something you will face."

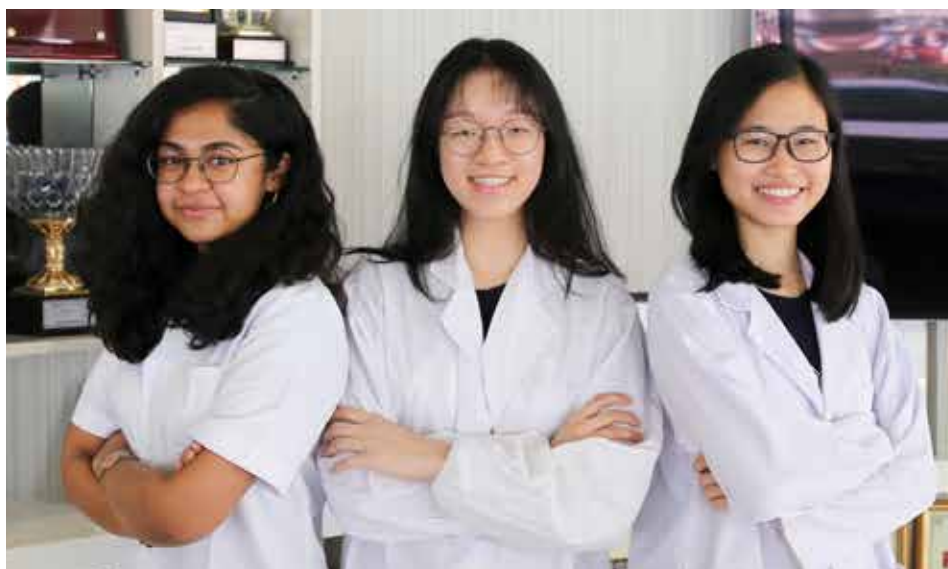
We would like to wish Denise Thean our heartiest congratulations and success in her future undertakings.

MCKL Students Continue To Sweep Full Medical Scholarships At RUMC

Since 2005, over 30 MCKL graduates have been accepted to study medicine at Penang Medical College, now known as RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus (RUMC).

In 2015, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and University College Dublin (UCD) each offered their first ever full scholarship to Malaysian students. Both scholarships were won by MCKL students: Eunice Lim and Julian Sya. Every year since then, at least one MCKL student has received the scholarship: Melissa Mae Gabriel in 2016 and Rachel Leong in 2017. The scholarship covers full tuition fees (approx. RM 614,490) for the entire 5 year course.

MCKL students continued this streak and did even better this year by winning three out of the six scholarships awarded. The recipients are Chan Shu Chen (CAL1607), Sheena Siva Subramaniam (CAL1607) and Engracia Yap Shihuan (CAL1703). Sheena and Engracia will be receiving the scholarship from RUMC while Shu Chen will be receiving hers from The Star Education Fund.



They are ever appreciative of their lecturers who guided and motivated them throughout their study at MCKL and are unanimous in saying that the Character Formation classes opened their minds and provided them with a healthy mental growth.

MCKL would like to wish them all the best as they rise to their calling as God's stewards in the medical profession.

MCKL's First Ever Medal At SUKMA And SUKIPT

Laura Tan May Chern made history when she won MCKL's first ever medal at SUKMA 2018 and SUKIPT 2018. She came in third in the 5000 Metres Race Walking event for both the competitions.

"I am glad that I could at least contribute a bronze medal to Selangor. All glory goes to God who gave me the strength to finish the race, as my body was still weak from the sickness that I hadn't recovered from. It is truly by God's grace that I was able to come back with a medal."

– Laura

When she was a kid, Laura had spent her evenings cycling and jogging with her family. These activities soon kindled her interest in athletics and she got involved in her school's sporting events. Her first taste of glory came at the age of nine where she won her first gold medal in her school cross country event.

Laura is no stranger to her school's sporting scene, having won multiple school athletic events as well as being a strong contender in the district (MSSD) and state (MSSS) levels. Her achievements include breaking the MSSD Race Walking record in 2015 as well as winning silver in the MSSS in 2015 and 2016. Outside of school, she has been actively taking part in Race Walking events and her best feat to date is coming in second for the MKH Kajang International 1 Hour Walk in 2017.

Her achievements do not come without hard work. Laura trains five times a week and in spite of that, her studies have not been affected at all. Laura scored Straight A's for her Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia and is a 100% Merit Scholarship recipient at MCKL. She is enrolled in the American Degree Transfer Program and plans to major in Kinesiology.

When asked how she balances study and sports: "I would say that discipline and consistency is the key to success. Never underestimate what you can accomplish, believe in yourself and never give up."

MCKL would like to congratulate Laura for her achievements and may she continue to do well!



MCKL Students Rise To The Top

In spite of their busy A Level schedules, MCKL A Level students prove yet again that they are able to rise to the top. They participated in various national and international competitions that not only test their knowledge in their respective fields, but also challenge their critical thinking skills, general knowledge, and teamwork capabilities.



International Chemistry Olympiad 2018 (IChO), 19-29 July 2018

Cheong Ruoh Wen represented Malaysia at the IChO held at Slovakia and Czech Republic. She won the bronze medal which is awarded to the top 30-60%. She is also the recipient of three Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards in the AS Levels: Top in the World for Chemistry, Top in the World for Mathematics, Best Across Four, in early 2018. She will be furthering her studies at University of Cambridge in the field of Natural Sciences – Chemistry.

IMU Science Discovery Challenge, 14 July 2018

MCKL students won first and third place.

The champions were Marcus Ang King Hao, Chiew Kai Qi, and Teh Hui Wen. The third place went to Kim Minseo, Liang Wan Yee, and Aishwarya Baskar.



Sin Chew Online Quiz 2018 4 August 2018

Ang Zheng Jiet won first place, beating over 100 participants. He came in 7th for last year's competition.



Monash Science Cup, 21 July 2018

Chan Yi Jing, Low Zi Tung, Ooi Chu Jun, and Ho Ming You emerged as 1st runners-up.



The YM Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen Award Essay Writing Competition, 15 September 2018

Vydeghi Pillay Kumaraguru emerged as 1st runner-up in this prestigious essay writing competition organised by University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus.

MCKL would like to congratulate them for their efforts and would also like to thank the various lecturers for guiding them.



AFTERNOON CHAT WITH DR GEORGE PICKENS

Messiah College Professor of Theology and Mission, Dr George F. Pickens came to MCKL in January on sabbatical to help the American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP) students gain a new learning experience.

The Messiah College professor spent 6 months in MCKL where he conducted workshops as well as lectures on World Religions. His wife, Dr Ruth Pickens, who accompanied him, taught Ethics.

Dr George took some time off his busy schedule to have a chat with us to share his experience at MCKL.

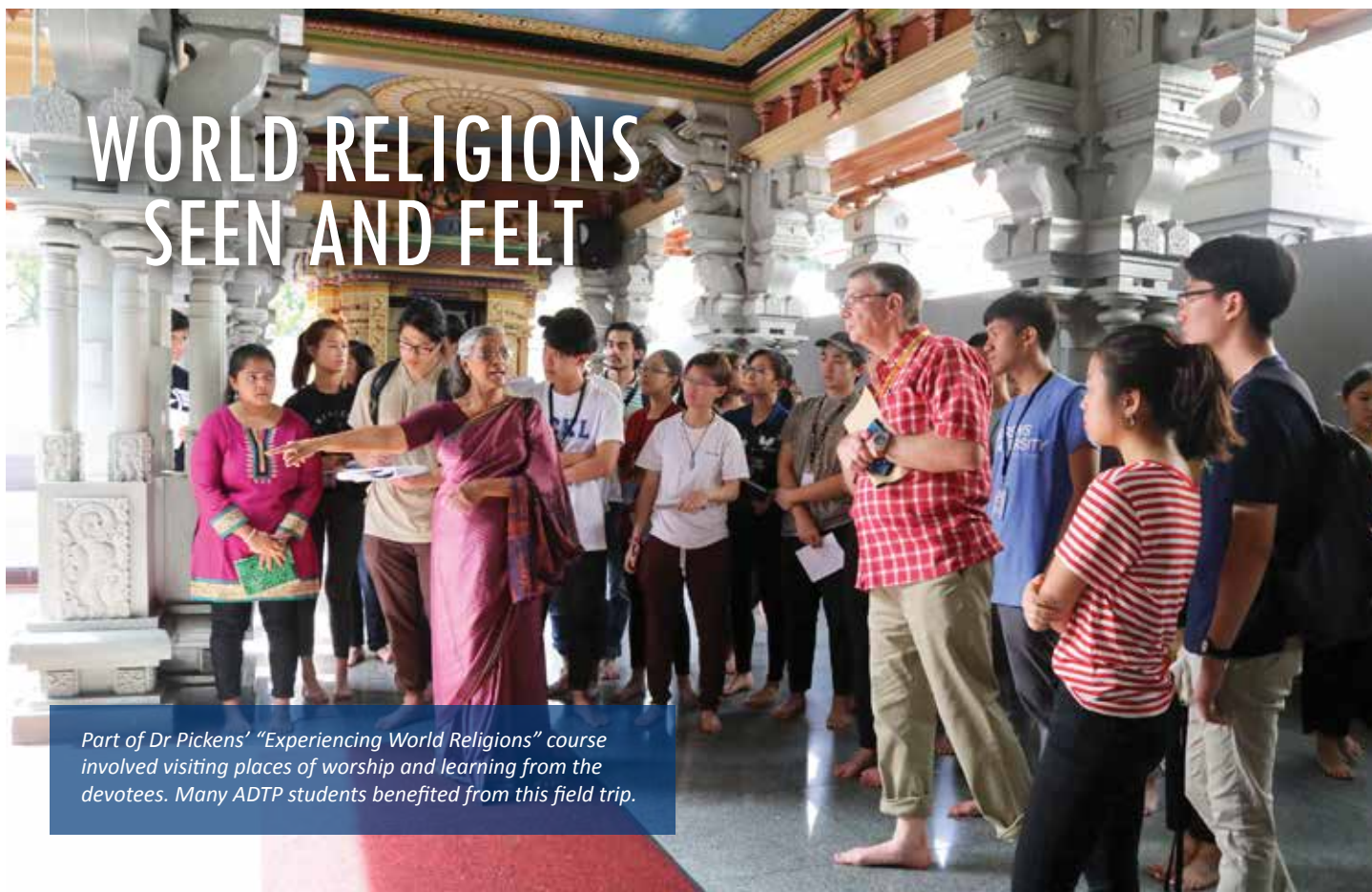
Thank you very much for taking time to share your experience with us here. Perhaps you can start by giving us an introduction on how this whole arrangement came about?

I am on sabbatical from Messiah College. We are eligible for sabbatical every seven years. We began our planning several years away from the time when we are eligible. I began to think about where I would like to spend my sabbatical and what I would like to do. We have to write a project proposal, and it has to in some way support new professional development. I teach Religion, and over the years I have moved more specifically into Interfaith Studies, which focuses on how religions relate to each other.

On the global scale, Malaysia has one of the highest degrees of religious diversity and hence Malaysia came to the top of my list when I thought about where I would like to spend my sabbatical. It also happens that Messiah College had an academic relationship with the ADTP here in MCKL. So it made a great deal of sense to try to pursue coming here and over the next couple of years we were able to work things out and MCKL graciously agreed to host us here.

The six months that you have been here, how have you filled your time?

I have been working on my sabbatical project which involves three areas of professional development. The first area is teaching. I am teaching a course in World Religions and I am also working on a proposal for a three-week-cross-cultural course called “Experiencing World Religions” for the Messiah College students. The students would not just learn about religions in the classroom, but they would be visiting places of worship and engaging with the devotees there. That’s incredibly easy to do here as we know in the area of Brickfields there are religious sites from all the major world religions within 15 minutes’ walk.



WORLD RELIGIONS SEEN AND FELT

Part of Dr Pickens’ “Experiencing World Religions” course involved visiting places of worship and learning from the devotees. Many ADTP students benefited from this field trip.

The second area of the professional development is Institutional Service. I have been trying to think about other avenues in which Messiah College and MCKL can work together, in other ways than what we do presently. I have been trying to think about how some things that I have learnt here might benefit Messiah College. I was also able to give four public lectures about American Higher Education at MCKL.

The third and final area would be scholarship. I have been working on doing some research for at least one scholarly article, and I will be giving two public lectures about my experiences once I return to Messiah College.

Looking from the perspective of cultural backgrounds, what do you think are some of the advantages and challenges when our students go over to Messiah College?

An advantage that I quickly identified is that Malaysians have this innate ability to relate positively to people who practice other religions. I find Malaysian students are very well equipped to do that far better than most of my American students because we do not have that level of religious diversity in our country.

A challenge I have seen with my Malaysian students at Messiah College and I see it here, I think that they are often reluctant to speak up in class, to share their perspectives. In the American education we value students who are able to do so. We expect an educated person to be able to articulate their views, to form an opinion, and to be able to communicate that opinion in a clear logical way, and I find that the students here are a little challenged to do that.

Academics aside, are there any memorable stories from your time here that you would bring back the Messiah?

Here in Malaysia there are many things I think I will remember, the kindness and hospitality that has been

extended to me. People during Chinese New Year, they went out of their way to invite us to their homes to eat with their families. One person spent the whole day soon after we arrived, to personally take us around KL and introduce us to this city, and this is a very busy person, someone who could have been doing all kinds of other things. We did not ask, they decided that this was what they wanted to do, and that meant a great deal to us.

You have lecturers and students who identify with religions other than Christianity. But in my time here, you are able to accept them and embrace them as members of the community; you have a very hospitable understanding of the Christian faith that allows you to welcome people because of your Christian faith. This is what Jesus calls us to do. I have a deep appreciation for that, and that will be the one thing that I would take back to Messiah.

Any words of advice or encouragement for the staff at MCKL?

I wouldn't presume giving advice except to just encourage you all to continue doing what you are doing. I have been very impressed with this institution, the quality of education that's available here for the students and the quality of people that you have working here.

I would just encourage that you just continue that very good work. I can imagine that it is not easy. Education is a difficult profession; it is a difficult industry anywhere and I think that's true here in Malaysia as well. Lives are changed because of what you are doing here. You offer a lot of support for your students, not just academically, but emotionally and socially. This is a place where hospitality is extended; it's a part of what you do. There aren't too many places that consider that, so I would just say keep doing what you are doing.



Clockwise from top right: Sri Kandaswamy Temple, Maha Vihara Buddhist Temple, Zion Cathedral, Sam Kow Thong Temple, and Madrasathul Gouthiyyah Mosque.

The University That Strives For Excellence



The University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire is a highly esteemed American public university whose motto is none other than 'Excellence'. Originally established in 1916, the UW-Eau Claire has been consistently rated among the top 10 Midwestern universities in its region and is recognized nationally for quality academics and high return on investment. Among their ranks are dynamic scholars, award winners, people who are passionate about their intellectual pursuits, critical thinkers and innovators who are deeply committed to interacting with and improving the world around us.

The Power of 'AND'

For some people, having boundaries can make things easy, because it's about being in a familiar, comfortable zone. But then, there are people who want to be challenged, who feel compelled to break past the familiar and find their place in the world. For those people, the UW-Eau Claire provides boundless opportunities, the encouragement to explore and the energy that feeds lifelong passions. They call it the power of AND.

The power of AND is a key mentality that UWEC instills in its students. With this key element, students are not defined solely by one discipline or profession but they are encouraged to explore their multiple passions. This broad educational approach allows students to be creative and competitive, flexible and focused, vigilant and versatile, courageous and confident. Many may see the word 'AND' as a mere conjunction but the UWEC community sees it as a driving force to break past the barriers of their limitations.

Amidst excellence and exposure, the UWEC's mission is to foster one another in creativity, critical insight, empathy and intellectual courage, the hallmarks for a transformative liberal education and the foundation for active citizenship and lifelong inquiry.

Academics

The UWEC is organized into 4 colleges: the College of Business, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Human Sciences, and the College of Nursing where they offer a mélange of degrees ranging from both arts and science streams amounting to 80 undergraduate concentrations and 14 graduate concentrations.

With an expansive yet in-depth approach on the liberal arts curriculum, UWEC offers numerous opportunities for students to expand their horizons. The following are examples of high-impact opportunities that promote holistic growth and hands-on experience:

- Studying Abroad
- Cultural Immersion Trips
- Collaborative Undergraduate Research
- Internships
- Service – Learning

The reason why students in UWEC are outstanding performers is due to the fact that they are well supported by a backbone of passionate, responsive and caring staff. The faculty members and professors go above and beyond to provide pertinent academic assistance ranging from collaborative research, to degree plan advising, internships and even industry networking.

UWEC does not only provide an array of academic support but also various development services for personal success. The Advising, Retention and Career Center, Student Success Center and the Academic Skills Center are just a few examples of the support units that prepare students to be high achievers, all-rounders and better individuals overall.

Recognition

Ranked 5th in top public schools (regional Universities Midwest) in the States, it comes without any hint of doubt that the UWEC has been awarded with notable acknowledgements over the past few decades. Students from UWEC have earned top-level honors, including Rhodes, Truman and Goldwater scholarships. So far, 19 UW-Eau Claire students have received prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards - placing it in the top 15 U.S. master's universities for number of student Fulbright grant recipients.

On top of that, the UWEC has a nationally recognized undergraduate student-faculty research program. By their senior year, nearly 40 percent of all students have worked in faculties on research and other scholarly projects.

For more info on the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, visit their website at <https://www.uwec.edu/>

Quotes and Testimonies

MCKL students who are studying in UWEC have received remarkable commendations from their professors, here are just a few examples:



Quote regarding Cassandra Tiew, who is majoring in Criminal Justice:

"Overall, I would say Cassandra is a model student: she attends class regularly, completes all assignments well and on time, and often stops by my office hours to discuss questions about class concepts. It has been interesting discussing with her the differences between our criminal justice system here and that of Malaysia. She also has come in to my office hours with copies of academic papers that I have written and asked questions about them. She is clearly very curious and extremely motivated! Cassandra was recently hired by the UW-Eau Claire Police Department to work their front desk this summer."

*Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D.
Co-director, Cyberbullying Research Center
Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Political Science*

Quote regarding Wong Foong Min, who is double majoring in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics and minoring in Economics:

"Foong Min Wong is currently doing a Data Mining topic with me. Her grasp of the complex concepts and tools of Data Mining are excellent, a hallmark of her preparedness before coming here. She also was in my Computer Architecture class and performed well in that class too. She is hardworking, resourceful, and can work independently without much supervision. She is a joy to have as a student."

*Dr. Jack Tan
Professor & Chair
Department of Computer Science*

Exclusive UWEC-MCKL Merit Scholarship

The strong ties forged between the UWEC and MCKL has allowed for the ADTP students here to obtain an exclusive merit scholarship covering over 6,000 USD worth of tuition fees per semester at UWEC. This renewable scholarship is very demanding as it is only offered to one ADTP student who intends to study there. So far, only 2 students have successfully obtained the scholarship:

- Teh Zhi Yee – Spring 2018
- Simon Yap Jing Voon – Fall 2018

For students who fall short of obtaining the exclusive merit scholarship, fret not, there is also the UWEC Incoming International Student Scholarship as well as other rewarding scholarships for students to apply.



MCKL alumnus Teh Zhi Yee (ADTP Class of 2016) is the first recipient of the exclusive UWEC-MCKL Merit Scholarship. She is currently pursuing a BS in Biology with concentration in Ecology and Environmental Biology and this is what she has to say about UWEC and studying in America:

"I arrived at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC) smack in the dead of winter, in January 2018. Just like the snow, the atypical struggles of studying abroad fell upon me in steady layers – I was facing difficulties in adjusting to the unrelenting weather, encountering problems in making American friends in classes, and coping with the anxiety that came with the pressure to perform exceptionally well in my courses.

As I was coping with studying abroad, I learned a great deal about the Land of Freedom in UWEC. For instance, the environment in UWEC taught me to be upfront about my interests and to be vocal when needing help. These new values gave me the opportunity to participate in the biological research program in the summer of the following year. It also led me to learn about things beyond what was taught in the classroom as I worked up the nerve to approach a professor during office hours. The outgoing and genial community allowed me to meet great friends through a volunteering-based marine biology club (Reef Team).

Through all the people I have spoken to and befriended in UWEC, I admire their uncanny sense of independence and responsibility – a majority of my classmates support their own education, often without financial assistance from their parents. Knowing their stories behind how they got to be in the very same class as I had allowed me a humbling sense of respect for them, and a determination to accomplish the independence they have long obtained in their lives.

I have only completed one academic semester here in UWEC, yet I can sense the changes the past four months of experiences and learning have brought upon me. Pursuing an education here in the States could be an overwhelming experience, but personally it has been a gradual process of figuring out what I wanted, and learning to put myself out there, a bit at a time as I work my way toward my goals. I cannot wait to see what the following year brings me!"

For more info on the exclusive MCKL – UWEC Merit Scholarship, do not hesitate to approach any of our staff

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ADTP @ MCKL

*Congratulations to our American Degree Transfer Program
Students on their University Transfer**



Michelle Lo Shin Yi
Engineering (Biomedical)
Messiah College
on Moey-Phipps Scholarship of
Distinction & MCKL Book Prize



Teh Zhi Yee
Biology (Ecology
& Environmental Biology)
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
on UWEC-MCKL Merit Scholarship



Simon Yap Jing Voon
English-Linguistics & Sociology
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
on UWEC-MCKL Merit Scholarship



Cassandra Tiew Ean Ee
Criminal Justice
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
on UWEC International
Student Scholarship



Doris Yap Theng Fang
Mechanical Engineering
University of Kansas
on KU International Excellence Award



Joanne Jeya
History
Western Michigan University
on Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship



Sun Pui Yann
Biology & Biomedical Sciences
University of Northern Iowa
on UNI International Student
Scholar Award



Hoh Jantson
Biology (Biomedical)
Messiah College
on Provost's Scholarship and
International Aid



Charmaine Chan Yan Yee
Theatre
Messiah College
Messiah College Scholarship &
International Aid



Tetsuo Takahara
Psychology
Messiah College
Messiah College Scholarship
& International Aid



Benjamin Ong Yi-Le
Human Environmental Science
University of Arkansas
on Alumni Legacy Scholarship &
University of Arkansas Transfer Scholarship



Tan Jun You
Cyber Security
St. Cloud State University
on Academic & Cultural
Sharing Scholarship



Nigel Thomas Mathew
Physics
University of Kansas



Kaylene Yong Zi Xin
Art and Design
University of Wisconsin - Madison



Chee Yie Jian
Aerospace Engineering
Wichita State University
on Global Select Scholarship



Fiona Keah Gaik Teng
Finance
Western Michigan University
on Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship



Timothy Luke Gomez
Fitness, Recreation & Sports
Management
Hardin-Simmons University
on University Scholarship



Long Ji Sean
Biological Sciences (Conservation
Biology & Ecology)
Montana State University
on Academic Scholarship



Muhammad Haiqal bin
Mohd Hasyim
Biochemical Engineering
University of Iowa



Soh Ying Zhong John
Political Science & Economics
University of Wisconsin - Madison



Chua Yu Shi
Economics & Statistics
University of Wisconsin - Madison



Ebenezer Jeya
Computer Science
University of Central Missouri



Mak Sau Mun
Computer Science
University of Central Missouri



Goh Jin You
Industrial & Systems Engineering
San José State University

Name	Major	University Placement	Scholarship
Navinash a/I Gunalan	Architecture	Drury University	Trustee Scholarship
Tien Cherng Jing, Timothy	Film & Media Arts	Messiah College	Provost's Scholarship & International Aid
Keane Chua Jaen Wren	Music (Commercial Music)	Messiah College	Messiah College Scholarship & International Aid
Tan Ying Er	Accounting	St. Cloud State University	Academic & Cultural Sharing Scholarship
Joel Gan Eu Wern	Organizational Leadership	University of Northern Iowa	International Student Scholar Award
Chua Zi Shin	Computer Science	University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire	UWEC International Student Scholarship
Wong Wen Xuan	Aerospace Engineering	Wichita State University	Global Select Scholarship
Lim Joo Ning	Anthropology	Western Michigan University	Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship
Nicholas Chang Zi Xuan	Anthropology	Western Michigan University	Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship
Toh Zheng Ing	Business Analytics	Western Michigan University	Diether H. Haenicke Scholarship
Celine Chan Maey Shan	General Psychology	Western Michigan University	
Chong Wei Lyn	Electronic Business Marketing	Western Michigan University	
Chiew Chi Xian	Exercise Science	Auburn University	
Tan Jun Ming	Computer Science	California State University, Monterey Bay	
Tan Wei Qi	Graphic Design	Iowa State University	
Tan Wen Hui	Geography	Ohio State University	
Joanna Chong Jiaxuan	Economics	San José State University	
Soh Cyd-Ney	Finance	University of North Carolina, Charlotte	
Josiah Lee Zheng Hong	Social Work	University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire	
Marcus Tan Khai Weng	Computer Science	University of Central Missouri	
Tan Yen Wei	Computer Science	University of Central Missouri	



Dana Ho Qiao Ying
Psychology
San Francisco State University



Amrit Rajahser
Sports Management
Bemidji State University



* Partial Listing

... and many more

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World Social Work Day 2018



On 20 March 2018, the Diploma in Social Work (DSW) Programme at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) celebrated the World Social Work Day (WSWD) 2018 by organising a talk to highlight the importance and relevance of professional social work education and training for those who are committed and passionate about making a difference in the lives of vulnerable and marginalized populations.

Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria presented the talk entitled 'Social Work Practice and Education' which was attended by people from different backgrounds and organisations, including staff of United Nations, social work students from public universities, and representatives from non-government organisations.

Head of DSW Programme, Ms Elsie Lee, provided an update on the progress of the DSW programme while three students shared their thoughts and experiences after having completed one year of study.

The event was officiated by Ms Moey Yoke Lai, CEO of MCKL, and Mr Teoh Ai Hua, former President of the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW).

The DSW programme at MCKL is offered as a part time course and is the first of its kind in the private education sector in Malaysia. For more information on the programme, please contact the Marketing Department at 03-22746711.

MOULDING MINDS, SHAPING FUTURES



Some alumni were recipients of the MCKL Teaching Scholarship. The MCKL Teaching Scholarship is an initiative taken by the College to sponsor the undergraduate studies of selected alumni with a view that they will return to join the MCKL teaching fraternity upon graduation. This year, we have 4 teaching scholars.

Claire Tan
University of
Cambridge, UK

Melissa Chew
Institute of Technology,
Tralee, Ireland

Chan Yen Ping
University of
Cambridge, UK

Beh Su Jane
University of
York, UK

The College is ever appreciative of the students who have come back to contribute to the College's workforce.

STEPPING STONES

College is often considered the next stepping stone in a student's academic experience to a successful career and life – it is about preparing for more advanced subjects and more rigorous academic hurdles as they take their first steps into a world that values hard work and independence.

However, MCKL aspires to be more than just a facility for academic learning. The College aims to be a safe place where students can balance learning with character development, social skills, friendship and for some, spiritual growth.

The effects of such an environment are evident in the testimonies of our alumni. They have willingly done so in the interest of sharing their experiences with current and future students, and have helped to make MCKL a home away from home. Senior students often fill the roles similar to that of older siblings by guiding and inspiring their juniors by working in the Student Council, tutoring in the Psychology & Learning Centre, or simply leading by example.

There are many others with similar experiences shared here, and we hope there will be many more like them in the years to come. Enjoy reading!

Overcoming Adversities



Teaching Differently and Effectively

When Celine and her parents first walked into MCKL, they expected to be turned down yet again but instead were greeted by MCKL's CEO, Ms Moey Yoke Lai, who in turn made sure the College helped Celine fulfill her dreams.

Confronted by the prospect of teaching its first blind student, the College had to tackle teaching from a whole new perspective. MCKL quickly began working with the National Council for the Blind Malaysia to produce braille study materials for Celine.

The lecturers made it a point to send her the lecture slides to transcribe in addition to describing on-screen graphics to her for subjects such as Economics where visuals play a fundamental role in the learning of concepts.

Pursuing A Dream

With her mind set on pursuing legal studies, she worked hard and her efforts paid off. Among her incredible achievements are: Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award for being top in Malaysia in the AS Level Law paper as well as 2A*s and 2As in the A Level finals. She secured a place in the prestigious University of Cambridge and she will be reading law on a Yayasan Khazanah Scholarship.

When asked what advice she would have for aspiring students, she revealed that perseverance was key to her success, adding:

"Life is a journey that is always full of challenges and difficulties that lurk within or beyond our sight, haunting and ambushing one at every corner and throughout every pace. It matters not whether you are an individual with disability or otherwise. What drives us on is the goal and destination we desire, and for that, one must find the meaning and the passion of one's life. One can begin with accepting one's disabilities or any other shortcomings and draw on it for strength, in that you can be the ray of hope that strives for a brighter future in a better world, as there are others in need and issues of concern to be addressed. Find your passion, light it ablaze, give back to society, for every effort counts. So, embrace your troubles and remember that you have a role to play."

Celine Lean Yew Lin is from the A Level Class of 2018.

FIND YOUR
PASSION,
LIGHT IT
ABLAZE,

give back to society,
for every effort counts.



You Are As Good As The Company You Keep

Gary Liew Zhen Yuan is from the A Level Class of 2013.

4 years down the road, my memories of studying in MCKL remains vivid. I was a Pure Science student in secondary school, going through the typical SPM route. I didn't initially choose to study Pharmacy; my choice back then was Law. However, having been a Science student all this while, I decided to take just one Arts subject at A-levels, hence, Economics instead of Biology. Looking back, an understanding of Economics proved to be extremely useful and practical in my day-to-day life. If you are a Science student considering an Arts degree but unsure of which A-level subject to take, I'd say take a leap of faith.

MCKL is like no other college – if you are serious about studies and having a healthy lifestyle, attend some college-tours and you will understand why. Though the dress-code is slightly skewed towards the conservative side, the environment and culture are extremely conducive. I had the most enjoyable period studying in MCKL. I met like-minded people who aimed high, studied hard but also played hard, who became some of my best friends even up till today although we didn't attend the same university. One difference I didn't realize until I entered university was that MCKL students have a desire to achieve great things in life, be it for noble causes or for a successful career. The importance of mixing with friends like these is often understated, but on a day-to-day basis it adds up, and will heavily influence one's direction in life. When I first entered MCKL, I didn't have high expectations for my studies nor for extra-curricular activities, but it turned out that my group of friends gained more than what we were expecting from our college life, as a result of us motivating each other, especially when we sometimes needed the extra push. We also had fun doing cheeky things such as skipping classes occasionally and pulling pranks (luckily, we survived to graduate). These close friends of mine would grow over the years to become high-fliers working in Google, KPMG, EY, Citi and some of the best names of respective industries, and I'm sure they have the same sentiments as I do towards MCKL.

MCKL lecturers are dedicated – I am especially grateful to have had lecturers who went above and beyond for us students. From extra tutorials to writing individual testimonies, MCKL lecturers go all the way to ensure that we do well not just in our studies but also in our future undertakings. Our Physics lecturer also spent extra hours explaining the field of engineering to those of us who were keen on study engineering.

Shortly after A Level, my love towards this College drew me to join the Marketing team as a student helper. I did not have prior work experience, so this was a first try for me. People say that there are no stupid questions, but I do remember asking stupid, embarrassing questions to other staff, which taught me lots of lessons (including what questions not to ask) which made me slightly more street smart. It also gave me the confidence to apply for internships and programmes later in university. I especially thank Mr Reuben for being accommodating to me (a troublemaker) back then.

Nobody is an instant success; everyone has to start somewhere. One of the greatest pivots in my life was choosing to study at MCKL, a College which I will always take pride in and attribute my successes to. If you are still looking for a college, I hope you would seriously consider MCKL.



CONGRATULATIONS

to our **Certified Accounting Technician** students for their outstanding achievements in the March 2018 examination!

● **ARIANNA YONG QIAO-RU (CAT 1801)**

1st in the World for FA1 paper

HO YEE KHOON (CAT 1801) ●

1st in Malaysia and 2nd in the World for MA1 paper



Students Admitted to Top



Celine Lean Yew Lin
Law
University of Cambridge, UK
on Khazanah Scholarship



Cheong Ruoh Wen
Natural Sciences - Chemistry
University of Cambridge, UK



Dorcas Chua Chia Ern
Philosophy & Linguistics
University of Oxford, UK
on YTL Scholarship



Choo Shinn You
Physics
University of Oxford, UK



Edmund Chee Kah Kin
Actuarial Science
Heriot-Watt University, MY
on MCKL-HWUM Scholarship



Kok Hanz
Chemical Engineering
University of Nottingham Malaysia, MY
on MCKL-UNMC Scholarship



Chin Boon Kent
Global Business & Digital Arts
University of Waterloo, CA



Sarah Chok Min Huey
Medicine
Guang Xi Medical University, CN
on Chinese Government Full
Scholarship



Gan Jia En
Biomedical Engineering
National University of Singapore, SG



Erika Ann Foon Benjamin
Management & Finance
INTO Queen's University Belfast, UK
on INTO Global Future Leader
Scholarship Awards



Aradhya Negi
Business (Commerce International)
University College Dublin, IE
on Global Scholarship



Chin Zuo Yi
Engineering
Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK
on Admission Scholarship
& Faculty of Engineering Admission Scholarship

NAME

Jaydon Chong Hong Yong
Seow Maxine
Peh Bo Wei
Lee Joey
Justin Yan Jet Han
Bryan Phon Wee Hao
Brian Ashwin Pillai
Tan Yu Hau Sean
James Lum Keen Hong
Chan Le Xuan
Chiew Kai Qi
Chin Ruo Xuan
Ryan Hoh Wei Hoe
Mohammad Imtiaz Shah
Teh Jayson
Ong Li Xiang
Sylvia Kou Su Yea
Chong Yu Lun
Lim Chin Seong
Samuel See Haw Hann
Lim Yun Wei
Yeu Sin Yuet
Choo Yi Kang
Ashley Rachel Lim Su Yin
Foo Hui Ching
Chan Jun Yi
Yong Chee Cong
Tamara Lee Su Hui
Hay Wee Han Willy
Pang Zi Hao
Tan Chia Wen
Joshua Ting Chao Xu
Matthew Goh Shan Quan
Choi Ke Xin
Chong Xian Li
Neoh Zhi Wen
Yap Zi Ying
Chong Weng Liang
Chan Weng Yan
Vanessa Tan Yi Huan
Lee Fiang
Kriharen A/L Tiagoo
Wong Lai Mun
Daniel Law Ming Xian
Chen Ai Sher
Low Kian Chong
Wong Yee Chi
Ching Shu Wen
Emily Chew Wen Li
Hong En Eng
Wong Vickie
Nigel Ng Zi Xuan
Young Jeen Ann
Lee Jia Yi
Teoh Eyang
Lai Yao Wei

Chu Huan Enn
Tah Kai Cheng
Aravind Raj Swaminathan

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

Asia Pacific University, MY
Cardiff University, UK
Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK
Cork Institute of Technology, IE
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, IE
Heriot-Watt University, MY
Hong Kong Baptist University, HK
Imperial College London, UK
International Christian University, JP
International Medical University, MY
Limerick Institute of Technology, IE
Monash University, AU
Monash University, MY
Monash University, MY
Monash University, MY
Monash University, MY
Nanyang Technological University, SG
Nanyang Technological University, SG
Nanyang Technological University, SG
Nanyang Technological University, SG
Northwestern Polytechnical University, CN
Queen's University Belfast, UK
Sunway University, MY
Sunway University, MY
The University of Hong Kong, HK
The University of Hong Kong, HK
The University of Hong Kong, HK
The University of Hong Kong, HK
The University of Hong Kong, HK
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, MY
University of Illinois at Chicago, US
University of Nottingham Malaysia, MY
University of South Florida, US
University of Southampton, MY
University of Tasmania, AU
University of Tasmania, AU
University of Waterloo, CA
Waterford Institute of Technology, IE
Western Sydney University, AU
Berlin School of Economics and Law, DE
Delft University of Technology, NL
Heriot-Watt University, MY
Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, HK
Imperial College London, UK
Imperial College London, UK
International Medical University, MY
International Medical University, MY
International Medical University, MY
International Medical University, MY
King's College London, UK
King's College London, UK
King's College London, UK
Maastricht University, NL
Nanjing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics, CN
Nanyang Technological University, SG
Nanyang Technological University, SG
Nanyang Technological University, SG

PROGRAMME

Multimedia Technology
Optometry
Finance & Accounting
Analytical & Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Biology & Biopharmaceutical Science
Actuarial Science
Mechanical Engineering
Computer Science
Mechanical Engineering
Liberal Arts
Dentistry
Accounting & Finance
Information Technology
Chemical Engineering
Mechatronics Engineering
Medical Bioscience
Medicinal Chemistry
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Electrical and Electronics Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Materials Engineering
Commerce
Law
Psychology
Actuarial Science
Computer Science
Economics and Finance
Engineering
Medicine
Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
English Language and Literature
Nursing
Mechanical Engineering
Laboratory Medicine
Law
Mathematics
Nutrition & Health Science
Occupational Therapy
International Business Management
Aerospace Engineering
Actuarial Science
Mechanical Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Computing (Artificial Intelligence)
Biomedical Science
Dentistry
Dietetics with Nutrition
Medicine
Medicine
Law
Law
Nutrition
Data Science & Knowledge Engineering
Electrical & Electronics Engineering

Bioengineering
Chemical & Bioengineering
Electrical and Electronics Engineering

SCHOLARSHIP

APU Merit Scholarship
Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarship
CUHK Entrance Scholarship
Partial Scholarship
Partial Scholarship
Merit Scholarship
Financial Hardship Scholarship
HKBU Entrance Scholarship
Global Scientific Scholarship
Alumni Scholarship
JPA Scholarship
Partial Scholarship
International Merit Scholarship
Monash High Achiever's Award
Monash High Achiever's Award
Monash High Achiever's Award
Monash High Achiever's Award
SG MOE Tuition Grant
SG MOE Tuition Grant
SG MOE Tuition Grant
SG MOE Tuition Grant
Full Tuition Scholarship
Queen's University Belfast Scholarship
The Star Scholarship
Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship
HKU Full Scholarship
HKU Full Scholarship
HKU Full Scholarship
HKU Full Scholarship
HKU Entrance Scholarship
Merit Scholarship
Merit Scholarship
The Star Scholarship
Partial Scholarship
Full Tuition Scholarship
UTAS International Student Scholarship
UTAS International Student Scholarship
President's Scholarship
Partial Scholarship
WSU Undergraduate Scholarship

NAME

Lee Gao Sheng
Chong Qi-Yun
Lim Lee Son
Chen Qing An
Samhita Kadayam Srikanth
Lau Shan Yu
Darren Tan Wee Kok
Lye Jian Wen
Syed Mohamed Fazil
Kung Joon Leon
Tan Zhi Yean
Liang Wan Yee
Goh Zi Xin
Teh Xin Yi
Choo Yan Vern
Liew Van Kie
Hew Hao Le
Fong Jun Jian
Lee Wen Huey
Joan Wu Jen Jen
Loo Wei Sin
Jade Wong Wenn-Li
Jan Choy Shu Yang
Liew Zu Yan
Lim Xiao Shuen
Saiswari Sivanesan
Winston Chan Bartle
Desiree Poon Tze Hwei
Teo Jin Yeet
Chu Wei Ern
Joven Wong Jie Chung
Poi Min Min
Chew Chi Yew
Lee Ying Ying
Kelvin Chan Wey Han
Lee Yu Chen
Tan Yik Yang
Yeo Jen Yie
Lok Jia Qi
Yong Qing Hui
Ng Shang Bo
Ong Wei Chun
Yau Yee Chien
Chin Jean Yew
Ching Chun Aun
Lee Jing
Lennard Leong Jun Shern
Ethan Lee Wei Ming
Tan Jun Long
Tay Yi Ting
Celine Tan Kaiwen
Chua Wei Ying
Ng Yi Ning
Melissa Tan Wei Yi
Joseph Lim Ti Huei
Lim En Nee
Christopher Lim Khai Min
Samuel Ng Shen-Chang
Chan Win Yew
Joshua George Varughese

Universities in 2018*



Tee May Ern
Master of Laws
London School of Economics, UK
on MCKL Teaching Scholarship



Sheena Siva Subramaniam
Medicine
RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus, MY
on UCD Scholarship



Chan Shu Chen
Medicine
RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus, MY
on STAR Scholarship



Engracia Yap Shihuan
Medicine
RCSI & UCD Malaysia Campus, MY
on RCSI Scholarship



Yau Yen Ching
Mathematical, Computational &
Statistical Sciences
Yale-NUS College, SG
on Study Award



Liang Sze Ye
Mechanical Aerospace
& Power Engineering
Tsinghua University, CN
on Chinese Government Full Scholarship



Jaskeerat Singh Gill
Music
Musikhochschule Lübeck, DE



Kan Man Kit
Actuarial Science
The University of Hong Kong, HK
on HKU Full Scholarship and
Belt & Road Scholarship



Lim Yiyan
Actuarial Science
London School of Economics, UK
on Astro Scholarship



Supyae Yadanar
Medicine
Trinity College Dublin, IE



Joshua Tee Tian Jin
Mathematics
Korea Advanced Institute of Science
and Technology, KR
on KAIST Scholarship



Denise Thean Pui Yan
Early Childhood Care & Education
Institute of Technology Tralee, IE
on Government of Ireland -
International Education Scholarship

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

Nanyang Technological University, SG
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National University of Singapore, SG
National University of Singapore, SG
National University of Singapore, SG
National University of Singapore, SG
National University of Singapore, SG
Newcastle University, UK
Queen Mary University of London, UK
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK
The University of Hong Kong, HK
The University of Hong Kong, HK
Trinity College Dublin, IE
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, MY
Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, MY
University College London, UK
University College London, UK
University College London, UK
University of Alberta, CA
University of Bristol, UK
University of Bristol, UK
University of Buckingham, UK
University of Groningen, NL
University of Kent, UK
University of Kent, UK
University of Malaya, MY
University of Malaya, MY
University of Malaya, MY
University of Malaya, MY
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University of Manchester, UK
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University of Manchester, UK
University of Melbourne, AU
University of Melbourne, AU
University of Nottingham, MY
University of Nottingham, UK
University of Nottingham, UK
University of Nottingham, UK
University of Sheffield, UK
University of Warwick, UK
University of Warwick, UK
University of Warwick, UK
University of Warwick, UK
University of Warwick, UK

PROGRAMME

Electrical and Electronics Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Materials Science & Engineering
Information Engineering and Media
Interactive Design
Arts and Social Science (Economics)
Computer Science
Economics
Mechanical Engineering
Journalism, Media and Culture
Dentistry
Mathematics
Mathematics
Finance
Social Sciences
Pharmacy
Medicine
Physiotherapy
Biomedical Engineering
Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Psychology with Education
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Environmental Geoscience
Medicine
Artificial Intelligence
Actuarial Science
Actuarial Science
Accountancy
Biomedical Engineering
Biomedical Engineering
Economics
Economics
Electrical Engineering
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Medicine
Medicine
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Actuarial Science and Mathematics
Chemical Engineering
Law
Mechanical Engineering
Biomedicine
Electrical and Electronic Systems
Economics
Medicine
Medicine
Medicine
Biomedical Science
Accounting and Finance
Accounting and Finance
Economics
Economics
M.O.R.S.E
Philosophy, Politics and Economics



Too Jia Biao
Mathematics
Imperial College London, UK
MyBrainSc Scholarship



Tan Wei Hao
Electrical & Electronic Engineering
Nanyang Technological University, SG
SG MOE Tuition Grant



Tan Yong Sheng
Psychology with Cognitive
Neuroscience
University of Nottingham, UK
on High Achiever Scholarship



Caleb Fong Ju-Xin
Mathematics
University of St Andrews, UK
on Education Scholarship &
Accommodation Award



Baek In Weon
Engineering
The University of Hong Kong, HK
HKU Full Scholarship



Suh Hyo Lim
Biology
Seoul National University, KR



Edmund Lim Ri Kai
Mechanical Engineering
University of Malaya, MY



Lim Zhan Foong
Medicine
University of Malaya, MY



Mugilvarnan Suppiah
Materials Science & Engineering
Imperial College London, UK



Loi Kit Hoe
Economics
University of Bath, UK



Choong Ming Hui
Finance
London School of Economics, UK



Ang Ken Gin
Engineering
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, US

* Partial Listing

Sometimes, Your Vocation Finds You



In the world of higher education, MCKL stands unique as one of the few Christian education institutions in Malaysia. Under the purview of the Methodist Council of Education (COE), MCKL has always strived to explore various avenues to provide support to the Methodist churches.

The Joint Scholarship between MCKL and the Methodist Churches in Malaysia is one such avenue, which sponsors Methodist Church Kindergarten teachers to study Diploma in Early Childhood Education at MCKL. Since its inception in 2015, seven students have received over RM 180,000 worth of scholarships. The most recent recipient is Khaw Sin Yee of Ayer Itam Methodist Church, Penang.

Surprisingly, pursuing Early Childhood Education happened by chance for her. She initially wanted to do a degree in the Chinese Language at a public university but she was offered a course that was unrelated.

It was while working as a helper at her church kindergarten that she pondered on the alternatives. It was then that her pastor, Pastor Toh Kee Hean, recommended the Early Childhood Education programme at MCKL, with the Joint Scholarship in mind. After a lot of prayer and consideration, notwithstanding the many negative comments she received about the future of teaching, she decided to take up his suggestion, which she believed was her calling.

When asked about why he encouraged Sin Yee to pursue Early Childhood Education, Pastor Toh explained, "Sis. Sin Yee is passionate about young children and often takes the initiative to interact with them. She is fun-filled and has a childlike demeanour which puts a child at ease. She took the initiative to volunteer at the church kindergarten after her Form Six exam and helped around the kindergarten in whatever way she could. When we approached her to see if she was serious about pursuing an ECE programme, her response was positive. Hence, we recommended her to take up ECE at MCKL, knowing that there is a Joint Scholarship programme in ECE."

Second semester in, she only has praises for the programme lecturers, saying that they are caring and treat students like their friends while remaining professional. She says that because of the way the students are nurtured, she is confident that she is fully prepared for her first practicum in January 2019 and even when she graduates.

Sin Yee hopes to use the skills and knowledge acquired to bring improvements to her church kindergarten. Pastor Toh too shares similar hopes adding that Sin Yee could one day be the principal of the kindergarten and be able to create a more conducive learning environment for the children.

Khaw Sin Yee is from the Dip. of Early Childhood Education Class of 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS



to Esther Leong Wei Ern and Alicia Sim Yi Wen on graduating with
FIRST CLASS HONOURS
in BA (Hons) Early Childhood Care and Education
from Institute of Technology, Tralee, IE

Heartiest congratulations
to the first MCKL Joint Scholarship
recipients for completing their
Diploma in Early Childhood Education!



CHIN WEI NIE
(ECE 1508)
Trinity Methodist
Church, Sitiawan



CHEE WEI LING
(ECE 1604)
Gunung Rapat
Chinese Methodist
Church, Ipoh

Every Cloud Has A Silver Lining



Tan Chee Yong took a selfie with the one and only Tun Dr. Mahathir.

Misery is the term to describe my childhood. My father started his business and it grew tremendously over the years and we thought that the good days had finally come. However, it took an unexpected turn – my father was diagnosed with colon cancer and it was already at the end of stage 2. My father had to undergo a series of treatments at hospitals and had to give up his business. For a family living with just enough money to cover our bread and butter, it was a great challenge. My mom needed to sort out a better way to sustain our family and to pay for my dad's medical expenses.

Going to hospitals was a norm in my childhood as I often suffered from temporary emotional breakdowns. I was strained by the stressful atmosphere and had almost lost my motivation to continue studying. My father passed away shortly and that moment of grief was encapsulated in my early childhood memory. The upcoming UPSR examination was a disaster for me. I ended up with just 2A 2B 2C and 1D in UPSR and the D almost put me into "remove" class rather than Form 1.

Fortunately, I was accepted to start Form 1. I thought everything will calm down and life will go on as usual after that moment of despair. However, as an English saying goes, misfortunes never come alone. When mum and I were about to plan a new life, she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

It was one afternoon in 2013; I had just reached home from school and saw mum sitting at the sofa crying. An air of melancholy surrounded my house and she told me the bad news.

One of mum's brother was also suffering from a serious illness at that time. My uncle had no choice but to quit his job and to undertake ghastly haemodialysis (kidney dialysis) for a period of time. It was truly distressing for my uncle's family as well as my grandmother. My granny, who had witnessed the funeral of her first son, my grandfather and my father, suffered in agony over my uncle's deteriorating situation. She had to travel tirelessly from Kluang to Kajang regularly to take care of my uncle.

Mum was a compassionate woman who often cared for others first instead of herself. Although she knew she was diagnosed with cancer, she decided to face it herself rather than causing further distress to my grandma and others. She worked tirelessly to raise me and to take care of my uncle as well as my granny while absorbing all sorts of stress herself. Everything I saw was deeply embedded in my mind and I felt helpless that I could not help her and my family during this difficult time.

2014 was another year of despondency for me. I had chosen the stream that I disliked the most – Science and Accounting, and I struggled in my studies till the end of my high school. I failed to win the trust of my teacher advisor in securing a leadership position in the Chinese Society, a society which I worked persistently to prepare a group of capable leaders who were ready for service and to make matters worse, my uncle passed away the same year.

It was truly a moment of anguish for me and I was inconsolable. As expected, I did not do well in my studies and I ended up with just 6As & 6Bs for my SPM Exam. While my friends were celebrating their stellar performance in the examination, I was sitting alone at home facing a pale and uncertain future, feeling ambivalent about the very meaning of life.

I started my A Level course immediately after my SPM in January after taking into account my mum and my friends' opinions. For me, it was nothing more than just wanting to start anew. However, it was not the end of the unfortunate events. Calamity struck – mum passed away. It happened abruptly not long after my 18th birthday. It was unexpected and not anticipated by anyone, not even me. Everything had seemed perfectly alright and she had even gone to Rome for a business trip right after my birthday. However, her internal organs were seriously damaged and she suffered a haemorrhage on her flight.

She had to come back to Malaysia immediately, enduring another 12-hour flight. I was called immediately to the airport to accompany her to the hospital. After a series of examinations, the doctor told me that she would not last more than two days. Her last will and testament was immediately brought to the hospital and I was asked to be prepared for the worst.

She passed away peacefully in the hospital, leaving behind her son to face the world alone. Those were the bleakest days in my life and I had absolutely no idea how was I going to live on my own. For the next few months, I had to figure out ways to

manage a variety of issues that confronted me – my studies, mum’s legal affairs, my relationship with my relatives, my friends, mum’s friends, my finances and many more without mum’s guidance. I was facing the world myself.

Words cannot really express how miserable I was and it was unimaginable how I overcame all these challenges one by one. I felt that something needed to be changed in my life and I needed to combat all these negativities. I had a strong inclination that I must stop looking back to the past and begin living a new and positive life. I did not want my life to be another story of sadness; I wanted it to be a story that would inspire others.

Hence, I started to work hard on my A Levels and I decided to set my dream big – to study in one of the top universities in the world. I applied for top universities in the UK and I applied for scholarships offered to Malaysians. I had even courageously applied for one of the most prestigious scholarship in Malaysia – the Khazanah Scholarship, which offered the brightest of Malaysians a chance to study in top universities.

Out of the many applications made, only Khazanah accepted my application. My friends told me that it was normal for us to be rejected especially in the era of the JPA scholarship suspension. Pessimism once again permeated my heart. “What is life?” I asked myself. “What is wrong with me and why is my life so full of sorrow?”

However, I started to see the break of the dawn when invitations from Khazanah for Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and even Stage 4 assessments and interviews came in. Can you imagine how unbelievable this was for someone like me?

The whole process took more than 4 months and it was quite nerve wrecking for me. A total of 11,000 applicants were vying for less than 50 scholarships in 2017. The level of difficulty and challenges were beyond my expectation and I almost failed in Stage 4.

Stage 4 results came in and I was placed under ‘Keep In View’. It meant that I would only be awarded the scholarship should there be any additional spot. It was so near yet so far. I was the only one from MCKL that had gone through all the hurdles until stage 4 and yet I failed to secure it.

“This must be a joke!” I breathed with a long sigh of despair after I came back from my interview. The final Cambridge A Level examination was now around the corner and I had to recover immediately. I was still holding a grain of hope in my mind as I sat for the exam. I decided to go back to my lovely hometown in Kluang after the exam to accompany my granny while thinking about my future.

I went to Singapore to look for a job out of fear that my results would turn out below my expectations. I had actually secured a job to be a visitor experience ambassador at National Gallery Singapore on a one-year contract.

The Cambridge A Level results was announced on 10 August and I achieved one A*, two As, which are 80% and 82% respectively, just enough to pass the borderline for grade A, and one C. Just when I thought I was going to study locally I received an email from Khazanah National inviting me for the final stage of interview. It was unbelievable.



**BELIEVE ME,
THERE MUST BE
A REASON
FOR YOU TO BE ALIVE
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LOOK FOR IT.**

“Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that you are successful in the Final Stage Interview and will be awarded with the Khazanah Scholarship.” This is the moment that I would certainly say that changed my life forever. Finally, after so many challenges and disappointments I can stand tall with pride to live my new life with new hope. Britain and a new bright future were waiting for me. So now, here I am, studying International Relations at King’s College London, enjoying life in the amazing international metropolis and studying alongside some of the brightest students around the world. I have regained much needed confidence to face the future with courage.

“Every cloud has a silver lining.” You will never know what is going to happen in your life. I was not a typical brilliant student with straight As in my hand. I was not even thinking about my future when I received my SPM results. I was not even as great as other high-achieving A Level students who attained straight As or A*s in their exam. I was just an ordinary boy with a dream of fighting hard to change the fate of my life. I want to light up the dark and inspire you not to give up on yourself.

Believe me, there must be a reason for you to be alive in this world and you should constantly look for it. “Nothing great has ever been achieved without enthusiasm,” was a quote given to me when I was a student back in high school. If you continue your hard work and keep on fighting for your dream, the dawn will come to you.



Tan Chee Yong did an internship in the Malaysian Ministry of Works.

Tan Chee Yong is from the A Level Class of 2017.

A Stable And Bright Career Prospect In Early Childhood Education



It is very rare to find an affordable college that is so disciplined and they provide all the facilities and the subjects there.

When it comes to the question of a promising career choice, most parents would usually think of courses such as medicine, engineering or accountancy. A preschool teacher would normally not be considered as a popular career choice.

Nonetheless, MCKL's Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE) graduates are proving that a career in teaching young children can not only be financially rewarding but also extremely fulfilling and satisfying.

This is thanks to the affordable and high standards of education provided by MCKL through the DECE programme. The two and a half year diploma course has seen MCKL graduates receiving job offers from preschools and kindergartens in different countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, UK, New Zealand, and China.

One such student is Gan Hui Ann who secured a teaching job at Joykids International Preschool even before her graduation. At her graduation last January, she expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to complete her DECE programme at MCKL saying that “It is very rare to find an affordable college that is so disciplined and they provide all the facilities and the subjects there.”

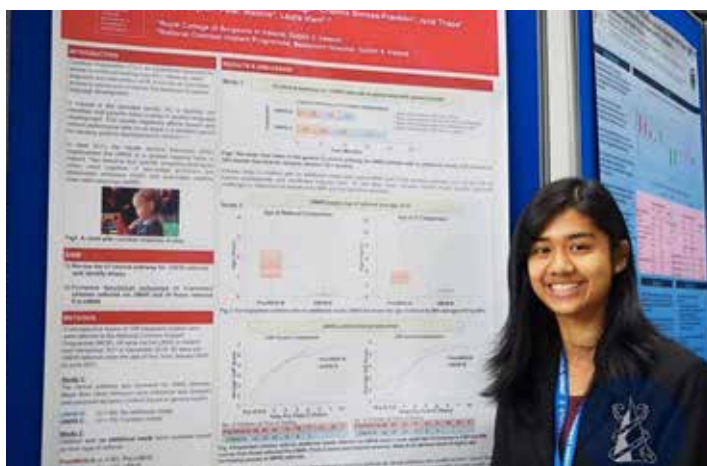
A typical fresh graduate such as Gan Hui Ann can easily earn between RM 2000 to RM 3000 at an international preschool. However, in the coming years, this prospect looks brighter with the government recently making it mandatory that all preschools hire qualified teachers with at least a diploma in early childhood education in order to maintain the professionalism and quality of the industry.

Graduating from MCKL's DECE is not the end but rather the beginning of a bright career prospect. MCKL has formed strong partnerships with universities such as Institute of Technology Tralee, Ireland and University of Gloucestershire, UK where our graduates such as Gan Hui Ann need only complete an additional year to obtain her degree in ECE.

With only three and a half years to complete a bachelor's degree in ECE, MCKL's pathway is one of the more attractive and affordable early childhood programmes available.

Gan Hui Ann is from the
Dip. of Early Childhood Education Class of 2018.

Soaring On The Wings Of An Eagle



It was 9.23pm on 2 March 2018 and I was struggling with the sheer volume of materials to study. I had just started the Intermediate Cycle of Med School in Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) Dublin. Balancing studies and other commitments, I was to present a research piece at the 'The Student Medical Summit' the next day.

It was a battle I had to endure through the night as I did not have enough motivation to prepare for the presentation. Contrary to popular belief, student life is always filled with enraging desperations, having to study hard to do well in academics and at the same time fulfilling the need to participate in extracurricular activities which has significance on your ultimate grading and experience.

Thank God, for purposes of the Summit, I could rely on the research work which I had participated in last Summer at the RCSI Research Summer School (RSS) where under the guidance of Consultant Otolaryngologist Surgeon Prof. Laura Viani and her team, I completed a project entitled 'Impact of Universal Newborn Hearing Screening on Cochlear Implanted Children in Ireland'.

I had also presented this research at two competitions. The first was at the RSS Closing Ceremony, where I was a joint winner of the "overall best presentation award" with Melvin Hoo, also an ex-MCKL student who is studying in RCSI as well. Sadly, I did not win the second competition, the Beaumont Hospital Translational Research Awards.

Back to the Summit, I felt that presenting the research piece again may be stale. Furthermore, there were over 100 students from all over Ireland taking part in this Summit and my chances of winning were near to zero and I reckoned there was no point preparing so hard for it. I felt like a spent bird that could not take flight.

Melvin and my dad whom I spoke to over the phone kept encouraging me to do my best at the Summit and to "jia you ALL the way." Spending quiet moments in prayer that night, I was reminded of Colossians 3:23, "In whatever you do, do it heartily, as for the Lord and not for men," a Scripture verse I had stuck on my room wall back home since secondary school. I was immediately refreshed and energized. The Holy Spirit was the wind beneath my wings that made me soar once again. I practiced through the night and the next morning.

At the Summit later that day, 8 finalists were selected after two rounds of judging. It was indeed a pleasant surprise that I

was one of them as I was not expecting it at all. I was feeling anxious and intimidated in the moments leading to the determining round as I was the only second year medical student while the other finalists were seniors. I felt like David facing Goliath. I said a quick prayer, asking God for favour and wisdom. I presented and was thrilled when the audience laughed at some of my puns.

At the end of the Summit, I was announced as the winner and was even awarded the "Undergraduate Researcher of the Year" by Sir Stephen O' Rahilly from Cambridge University. After the photo session, Melvin asked me to open the envelope I was given with the award. I told him it was probably empty, that it was just for ceremonial purposes but I opened it anyway, just to check.

Inside was a cheque of £250! Tears filled my eyes, I was immensely grateful. God had provided more than I could ever imagine.

Through this experience I am reminded to constantly hold true to Colossians 3:23. Our journey in life may not always be a bed of roses. As an undergraduate, we may sometimes feel a loss of inspiration, inadequate or simply fearful. However, in my personal walk with the Lord, I learnt that as we do our part to strive for excellence acknowledging and relying upon Him at all times, He will enable us and grant us victory beyond our expectations. To Him be all the glory!

**"In whatever you do, do it heartily,
as for the Lord and not for men."**



Top right: Melissa Mae Gabriel with Sir Stephen O' Rahilly from Cambridge University, who presented her with "Undergraduate Researcher of the Year".

Melissa Mae Gabriel is from the A Level Class of 2016.

No Smacking, Education Only

Samuel Pau joined MCKL's Diploma in Early Childhood Education programme in 2012. He went on to complete his Degree in Early Childhood Care and Education at Institute of Technology Tralee, Ireland and is now doing his Masters at University College Dublin (UCD). He shares his story.

The most important commodity is time, and the two years I've been here just flew by!

I am currently doing my Master of Arts in Education at UCD and working part time as a childcare practitioner. I have to say that my experience has been a blessed one. I have met many friendly, warm and compassionate people, and they have given me some of the best experiences that I will always cherish; from my adopted and Irish families to the country itself and its magical scenery.

Tralee is a beautiful place. I still remember the first time I arrived there with my dear sisters Chui Yee and Hai Hwei. Studying there was wonderful as I was free from the distractions of city life. The city was still accessible and this had allowed me to strike a good balance between studying and other activities. However, it is crucial to have friends who are like family to support, love, care for, encourage, and motivate you, for without them it will be tough to get through the year.

After completing my degree, I had difficulty finding a job in Tralee as most childcare providers prefer people who are either local or have experience working in Ireland. After more job-hunting, I managed to secure a job in Dublin. While working, I discovered that the culture and childcare system here is different and very politically correct compared to Malaysia's. There are strict no smacking policies and very strict guidelines which ensure the protection of children, their growth and development. I worked fulltime for a year before starting my Masters.

Doing a Master's course is intensive as there is a lot of reading so it is important that I balance my time to study, work and relax. It is not easy but I have faith that God will lead the way and help me overcome any challenges along the way. Despite the intensity, I enjoy studying towards my masters despite it being tiring because I am gaining a deeper understanding of the pedagogy. Also I have gained a broader understanding and a wider view of various aspects which to me as a teacher is invaluable. Most importantly I learnt that an effective instructional leader does not just focus on student learning but relentlessly figures out and interrogates evidence of that learning.

I cherish every moment and cannot recommend the experience more. It is not easy, you need to be strong and self-reliant, resilient, consistent and focused but if you have clear goals and warm hearts around you then it is easy to succeed. If you want to know more about my life in Ireland, you can follow my Instagram: @samuelpau93 and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about study and work in Ireland. Hope to see you guys in Ireland very soon!

Fáilte go hÉirinn!
(Welcome to Ireland!)

*Samuel Pau is from the
Dip. of Early Childhood Education
Class of 2011.*

MCKL CONGRATULATES OUR ACCA STUDENTS FOR ACHIEVING FIRST CLASS HONOURS B.Sc (Hons) in Applied Accounting, Oxford Brookes University, UK



Yeoh Wy Mun

Lee Yee Von

Students who successfully complete all Fundamental Level papers, pass the ACCA Ethics and Professional Skills Module and the Oxford Brookes University Research and Analysis Project will be conferred the B.Sc. (Hons.) in Applied Accounting degree by Oxford Brookes University, UK.

First Ever Alumni Annual General Meeting

by Beh Su Jane, Biology lecturer,
previously a recipient of the
MCKL Teaching Scholarship

On 20 January 2018, a total of 37 MCKL alumni converged for the MCKL Alumni Association's (MCKL Alumni) first ever Annual General Meeting since its founding in 2013. Chaired by Mr Yoshua Chua of the Student Services Office (SSO), who is MCKL Alumni's Honorary Advisor, the meeting was also made possible with the help of the new Alumni Relations Officer, Ms Beh Su Jane, who is also an alumna. The purpose of the MCKL Alumni is to provide an avenue for former students to contribute to their alma mater, to network and to stay in touch with the College. The first AGM saw the election of a new Executive Council, comprising individuals from diverse professions. These 7 were successfully voted in as the Executive Committee of 2018-2019. They are:

MCKL Alumni Association Executive Committee of 2018-2019

President

Mr Alex Ng Ya'o Qu'an EDEXCEL 1107

Deputy President

Mr Ram A/L T. Manikavaasagan
AUSMAT 1107

General Secretary

Mr Samson Chaw Chuan Yen ECE 1203

Treasurer

Mr Colin Wong AUSMAT 0701

Vice President 1

Mr Loh Chee Howe EDEXCEL 1101

Vice President 2

Mr Daryl Lee Ming Woei EDEXCEL 0801

Ordinary Member

Mr Vickram Ragunath AUSMAT 1001

After Mr Colin Wong had presented the budget, Mr Yoshua Chua shared MCKL's recent successes and growth, as well as exciting new plans for the future, which included a proposal for an extension block. He then outlined SSO's plans for a new era in MCKL Alumni Relations, which is now a new Unit under the SSO.

MCKL Alumni Relations Plans

will be rolled out in stages and consist of 4 pillars, namely:

Homecoming Dinner

Held yearly, this simple yet meaningful dinner will act as an avenue for alumni to connect, reconnect, and network. During the dinner, alumni will be updated on latest College developments, directions and needs. Alumni will be able to network in a friendly and warm environment whilst reminiscing about the past and looking forward to the future.



Networking

As the alumni are in various professions, bringing them together each year during the Homecoming Dinner will open opportunities for collaboration. Moreover, alumni get to share their experiences and discuss possibilities with one another. MCKL Alumni hope to also highlight the various achievements of alumni and allow most to just have an evening to recall good old times spent in the College and renew friendships and facilitate catch-ups.

Funding

As a College that believes that every individual can bring a unique difference to the world, the MCKL Alumni hopes to set up a special Fund that would take into account three areas of need in the College, namely: a) Building Fund; b) Scholarships for needy students; c) Scholarships for staff upskilling. On top of this, the Alumni Relations Unit will also be encouraging alumni to be part of the Pledge Fund, an avenue for all Alumni to contribute annually towards the running of alumni events.

Alumni Reconnect Program

This will be an on-going initiative for MCKL alumni to return to the College and engage with current staff and students through dialogue sessions, lectures, seminars, training and talks. It will also allow Alumni to book some of the facilities at discounted prices.



Alumni from the Class of 1991

Alumni Homecoming Dinner 2018

It was a night filled with Nostalgia. At least 140 alumni gathered at the MCKL Tan Sri Lee Kong Chian Hall on 28 July 2018 to share a meal together, at the first ever Alumni Homecoming Dinner.

Attendees included former lecturers, alumni from the class of 1983 all the way to the class of 2018, 3 former Student Council presidents, lawyers, educators, doctors, pharmacists, accountants, bankers and at least 19 engineers! Many alumni were either working or studying in UK, Hong Kong, Canada, US and Singapore. Despite our diverse backgrounds, we all had one thing in common: fond memories of MCKL.

The dinner commenced with a heartfelt appreciation to our VIPs as they entered the hall. VIPs are 12 long-serving staff who have served in MCKL for at least 10 years, among whom were Ms Moey Yoke Lai, Mr Augustine Ferns, Mr Khoo Teng Sooi, Ms Betsy Li Phui Chun, Mdm Chong Moi Moi, Mr Maniam, Mr Chan Yat Wah, Mr Michael Lee Meng Wai, Mr Yee Weng Hong, Ms Sunitha Dharma, Mr Reuben Chan and Mr Yoshua Chua. Regrets were expressed over the absence of our Guest of Honour, Datuk F.R. Bhupalan, the founder and first principal of MCKL from 1983-1993.

After the singing of Negaraku and the MCKL song, the CEO, Ms. Moey Yoke Lai, took the stage with a speech full of thanksgiving to God. She recounted her 12 years in MCKL, celebrated the growth in student numbers, the expansion of the College grounds, the launching of new programmes and the success of students gaining entry into top universities. After all, it was MCKL's 35th anniversary this year!

Later that night, the MCKL Alumni Association President, Mr. Alex Ng Y'ao Qu'an, introduced the current Alumni Association committee. With full determination, he said, "I hope that we can become bigger than ourselves. I hope that as we have gone ahead of others as alumni, we are now ready to give back to MCKL; we will make the ceilings of our past the floors for the future generation." He also warmly extended an invitation to the alumni to attend the next AGM in January and continue to be a part of the alumni community. The speech ended with everyone raising their glasses and toasting "To the Alumni!"

But perhaps the highlight of the night was the launch of the Scholarship Fund, the Alumni Pledge Fund and the Alumni Reconnect Program, presented by Mr. Yoshua. The Alumni Pledge Fund is for the running of the alumni association and events. Upon payment of RM50 per year, alumni members will receive benefits under the Alumni Reconnect Program, such as College access, free parking and discounted booking of facilities. The Scholarship Fund, on the other hand, will be open to the alumni and all members of the public. It aims to provide financial assistance to needy students, MCKL alumni as well as support the upskilling of staff. Individuals can find out how to contribute by emailing alumni@mckl.edu.my. The two funds were officially launched



by the sounding of a gong by Ms Moey Yoke Lai, assisted by Mr Alex Ng.

Throughout the night, the alumni enjoyed the good food, the performances by alumni and the celebration of individual alumni who shared their stories. Alumni who were in the spotlight included Mr Anthony Khoo, a former SC president, who had flown in from Hong Kong to attend the dinner, Mr Chang Yi Hern, an Oxford graduate who briefly talked about Jomrun, a fitness app he founded, Ms Rocyie Wong, who spoke about her journey with a skin condition called psoriasis and how it led to the start of an awareness campaign called 'Naked'.

Ms Ngu Kirjane and Ms Nikisya Toh performed a duet, with music played by Mr. Chan Wei Sheng. A poem, especially written for the occasion, was recited by Mr Ong Kar Hian and Mr Brendan Low, who had recently published his new poetry book. Finally, the lights dimmed, and a piano and drums duet was performed by the very talented Mr Alvin Ong and Mr Ong Yi Zong, marking the end of the dinner.

Overall, it was an amazing event with good food, hearty laughter and the best company. We look forward to more opportunities to reconnect and connect at future alumni events!

Special thanks to Ms Moey Yoke Lai, Mr Yoshua Chua and Mr Reuben Chan for the opportunity and your massive support. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to Ms Kristy Lim, Ms Low Yee Mun, Ms Wong Ying Ying, Ms Franciska Hartmans, Ms Michelle Pastors, and Mr Nicholas Wong, who were the core dinner committee, without whom the dinner would not have been possible. Many thanks also to Ms Lim Hai Hwei, Mr Samson Chaw, Mr Jeremy Achariam, Ms Abigail Jeyaraj, the MCKL Photography Club, all performers and alumni storytellers, the MCKL Alumni Association committee and Mr Loi Kin Hoe, our emcee of the night, for lending us a huge helping hand.
Yours truly, Beh Su Jane

Alumni Profile

Finish high school, get a degree, work, and retire. This is a very common scenario that many of us can relate to. While it provides a safer path, many a time it does not go in sync with our passions and what we want to do.

Some of our alumni however have broken out of this mind set and pursued their dreams. They have started their own companies, they have produced their own music, and many more. Below are some of our alumni who have taken this bold step:

Becca Yap: Co-Founder Of Liberty Active

Rebecca Yap Li-Wern or more fondly known as Becca, is on a mission: to provide fashionable and accessible yet affordable activewear for consumers.

When she returned to her native land after completing her degree in the UK, she found that it was difficult to get activewear and even if one could find it, the prices would be high and the fittings were not suitable for Malaysians. That was when the idea to start Liberty Active came about.

Liberty Active is an online business that she runs while still holding a full time job. Funding it herself, she even took it on herself to oversee the designs and the sourcing of materials. Needless to say, she is creating a brand that is soon to be a household name.

Becca is no ordinary student. She is one of the few who managed to achieve an 'A' for A Level Mathematics even though she did not have an Additional Mathematics background in high school. She also did exceptionally well for the other subjects and then went to Loughborough University to pursue a degree in Accounts and Finance Management.

Recalling what her Business Studies lecturer told her, "Change is the only constant," she says that this simple phrase "taught me to embrace both the planned and unexpected, to persevere through changes in life and so far, I'd like to think it has brought me to where I am today."

She plans to have Liberty Active products placed in major sportswear outlets nationwide and to include outfits for men.

MCKL would like to wish her all the best with her ventures and hopes that she inspires others to follow her footsteps!



Leong Kuan Sin

CAL1001

Co-Founder of Academy of E-sports

First e-sports academy in Malaysia.

3rd highest grossing sports.

Mia Sabrina Mahadir

CAL1101

Actress

Starred in 'Taiping Adagio'

Active in performing arts at KLPAC.



Maggie Kok Mei Kee

CAL1103

Master of Pharmacy

– University of Nottingham UK

Working in the UK

Runner up for "Pre-Registration Graduate of the Year" at C+D Awards 2018 (chemist and druggist)

Elaine Sin Yee Yap

CAL1103

Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (National University of Singapore) for Bachelor of Music (First Class Honours) in 2016.

Master of Music with Academic Honors in May 2018 at New England Conservatory, Boston, USA.

Continuing Graduate Diploma at New England Conservatory, finishing in Spring 2019



Chloe Soh

CAL1303

Bachelor of Contemporary Music (Hons)

– UCSI

Full time musician

Signed under Jumuro Music, will be releasing album soon.

BACK TO MCKL (AGAIN)



From left: Lois Chua, Howard Ngai, Priscilla Parisa, Jeremy Achariam, Melissa Chew, Beh Su Jane, Samuel Lim, Edwin Dutton, Claire Tan, Wong Ying Ying, Colin Wong, Nicholas Wong, Kristy Lim, Jackson Tan, and Chan Yen Ping

MCKL is an institution that is close to its students' hearts. The College offers the students a memorable and impactful experience that they bring with them wherever they go. Through courses such as Character Formation and Service Learning, their God-given abilities are nurtured so that they can give back to society.

Many alumni have contributed to the sustaining of the College through various avenues, one of which was joining the MCKL workforce. Over the years, more than 20 alumni have joined MCKL as employees and the College has welcomed them with open arms.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES at MCKL

In line with the College's expansion plans, we are seeking dedicated individuals to join our family in both academic and administrative positions. Interested applicants are invited to submit their resume with a recent photograph, stating expected salary, and contact details to:

hr@mckl.edu.my

Attn: Ms Chan Chiau Khoon,
Human Resource Development
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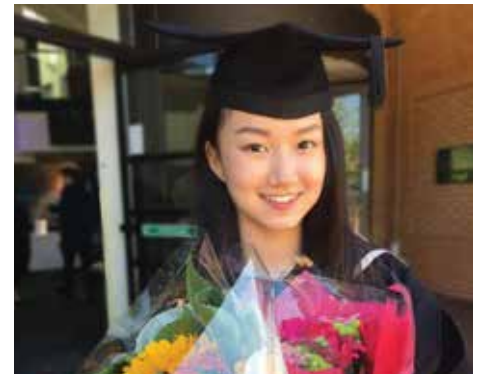
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Heartiest congratulations to Emelynn Tee Ying Qin (DECE Class of 2011) on being awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Education from University of Malaya! She is currently working at Ampang Methodist Church Kindergarten.



Congratulations to Sri Ram Vengada Ramanujam (CAL1401) on receiving the Centennial Scholarship Award, presented by the Royal Aeronautical Society of UK. Sri Ram is in his final year at University of Southampton pursuing a degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics.



Heartiest congratulations to Maggie Kok Mei Kee (CAL 1103) on graduating with a Masters in Pharmacy from University of Nottingham, UK! She was runner-up in the Pre-Registration Graduate of the Year category at the C+D (chemist and druggist) Awards 2018 and is currently working in UK.



Congratulations to Foong Wing Yan (AUSMAT Class of 2014) for graduating with Bachelor in Commerce majoring in financial economics and finance (distinction) from UNSW



Congratulations to Ngu Kirjon for graduating with First Class Honours Degree in Engineering at University of Oxford and receiving co-author status! Ngu Kirjon was from MCKL Cambridge A Level Class of 2014.

The Last “Combined” Orientation Ball



On 9 February, MCKL students and staff members gathered at HGH Galaxy Banquet Hall to celebrate the annual Orientation Ball. As the very last Orientation Ball for the College, the organising Student Council took pains to ensure that it was a night to remember.

‘The Oscars: Shades of Masquerade’ was one of the grandest events organised for MCKL, with a vast array of golden lights and intricate decorations throughout the ballroom. The two replicas of the Oscar statue on stage lent an air of authenticity and grandeur to the event, and the crowd of elegantly-dressed guests was reminiscent of its namesake event.

We said our farewells to the committee members of the Student Council, who were stepping down after a year of diligent service. Ong Lee Wei and her committee then officially handed over their responsibilities to Yew Jia Ren and his team, to whom we wished all the best in diligently carrying out their duties to the students of MCKL.

Orientation Ball is also an opportunity for MCKL students to display their talents on stage. With so many outstanding performances ranging from singing to dancing and even yo-yo spinning, the guests had no shortage of entertainment for the evening. In addition, cinematographically-inclined students were given the opportunity to produce short films of various genres for the ball, and nominations and awards were given to the best films and actors in various categories.

No MCKL Orientation Ball is complete without a lucky draw, and this one was no different. A great variety of prizes were available, ranging from vouchers to the grand prize of an Apple iPad. Awards and trophies were given to the best-dressed students, too, and the most popular amongst the crowd were nominated and crowned Orientation Ball King and Queen.

In the end, MCKL’s final Orientation Ball was a smashing success, and we hope that the new Student Council would find similar inspiration and passion in organising future Union events.

ADTP Ball

by Joanna Chong Jiaxuan

The fairy lights that adorned the hall transformed it into a ballroom fit for royalty, befitting the event – the annual ADTP ball. It also, held true to its theme as colourful, vivid posters decorated the walls of the ballroom, showcasing iconic shows from one of the most renowned cultural centrepieces of the world – the Broadway theatre. The hall was undeniably eye catching, as images of iconic shows, such as the Phantom of the Opera and Hairspray, were peeking out of every corner. Once the clock struck ‘ShowTime’, the ballroom quickly filled up with guests dressed to the nines, and excitement started to echo through the air.

As we all settled down to enjoy dinner from the generous buffet line, our entertainers for the night took to the stage. Many of our fellow ADTP classmates took part in a grand line-up of performances. The diverse entertainment included a classical ballet performance, a laugh-out-loud group dance by the boys, a live band performance, a show-stopping yo-yo demonstration and many others.

This showcase of talents was followed by a celebration of academic achievements, as students who made the President’s list and Dean’s list were presented awards in recognition of their hard work. As the top achievers made their way onto the stage, they were accompanied by thunderous claps of their fellow ADTP students, who felt no less than utterly proud of their friends.

Another significant event during the ball was the official “handover”. Committee members of the previous ADTP Council handed over their posts to the newly voted and appointed committee, who would be in office for the next academic year. This was followed by a heartfelt speech by the former ADTP Club President, Ang Thong Sheng, who detailed his experience in this position, and expressed his gratitude to fellow committee members who were his support system. Next, Callum Song proceeded to give his first speech as the incoming president – a speech full of promise and hope for an even better year to come.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the senior appreciation video and the farewell ceremony for students who were transferring the following semester. The dedication video, made up of interviews with the seniors as well as several snapshots of the everyday-shenanigans that went on within ADTP, did not fail to capture the personality of every individual as well as the fun and exciting atmosphere they created. It perfectly showcased the most loveable aspect of the ADTP – the people who made it fun, comfortable and turned it into nothing less than a family.

As a leaving senior myself, there are no words to describe the melancholic and wistful, yet overwhelming happiness that I felt as each of my fellow friends who were transferring to U.S. were called up on stage, one by one, to receive our parting gifts. As we stood there, shoulder to shoulder, taking our last formal group picture, I felt extremely grateful for each and every one of them, including all my lecturers and advisors, because they were the ones who made my experience in MCKL so memorable. I know that all my fellow friends will unanimously say the same as well.

All in all, the ADTP ball was yet another unforgettable, but most importantly, an extremely meaningful event for us all. I can only say that it is clear that the leaving seniors are not the only ones taking a step forward, because the ADTP, too, is headed in the right direction.



Event Highlights



Orientation Camp



ACCA Orientation



ADTP Independence Day



CAT CNY Celebration



Cyber Security Talk



ECE Welcoming Party



All Clubs Day



Frisbee HAT



World Social Work Day Talk



Survival Charity Run



Under The Stars



TEDx MCKL event



CAL UPM Field Trip



LIR Biotech Demo



Career Week

Event Highlights



February Graduation



February Graduation



August Graduation



August Graduation



Orientation Ball



CAT & ACCA Annual Dinner



CAT Game Day



ADTP Ball



ADTP Proton Field Trip



AUSMAT Suit Up Day



Senior Ball



ECE Children's Day



Foosball with Students from China

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MCKL A Level Students Break College Record, TWICE!



MCKL A Level programme hit a new high when its students received a combination of 29 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards in back to back examinations. The 12 awards received for the November 2017 sitting gave MCKL one of the highest number of recipients among private colleges in Malaysia. This feat was repeated in the June 2018 examination with MCKL students receiving 17 awards, 5 more than the previous examination.

The College would also like to thank the lecturers for their commitment and sacrifice to ensure that the students reach their full potential; Ms Sandra Lee, Mr Lim Keng Miao, Mr Soong Jing Chyuan, Mr Yau Ching Koon, Ms Audrey Lee, Ms Alice Chong, Mr Samuel Lim, Ms Jennifer Chua, Mr Tan Wooi Chong, Mr Chang Mun Wai, Dr Theam Kok Leong, Ms Loo Siat Peng, Ms C. Cumareson, Ms Boo Lily, Mr Jeremy Tan, Dr Ch'ng Han Siong, and Ms Christina Chong.

Award Winners for November 2017 Examinations

No.	Name	Award	Qualification	Subject
1	Sarah Loo Wei Hsien	Top in the World	A Level	Law
2	Darren Tan Wee Kok	Top in Malaysia	A Level	Business
3	Dorcas Chua Chia Ern	Top in Malaysia	A Level	Literature in English
4	Cheong Ruoh Wen	Best Across Four	AS Level	Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
5	Cheong Ruoh Wen	Top in the World	AS Level	Chemistry
6	Cheong Ruoh Wen	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
7	Chong Yew Kern	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
8	Samuel See Haw Hann	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
9	Joseph Lim Ti Huei	Top in the World	AS Level	Accounting
10	Toh Hiu Ching	Top in the World	AS Level	Psychology
11	Zachary Aw Zheng Quan	Top in Malaysia	AS Level	Literature in English
12	Siddesh K Veerasenapathy	High Achievement	AS Level	Tamil Language

Award Winners for June 2018 Examinations

No.	Name	Award	Qualification	Subject
1	Kan Man Kit	Best Across Three	A Level	Economics, Further Mathematics, Physics
2	Cheong Ruoh Wen	Top in the World	A Level	Chemistry
3	Kan Man Kit	Top in the World	A Level	Economics
4	Peh Bo Wei	Top in Malaysia	A Level	Business
5	Kan Man Kit	Top in Malaysia	A Level	Further Mathematics
6	Teh Jayson	Top in Malaysia	A Level	Further Mathematics
7	Zachary Aw Zheng Quan	Top in Malaysia	A Level	Literature in English
8	Toh Hiu Ching	Top in Malaysia	A Level	Psychology
9	Eunice Chan Zhung Chee	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
10	Jonathan Lee Ghe Meng	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
11	Kazi Fardinul Hoque	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
12	Lau Jenn Feng	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
13	Lee Kin Kuan	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
14	Magdalene Toh Youjun	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
15	Teresa Yong Pui Yee	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
16	Wong Shang Yi	Top in the World	AS Level	Mathematics
17	Lee Kin Kuan	Top in Malaysia	AS Level	Chemistry