

Sunway College e-Bulletin

February 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from all of us at the Branding and Corporate Communications Department.

We are pleased to be emailing you the latest e-Bulletin for Sunway College and would like to express our thanks to all who have contributed articles to the bulletin.

Please do forward this e-Bulletin to all of your local and international business associates, colleagues, friends and family members.

This month's bulletin leads with the Sunway Chinese New Year Celebration 'Together: A New Leap Forward' organised by the Sunway Chinese Independent Alumni Club to celebrate the joyous occasion at Sunway Campus.

We are also excited to announce the recipient of the Young Entrepreneur Award at the Australia Alumni Awards – Natalie Loi, alumna of the Victoria University Undergraduate Programme from Sunway College.

This edition of e-Bulletin also featured awards and recognitions received by students in various competitions and examinations. Once again, congratulations to all on their achievements!

Please help to share the news of the great activities & achievements happening at our University.

The e-Bulletins run by monthly and alternates between the University and the College.

Together: a new leap forward

2 February 2023



The Lunar New Year signifies the start of a new year. During this festive season, everyone from out of state would return home and reunite with friends and family to celebrate the joyous occasion together.

This year's Sunway Campus Chinese New Year Celebration themed "Together: A New Leap Forward" presented various cultural experience activities and performances, included acrobatic lion dance performance, dragon dance, 24 Festive Drums, game booths and Sunway CNY Fiesta. The 4-day celebration held on Sunway Campus aims to create the festive atmosphere of Chinese New Year for participants to enjoy with friend and family.









First ever major Chinese New Year celebration at Sunway College Velocity

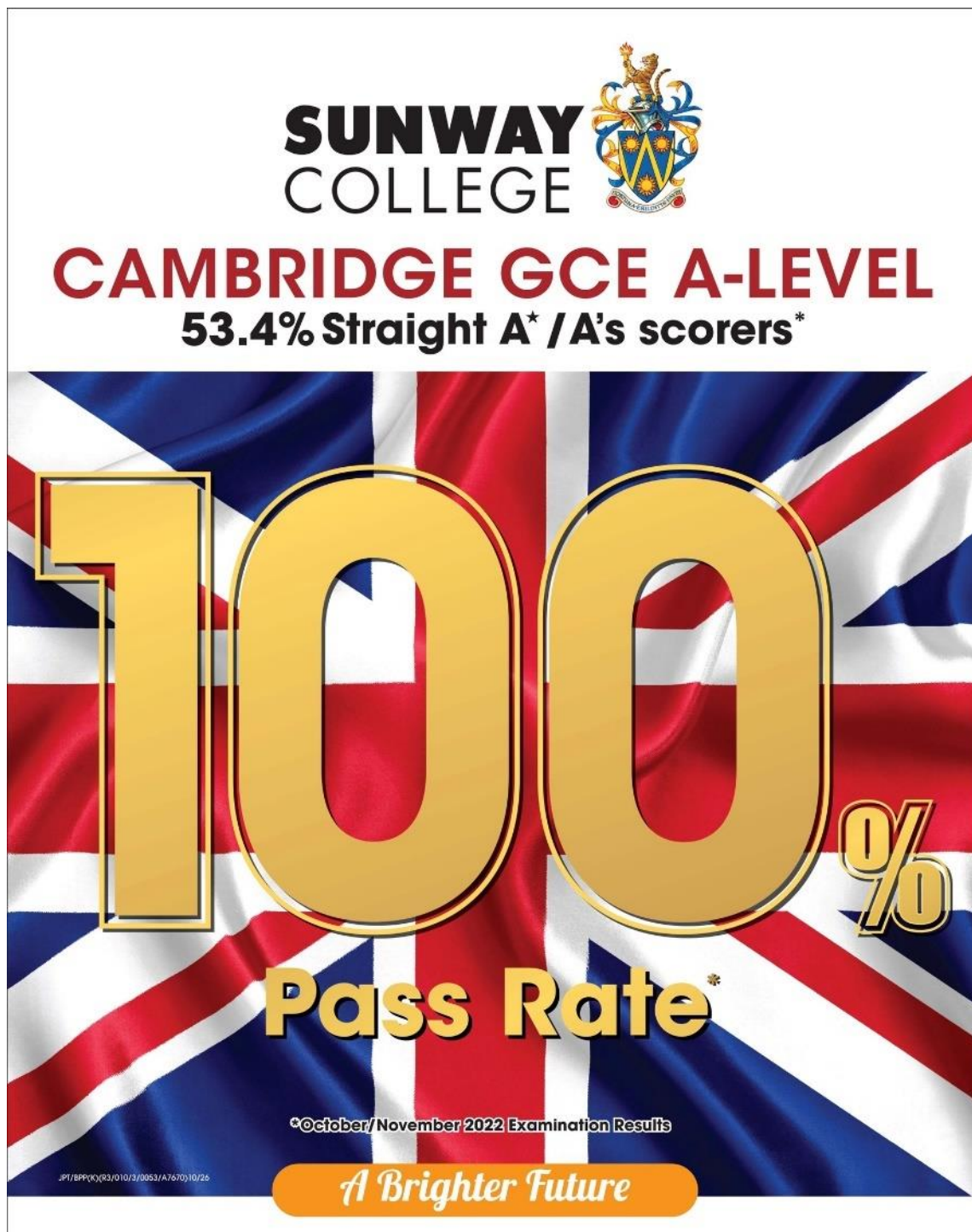


Sunway College Velocity (SCV) organized the first ever major Chinese New Year Celebration as a way to signify new beginnings for the college for greater things ahead. The event was officiated by Prof. Dato' Elizabeth Lee, Ms Rachel Leow & Ms Lee Siok Ping with attendance by Dr Jason and his team from the Victoria University office. The celebration was graced with lion dance performances, opening ceremony and speech by Prof Dato' Elizabeth Lee, and performances by our SCV dance crew and music band.

Furthermore, we took the opportunity to launch our first ever college Badminton team which will be the first in more sports team to come. We also held a bazaar in our student hub area where we had 10 booths from various external vendors selling food, drinks and even accessories. In total, we were proud to have more than 100 students attending the event along with our honored guests.

53.4% straight A*/A's scorers for Cambridge GCE A-Level

13 January 2023



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CAMBRIDGE GCE A-LEVEL
53.4% Straight A* /A's scorers*

100%
Pass Rate*

*October/November 2022 Examination Results

A Brighter Future

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The poster features a large, stylized '100%' in gold with a 3D effect, set against a background of the Union Jack flag. The Sunway College logo is at the top, and the text 'CAMBRIDGE GCE A-LEVEL' and '53.4% Straight A* /A's scorers*' is prominently displayed. The phrase 'Pass Rate*' is written in a large, bold, yellow font. At the bottom, there is a small text line '*October/November 2022 Examination Results' and a slogan 'A Brighter Future' in a cursive font inside an orange oval. A small identification code is visible in the bottom left corner.

In the recent result announcement of the Cambridge GCE A-Level for October / November 2022 examination series, 382 students achieved 100% passes and 53.4% of students achieved straight A*/As. Congratulations to all of our A-Level students!

**SDS international student wins 1st runner up representing Sunway College at PALMA2022
20 December 2022**



Congratulations to SDS student Shannon for her amazing performance and winning the hearts of judges at PALMA2022 where foreign students render songs in Bahasa Melayu.

Shannon Nalam Adrianna Kamilus, from Papua New Guinea, represented Sunway College at the recent PALMA2022 auditions to which out of 50 participants were shortlisted to the top 10 and won 1st runner-up. Organised by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism and in collaboration with Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, foreign students sing Malay songs from Malaysian artiste. The shortlisted candidates from nine universities went through an intensive vocal workshop and were coached by professionals in the entertainment industry. Contestants were from China, Zimbabwe, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Korea and Somalia.



Shannon, who is in her final semester of Diploma in Business and is also the Sunway Diploma Student Council President, had learnt the song 'Kau Terlalu Istimewa' by the late and much-admired Malaysian icon, Adibah Noor. Shannon studied the lyrics and the melody all in four days and as soon as she arrived from her residing country, Laos, and went straight for the auditions to which she impressed the judging committee with her powerful vocals and got into the semi-finals.

At the finals at Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka in Kuala Lumpur, Shannon awed the audience with her remarkable vocal prowess and impeccable pronunciation of the Malay language and received RM5000 as 1st runner-up.

"I am so grateful for this opportunity. I was in it for the invaluable experience and I got so much more from it," said Shannon. "It involved sleepless nights, stressful sessions, last minute inclusions but most importantly, it was amazing to see that friendships and bonds could be formed regardless of nationality. PALMA 2022 was such an amazing experience and one I shall cherish for years to come."



The event was broadcasted through live streaming and it was indeed astounding to hear her vocal prowess and witness her glowing presence on stage, making most of her inter-cultural experience here in Malaysia. Shannon has done the family of Sunway Education Group proud indeed.

VUBC Alumni Homecoming Event

03 January 2023

Victoria University Undergraduate Programme (VUUP) hosted about 30 of its former Victoria University Business Club (VUBC) committee members at Observation Deck, Sunway College KL

The event kicked off with lively music and guests mingling and catching up with each other in small groups. This was followed by Dr Jason Cheok's video speech. Dr Cheok thanked the guests for being part of the event. The event was intended to foster bonding and create opportunity for current VUBC committee to meet, exchange ideas and thoughts with their predecessors progressing in their career paths and life after graduation.

There was an ice breaking game i.e. charades hosted by VUBC member Alphaeus Lopez where guests were randomly pre-selected to join four teams. This was followed by a buffet dinner where guests were seen engaging in animated conversations with each other at various tables.

After dinner, alumnus Danny Ng lightheartedly stood up and shared his journey beginnings in VUUP. He spoke of meeting his wife who was one semester junior to him and of being a member of the Sunway College Student Council for two years. He also talked about the birth of his triplet daughters in Sunway Medical Centre and made special mention of his favourite lecturers, VU Night and his ongoing involvement in the Sunway Mentoring Programme.

Next to share her VU experiences and memories was Ng Mun Foong. Mun Foong, a past president of VUBC, recalled fund raising for the VU gala dinner, pitching to companies for sponsorship, meeting people, learning how to ask questions but mostly coming to the reflection that be a good leader, one must also know how to take care ('jaga hati') others.

Soon it was time for the Lucky Draw and the crowd cheered loudly as guests Ong Lee Yan, Darren Kee, Catherine Fang, James Phuah, Tan Jeng Shuin, Chong Jia Wen, Danny Ng, Lim Shu Ling and Delwyn Tan walked up to collect their prizes.

The Homecoming was a memorable event. It served as a warm reminder to all who attended that VUBC is still very much a lively and integral part of VUUP's past as well as its today. A huge shout out to our alumni who took time out of their busy schedules to attend!



MUFY Awards & Graduation December 2022

15 December 2022

The MUFY Awards & Graduation December 2022 ceremony celebrated the spectacular achievements and performance of students from the January, March and April 2022 intakes.

Here are highlights of their achievements:



Keoh Jun Min received the MUFY Excellence Award for achieving the Highest Average Score of 98.38%





75 students received the Monash University High Achiever Award for achieving an average score of 89% and above, 210 students achieved an overall High Distinction score by achieving an overall 80% and above, 99.75% graduating students achieved a score that qualified for at least one Monash University course.



There were special performances by Loke Jia Qi and Yap Ven Wei, students from the Class of 2022, and Ms. Charity Yang, a MUFY lecturer. It was indeed a glorious day to remember. Congratulations to all our MUFY students! We wish them success in their future endeavours.

Virtual audit sessions prepare students for real world

18 January 2023



Sunway TES Centre for Accountancy Excellence (CAE) in partnership with Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Malaysia recently held the Sunway TES – ACCA Global Virtual Audit Simulation, the only real-world case-based audit simulation offered at zero cost for students pursuing an ACCA qualification. The session comprised of 30 teams including 40 international participants from Brunei, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam.

An Evening to 'Jam' with the Sunway Diploma Student Council

04 January 2023

It was an evening to let your hair down and relax with good company and good entertainment. Jam Night is an event that seeks to gather and showcase the numerous talents of Sunway Diploma Studies (SDS) students and lecturers. The aim of the event is to solidify the bonds between students, lecturers, and the student council by creating an atmosphere that allows individuals to share their skills and talents, whilst creating lifelong memories for all parties involved.

The theme of the event is centred around vintage music where majority of the performances were from a particular genre or era of music. The itinerary of the event comprised of three segments; the open mic session, with performances from students, lecturers, and club representatives; interactive activities that involved participation from all attendees including lecturers; and lastly, a group photo session to commemorate the event.

"We saw the coming together of people from the different programmes at SDS and welcomed the relatively new students in an evening to chill. We were amazed by the talents that were showcased at this event considering that it is the first time being organised at SDS," said Hunts, the Project Manager of the event and the current Sunway Diploma Student Council President for 2023.

There were solo singers, keyboard players, a skilled guitarist and even an impressive juggler, Teh Yi Shern, who marvelled the audience with his balancing acts! Guest performer, Mitheran Yogeswaran from Foundation in Arts programme thrilled the crowd with his impeccable guitar skills. There were altogether eight performers and two from lecturers. The evening ended with Council members crooning with their advisors to the tune of Four-Non-Blondes, What's Up and the whole crowd sang along. It was both heart-warming and memorable for SDS students. It truly showed how music and arts can unite.





Local girl chooses on-campus residence for independent living

18 December 2022

Meet Jasmine Tan Shi Qing, a vivacious 20-year-old whose family resides a mere 25km from Sunway College Johor Bahru yet made the unexpected request to live on-campus!

The on-campus residence houses up to 400 residents and mainly caters to international students and those from out of town. Located within the campus grounds, it is literally a stone's throw away from the main academic blocks and college facilities. When asked why she opted to live apart from family since home was just a 30-minute car ride away, "I can avoid traffic jams every morning on the way to college and catch more sleep! This is VERY important, especially during exams period," replied Jasmine, grinning widely.

A former student of Foon Yew High School Kulai, this bubbly young lady is taking the path of professional accountancy, choosing to enroll in the ACCA programme at Sunway College JB in 2021 after her UEC examinations and was awarded the Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Entrance Scholarship. "The decision to stay in the Sunway College Residence was a natural choice for me as I am very active and sociable by nature. Living on-campus allows me to join extra-curricular activities and make friends with students from other programmes," Jasmine explained.

She has certainly capitalised on these opportunities and actively served as Treasurer of the Student Council for 2021, committee member of the Accounting Club and is currently the resident representative for her floor. With so much on her plate, one wonders how she balances her time between family, friends, responsibilities and studies but the cheerful young lady quickly reassures that everything is 'under control' with proper planning and strict adherence to a personal schedule.

"Living away from home, I need to plan everything for myself for example what to eat, how to manage my budget and spend wisely, and of course keep my room clean too! This made me learn to be independent."

After a year of 'independent living' Jasmine is now our unofficial residence ambassador, often helping out with hostel tours during Open Day and sharing her experiences with 'new arrivals' to help them settle in.

Here are her top tips for newbies to hostel living: -

Always remember, to pack these three "must-haves" when moving into the Sunway College Residence,

1. Foldable umbrella – you will need to walk out for food and supplies at the neighbourhood shops. Always have it handy just in case it rains!
2. Earphones - as most residents will opt for twin-sharing rooms, always use earphones to avoid disturbing others. Be a considerate room-mate.
3. Microwave-safe food container – Sunway advocates sustainability and eco-friendly living. So always bring a reusable food container to pack your food and say NO to single-use packaging.

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Jasmine Tan in her room at Sunway College Residence



Jasmine Tan shows us her personal schedule and study desk

Trail-blazer Natalie Loi wins Young Entrepreneur Award

16 December 2022



VU Sunway is very proud to celebrate the success of our graduate, Natalie Loi Yoke Kei on being the chosen award winner of the Young Entrepreneur Award at the 2022 Australia Alumni Awards presented by the Malaysian Australian Alumni Council – The MAAC together with the Australian High Commission. Natalie received her award at the Australian Alumni Gala Dinner held at the JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

Natalie is a 23-year-old technopreneur who graduated from Victoria University under the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation Scholarship. She started the company - UnBound in 2017 at the young age of 19 to encourage fun education among students through an Augmented Reality (AR) game which relates to financial literacy.

What makes this journey extraordinary was that the genesis of the AR game began in the classroom as part of the Business Challenge Units (subjects) that all VU Business students undertake as part of their course of study. The concept was developed as Natalie and her team's initial assignment in the International Business Challenge Unit in their first year. They created a self-coded mobile app as business students despite none of them having any IT background. In their second year, they further developed new features using Pokémon Go as their inspiration. They launched their AR game prototype with 10,000+ users amongst Sunway College and Taylor's University students. It became a huge success. This led to a business venture with Celcom. Natalie and her business partner went on to start their own company UnBound Malaysia.

Since its inception, UnBound Malaysia has grown exponentially with 200,000 users of its educational system which is now used internationally by various universities including renowned overseas universities such as University of Edinburg in UK. UnBound has also partnered with several multinational companies such as Cadbury, Celcom, FWD Takaful as well as the Central Bank of

Malaysia. UnBound's future plans include an expansion into retail and tourism sector supported by the Ministry of Education and China state government which will be operating in the Europe and Oceania region.

Needless to say, Natalie has made her presence in the e-education scene in a relatively short period of time. Natalie was also featured in 2022 Encyclopedia of Successful People by the British Publishing Group and was an invited speaker at numerous universities on entrepreneurship. Her humility, leadership, passion, dynamism and determination in everything she does and strives to do is truly an inspiration. Keep reaching for the blazing sky, Natalie!

Participation in Bursa Investment Quiz 2022 by students of Diploma in Business Administration program, Sunway Diploma Studies
23 December 2022

Bursa Investment Quiz (BIQ) is a nationwide investment quiz that aims to challenge investment literacy among the youths in Malaysia. The competition comprises three rounds and the top 5 Winners will be determined at the Grand Finale, with total prizes worth up to RM13,500.



Students from the Diploma in Business Administration (DBA) programme who were mentored by Dr. Hurul Ain, took part in the preliminary round and eight students managed to proceed to the 2nd round. Two students thereafter successfully qualified for the Grand Finale.

Although there were many challengers throughout the competition, fortunately our students persevered and did not give up. Not only they were competing against 1,000 participants, it is also a nation-wide competition that was opened to youths between the age of 18 years old to 25 years old of whom majority of them are from higher levels of education and industry experience (such as degree and post-graduate students, fresh graduates and working adults from the finance/accounting industry, etc.).

This makes their accomplishment qualifying to the 2nd round very admirable and we are proud of their achievement. Not to mention, some even managed to go further to the final round.

Congratulations to grand finale qualifiers (Top 150): Eugene Saw Chee Keong (12th place) and Ea Ren Hong (7th place); second round qualifiers (Top 300): Koo Chen Hi, Lee Xin, Edwin Tan Zheng Yong, Ng Lei En, Abdoul Aziz Diop and Puteri Nur Ezreena Binti Ezrrie Rafizi; and preliminary round participant: Chon Miao Xin - for their individual achievements in this competition, this achievement is no doubt achieved due to their hard work and determination as well as their interest in the accounting and finance field.

Last but not least, we hope that their success will be a motivation for other students to participate in this competition again next year, also learning from this experience, we will be able to do better in future competitions.