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OUR TOP GRADUATES!

Their paths to success were not always smooth-sailing but these nine Institutional Medallists persevered and excelled with the support of SP. Read on to find out more about their unique stories.
Curiosity allowed him to find his passion
Raphael grew up listening to his seafarer father’s work adventures. As a result, the topic of ships and engineering piqued his interest – he wanted to know more about its inner workings.

After completing his ‘N’ Levels, he knew he could not miss enrolling in the Diploma in Marine Engineering course in Singapore Polytechnic through the Polytechnic Foundation Programme.

Determined to lead a fulfilling and vibrant student life in SP
He enjoyed the Marine Power Plant and Engine Room Simulator lessons as they provided a good understanding of the ship’s engine system. This proved to be useful in his nine-month internship stint with NYK Shipmanagement Pte Ltd, where he served as an Engine Cadet. From checking the engines to performing oil analysis testing, Raphael was exposed to a wide spectrum of jobs that further deepened his passion for the industry. For his hard work, he was even awarded the PFP Study Award and SP Engineering Scholarship.

Raphael also participated in the Learning Express Programme to Danang, Vietnam, where he helped to improve a broom production business in a village. Working with other students, Raphael modified the broom making machine and suggested marketing ideas to the villagers. These ideas gained huge popularity from the locals.

A leader with clear goals
Through the various experiences over the years, Raphael honed his leadership skills and eventually took on a moderator role during the S Rajaratnam Endowment Youth Model ASEAN Conference in 2017.

He had his mind set on a sailing career since the beginning. It was no surprise when he was awarded the Tripartite Maritime Scholarship Scheme with his internship company and the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore to pursue his passion. With a never-say-die attitude, we can definitely see a bright future ahead for Raphael!
Kickstarting His Technopreneur Dream
At the age of seven, James was already exposed to the wonders of a computer. He was curious how a small box could contain so many functions and was able to transport him to a whole new world. His interest led him to pick up coding including C# and Java on his own.

In secondary school, James became proficient in various aspects of programming, and applied for the Diploma in Computer Engineering course through the Early Admissions Exercise even before his ‘O’ Levels.

In SP, James’ computer engineering skills and knowledge were further nurtured and he became the polytechnic’s first and youngest student to be a certified Amazon Web Services Solutions Architect Associate.

Winning competitions and starting a business
James took part in 15 different local and international hackathons and competitions, where he won half of them! He developed unique solutions and technologies including a system that could solve the worldwide extinction of Bluefin tuna as well as apps and various systems for disaster recovery and urban agriculture.

Wanting to take his innovations further, James launched a startup, SudoFoundry LLP, with friends whom he met at the hackathons. It aims to further develop and commercialise some of the solutions which he thought of over the years.

Contributing to the real world
The SP Engineering scholar interned for five months as a software engineer at Grab, where he drafted plans for increasing the reliability of the Grab app and implemented new features to improve the user experience. As a Centre for Strategic Infocomm Technologies (CSIT) Scholar, James also interned for three months at the centre, where he performed research and development work related to cybersecurity and information technology.

James plans to pursue a computing related degree at a local or foreign university, and hopes to work on a product that will revolutionise our lives.
Using technology to help others

Elyn has always been intrigued by the field of engineering. Inspired by her father who is a business manager, she enrolled in SP’s Diploma in Engineering with Business.

During her internship at Government Technology Agency, Elyn was placed in the video analytics team, under the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence division, where she tried her hand at developing deep learning models, and User Interface & User Experience Design. Through a project she worked on, she witnessed how technology was able to improve the lives of others. This solidified her dream to effect positive change through the use of technology.

Excelling in and outside of school

Elyn is the vice-president of SP Outstanding Talent (SPOT) Club which gave her the opportunity to co-organise the S Rajaratnam Endowment Youth Model ASEAN Conference. She also co-chaired the Institution of Engineers Singapore-Singapore Polytechnic Student Chapter.

Outside of SP, she organised workshops to teach underprivileged children programming and volunteers at Meet-the-People sessions. Elyn also took part in hackathons and emerged champion at GeekOut 2019, and is a proud recipient of the Lee Hsien Loong Interactive Digital Media Smart Nation Award.

The avid ballet dancer also represented Singapore at the Hong Kong Dance Challenge Cup and took home Gold and Silver Medals in various categories, despite a serious ankle injury just two months before her competition.

For a better future

Her various community service and achievements earned her numerous accolades such as making it to the Director’s Honour Roll for two consecutive years, receiving the SP Model Student Award, SP Sports & Arts Award and National Young Leader Award.

Elyn plans to pursue her studies in computer science at a local or overseas university. She aspires to become a business manager in hopes of developing technological solutions to improve lives.
Overcoming obstacles in foreign soil
Anlin arrived from China at the young age of 11 and started his local education at the Primary Three level – two years older than his peers. However, he worked hard and became the top ‘O’ Level student at his school.

With his stellar results, Anlin decided to enrol in a prestigious junior college but he could not relate to his studies and found it stressful despite performing well. Just four months before his ‘A’ Levels, Anlin made the shocking move and dropped out.

He enlisted in the army, where he chanced upon SP’s Diploma in Infocomm Security Management (DISM) and was intrigued by the modules and its bright job prospects.

Blossoming as an IT student in SP
And just like that, Anlin enrolled in DISM, eight years older than his peers.

In SP, Anlin participated in various IT-related competitions including the SPLASH Awards 2018. He also challenged himself further by taking the professional exams to qualify as an Organisational System Security Analyst and a Certified Ethical Hacker.

He, too, chaired the Website Committee for the S Rajaratnam Endowment Youth Model ASEAN Conference website in 2018.

The Singtel Cyber Cadet Scholar interned at NCS Pte Ltd, a subsidiary of Singtel, and helped to boost the productivity for various cybersecurity projects. He was awarded the Singtel Best Intern for his efforts.

Going the extra mile to help the less privileged
Coming from a humble background, Anlin cared for the community and often helped out at a hospital and nursing home.

The SP Scholar also took his community service efforts overseas to Thailand, where he led a team of 12 students to increase the production of milk for local farmers.

Upon graduation, Anlin will be working as an IT Security Consultant and hopes to play a big role in Singapore’s Cyber defence.
Breaking Stereotypes
“There has always been a stereotype about polytechnic education and I never understood why,” shares Zhan Xiong.

Since his secondary school days, the Anglo Chinese School (Independent) alumnus already had his eyes set on a polytechnic - he appreciated the hands-on learning approach - and made it his goal to enter one.

And he did.

Despite scoring five points for his ‘O’ Levels, Zhan Xiong applied to SP’s Diploma in Banking & Finance (DBKF) after attending the Open House. He was thrilled to discover that the DBKF taught students stocks and trading - two areas he was interested in.

After all, his passion for the finance industry started at a tender age of seven. The tween would witness his mother do the accounts for the family’s mama shop and she would occasionally let him try his hand at it as well.

Developing his passion further
At SP, Zhan Xiong developed this passion further. He participated in the PolyFintech 100 API Hackathon together with his team and emerged as the first runner-up for developing Fintech solutions for Prudential.

He also interned at DBS Bank and worked alongside the Regional Investment Products and Advisory team to help deliver a system for the bank to improve its employee journey.

Not only did Zhan Xiong do well academically - the SP scholar was on the Director’s Honour Roll for two consecutive years and will be graduating with a perfect grade point average - he also excelled in his co-curricular activity as the president of the bowling club.

A bright future awaits
The SP Model Student has already been offered scholarships to pursue Business Management at SMU and Business with a minor in strategic communications at NTU, and a spot at NUS to read Business Administration.

Evidently, Zhan Xiong has debunked any stereotype about a polytechnic education.
Humble beginnings

Yikai arrived from China and entered Primary One at the age of eight. He struggled to communicate as English was not his first language. Determined to improve, he put in all his effort to learn English and interacted with friends more often.

Yikai wanted to enrol in a junior college as he was passionate about chemistry. However, while studying for his ‘O’ Levels, it dawned on him that a hands-on learning experience aligned more with his interests.

The right choice

After visiting SP’s Open House, he was convinced that SP’s Diploma in Applied Chemistry would put him on the right path to becoming a scientist. Despite his parents wanting him to enter JC, Yikai stood his ground.

Yikai interned at the National Metrology Centre A*STAR, Gas Laboratory, where he gained a better understanding of the R&D landscape. Besides working in a laboratory, he also networked with professionals and learnt more about products and its marketing process. He also collaborated with another intern from NUS on a paper to improve the accuracy of laboratory instruments under undesirable conditions.

Athlete and volunteer

The Director’s Honour Roll student served as the Secretary in SP’s fencing club. He won several medals in various competitions such as the Asian Varsity Fencing Championships, where he won Gold in 2019.

Coming from a humble background, Yikai has always been keen to serve the community. He participated in SP’s Overseas Social Innovation Project in Malaysia, where he led his peers to develop a product to increase visitors’ footfall.

Yikai has been offered a place in NTU’s Chemical and Biological Chemistry degree programme. He aspires to pursue a PhD and become a scientist, to work on improving the lives of others.
Changing Society, One Act At A Time

Pursuing a polytechnic education was never part of Judith’s plans.

The CHIJ St. Joseph’s Convent alumna was fixated on entering a junior college – that was before she learnt about SP’s Diploma in Applied Drama & Psychology (DADP).

What was initially a trip to accompany her friend to SP’s Open House eventually became a life-changing experience. Judith always had a passion for drama and psychology, and was surprised to discover that both elements could work together to direct change in society.

So, she gave up her junior college choices – despite scoring five points for ‘O’ Levels – and enrolled in SP’s DADP.

Gaining knowledge and skills

In SP, the teen not only honed her critical thinking skills through events like the LKY School of Public Policy’s Festival of Ideas, she was also empowered with the skills to reach out to communities – something she holds dear to.

After all, the Model Student’s passion to help others stemmed from a deeper place. Judith battled with anxiety disorder in secondary school, and it was through the help of her psychologist that she could get back on her feet.

Making a change

Inspired to help others, the teen worked on community service projects with organisations such as Social Services, Let’s Go Play Outside and the National Heritage Board.

The SP scholar also interned at the AWWA Early Intervention Centre as a teaching assistant for young children with special needs, and was heavily involved in classroom intervention and therapy. She even designed and executed several activity-based intervention herself.

For her involvement, Judith was awarded the Harvard Prize Book award by the Harvard University Alumni Association of Singapore. She has also been offered a place at NTU’s Psychology degree programme, and hopes to advocate for and empower vulnerable communities in her role as a future psychologist.
English was her only forte
Growing up, Kelly was always academically behind. She struggled with most subjects and only did well in English. She was often placed last in exams and her greatest academic achievement, a mere pass.

When she chanced upon SP’s Diploma in Creative Writing for TV & New Media (DTVM) in Secondary Four, the course caught her eye. It encompassed both journalism and photography, both topics that she loved. Determined to qualify for DTVM, she worked hard for her 'O' Levels exams and made it.

Recognition in SP built her confidence
Kelly found it difficult to meet the academic demands in her first term of poly. However, after receiving good feedback regarding her various course assignments, she pushed herself harder.

She participated in the Singapore Model Parliament 2019 and won the Model Parliamentarian Award by conducting in-depth research and crafting policy-like solutions on domestic issues. She was also one of two Singaporean finalists in the ASEAN Youth Social Journalism Competition.

With new found confidence, she chaired the Quality Education Committee during the S Rajaratnam Endowment Youth Model ASEAN Conference and led a group of students to craft education policies that would benefit youth in the region.

The Model Student Award winner’s greatest achievement came during her 22-week internship with The Straits Times, when she took on the role of a photojournalist to great effect.

A heart for the community and social issues
Outside of school, Kelly also volunteered weekly at her constituency’s Meet-The-People Session, where she sought solutions for her neighbours’ challenges.

Moving forward, the lass with a heart for the community hopes to use her skills and knowledge to give a voice to the disadvantaged community. Kelly plans to further her studies in a local university and aspires to become a journalist or social policy officer.
Taking the Longer Route Reaped Rewards

Amrita’s journey to where she is now was anything but easy.

Failing to do well in her PSLE and the death of her grandmother inevitably affected Amrita’s studies and she ended up in the Normal Technical stream, which led her to ITE.

Feeling she had let her parents down, she entered Gan Eng Seng School demotivated.

However, this changed in secondary 2 when the family faced financial challenges. She realised the importance of having a sound education and a stable career to be financially stable.

So she decided to work hard and it paid off when she topped her cohort with awards like the Lee Kuan Yew All-Round Excellence.

Making it count

Amrita then went on to ITE College West and did a Nitec in Finance Services for two years before moving on to higher Nitec. Upon graduating top of her cohort, she applied to SP’s Diploma in Accountancy.

Determined to make her time in SP count, she joined the SP Rotaract Club – a community service based club – and became its President in Year 3. Amrita was also given the opportunity to spearhead an overseas community service trip to Surabaya, Prigen, where she taught the children there English and helped to renovate their classrooms.

She, too, interned at Deloitte Singapore and gained a better understanding of audit work, which allowed her to delve deeper into the world of finance.

Hard work paid off

Amrita’s achievements include the coveted Tay Eng Soon Award, the Alfred Robert Edis Prize for excelling in Community Service, the SP scholarship and the Model Student Award.

Through this longer but meaningful route, Amrita realises that an outcome is not only the result of ability, but also desire. With hard work and passion, one can achieve all desires. Amrita has received offers from two local universities to study Accountancy.
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HAFIZAM KAMARUZAMAN  
Diploma in Nautical Studies (DNS)  
Alumnus of Whitley Secondary School

Captain Roch Brandon reminds me of Captain America as he is always going the extra mile to teach and explain concepts for practical navigation even when we forget the concepts sometimes! He’s just like how a leader should be.

LEE EILEEN  
Diploma in Applied Drama & Psychology (DADP)  
Alumna of Compassvale Secondary School

In my final year of Poly, I had trouble coping with my studies. Ms Juliana was my Personal Tutor for that year and she constantly gave me encouragement and checked in on how I was doing. I felt really touched knowing that there was a lecturer who was there for me during such a time and it gave me strength to persevere.

Ms Juliana definitely reminds me of Scarlet Witch in Avengers because of her caring personality and willingness to help others in need.

Lee Eileen
Lecturer, Media, Arts & Design School
Senior Lecturer, School of Chemical & Life Sciences
Lecturer, Singapore Maritime Academy

Dear DNS Graduates,

Congratulations on this momentous occasion in your life. Now is the time to chase your dreams and set new goals! Believe that you can, and you will! Cherish your success and be inspired by it. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

J SHAFEER DEEN  
Diploma in Information Technology (DIT)  
Alumnus of Deyi Secondary School

I am thankful to Mr Lim for guiding me through my poly life. He was both a lecturer and a friend, knowledgeable and humorous at the same time. If he were an Avenger, he would definitely be Thor, a God with knowledge, power and not forgetting, wit.

J Shafeer Deen
Course Chair, School of Computing

Students like you all are exactly why I joined this profession. Thanks for reminding me why I love this job! All the best to your future endeavours!

Mr Lim De Yang

MSC JULIANA CHEN  
Diploma in Applied Drama & Psychology (DADP)  
Alumna of Compassvale Secondary School

Congratulations on your graduation, DADP Class 02! I hope that you will continue to strive and work hard after graduating and realise that your capability is not only measured in terms of GPA. Love, Ms Ju.

Ms Juliana
Lecturer, Media, Arts & Design School
Senior Lecturer, School of Chemical & Life Sciences

Lee Eileen
Lecturer, Singapore Maritime Academy

I feel honoured to be part of the students’ learning journey in SP. The world out there is for us to explore and conquer, so students, spread your wings wide, soar high and reach for your dreams!

Cristal Yu
Diploma in Perfumery & Cosmetic Science (DPCS)  
Alumna of Edgefield Secondary School

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Ms Low Bee Lee
Senior Lecturer, School of Chemical & Life Sciences
Lecturer, Singapore Maritime Academy

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Lecturer, Media, Arts & Design School
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Mr Lim De Yang

Lecturers often do more than just teach; they inspire students in every way like a superhero! Since we asked a few great lecturers about their gratitude to their students.

Captain Roch Brandon
Lecturer, Singapore Maritime Academy

Mr Lim De Yang
Course Chair, School of Computing
"To the graduating class, the best has yet to come. My heartstrings were tugged when I read your reflection reports of the struggles and challenges you had to face and overcome in order to deliver the best solutions to your industry clients. I was also heartened that so many of you chose to see challenges as opportunities to apply what you have learnt in the classroom. To some of you, graduation marks the end of a journey, but really, it’s the beginning of a new adventure!"

**Nicolas Chew**
Diploma in Banking & Finance (DBKF)
Alumnus of Hai Sing Catholic School

Ms Peh Xue Yun is one of the best lecturers. She’s extremely supportive during our final-year project (FTP) and always shows care and concern in both our work and personal lives.

Ms Peh reminds me of Black Widow. She can be chill or firm, depending on the situation. She is knowledgeable and delivers her best in every consultation and discussion.

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"To the tune of Black Panther’s war cry: WAKANDA! Why-Can’t-I! Kick down the walls of inertia and drag, and soar victoriously!"

**Mr Sonny**
Lecturer, School of Architecture & the Built Environment

The class has given me the passion to continue what I do best...MENTORING. I will never forget this cohort.

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**Piravin S/o Vijayakumar**
Diploma in Aerospace Electronics (DASE)

Mr Shanker doesn’t just teach us to pass the exams but he makes sure that his students understand the concepts so that we are able to apply them in real world. Life Ready. Work Ready. World Ready for sure. I also like how he is very outgoing with his students and can relate to the young generation.

He reminds me of T’Challa from Black Panther because he is up to date with the latest technology. He has a cool character but is always ready to strike when there’s a need. He protects his class the same way T’Challa protects Wakanda.

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Many of our gradshows were cancelled because of the covid-19 pandemic, but you can still view some of our students’ amazing works here!

HANDS OFF

BY ROCKY SUTARIUS, EUNICE ENG, LIM LI YEE, MICHELLE TAN, BELICIA KONG AND MARCUS LING
Diploma in Games Design & Development (DGDD)

Take on the role of a cutesy manga-like character and face off your friends in this multiplayer game! Each player will represent a planet and go through a series of challenges as they sabotage their friends by pulling or pushing them off the map.

BY SAW HNIN THUNDRAY
Diploma in Experience & Product Design (DXPD)
Alumna of Queenstown Secondary School

No one should be stuck in an emergency not knowing what to do and that is what R.ED strives to achieve. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health Office for Healthcare Transformation (MOHT), the app helps to solve overcrowding at A&E departments while catering to the needs of patients through video calls.
Did curiosity kill the cat? Journey along with the witch’s apprentice in this 3D animation - which was created by our students from conceptualisation to production - as she discovers a secret bottle is missing. Would she learn about the mystery behind it or would it be too late?

By Chern Jia Xin, Christine Ang, Liew Zi Yi and Tay Min Kuan
Diploma in Digital Animation (DDA)
Alumni of Bendemeer Secondary School and Queensway Secondary School

Kindness Train is a process drama programme that aims to promote kindness among Primary 3 students from Northview Primary School. The programme utilises fictional characters like Humpty Dumpty, which helps children learn about the different aspects of kindness such as helping, sharing and cooperating.

By Mayfanny Dwiputri Onggo, Wilfred Lee, Soh Wei Ern and Charissa Lim
Diploma in Applied Drama & Psychology (DADP)

Dream Crescent
By Chern Jia Xin, Christine Ang, Liew Zi Yi and Tay Min Kuan
Diploma in Digital Animation (DDA)
Alumni of Bendemeer Secondary School and Queensway Secondary School
TOMORROWLAND

A FUTURISTIC TOWN

INSYIRAH SALLEH
Diploma in Landscape Architecture (DLA)
Alumna of Kent Ridge Secondary School

With a vision to transform an old site into a futuristic town, Insyirah created a space where residents can use their phones and interact with the surroundings. With the help of smart technology, she hopes to provide a unique experience for residents and visitors.

LIM SHEN HORNG
Diploma in Architecture (DARCH)
Alumnus of Yio Chu Kang Secondary School

In this day and age when everyone is fixated on their screens, Shen Horng strives to design an office space that would encourage interaction. His design features an elevated platform - which serves as walking and table space - and sunken pods which double as personal workspaces.
Inspired by the concept of zero energy, the team came up with an interactive and energy-saving pavilion that runs mainly on solar power. There is also a self-turning wheel where human energy is integrated to generate more energy!

CLARENCE TAN, AMANRAJ SINGH DHILLON, JOSEPH TIONG AND JET LAW
Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering (DEEE)

To solve the problem of costly and challenging train evacuation drills, a group of Engineering students developed a Virtual Reality (VR) software simulation which allows users to practice train evacuation drills and track maintenance in a realistic, hassle-free and cost-effective way.

HARRY YAP, IZZAT RAZALI, LEE KAI YANG, TIMOTHY TAN TSE SIANG
Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering (DARE)
You can do just that at SP with our various programmes such as the Learning Express (LeX) Programme, Youth Expedition Programme (YEP) and overseas internships.

These overseas programmes may be suspended at the moment due to the widening spread of Covid-19 but fret not, life at SP is just as vibrant and exciting!

CHING KEI SENG
Diploma in Energy Systems & Management (Now defunct)
Alumnus of Boon Lay Secondary School

Outside of their curriculum, Kei Seng and friends were given the opportunity to represent Singapore (they were the only Singapore team) in the Greenpower International Race in the United Kingdom, where they designed, built and raced an electric car from scratch.
With a passion for giving back to the community, Ellyana joined SP’s Youth Expedition Programme (YEP) to Vietnam, where she helped refurbish a school and taught the local children basic English and Maths.

**JOLENE MAN**  
Diploma in Civil Engineering with Business (DCEB)  
Alumna of Presbyterian High School

Jolene embarked on a 13-day Youth Expedition Project (YEP) to Bhakunde Besi, a village in Nepal to teach the local children English, Maths and Science, and build an extension of their school! The team also spread awareness about sustainable ecobricks and rainwater harvesting to villagers, which helps improve their livelihood.

**SEAN AMRISH**  
Diploma in Marine Engineering (DMR)  
Alumnus of Kranji Secondary School

During a week-long immersion programme in Japan, Sean spent four days on board a training ship, T/S Toba Maru, where they learnt how to operate and maintain moving machineries such as engines and diesel generators on the vessel.

**NUR ELLYANA**  
Diploma in Interior Design (DID)  
Alumna of Jurongville Secondary School

With a passion for giving back to the community, Ellyana joined SP’s Youth Expedition Programme (YEP) to Vietnam, where she helped refurbish a school and taught the local children basic English and Maths.
Thaqif took on the role of team leader for an Overseas Community Service (OCS) trip to Bintan, where he and his team worked on building a system that treated wastewater, under the Safe Water Garden (SWG) project.

**Thaqif Arman**  
Diploma in Banking & Finance (DBKF)  
Alumnus of Woodgrove Secondary School

As part of the On-Location Production module, Joey and her team mates spent five days in Kuantan, Malaysia, where they produced a documentary – from conceptualisation and scriptwriting to filming and editing – on a home for the mentally-challenged.

**Joey Quan**  
Diploma in Creative Writing for TV & New Media (DTVM)  
Alumna of Dunman Secondary School
Under the Learning Express (LeX) programme, Bryan took a trip down to Makassar, Indonesia, to help villagers there solve a social problem – they created a prototype to help villagers sharpen bamboo sticks, which they sell as part of their livelihood.

### Bryan Pong
**Diploma in Business Information Technology (DBIT)**
*Alumnus of Dunman High*

### Teo Pei Xuan
**Diploma in Food Science & Technology (DFST)**
*Alumna of CHIJ St Theresa’s Convent*

During her 12-week internship at Massey University, New Zealand, Pei Xuan had the opportunity to research on a potential egg white replacer, which could be suitable for vegans! Working in the lab also taught her to be independent and disciplined, as she had to plan and execute her own experiments throughout the research.
Kudos to our alumni and students, who have made a name for themselves in their own field!

One look at Shermaine and you can easily tell that she is an athlete - she is not only that but also a recent bronze medallist in the modern pentathlon at the 2019 SEA Games. The 25-year-old’s passion for sports started when she enrolled at the Singapore Sports School (SSS). However upon graduation, she was not ready to build a career in sports so she pursued a polytechnic education instead.

Thankfully, SP’s wide array of CCAs allowed her to try various sports such as canoeing and track, which were paramount to her physique as an athlete today.

Shermaine is currently working as a business development executive at The Smart Local. Albeit different from her course in SP, she credits it for providing her opportunities to learn business modules.

Sports wise, she looks forward to participate in the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in May 2020. Continue to do us proud, Shermaine!

No dream is too silly. Ever since Benjamin was exposed to the online collectible card game, Hearthstone, at 13, he dreamt of entering the national e-sports team. Determined, he started taking part in mini-competitions to prepare himself.

In 2019, Benjamin participated in the Singapore E-sports National Selections, where he competed against seven other outstanding players, eventually making the cut for the national team!

“E-sports athletes do sports in a different way, but we bring the same amount of honour for our country,” shares Benjamin.

Now that he is a year into his e-sports career, Benjamin has represented Singapore in various games, including the recent Southeast Asian (SEA) Games 2019 Qualifiers and Cardslinger Summit, where he emerged as champion for both.

He is looking forward to showcase his skills at future tournaments, starting with the Hearthstone Masters Tour in Arlington, USA, in 2020.
Ryadh has proven to be a rising star in the world of cycling. He began racing competitively in 2015, when he joined SP’s Cyclists Club. He is currently in the National Cycling Team, and has been mountain bike racing since 2017. He has competed in over 10 competitions regionally and internationally.

Riyadh was part of the first Singapore contingent at the World Championships in 2017 and recently won Singapore’s first ever gold medal at the Asian Championships 2019.

However, victory did not come easy. Before entering national service, he would train 6-7 times a week, which is equivalent to 18-20 hours of cycling!

He credits his loved ones for his wins, especially his father, who has even followed him on his overseas races to help out.

Riyadh hopes to represent Singapore one day in the SEA Games, Asian Games and Olympics.

RIYADH HAKIM

Diploma in Accountancy (DAC)
Alumnus of Naval Base Secondary School

Pearlynn has always been a big part of Pearlyn’s life. She started playing at thirteen and was scouted by the national team’s coach during the floorball league season.

Her training sessions go up to five times a week and late into the night, and she would not be able to rest until she completes her school assignments.

Although her schedule is hectic, she enjoys the competitive nature and camaraderie of the sport. Her most memorable moment was the recent Southeast Asian (SEA) Games 2020 where they defended their championship title.

With the Asian Oceania Floorball Cup and World Floorball Championships qualifiers coming up, Pearlynn aspires to unleash her greatest potential on the court. Her eventual goal is to play for an international floorball club.

PEARLYNN LIM

Diploma in Integrated Events & Project Management (DEPM)
Alumna of CHIJ St Theresa’s Convent

Image courtesy of Sportygraphy
Beneath the glamorous life

When Titan Digital Media comes to mind, one would immediately think of JianHao Tan. After all, his name is a household brand in the world of social media and his videos resonate well with the youths.

However, what many might not know is beneath the journey of creating YouTube content lies hard work and drive, and Kexin Tan, who is the Business Development Manager of Titan Digital Media, can testify that.

Pursuing her passion

Growing up, the SP alumna always had a passion for the media industry, especially the social media scene. So when she discovered that SP’s DMC could help pursue her interest, she was sold.

In SP, Kexin was exposed to a myriad of modules such as advertising, marketing and writing for different media platforms. She was also given the opportunity to apply her knowledge when she interned at the marketing department of the Singapore Chinese Orchestra.

A new phase

Kexin graduated from SP in 2016 and embarked on her current job a week after the graduation ceremony. What was originally a three-month contract – she intended to enrol in university – extended to a full-time career and she has not looked back since.

So if you are starting a new phase in life, whether a new job or furthering your studies, Kexin’s tip is to “find what ignites your passion, have a goal and work towards it”.

She couldn’t have said it better.
Gave up spots in junior college to sail the seas
Not only do twins Magesh and Mathan look identical, they have also spent their entire lives mirroring each other! From entering the same secondary school to playing softball and sailing the seas together.

Magesh and Mathan excelled in their ‘O’ Levels, achieving five and eight points respectively, and were offered spots in junior colleges. But they already had their hearts set on SP’s Diploma in Nautical Studies (DNS).

“We wanted a dynamic career in the maritime industry, where we could sail across oceans – something not many will experience in their lifetime,” Magesh shares.

Away from home
They began their voyages at 17 years old, with a 12-month sea training.

“It was scary and strange at first. But it became fun, and sailing keeps me engaged. We also get to meet different people from all over the world,” Mathan shares.

Despite being at sea and away from family for months, the twins never regretted their decision. They have sailed to various countries such as Solomon Islands, Mexico, Japan, Greece, Netherlands and more!

Master’s in maritime
Now 26, the twins are both employed under the same French shipping company, and had just completed their Certificate of Competency (COC) Class 2 course in SP. Magesh and Mathan hope to pursue their Master’s degree in the future, become captains of their ships and one day take up maritime management roles onshore.
Just pick and go!
Imagine going to a convenience store to quench your thirst, only to find a long queue at the cashier! This happened to Alex two years ago and that sparked an idea for a business concept.

With that, he started the Pick & Go Convenience Store, where customers can have a hassle-free shopping experience by purchasing items without going through a cashier.

Manless artificial intelligence convenience store
Inspired by cashless societies abroad, Alex wanted to contribute to Singapore’s efforts towards becoming a smart nation.

Using an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system, Pick & Go is equipped with smart cameras, shelves and freezers that detect customers through a QR code or facial recognition via their mobile app. So when a customer picks up an item, the AI system detects it and tags it to the customer.

“All you need to do is grab your items, walk out and your receipt will be sent to your mobile app,” Alex explains.

Expanding beyond food science and technology
Despite holding a Diploma in Food Science & Technology, Alex decided to delve into economics in university, and he credits both courses for helping him with the establishment of Pick & Go.

“Besides learning about food safety and packaging in SP, the course also encouraged us to think out of the box, in terms of innovation and problem-solving, which is important when running your own business,” Alex shares.

Pick & Go’s flagship store is located at the Singapore University of Technology and Design and will see 20 more stores opening in the next few years.
An enriching student life like no other
As siblings, Hei Kern and younger sister Hei Mern led a colourful life at SP - one filled with co-curricular activities, competitions and overseas school trips.

So, it’s no surprise when they decided to participate in the L’oreal Brandstorm competition together in 2017. Putting the skills they have picked up in SP to good use - Hei Kern worked on the technicalities and Hei Mern created the product’s formulation - they innovated a credit card sized facial cleanser and bagged the top prize!

Poly internship gave them a sense of the industry scene
Besides participating in competitions, the duo also had a clear direction of what they wanted to pursue in the future and made sure to secure a relevant internship.

Hei Kern’s programming and electronics knowledge came in handy when he interned at the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) as a Research Assistant where he helped develop a traffic simulation programme.

Hei Mern, on the other hand, did hers at the Incheon National University, South Korea, where she researched on antioxidants in marine plants. It yielded such good results that she managed to create the base for a facial cleanser!

Their internship training experiences served them well as they furthered their studies at the SUTD and National University of Singapore.

Finally chasing the dreams they worked hard for
Today, Hei Kern is pursuing his Master’s in Energy Science and Technology at the ETH Zurich, Switzerland, while Hei Mern is working at Firmenich, one of the largest private fragrance companies globally!
Happenings in SP

Life on campus is definitely not just about mugging. In SP, we have events throughout the year for you to spice up your student life. Although the Covid-19 outbreak has led us to make some changes to our line-up of programmes this year, it’s not stopping us from sharing our event highlights with you!

MASS IFTAR

Mass Iftar or the breaking of fast is held annually on campus for non-Muslim students to appreciate and understand the month of fasting or Ramadan, alongside their Muslim friends!

SOLAR ECLIPSE @ SP

Students, staff and the public gathered at our campus on 26 December 2019 to catch the rare ‘Ring of Fire’. Shout out to our SP Astronomers Club for handing out cool protective glasses for the viewing!
HALLOWEEN @ SP
Come October, some student clubs do organise Halloween activities like haunted houses and special events just to jump on the spooky atmosphere. You might catch them if you’re lucky!

POLY50
At this highly anticipated sports event every year, the SP family including current students, staff and alumni unite to challenge boundaries and clinch medals! Glory to all!

ARTS FIESTA
This yearly fiesta is held over one month where SP’s performing arts clubs celebrate dance, music and theatre through their works.
$10 R&B Gift Voucher up for grabs!

All you need to do is:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Play a simple game and count the number of falling bubble tea cups
3. Answer 5 simple questions
4. Stand a chance to win a $10 gift voucher (we have 20 to giveaway!)

P.S. We have an R&B outlet outside Foodcourt 4.