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A photograph of a man in his late 20s or early 30s, smiling broadly. He is wearing a white hard hat with a chin strap and a bright orange high-visibility work jacket with reflective silver stripes on the sleeves and chest. He is standing on the deck of a ship, with a large yellow lifebuoy visible in the background. The background shows a body of water and a cloudy sky. The photo is framed by a red border.

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:
NAVIGATING LIFE'S
HIGH SEAS**



Mr Burgos Leo Joubert Deado

Diploma in Nautical Studies, 2017

PERSEVERING THROUGH THE STORM

While he now works full-time on a foreign-going bulk carrier, Singapore Polytechnic (SP) Alumni Burgos Leo Joubert Deado did not exactly have a smooth sailing journey in getting there.

He was first inspired to become a seafarer after he chanced upon the Nautical Studies booth at the SP Open House. As a person who loved the outdoors, the position of Ship Officer checked all the boxes of what he wanted in a job.

Describing it as an eye-opening experience, Leo shares that his biggest takeaway during his time in SP was during his year-long internship. He learnt valuable skills on how to play up his strengths and how not to dwell on his weaknesses. Working onboard anchor-handling vessels gave him confidence in knowing his way around the ship.

After completing the internship in 2017, Leo decided to postpone his Certificate of Competency Class 3 (COC3) examination and progress in his career till after his National Service (NS). "I focused on my service and put my maritime pursuits off to the side, with all the intention to pursue it the moment I was done."

Picking up where he left off

However, after NS he found it a challenge to balance working and studying at the same time. Leo's days were now split between food delivery runs during the day and studying at night. "Looking back, I could have managed my time better because that type of balance did not do me any good."

He sat for the exam and unfortunately did not pass, which brought his journey of becoming a seafarer to a screeching halt. When thinking about re-taking the exam, he realised that his funds to pay for it had dried up.

Keeping the wind in his sail

Despite this setback, he was able to move forward and make positive changes to help him reach his goals. Leo revamped his work-study patterns and committed more

of his time towards acing his exam by studying on the weekdays and working 10 to 14-hour shifts on the weekends. "It was the only way I could maximise my studying while earning the money to pay for all the training and exams."

What really kept him going was motivation from fellow aspiring officers who were also taking their exams and reviewing work alongside him. With their support and added encouragement from his loved ones, Leo persevered and attained his COC3 in 2021.

Finding inspiration in work

At this point, Leo had been away from the nautical industry for almost 4 years. Instead of diving straight back in, he decided on working as a yacht skipper to help refresh his practical skills. He became enamoured with the job and ended up staying on for two years.

While longer than he intended, the work grew his love for the sea and gave him a thirst for knowledge that he did not have before. As a skipper, he realised that the best way to feed this thirst was to get back to commercial sailing.

It took a few more nudges, some from his fellow skippers and his former Singapore Maritime Academy (SMA) lecturers to get him to apply for jobs. After attending interview after interview, Leo now serves as a Senior Deck Cadet on a Bulk Carrier with hopes of a promotion soon.

Advice for graduating students

When asked what he would advise fresh graduates on, Leo explains how choosing each next step with purpose is the best way to build a successful career. He also emphasised the importance of making informed decisions, staying true to your own ambitions, and finding the balance

between what you want to achieve and your skillset. "Work to find an opportunity which not only harnesses what you want but also utilises your strengths."

Leo also shares that patience and perseverance are important traits to have in a seafaring career. "Life onboard is tiring and stressful but staying patient with colleagues and persevering through the fatigue is key. A seafarer's career is special because no one makes it without the support of an army of people. I am grateful to my family for supporting me all the way."



Source: Youthopia, 10 Mar 2023

SP ABE students champion social inclusion and sustainability in final-year showcase

Final-year students from Singapore Polytechnic's (SP) School of Architecture & the Built Environment (ABE) gathered at the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) Centre on Thursday (Mar 9) to present their projects for the annual graduate showcase, Connect – End of Year Show 2023. The projects were developed in close collaboration with industry experts and partners such as URA, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), and the Ministry of National Development (MND) to address the important environmental and social issues that impact the everyday lives of Singaporeans.



Source: TODAY, 19 Mar 2023

SP team wins \$20,000 funding for project to recycle food trimmings into pet food

Team Kapaw&Co has been awarded \$20,000 in funding as entrants in the National Youth Council's (NYC) Youth Action Challenge (YAC). Made up of four graduating students from the Singapore Polytechnic's School of Business – Mr Irfan Cantero Abdul Halim, Ms Megan Lee Si Ling, Mr Premkkumar Nagaraja, and Mr Michael Chang Min Khant Zaw, their project aims to reduce food wastage by repurposing unused food trimmings into healthy pet food products. To minimise waste in every step of the process, the team operates on a subscription-only basis where food waste collected is re-purposed to meet the specific volume pre-ordered by their customers. So far, they have salvaged around 200kg of food waste and continue to donate unused food trimmings to animal shelters and other beneficiaries.



Source: Lianhe Zaobao, 17 Mar 2023

SP partners with DDB to launch virtual marketing agency for SMEs

Singapore Polytechnic's (SP) Media, Arts & Design School (MAD) school announced its partnership with award-winning global marketing communications agency DDB Group to launch "Spark Agency" (Spark). The virtual agency is aimed at helping SMEs enhance their comprehensive digital marketing, brand, and social media capabilities. SP's Senior Director of the Business & Creatives Cluster Yen Yen noted that many SMEs do not have the resources for proper marketing, and are ultimately unable to reach their desired marketing impact. Through this collaboration, the school will be able to support SMEs whilst students will also receive precious internship opportunities. DDB Group Singapore's CEO Jeff Cheong said that Spark is a one-stop virtual agency and SMEs will be able to work with SP students at a reasonable price than if they were to seek a well-established digital agency in the market. SP alumna Dolynn Yeo, who was among the first batch of students to work at Spark, shared that the experience helped her and enabled a smooth transition into working life.

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10% discount for ala-carte menu at SPGG F&B outlets (SPGG Coffee Hub & The Restaurant)

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NEW SP UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting our Graduates beyond SP

About the Scholarship

The Scholarship aims to support deserving and talented SP students in their undergraduate studies. We hope to encourage our academically strong graduates to further their achievements in SP and to make a positive impact on Singapore in the future.

Scholarship Benefits

- Bond-free scholarship
- Full scholarship award of \$30,000 will be given out in three tranches of \$10,000 across three academic years of undergraduate studies.

Eligibility

- Singapore Citizens/Permanent Residents
- Graduated from SP with a Diploma with Merit
- Demonstrate good leadership qualities and conduct
- Possess strong portfolio and CCA records
- Freshly matriculated at any of the local autonomous universities

Stay tuned to SP's website for more updates!

Application opens: 18 - 30 Sep 2023

Scan the QR Code for more information on the SP Undergraduate Scholarship.



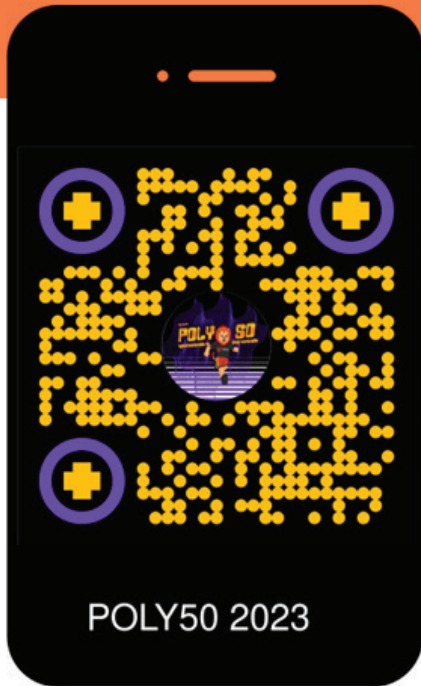
For enquiries, please email scholarships@sp.edu.sg.

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WHOEVER YOU MAY BE.
THE DREAMERS, THE
DOERS, THE GAME
DISRUPTORS, THE
UNSTOPPABLES . . .

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A RACE THAT HAS ENDURED SINCE THE 70s

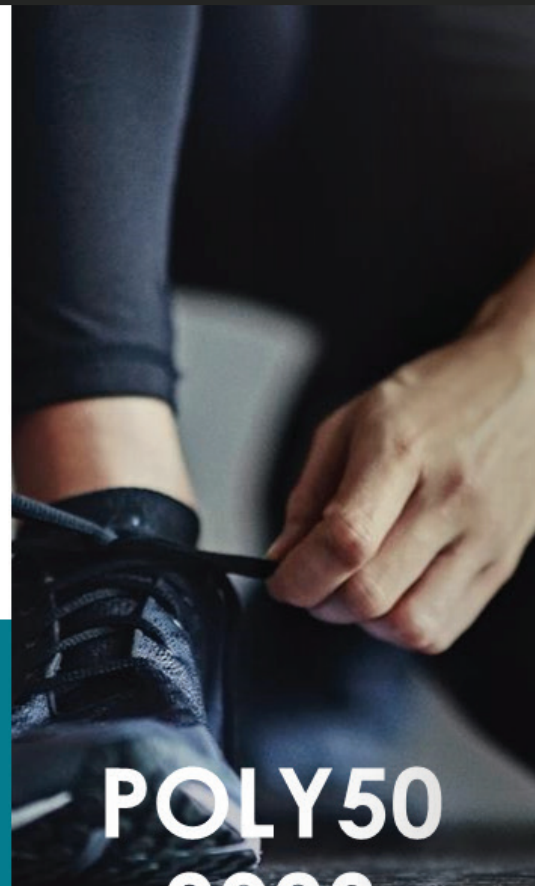
In SP where it's a Poly for all ages,
where learning and staying active is a
continuous journey.

And as we start to resume and bring
back all that we love pre-pandemic
and way back, we take a look at the
journey we had trodden on - our own
nostalgia.

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JOIN US

Zippering in from mid-1900s, to
the 2010s, join this year's
POLY50 where you participate in
a run with a Throwback Party
theme, defined by YOU.
We hope you are as stoked
about this annual
tradition as we are!



POLY50 2023

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