



SPECIAL FEATURE:

STUDENTS OF LIBERTY STANDING TALL

Looks of anticipation and joy were plastered on their faces. Holding the miniature gold Statue of Liberty trophies in their hands, these two exceptional students from DIMENSIONS International College were all smiles during the Liberty Study Award ceremony.

Aaron Woo Chee Sien and Chen Zhen, out of a total of 50 winners from all the Private Education Institutions (PEIs) in Singapore, stood as tall and proud as the Statue of Liberty.

The Award recognizes deserving students who have excelled in both the academic and non-academic field, and serves to support and encourage them to pursue their aspirations and reach their full potential.

In conjunction with the SG50 celebrations, Liberty Insurance gave out the Liberty Study Award to 50 students of PEIs in Singapore to foster a culture of lifelong learning.

Editor's Note

We, as human beings, will subconsciously look for role models who will inspire us to be better in life. We always love to hear about those rag-to-riches stories of people with humble beginnings achieving great success. Sometimes when hope seems bleak or we need a perfect pick-me-up, these kinds of stories can pull us out from our dreary zone and inspire us.

In this issue, we will feature an inspiring article about two outstanding students from our school, who has both clinched the Liberty Study Awards this year. Let their stories pull at your heartstrings.

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FROM HUMBLE TO HIGH

Beneath that beaming exterior, life wasn't always that easy for Chen Zhen. At the age of 16, he moved from the Land of the Red Dragon (China) to the Lion City. A rebellious young lad from Fujian with humble beginnings, Chen Zhen wondered if he could adapt to the new life in Singapore, being far apart from the familiar faces of his family and friends. He enrolled in the School of Preparatory at DIMENSIONS International College, surrounded by new faces. How was life in Singapore going to be like for him? With his rebellious streaks, would he be able to blend in well with the people in the Little Red Dot?

However, Chen Zhen knew that dwelling on the past wouldn't help him to progress well, so he decided to change. He wanted to be a better person so he could inspire others.

Chen Zhen was actively involved in the school, being appointed as the class monitor and leading a team of players during DIMENSIONS' Captain Ball competition in 2014. Getting fourth place in the competition did not dampen him and his teammates' spirits, but spur them on.



Chen Zhen's pleasant appearance landed him on the page of DIMENSIONS' College Prospectus when he was asked to model for the prospectus photo-shoot.

He had come a long way when he passed his GCE O-Level examination with 15 points, a far cry from his results back when he used to study in China.

Chen Zhen believes that as long as you put extra effort in anything you do, you will be able to reach your goals.

TROUBLED TO TRIUMPHANT

With the radiant glow emanating from his face upon receiving the Liberty Study Award, no one would have guessed that Aaron Woo had a troubled past once.

The Malaysian lad once led a tumultuous adolescence, enmeshed in a rebellious and careless lifestyle without much thought for his future.

It all changed when his aunt decided to lend him a helping hand. Aaron realized that deep down inside, he wanted to change because he knew that the life he was living just wasn't right.

So he packed his bags and moved to Singapore, where his aunt raised him and supported his education.

Aaron enrolled at DIMENSIONS International College, taking up the Certificate in Academic English. With support and encouragement from his aunt, Aaron persevered in his studies and soon enrolled for the BTEC in Business course.

But a sense of insecurity gripped Aaron. Would his aunt be able to support him financially for the long term?

Aaron's hard work paid off when the school recognised his efforts and agreed to support his studies with a special arrangement by giving him a discounted price for his tuition fees.





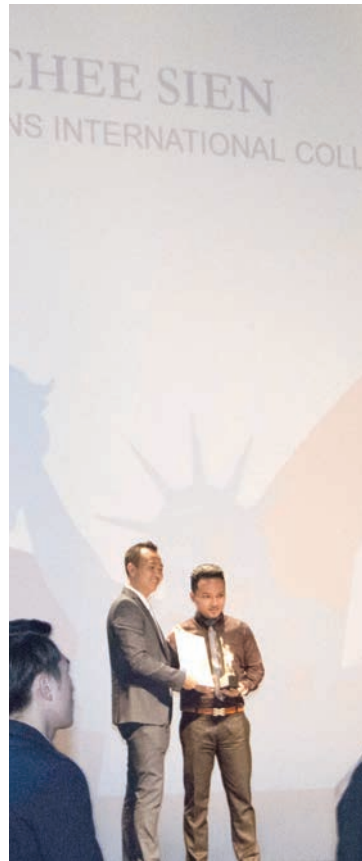
Aaron had excelled far beyond his expectations, having transformed from that once insecure teenager to an aspiring student with lofty ambitions.

He had actively participated in the school's extra-curricular activities, blazing the way to a brighter future with awards from the college's speech competition and international food fair.

Aaron has certainly paid the kindness forward by helping out his friends to overcome the fear of public speaking, encouraging them to take part in the speech competition like he had.

The sky's the limit for Aaron. He is not one to rest on his laurels. He has a plan to pursue his Master's degree after he had saved up his own money after working for some time.

Aaron's story paints a refreshing picture of triumphing over adversities, and inspires everyone to achieve their goals and ambitions.



HAVING A BALL OF A TIME



Participants had a ball of a time during the 3 on 3 Basketball Championship held at DIMENSIONS International College, Main Campus, in June this year. Before the start of the match, a drizzle showered down on the court, raising dread that the championship would have to be postponed.

However, minutes later at around 10 A.M., spirits lifted when the rain stopped. The game must go on.

Comprising eight teams, the championship includes participants from all the three campuses: Main, Bukit Timah and City.

Adrenaline pumping, teams battled against one another in fiery pursuit of the

championship. Drenched in sweat, players maneuvered around the court in an attempt to take hold of the ball and shoot.

Eight teams were finally shortlisted to four teams, and the intense game raged on. The heat was on as the game was almost drawing to an end.

The game ended at 12.30 P.M., and the winners pumped their fists into the air in victory.

Team O-166 emerged as the champion, while Dream Team took the second place, followed by Equator. The winners all walked away with respective medals, and certificates were awarded to all participants.

CARE TO SHARE?

The alumni of DIMENSIONS International College returned for a four-day talk for students taking up Ordinary Level (O-Level) and Advanced Level (A-Level) examinations. The alumni, comprised of four former students, shared useful tips and pieces of advice which were beneficial to the current students here. The panel of speakers were Chen Bing Sen, Liu Chen Yu, Li Jia Yi and Wang Yu Zi Zhu.

Students were quite interactive, posing questions to the alumni on how to tackle examination papers and achieve a better score. The alumni shared their past experiences on answering examination papers and how to allocate time wisely.

Most of the students put high emphasis on the English Language as the majority of them are weak in English as their native language is Chinese. Other subjects covered during the sharing included Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry.

Most of the students found the sharing quite beneficial to them, as they are able to pose questions and get immediate feedback from the cooperative alumni.



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