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DIMENSIONS IS A STEPPING STONE

“ TO MY DREAM UNIVERSITY ”

I am Chen Zhuo and I come from Beijing, China. In 2012, I made a judicious decision to embark on an educational journey at DIMENSIONS International College and thereafter, I enrolled in the Preparatory Course for Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level). Subsequent to one year of unremitting assiduity and determination, I managed to obtain a University placement at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Currently, I am an undergraduate student of the Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering programme. This April, I will be partaking in NUS' Student Exchange Programme (SEP) abroad and I will be spending one academic semester in Germany.

Despite growing up in a well-protected environment, my educational endeavour at NUS has greatly prepped and enhanced my professional and self-directed learning skills. Nonetheless, these questions began rattling around in my head: "Having attained these invaluable skills, will I ever land a job which gives me a prodigious sense of satisfaction? How can I determine what I really want to do with my life?" Instead of mindlessly chasing conventional definitions of success, I decided to figure out how I can do things a little differently and start living my dreams. With that being said, I will tap into my experiences and use them as stepping stones to my success.



EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue's cover story features Chen Zhuo – a resolute young lady with a positive attitude coupled with pure determination and passion. I hope that her inspiring story will help you realise that it is possible to achieve academic success and it all begins with you!

As you probably know, sports activities

are an integral part of DIMENSIONS' curriculum. To enhance social cohesion and develop a sporting culture amongst students, DIMENSIONS organises sports activities on a frequent basis to allow students to take short respites from the classroom!

HAPPY READING!

*With Love,
Evelyn*



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Undoubtedly, I have benefited a great deal from my education at my alma mater – both academically and professionally. In spite of that, I wasn't able to cope with the hectic daily schedules during my first academic semester. Initially, I was completely jaded and I couldn't perform to my fullest potential. For the longest time, I was down in the dumps and I even wanted to seek professional help. Eventually though, through trial and error, I was able to muster up enough strength to tackle life's blunders.

Not to forget, during my academic journey at DIMENSIONS, I learnt to build resilience, tenacity and perseverance. Gradually, I picked myself up, joined the NUS Debate Team and made some new friends which became a crucial turning point in my life. With our wanderlust senses tingling on many occasions, my friends and I packed our luggage, took our passports and went on expeditions to different countries such as Hong Kong, Macau, China, etc. Being the avid traveller I always am, I wended my way across major cities in Taiwan, Japan and Korea and on top of that, I volunteered to teach at a school in Thailand for six weeks!

Soon after my escapades, my schoolmates and I devoted ourselves to an engineering challenge from the National Geographic Channel and together, we custom-built a lightweight aircraft inspired by paragliders, dubbed The Delta after FrogWorks' immensely successful single-passenger flying machine called Snowstorm was exhibited at a distinguished Founders Forum in London. Over the course of two years, I was the chairman of a voluntary organisation and I took the lead in organising three momentous events which enticed more than 50 attendees. In the interim, I became the spearhead of NUS' inaugural Caregiver Project – a scheme to provide nursing care for terminally ill patients.

Whilst searching for a quick escape from the hustle and bustle of city life, I went on a two-month trip to the United States and spent my days in idyllic small towns. Engulfed by a fervent desire to explore beautiful and panoramic seascapes, I had one month of self-drive holiday from the east to west coast of the United States. After the pleasant trip, I returned to Singapore and launched a new business in the dried fruit and nuts sector and in addition, I collaborated with a team to kick-start a study tour agency!

My life has been an extraordinary journey fraught with trials and tribulations. I was moulded through these adversities which enabled me to grow in maturity by leaps and bounds. If life had a rewind button, I would still choose to pursue my higher education at NUS. Not to mention, I would like to extend my appreciation to the teachers at DIMENSIONS for working tirelessly to ensure that each student does his or her utmost every year.

**To all my fellow juniors at DIMENSIONS:
Best of luck in following your passions and fulfilling your dreams!**

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我叫陈卓，来自中国北京。2012年，我来到了博伟国际教育学院就读一年GCE“A”水准课程。通过在博伟一年的努力，我顺利考入新加坡国立大学，现在是国大一名电子工程系大三的学生。2017年4月，我作为交换生将去德国进行为期一学期的学习。

大学是我们从象牙塔迈入社会的一个过渡阶段，让我们从一个洋溢着稚气笑容的少年一跃成为一个独立自强不可替代的人。我会成为什么样的人，我最向往的是怎样的生活，而我的未来究竟怎样才能给我最大的幸福感？相比脚踏实地勤恳学习，明白自己所仰望的那片星空才是我对于大学最大的奢望。

国大作为我的母校，给了我充分的资源作为探索工具去开发最适合自己的天地，也给我足够的耐心让我一次又一次跌倒爬起去试验，但是这一切并不是一帆风顺的。刚入大学时，我很快就被千奇百怪的社团活动和繁杂的课业搞得晕头转向，精力难以集中自然做不完美。最初的日子酸苦无比，一个平庸的人在为自己甚至彼此矛盾的贪念买单，我甚至想过去找心理医生。

在博伟学习期间，我学会了坚持，学会如何顽强地克服困难，最终我摆脱了困境，渐渐地适应了大学的新环境。经过兜兜转转后，我决定神农尝百草，用最笨的方法找到自己最喜欢的人生。我加入了一直向往的“世界第一新国大辩论队”，结识一群能言善辩的好队友，慢慢地学会遇事多方位思考。我跟着辩论队一起去过香港、澳门和中国的几个大城市，与当地大学生进行辩论赛切磋。作为背包客，我独自一人住青旅，在台湾、日本、韩国共计玩了五十天，然后紧跟着去泰国支教了六周。在校期间，我还参与学校和地理的合作项目，制作了一个电动滑翔机，并获得了去泰国接受专业滑翔伞训练的机会。我和同学们还一起制作名叫snowstorm的八悬翼飞行器，这机器曾经还在英国参展。

我坚持做了两年义工，还组织了三场人数过半百的创意义工活动，之后担任志愿者社团主席并成立了国大第一个非医学背景专业的临终关怀项目。我曾去美国荒郊野岭打工旅行两个月，然后和朋友自驾游美国东西岸30天。我还成立了关于手工坚果的start up，现在和别人合作创立一个游学机构并担任活动策划人。

我经历了很多事情，更令人开心的是，我还很年轻。现在的我很明白舍与得，也最终确定自己想要成为的人和向往的生活。无论是成熟稳重的心境和未来视角，还是疯狂无边的青春回忆，国大已经给了我作为母校最好的礼物。如果时间能够倒流，就算知道会经历千辛万苦，也会毅然决然地选择来到这里。

最后，我想感谢博伟老师们的辛勤付出，祝愿学弟学妹们都能够考入自己梦想的学府！



LET'S SET THE BALL ROLLING!

Time and again, DIMENSIONS has always planned and executed annual sports activities which nail the perfect formula for fun! Concluded on 31 March 2017 at Forte Bowl @ Kovan, a friendly 2-on-2 bowling tournament was held to connect students of different ages, cultural ethnicities and backgrounds. Through the mass participation and involvement in this vibrant and exciting after-school activity, students would be able to foster a spirit of exemplary sportsmanship and at the same time, build boisterous camaraderie with schoolmates from all walks of life!

Segregated into teams of two, students were all fired up to pit their skills against one another. Sounds of bowling balls rolling down the alleys and terrific thuds of falling pins could be heard. After rounds of gruelling matches, Zhang ZeBing and Zhou WenLong managed to clinch victory and were eventually crowned the champion team. Everyone cheered and clapped their hands in unbounded delight!

博偉经常会举办很多刺激又好玩的体育活动，年复一年地举办从而让很多广受学生们喜爱的活动成为了博偉的传统。2017年3月31日，博偉的体育委员会组织学生在Fort Bowl Kovan举办了2对2保龄球小组对抗赛。在这个先进的保龄球馆里，激烈的比赛氛围唤起了学生们竞争的天性，激起每一位参赛者在比赛中发挥最佳的水平。正如如此，学生们不断地掷球，力获一场完美的胜利。不同种族和文化背景的学生们通过比赛，对彼此也有更多的了解。激烈竞争的比赛结束了，Zhang zebing和Zhou wenlong同学最终获得了胜利，成为了冠军队。在场的每位同学都沉浸在喜悦中，人群中不断伴随着“好球”、“真棒”的欢呼声。



FEATURED COURSES

Featured Courses 课程资讯	Intakes 开课时间	Featured Courses 课程资讯	Intakes 开课时间
GCE O-Level (Intensive) (Full Time) Duration: 12 Months GCE "O" 水准预备班 (密集班) (全职) 学制: 12个月	2017 MONTHLY BASIS (每个月)	Bachelor of Science with Honours in Biomedical Science (Full-Time / Part-Time) 生物医学本科 (全职 / 业余)	2017 APR JUL OCT (四月 七月 十月)
GCE A-Level (Intensive) (Full Time) Duration: 12 Months GCE "A" 水准预备班 (密集班) (全职) 学制: 12个月	2017 JUL SEP DEC (七月 九月 十二月)	Master of Science in Biomedical Science (Cellular and Molecular Pathology) (Full-Time / Part-Time) 生物医学硕士 (细胞与分子病理学) (全职 / 业余)	2017 APR JUL OCT (四月 七月 十月)
Master of Business Administration (Project Management) (Full-Time / Part-Time) 工商管理硕士 (项目管理) (全职 / 业余)	2017 APR JUL OCT (四月 七月 十月)	Master of Science in Biomedical Science (Medical Biochemistry) (Full-Time / Part-Time) 生物医学硕士 (医学生物化学) (全职 / 业余)	2017 APR JUL OCT (四月 七月 十月)