

# UCSIWINGS

# THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

# **WELCOME**

# to our inaugural college newsletter, UCSI Wings.

The name UCSI Wings is inspired by our UCSI College logo, which resembles the stylised wing of a bird in flight. It symbolises UCSI College's dynamism and visionary aspirations to soar to great heights of achievements. The wing also symbolises how we want to play our part in transforming the lives of every UCSI College student, from the time they join us as freshies to the point they become our alumni.

I am grateful for this opportunity to pen a few words and would like to thank all the UCSI College staff and students who have contributed photos and captions, and the editors for putting this all together for our reading pleasure. It is indeed wonderful that activities and achievements this past semester can be documented in this way

and that we can be forever proud of our students though we are the younger sibling in the UCSI family.

To all staff and students of UCSI College: be brave, be creative, be flexible, keep dreaming and designing the future you want to see.

Now, go forth and contribute, starting with UCSI Wings.

Associate Professor
Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo
President and Chief Executive Officer.
UCSI College



Each winner received a Private Retirement Scheme account with RM100 in each of their accounts.

# BUILDING FINANCIAL LITERACY

Many youths enter into debt at an early age as they are not equipped with the correct mindset and skills to manage their finances properly. This is evident by the increasing trend of youth bankruptcy cases today.

As such, UCSI College in collaboration with CIMB Foundation conducted a two day programme on March 2 and 3, 2019 to provide a holistic and practical overview of the necessary components of sound financial management relevant to the College.

This programme modules covered delayed gratification, goal setting and financial IQ, risk assessment and profiling, property investment, debt management, financial lifestyle changes, unit trust investments, wealth multiplier lifestyles, budgeting and tracking, shares investment, financial plan, investment plan and scams.



## A-LEVELS AWARDS DAY



Group photo of the auspicious event.

UCSI College's A-Levels Awards Day on February 2, 2019 recognised students for their excellence while honouring their pursuit of distinction in the Cambridge GCE A-Levels.

The Cambridge GCE A-Levels is known as the 'gold standard' qualification, which is based on a rigorous, academic syllabus that optimises the abilities of talented students with a wide range of abilities and stretches the full potential of the brightest students.

The College hit a 100% pass percentage for all subjects,

awarded approximately 35% of students for achieving 3As, and more than 50% students scored B and above for all subjects taken. The most outstanding achievements from the October/November 2018 Exam Series were by two students who took five subjects and obtained 5As, Kim June-Cheol (4A\* 1A) and Yim Younwoo (3A\* 2A)

Present at the ceremony were Cambridge Assessment International Education Country Director (Malaysia and Brunei) Ng Kim Huat, UCSI College President and CEO Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo, and UCSI College Vice President Academic Affairs Associate Professor Dr Chong Aik Lee.



From left:
Cambridge Assessment
International Education
Country Director (Malaysia
and Brunei)Ng Kim Huat,
UCSI College Vice President
of Academic Affairs Associate
Professor Dr Chong Aik Lee,
Assistant Professor Dr Nalina
Thurairajah at the event.

## LEAVING A LEGACY

Again, we made it to the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards. Hosted by the Cambridge Assessment International Education on 25th April 2019, the event recognises the exceptional performance of learners around the world in the Cambridge November 2018 examination series.

Wong Ximei, one of our many talented students won the Top in the World award for the Cambridge International AS Level in Mathematics. The award is conferred to students who score 100 marks or get the highest marks in the world for specific exam papers.

Nationwide, the event celebrated the outstanding achievements of 73 students who obtained the highest marks in the world.



Wong Ximei wins the Top in the World award for the Cambridge International AS Level in Mathematics.

# UCSI'S 7TH NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MATH QUIZ



The champions from Chong Hwa Independent High School (Kuala Lumpur)

UCSI's 7th National Science and Math Quiz was held in favour of the Higher Education Ministry's initiative to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

It aimed to test students' knowledge and critical thinking in mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics while fostering a love for these subjects to pursue studies and careers in STEM fields.

The champion award went to Chong Hwa Independent High School (Kuala Lumpur). Attractive prizes and bursaries included full tuition fee bursaries as well as RM45,000 and RM30,000 worth of bursaries. Participants also received a certificate of participation.

## CINDERELLA



The play revolves around the tale of Cinderella, the popular tale of a girl with cruel stepsisters and a fairy godmother to achieve her dream with her prince. This tale, however, ends differently where the prince is too money-minded and so Cinderella refuses to marry him because he is after wealth. The fairy godmother grants her the opportunity to be America's Next Top Model.

The audience enjoyed the play, especially with the fairy godmother's appearance and the stepsisters' humorous dialogues. The play was well-worth the effort, especially for many students who were acting for the first time on stage.



The cast of the Cinderella play.

# PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

On March 2, 2019 a group of 21 UCSI college students set off on a mission to clean and improve playground areas located at Taman Putri Jaya, Taman Sri Raya and Taman Bukit Cheras.

The most important activity of the day was cleaning the fields. The team collected garbage including empty water bottles, straws, plastic bags, food packaging and much more.

Other teams planted small flowers beside the jogging path. Lastly, a chair was built from raw wooden planks for people to sit and rest. It was a very hot day and although they knew very little about carpentering, each student overcame the challenges and completed their tasks flawlessly.

(From left) Champion of the competition -Liew Shan.

2nd runner up of the competition - Lai Wen Shuen.







Students doing their part in cleaning the playgrounds.



# PRESENT AROUND THE WORLD

Present Around the World is a competition organised by UCSI University's Institute of Engineering and Technology where young professionals and engineering students showcase their presentation skills.

Held this year at the Auditorium in UCSI College, essentially, this public speaking competition was held to give students the opportunity to give presentations around the world on Science and Technology and enable them to travel and compete with other candidates in terms of public speaking. The winners were chosen based on confidence, presentation skills, appearance, voice, eye contact and relevancy of topic to technology.

The Public Speaking and Debate Club students from UCSI College won the championship title as well as 3rd

placing. The topic by the champion was CRISPR: A New Era in Molecular Biology and the topic by the second runner up was on Social Media Privacy.

## ANIMAL SHELTER







On March 2 and 9, two teams of UCSI College students consisting of 10 members each went to an animal shelter called S.I located in Subang which houses around 400 stray cats.

The building consisted of three floors. The first floor was a sick bay housing injured cats. All the cats on the first floor were in cages and students were responsible for changing their water, feeding them and cleaning up their cages by replacing the newspaper or dippers in the cage.

On the second floor all the cats were in better condition and they were free to roam around. The student not only cleaned the cats' litter boxes, they also painted a very meaningful mural on the wall. All the cats on the third floor were healthy.

It was heart-breaking for the students to see the condition of the cats; some without one eye, without limbs and those that couldn't walk properly. The students spent around four hours at the animal shelter.

No doubt it was an enjoyable experience where the students learnt to be more patient with animals since there are many more that need attention on the streets. The students were grateful to UCSI College for giving them the opportunity to participate in this community service project.

From left:

Pic 1: When caring knows no bounds.

Pic 2: Group photo of the students at the shelter.

Pic 3: Student cleaning the cats' surroundings.

## REFUGEE CAMP

On March 9, 42 UCSI College students taking the Community Service subject participated in a community service project at Buku Jalanan Chow Kit, an educational centre for refugee kids. Activities included an ice-breaking session, a station games session and a fashion show, where the costumes were prepared with newspaper.

Other sessions included the Educational Session 1, which consisted of English games and lessons and Educational Session 2, which consisted of a motivational session. The children began to write their ambitions and affirmations on a piece of paper; the UCSI students were happy to receive many unexpected ambitions and goals from the children.

Many of the children at the refugee camp were not proficient in English, so the students also had to speak in Bahasa Malaysia. They learnt that kindness goes a long way. And community service is an act of kindness that anyone regardless of age can participate in.

In this case, the purpose of this project was to help and educate the students of the refugee camp. Secondly, they learnt that cooperation is essential in a team. The members played their role by contributing to the project before, during and after its execution.

One of the children wearing a costume made of newspaper.



UCSI College students prepared a healthy breakfast for the children in the refugee centre as the first activity.





# A QUALITY UK DEGREE

Collaborating with several Top 50 UK universities, UCSI College – the sister institution of UCSI University – offers top UK Degree programmes to students without compromising on quality and standards with comparably lower costs than several British universities based in Malaysia.

UCSI College currently offers the 2+1 UK Degree Transfer Programme and is in the midst of establishing a 3+0 degree programme.

UCSI College's President and CEO Associate Professor Dr Mabel Tan pointed out that lecturers at the College are qualified, experienced, dedicated and equipped to train students to be industry-ready upon graduation.

UCSI College rose to fame over the years by producing top achievers through the Cambridge A-Level programme. Keith Cheah, who scored 4As in the Cambridge A-Level examination said: "The exhilarating learning environment at UCSI College allowed me to develop critical thinking skills. The advice of lecturers at UCSI College got me ready for the admission interviews at top British universities."

Deserving students at UCSI College are eligible for scholarships, grants and other financial assistance. UCSI College offers foundation, diploma and certificate programmes.

For enquiries, please contact UCSI College's Student Enrolment Centre at 03-9132 6688 or visit our website at www.ucsicollege.edu.my

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES OFFERED AT UCSI COLLEGE

#### **PRE-UNIVERSITY**

- Cambridge GCE A-Level KPT/JPS(R/010/3/0235)01/24
- Foundation in Business KPT/JPS(N/010/3/0363)09/20
- Foundation in Science KPT/JPS(N/010/3/0395)12/20
- South Australian Certificate of Education International (SACEi) (Launching soon)

#### **ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES**

#### **DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

#### 3+0 Oxford Brookes University Degree Programmes (Launching soon)

- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BA (Hons) Business and Management

#### 2+1 UK Degree Transfer Programmes (Business) KPT/JPS(N/340/6/0776)12/23

 University College Birmingham (Awarded by University of Birmingham)

BA (Hons) Digital Marketing

BA (Hons) Marketing Management

BA (Hons) Business Enterprise

• Northumbria University

BA (Hons) Business & Finance

BA (Hons) Business & Marketing

BA (Hons) Business & International Management

#### **DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES**

- Accounting KPT/JPS(R/344/4/0211)10/23
- Business Administration KPT/JPS(R/345/4/0593)06/24
- Marketing KPT/JPS(N/342/4/0121)09/19
- Real Estate Management KPT/JPS(N/341/4/0078)12/23
- Executive Diploma in Real Estate KPT/JPS(N/341/4/0053)08/21

#### CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

• Business Studies KPT/JPS(R/340/3/0435)06/24

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDIES

#### **DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES**

- English Language Teaching KPT/JPS(N/224/4/0051)09/19
- Mass Communication KPT/JPS(N/321/4/0170)03/20
- Early Childhood Education KPT/JPS(N/143/4/0020)06/23

  With advanced entry into Year 2BA (Hons) Childhood

  Studies, awarded by University of Birmingham

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

#### **DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

2+1 UK Degree Transfer Programmes (Science) (Launching soon)

- University of the West of England | BSc (Hons) Information Technology
- Northumbria University | BSc (Hons) Applied Computing

#### DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Information Technology KPT/JPSIN/481/4/0615001/20
With advanced entry into Year 2 BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence/Games Development/Web
Development, awarded by Northumbria University

#### **SHORT COURSE**

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) KPTGPSIR/K3P/00425/03/22



# **LOCATION MAP**



### FREE UCSI SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

MONDAY – FRIDAY

6.45am - 8.20pm

**SATURDAY** 

7.20am - 1.20pm

#### **ROUTE**

(EMBARKS FROM UCSI UNIVERSITY)

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BANDAR TASIK SELATAN LRT STATION >

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