

# UCSI WINGS

## THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE T.E.A.C.H AWARD RECIPIENT

Contributor: Assistant Professor Tan Hui Ling

The Research and Teaching Excellence Award 2022 Ceremony held at UCSI University on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was indeed a proud moment of my teaching career. I am truly grateful and honoured to receive the UCSI College Best Lecturer Award 2022. Thank you for the acknowledgement and recognition of my contribution! This award has, no doubt, inspired me to continue striving for excellence.

Thank you Dr Mabel Tan, Dr Chong Aik Lee and Dr Nalina for your continual support and trust, as well as the motivation you inspire since I joined UCSI A-Level Academy in 2006. Also to my dedicated colleagues, thank you for always sharing your ideas, knowledge and expertise! Thank you again, UCSI College, for this wonderful recognition.



Assistant Professor Adeline Tan received the award from Datuk Hamisah accompanied by Dato Rohana & Dr Mabel

### PERANTISISWA

Contributor: Zahin Jamaludin



The Perantisiwa initiative was launched under the 2022 budget in collaboration with the Ministry of Communications and Digital, the Malaysian Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Higher Education. On 7 February 2023, 33 UCSI College students received the tablets at Dewan Tan Sri Ahmad Razali (DETSAR). The aim of the initiative is to improve the learning process by providing students with digital devices, and it highlights the government's commitment to promoting equal access to digital resources and addressing the learning needs of the B40 group as well as promoting a culture of learning for the benefit of all.



Students express their heartfelt gratitude to the government for the Perantisiwa initiative

### VISIT TO COFFEELAND SDN BHD

Contributor: Yap Yong Jie



Photo session with the group together with the management of Coffeeland Sdn Bhd

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Saturday, OBU Business and Management final year students had the chance to visit Coffeeland Sdn. Bhd. During the visit, the students were able to incorporate the modules learned in the Entrepreneurial Business Management and relate it with the real-life experience of the business world. The event was organized by Dr. Gan Bee Ching (Module Leader) and supported by Ms. Prabaawathi, Head of Programme, Oxford Brooke University 3+0 (Business & Management). Q & A session was conducted with the founder and CEO of CoffeeLand Sdn. Bhd in exploring and providing insights into the set-up and operational aspects of the business.



## BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Contributor: Chan Pei Ren



Students as the organizers for the event

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, (Monday) the Department of General Studies of UCSI College organised a blood donation drive. The event took place in LG Foyer, Block G UCSI University from 1100 to 1600 and open to all UCSI and Cheras Community. This event emphasises the critical role blood donors play in keeping the world pulsing by saving lives and improving the health of others. It reinforces the global call from UCSI and Cheras community to donate blood on a regular basis and contribute to better health.

The number of people who require blood is increasing by the day. People suffering from diseases such as anaemia or who have been in accidents and have run out of blood require a constant supply of blood

to sustain their lives, and there is insufficient blood available for them. To address the issue, organising a blood drive is an excellent way to bring people together while also saving lives. When people come together to donate blood, the entire community comes together for a good cause. Within 4 hours, Pusat Darah Negara managed to collect 70 blood bags. To watch over the entire process a team of 14 volunteers were put in place and to collect the blood, a team of medical officers were put in charge.

Students and other people who had participated in this blood donation camp were given certificates and food from Pusat Darah Negara, Malaysia. There was also an eye health booth sponsored by Ampang Lions Club. All the efforts and objective in supplying enough blood for patients will not succeed without the help and support by all. Awareness among the public is important should we want to make blood donation a public responsibility and part of our life and culture.



Our CEO, Dr Mabel Tan joined and donated

## MALAYSIAN CULTURAL CARNIVAL

Contributor: Nurul Nabila



On March 17, 2023, UCSI College held its highly anticipated "Malaysian Cultural Carnival," organized by certificate and diploma students as part of their Malaysian Studies course assessment. The event opened with an inspiring speech by UCSI College President, Dr. Mabel, followed by a lively performance by the Music Club singing the iconic "1 Malaysia" song. The event was a showcase of the incredible talents of the students and UCSI College community, and the energy and excitement were palpable.



The carnival showcased dance, music, fashion shows, henna, traditional games, food booths, and more. The Malaysian Cultural Carnival offered something for everyone. The theme of the event was centered on the diverse cultures that make up Malaysia, and participants were excited to experience a journey through the country's multiracial and ethnic traditions.

Crowds were entertained by the grooving tunes played by various performers and amazed by the group and solo dance performances. The planning and preparation efforts from the students involved were fruitful, and their hard work paid off in a successful event. Overall, the Malaysian Cultural Carnival was a fantastic celebration of diversity and culture that showcased the incredible talents of UCSI College's students.

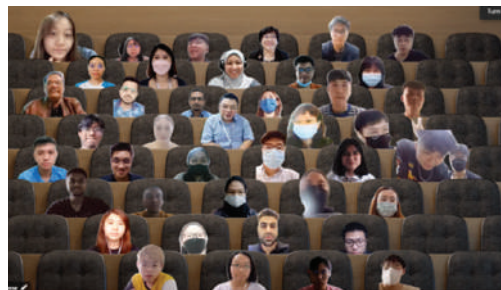


## CYBERSECURITY TALK

Contributor: Nadiah, H'ng Li Fen



The Cybersecurity talk entitled "Cybersecurity In Facing Future Challenges" with the tagline "No System is safe". The speaker was Major Mohd Ridzuan Hj M Shariff, Head of Strategic Research Advisory Department, Cybersecurity Malaysia. The talk covered the topics on current cyber threats, emerging threats, cybersecurity ecosystem, converging technologies and career prospects of cybersecurity.



The main objectives are to impart the knowledge about future challenges in cybersecurity that will be encountered by the people globally, to instill the awareness about the importance of advanced cybersecurity measure for ultimate protection and to cultivate the interest of the students in cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity talk was moderated by Wong Kian Seng (DIS student). The poster for the talk was designed by Shaikh Mukhriz bin Shaikh Ahmad Faiz (DIT student). The talk was attended by 278 attendees from UCSI College and University.

## GREENING WITH GLEAN

Contributor: Ng Yan Shoon



A volunteer initiative for tree planting with a non-profit organization, the Free Tree Society (FTS), was organized on February 17, 2023, by Ms Ain and students from teams "Green for Future" and "Project Nature, Environment, Terrain (N.E.T.)"

FTS is a non-profit organization that aims to protect and conserve the environment by increasing public awareness of environmental degradation. They also organize various projects and campaigns that encourage people to safeguard the vegetation on our planet. In addition, the FTS has established nursery workshops in urban green spaces such as Taman Tugu, Bangsar and Pulau Trail, where they grow and nurture plants and trees.

During the volunteer effort, the crew learned about the importance of soil mixing for plant growth. The proper mixture of organic and inorganic components in the soil provides a conducive environment for plant growth. The recommended soil mixture is one-part mature



compost, one part garden loam or topsoil, and one part sand or perlite. Without high-quality soil, the plant won't be able to survive, weakening the effort to protect the forest plant.

The volunteer initiative was successful in raising funds for Free Tree Society. The crew was able to hold a successful fundraising event for three weeks. Thanks to the support of Glean Company, which sponsored us 200 packs of Pokey Mini Trash Bag. Glean endeavors to become the top choice of household plastic brand by providing innovative, high-quality products and promoting responsible plastic consumption behaviour within the community. Their goal is to create economic, societal, and environmental value for our customers while shaping a more sustainable future. Thanks to the sponsorship, we were able to collect RM1796.76 in cash, which we fully donated to FTS to aid them in their efforts to safeguard and preserve the environment.

## ALUMNI SHARING SESSION

Contributor: Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran



Alumni engagement is essential for educational institutions as it helps to foster a lifelong relationship between the institution and its alumni. It provides an opportunity for the institution to leverage their skills, knowledge, and expertise to benefit their current students, faculty, and staff. Alumni engagement provide access to the current students to a wide range of resources and support that can help them succeed academically and professionally. Alumni who are actively engaged with their Alma mater can offer valuable mentorship and networking opportunities to current students, providing them with a glimpse into the real world and a head start in their careers. Alumni can offer insights into the job market, provide guidance on job applications, and help students to navigate the recruitment process. They can also share their own experiences and offer advice on how to succeed in their chosen field.

Understanding the importance of alumni interaction, an online alumni sharing session was organized by the Accounting society on 25 March 2023 to enable our proud Diploma in Accounting alumni

Yvonne Cheng and Wong Kok Thong to share their journey and experience with their fellow juniors. The fruitful sharing session was attended by students and lecturers from the Department of Business and Accounting and witnessed by President of UCSI College, Dr. Mabel. It is crucial to build and maintain a strong relationship between the institution and its graduates as it helps to foster a sense of pride and loyalty towards the institution, and provide valuable resources and support to current students and the institution itself.



Group photo at the end sharing session with the alumni and the current students

## INTERVARSITY CORPORATE STRATEGY CHALLENGE (ICSC 2023)

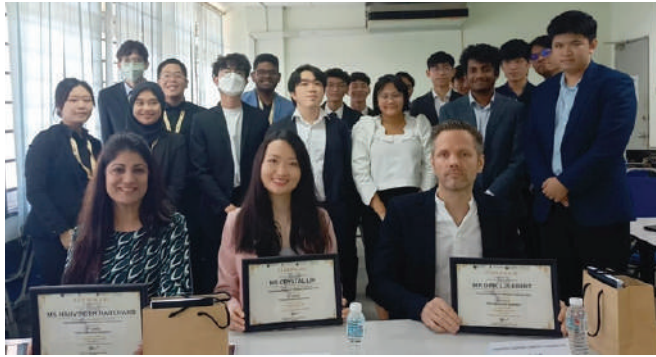
Contributor: Ron Ng Jing Ye



The Intersarsity Corporate Strategy Challenge 2023 (ICSC 2023) was mainly aimed at driving and challenging participants' entrepreneurial, financing, company pitching, and networking abilities in a corporate-like environment.

After putting in an enormous amount of effort in the pre-screening process, we were chosen as one of the top 12 teams to participate

in ICSC 2023. During the finals, we learned a great deal about the importance of strategic thinking and effective communication within the team, and it helped us enhance our creative problem-solving skills for the 3 rounds of case study issues presented within a short amount of time. The competition was immensely high-pressure and competitive, as most participants were from Universiti Malaya with an Accounting/Business degree



Participants with the judges

backgrounds. Our team, Titans, was the only team from a pre-university background, and we faced the additional challenge of not having any access to the campus' internet connection which we need to rely on our own data plans. Despite these obstacles, our team still gained valuable experience in working together, delegating tasks, and leveraging each other's strengths to achieve a common goal. Although our team did not win one of the top three awards, one of our group members, Yaashwin, won the top three most charismatic award for the event.

Overall, it was a tremendous experience, and we are proud to have represented UCSI College and demonstrated our uniqueness and talents. Our team contributed to creating a fun and uplifting environment, and some of the organizing committee members praised and thanked us for our contributions to the event.

## A VISIT TO YTL DATA CENTRE WITH CEO OF YTL COMMUNICATIONS

Contributor:  
Chan Yen Yu Daren



On 4<sup>th</sup> of November, we were invited by the CEO of YTL Communications, Wing Kui Lee to YTL Communication Data Centre NOC to have a visit. YTL also known as Yes, they are the world's 1st nationwide converged 4G network and also the first telecommunications company that launched 5G in Malaysia. YTL Johor Data Center park is the first and largest renewable energy integrated data centre park in Malaysia Located within close proximity to Singapore, the Johor Data Centre Park features diverse network connectivity routes to the island-state. The DC park plans include development of up to 500MW data centre capacity, with the first data centre (Johor Data Centre 1) of 72 MW, ready for services in the first quarter of year 2024. We understood how Yes 5G benefits the society to improve a better experience on using the internet,

especially an even better experience, quicker downloads, uploads and multiple connection at the same time . We also got to discover how important a data centre impacts our daily life, all clouds storage that we use daily are kept in data centre. It was a fantastic experience for us to have an opportunity to visit the data centre and have a prestigious interview session with the CEO himself. We were proud and honoured to represent UCSI College for this exclusive event.



Tee Onn Min, Chen Pui Jia and Chan Yen Yu Daren on the left giving out a token of an appreciation to the CEO of YTL Communications, Wing Kui Lee

## GET IR4.0 CERTIFIED VIA MICROSOFT FUTURE READY SKILLS PROGRAMME

Contributor: : Nadiah



The talk entitled "Get IR4.0 Certified Via Microsoft Future Ready skills Program" was conducted on 9 January 2023. Two renown industry players were invited as speakers, namely Mr Dann Angelo, founder & CEO of CloudSwyft and Mr Robert Smith, Director of Higher Education at Microsoft. The main objective of the talk was to instill awareness about the IR 4.0 future-ready technology skills and the global job demand. The talk covered the topics on bridging technology skills gap, future-ready technology skills (data Analytics, IoT, Artificial Intelligence, Big data, Data Science, Cybersecurity etc), top 10 APACC job demands 2022, digital hiring and the engines of our future (Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Mixed Reality, Blockchain and Quantum Computing).

This talk was moderated by Chan Ai Li (DIT student). The talk was attended by 89 attendees from UCSI College.

## BE FAIR PUBLIC RELATION CAMPAIGN

Contributor:  
Crowie Koh Qian Rou



On March 27, 2023, forty of UCSI College's Diploma in Mass Communication and Diploma in Marketing students organised a campaign to raise awareness about children who are mentally and physically challenged. The event was held in Block A, UCSI University and was attended by more than 100 students. The campaign aimed to impact the lives of these children

and provide them with a better future.

To show their commitment to helping these children, the organisers donated all profits from the event to the related cause under UNICEF's care. The said profit was partially funded by booths and vendors who supported the campaign by contributing up to 50% of their total profits to the cause. Moreover, students from the Diploma in Early Childhood Education went the extra mile by holding a booth that allowed



guests to experience the physical restrictions that these unique children face.

Additionally, an expert talk was also conducted, which helped the students understand more about autism and the importance of exercising among children with autism and allowed them to gain insight into the condition.

Overall, the campaign was a success, and the students' efforts were highly appreciated by all. It is always heartening to see young people come together for a good cause, and the students hope that their campaign will inspire others to do the same.



## POSTER EXHIBITION

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Our presenters:



The poster exhibition took place in the UCSI College's Library at Level 9 on March 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday. This poster exhibition was held as a part of the assessment for the course DEL2163 Classroom Planning & Organization. The presenters are DELT students from various intakes. They gathered at the library at 11am and started to

Presenters with their topics



Ms Vasuki with the presenters of the poster exhibition

present their posters at 11.30 when the judges, Ms Dasmesh and Mr Haiqal arrived at the exhibition.

Some of the students came and watched the presentations. The presenters were lined in alphabetical order and took approximately 3-5 minutes to present their posters. It was a successful poster exhibition initiated by their lecturer, Ms Vasuki.

## POSTER PRESENTATION

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Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran



Poster presentations are essential part of academic and professional conferences for accountants. It allows the accountants to showcase their research, ideas, and findings visually. When it comes to poster presentation, there are certain skills that need to be mastered by the presenter in order to deliver the intended information effectively. On 16 March 2023, a group Accounting students from Diploma in Accounting and OBU Degree in Accounting and Finance participated in poster presentation event organized by the Accounting Society. The event was organized with the aim to provide an exposure to the future accountants on how to communicate complex accounting concepts in a clear and



Presenters and assessors with the best posters of the day

understandable manner to a wide audience in a short span of time.

The event has enabled the participants to learn how to design a poster that are visually appealing and well-structured, using colors, images, and diagrams. In addition, the participants also learned how to engage with their audience and answer their questions effectively through participating in this event. The presenters was evaluated by 5 assessors (Dr Dhaarshini, Ms Aisyah, Ms Praba, Ms Thiru and Ms Dashmesh) and feedback was provided to them on the spot for them to improve their poster presentation skills in the future. Students and lecturers from various courses attended the event to support the presenters.

## INFOTECH SHOWCASE WEEK 2.0

Contributor:  
Nadiah Zainal Abidin



InfoTech Showcase Week 2.0 was organized by Computing students on 4th April until 6th April. The objective of the InfoTech showcases to expose the UCSI College community to know about the process of the applications that they are using every day. The students engaged with the UCSI College community by promoting their ideas for improving the systems. The event was inaugurated by the Head of Program and launched by Ms Nurul Ain, Head of Program, Department of General Studies. At the opening ceremony Ms Ain shared the UCSI SDG Initiatives which reflect the efforts of the students' showcase: SDG E-book and Web Development. On the next day, there was a project exhibition that focus on system prototype's idea which presented by student in 5th and 6th semester from Diploma in Information Technology and Diploma in Information Systems.

There were also a career talk by PEOPLElogy Group on the last day of the showcase entitled "From Campus to Career: Navigating the Transition to the Workplace". The talk was delivered by Mr Inderjit Singh, Technologist Specialist of PEOPLElogy. Thanks to Assoc Prof Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo, CEO & President UCSI College for her closing remarks. We would like to thank everyone who came and support the InfoTech Showcase Week 2.0.



Photography session UCSI College with PEOPLElogy Group in the end of the event

## INDUSTRIAL VISIT: PWC

Contributor:  
Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran



On 30 March 2023, a group of accounting students (30 students) pursuing Diploma in Accounting, OBU Degree in Accounting and Finance and ACCA professional program from UCSI College visited PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). It was a dream come true moment for all of them. PwC is an international professional services firm and it is the second-largest accounting services network in the world.

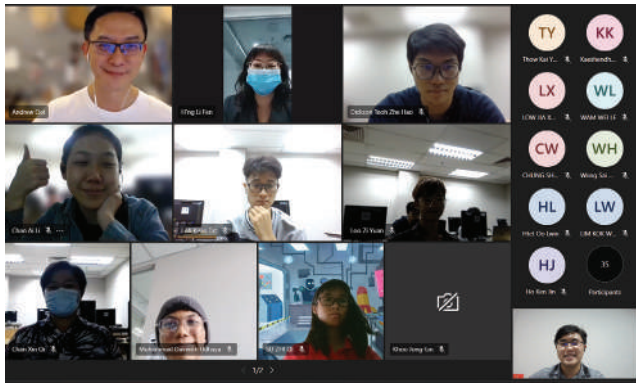
PwC is considered one of the Big Four accounting firms, along with Deloitte, EY and KPMG. The office visit provided a golden opportunity for the students to gain valuable insights about the accounting industry and network with the accountants and auditors at PwC. During the visit, the students attended talks related to career and professional development which guided them on how to make informed career choices, develop their skills, build their professional network and set up a path towards a successful career in accounting.



Dr. Dhaarshini Balachandran with the students at PwC office

## COMPUTER ANIMATION TALK

Contributor: *Nadiyah, H'ng Li Fen*



The computer animation talk entitled "Make Your Start With Us" with the tagline "Make Your Life Dynamic". The speaker Mr Andrew Ooi, is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Inspidea. Inspidea makes cartoons. It is famed for many productions, such as Johnny Bravo, Lamput, Beavis and Butt head, Baby Shark and many more. The talk covered the topics on the production of computer animation, the software and techniques used and showcasing of the products developed by Inspidea. The main objectives of the talk are to impart the knowledge about the production of computer animation in the real industry setting and to cultivate the interest of the students in computer animation.

Computer animation talk was moderated by Chuah Bing Hao (DIT student). The poster for the talk was designed by Chan Ai Li (DIT student). The talk was attended by 38 attendees from UCSI College.

## 2022 TAX RELIEF

Contributor: *Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran*



Personal tax compliance is an important aspect of responsible citizenship. It ensures that individuals pay their fair share of taxes, which in turn funds government programs and services that benefit society. It is important for citizens to be aware of the tax laws and regulations that apply to them and to fulfill their tax obligations accordingly. The failure to comply with tax laws can result in severe penalties, fines, and legal consequences. Personal tax reliefs are tax deductions or exemptions that can reduce an individual's tax liability. Being aware of these reliefs can help individuals save money on their taxes.



Presenters with Accounting Society's advisor Dr. Dhaarshini Balachandran

By having this in mind, a group of Diploma in Accounting students conducted a tax relief talk for the year assessment 2022 to equip the fellow UCSI College members about the tax reliefs that can be claimed for the current year of assessment. The event was conducted physically at UCSI College on 9 March 2023 and participants included the management (Dr Mabel and Dr Chong), lecturers and students from various courses. Kudos to the presenters (Farhan, Chong Yue Ni, Lim Jessie, Chai Jia Yi, Tan Xin Yee, Chan Wan Xin and Foong Yeh Toh) for conducting such an informative talk.



Tax relief sharing by Diploma in Accounting students

## MOVIE NIGHT

Contributor: *Deborah Peter Chandran*



Movie Night consists of a picnic-like experience for all UCSI Community to watch a thriller movie entitled Get Out. This is part of our MPU2412 Community Service class assignment where students engage in activities to meet actual community need as an integrated aspect of the curriculum. The Movie Night was hosted



Group photo with all the participants who came to our Movie Night



We received a token of appreciation from KJ Maznah, the rep of PEKA

in UCSI College on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023 from 6pm to 8pm. All the committee members gathered at 5pm to start setting up and making sure the audio and projector were working in order. The main purpose of the Movie Night was to raise funds and to be donated to children battling cancer via an organization known as PEKA (Persatuan Kebajikan Kanser Kanak – Kanak) located in Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL).

Overall, the movie night was a success, but there is room for improvement as it was our first time carrying out a Movie Night. The amount of donations, fundraising and sponsorship accumulated came to RM2,608 and with that the charity event ended.

Thanks to our advisor, Ms Nurul Ain, the Head of Programme, Department of General Studies, for her guidance.

## WALL OF FAME

### DREAMS REALISED AT UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA



**OPINION ABOUT AMERICAN DEGREE TRANSFER PROGRAM (ADTP) IN UCSI COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (UCO)**

“ Being a part of the ADTP has allowed me to broaden my horizons beyond imagination and has given me the opportunity to be able to create better prospects for myself in terms of my career as well as my future. A big thank you to UCSI College for making my dreams a reality and for providing me with a multitude of resources to further ease my transition into UCO. Also, a huge shoutout to UCO for having the most helpful, friendliest, and wonderful staff to guide me through my transfer process as well as for taking the initiative to make me feel welcomed and at home. The ADTP program is definitely a great choice if you are looking to build skills that will last you a lifetime and experiences that will aid you in that aspect. Lastly, I will say that, although not easy, I urge you to take that leap of faith and trust in yourself for you will find your way even if it means paving your own path. All the very best wishes to everyone who gives anything a shot. Cheers! ~

**Ashlyne Lee (2023)** ”



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