

UCSI WINGS

THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

UCSI COLLEGE CONVOCATION 2023

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UCSI College Graduates of 2023.

UCSI College's Convocation 2023 was a momentous event that marked the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and intellectual growth for its graduating students. Held on 14th August 2023, the convocation ceremony was a grand celebration of academic achievements and a testament to the promising future that awaits the graduates.

Management 3+0, in collaboration with Oxford Brookes University, UK. These recognitions served as a reminder that success encompasses not only academic excellence but also the ability to make a positive impact around them.



The Stage Party.

Julius Lim from Foundation in Science was selected as the Gold Medalist who has triumphed over challenges and hardships during his time at the College. The Valedictorian Award for 2023 went to Yap Yong Jie from the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business and

UCSI College Convocation 2023 was a memorable event that celebrated achievements, acknowledged potential, and marked the start of a promising journey for its graduates. These individuals are not only ambassadors of their alma mater but also ambassadors of positive change in the world.



The driving force behind the scene - dedicated committee members.



HOMECOMING CELEBRATION WITH GRADUANDS OF 2023, UCSI COLLEGE

Contributor: Nurziana Nawawi



The event started with registration, followed by completing the surveys, convocation briefing, collection of robe and finally, collection of refreshment.

In conjunction with the 9th Convocation Ceremony of the UCSI College Year 2023, a Homecoming event was organized by the convocation committee to welcome and celebrate the alumni that were on the graduand list. The event was held on the 4th of August 2023 at UCSI College, Level 8, from 10.00 am.

Among the purposes of this event were to enhance the network between academics and the alumni, to reflect on their time in UCSI College and most importantly, to complete the surveys. As per UCSI College

tradition, Bachelor's Degree and Diploma graduands were required to fill up the Ministry of Higher Education's Tracer Study. This year, we introduced three additional surveys, namely, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Programme Educational Objectives (PEO) and Programme Learning Outcomes (PLO) Surveys. All these surveys play an important role in audits and quality compliance instruments governed by MOHE and MQA.



Lecturers and graduands collecting convocation robes from Lakaran Tuah Sdn Bhd, convocation partner for UCSI Group.

An alumni contribution counter was also set up to enable alumni who wish to donate items, such as books, to the college. The counter also accepted monetary contribution and an official receipt or acknowledgement letter was given to those who contributed depending on the type of their contribution.

The event was deemed a success where all expected attendees who rsvp'ed, attended the event. The event wrapped up at 5.00pm.



Graduands socializing with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mabel Tan, President and CEO of the UCSI College, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chong Aik Lee, Vice President of Academic Affairs and their lecturers from the Department of Business.

SOFT LAUNCH BIT CYBER SECURITY AND FORENSICS IN COLLABORATION WITH MURDOCH UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA

Contributor: Nadiah Zainal Abidin



On 17th August 2023, UCSI College proudly joined forces with Murdoch University by introducing the Bachelor in Information Technology in Cyber Security and Forensics program. This event to symbolize this partnership was attended by:

1. Yang Berbahagia, Dato' Peter Ng, UCSI Group Founder and Chairman of Board of Governors UCSI College.
2. Assoc Prof Dr Mabel Tan Hwee Joo (President and CEO, UCSI College)
3. Ms Fiona Morris (Counsellor - Education & Research, Australian High Commission)
4. Professor Peter Waring (Pro Vice Chancellor of Transnational Education, Murdoch University)
5. Professor David Parry (Dean, School of IT, Murdoch University)
6. Mr Adrian Ong (Vice President of Malaysian Australian Alumni Council and President of Murdoch University Alumni Malaysian Chapter)

Collaborating with other leading institutions is a win-win strategy as we can share teaching expertise and resources more widely and this enable students to study with us from across the globe. These



Sealing the Deal: A Moment of collaboration and progress as the MOA is signed.

collaborations mean students have flexibility in their study options and opportunities to expand their perspective in study life. Articulation partnerships with Murdoch University means that students study at their home institution and can complete their studies with a foreign degree.



Forging New Pathways Through Strong Partnerships between UCSI College and Murdoch University.

ADOPT A PLANT CAMPAIGN

Contributor: Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran



The UCSI College Accounting Society's "Adopt a Plant" Campaign (19 May 2023 to 25 May 2023) was a remarkable initiative that seamlessly blended environmental consciousness with community engagement. In this campaign, the participants (UCSI College staff and students) were encouraged to "adopt" and care for a plant throughout its growth journey. This symbolic act reflected the nurturing of both the environment and a sense of camaraderie within the college community. Through this initiative, the Accounting Society heightened awareness about

the importance of green spaces in the urban environments. By adopting a plant, the participants actively contributed to the mitigation of their carbon footprint and enhanced the air quality. This hands-on approach to environmental conservation resonated deeply, as it emphasized that even small actions could yield substantial positive effects. With its emphasis on sustainability, education, and community involvement, this campaign paved the way for a greener future while sowing the seeds of unity and ecological consciousness.



Proud plant adopters from UCSI College.

LUNAR COSPLAY FIESTA

Contributor: Loo Zi Yuan



On July 21st, 2023, the eagerly awaited Luna Cosplay Fiesta, organized by the UCSI College Student Council in collaboration with students enrolled in MPU2323 Introduction to Cultural Studies, marked a notable accomplishment following a sequence of planning refinements. The event commenced with a lively bazaar, featuring diverse booths offering food, drinks, and merchandise that attracted a broad audience. The IKON mall transformed into a colorful scene, adorned with anime, manga, and gaming characters brought to life by dedicated cosplayers who paid meticulous attention to detail.



Group photo contestants.

from Diploma in English Teaching, creating an immersive atmosphere.

Puteri and Zi Yuan then hosted the Anime Trivia Game Show, quickly gathering participants and fostering intense competition marked by multiple tie-breaker rounds and additional challenges. The Cosplay Competition followed suit, with 8 contestants showcasing elaborate outfits and talents, including music performances and dances. The judges, including lecturers and the student council president Solomon Yap, praised their efforts.



Booths offering food, drinks, and merchandise.

At 12.30 am, Maia and Wei Kang took the stage to officially inaugurate the festival, delivering a humorous and engaging opening speech. This was followed by music performances, including J-pop melodies by the music club and lead singer Al

As the judges deliberated, the captivating music show continued, engaging the audience in an even more dynamic manner. The enthusiastic response from the audience enhanced the visual spectacle, as participants swayed their phone flashlights in rhythm with the performances. The event showcased the creativity and passion of the UCSI College community in a vibrant and memorable manner. Additionally, the event's triumph is greatly attributed to the invaluable guidance and support extended by our advisors, Ms Ain and Ms Nabila from the Department of General Studies. Moreover, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our main sponsors: Ikon Connaught, Jom Figure, and TK Bakery.



The "To The Rescue" programme, organized by the Department of Early Childhood Education in collaboration with Foundation in Science, was held on 11th July, Tuesday, at UCSI College. The primary objective of the event was to raise awareness about the importance of first aid and provide participants with essential life-saving skills. The speaker was Dr Chatichai, the Chief Marketing Officer of Arus Oil and a former medical officer and medical doctor serving Malaysian Red Crescent society. The event commenced with a warm welcome by the emcee, Afrin Faris, from the Foundation in Science.

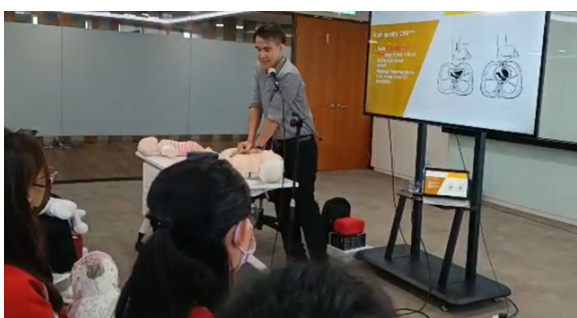
The event included a few sessions with each session being important during emergency need:

- Session 1: Importance of First Aid
- Session 2: Emergency and Airway
- Session 3: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training;
CPR for Children and Infants
- Session 4: Bandage Dressing and Prevention of Cross-infection
- Session 5: Choking, Asthma, and Shock
- Session 6: Fainting & First Aid Priorities & Wounds
- Session 7: Bleeding & Various Injuries
- Session 8: Fractures & Burns
- Session 9: Photo Session

To sum up, all participants had the golden opportunity to learn vital skills and were encouraged to help those in need should there be unforeseen circumstances in the future. Undoubtedly, learning first aid can prevent an injured person from getting worse and the casualty can recover quickly with the prompt and right treatment. Hence, everyone should know the basic first aid skills to be able to help in emergency situations.



Dr Chatichai (speaker) on CPR for infants.



Dr Chatichai (Speaker) demonstrated CPR on an adult.



From left Assistant Professor Nur Azliyana (Head of Programme Foundation in Science), Mr Wan Mohd Hafiz (Head of Department for Education) with Associate Professor Dr Mabel (President and CEO UCSI College) and Dr Chatichai (Speaker).

UCSI COLLEGE SDG QUIZ

Contributor: Ooi Shuat Mei

To support the UCSI Group's commitments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the A-Level Academy organised UCSI College SDG Quiz 2023.

The purpose of the UCSI College SDG Quiz is to introduce the concepts of SDGs to students, and to achieve learning outcomes as follow while students are preparing for the online quiz:

1. Explain and understand SGD goals.
2. Apply reasoning to consumers and firm behavior, as well as government policies' intervention to achieve SDG goals.
3. Critically evaluate information, arguments, proposals, and policies, taking into consideration of the SDG goals.

There were 41 participants who joined the online quiz on 7th April 2023. The top three winners received their certificate from the Head of Department, Assistant Professor Dr Nalina Thurairajah:



From left to right: Wong Kian Seng (2nd Runner Up), Assistant Professor Dr Nalina, Cheong Ivy (Champion), Aurpa Rahman (1st Runner Up).

TEA-cher TALK

Contributor:
Foong Yen Yeen



The talk took place in UCSI College Level 8 on 21st June 2023. This talk was conducted for current DELT students to cope with their academic stress and troubles. The speaker, Ms Lila, is an alumna of UCSI College and also the recipient of the Chairman's Gold Medal Award 2013. The attendees of this talk are DELT students. The talk began at 10.00am with the opening speech from Mr Hafiz, our Head of Department for Education and Ms Lila.

The talk went smoothly with Amira being the moderator. Ms Lila provided many insights on life in college, ways to cope with stress and having a positive mindset. The talk ended with



The speaker, Ms Lila and the participants of the talk.

Dr Mabel Tan giving a closing speech and provided Ms Lila with an appreciation gift. The event ended at 11.30am. This talk was initiated by their lecturer, Ms Vasuki.

FOODIE WEEK

Contributor:
Ng Yan Shoon



The Foodie Week event, titled "Flavors Unite - Malaysia Delights: Celebrating Diversity," was successfully organized through a collaborative effort between the UCSI College Student Council and students from Certificate in Business Studies taking MPU1313 Diversity in Malaysia. This event aimed to showcase the rich culinary heritage of Malaysia and celebrate the cultural diversity present within our institution.



Spice-Packed Perfection Unveiling the Irresistible Charm of Curry Balls!

The event spanned a week-long celebration, during which various activities and initiatives took place to immerse participants in the diverse food culture of Malaysia. The "Flavors Unite - Malaysian Delights" Foodie Week project achieved its goals of promoting cultural understanding, fostering unity, and celebrating the rich culinary heritage of Malaysia. By showcasing the diverse food culture of our institution, participants were able to experience a true sense of unity through shared appreciation for different cuisines and backgrounds. Additionally, the event's achievement is thanks to the enthusiastic participation of students and staff.



Sweet Bites of Tradition Exploring the Enchanting World of Kuih-Muih Delights!

BEING WITH YOU: UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES OF PARENTING A CHILD WITH AUTISM

Contributor: Chua Li Yenn



The event titled "Being with you: Understanding the challenges of parenting a child with autism," held on 20 July 2023, was organised by the students of the Diploma in Psychology. Over 80 UCSI College students and lecturers attended the talk, which aimed to shed light on autistic spectrum disorder and cultivate empathy for the caregivers' journey in raising children with autism.



Psychology lecturers, Ms Evelyn and Ms Thiruselvi, presenting a token of appreciation to the guest speaker, Ms Tay San San.

Our guest speaker was Ms Tay San San, a registered counsellor in Malaysia who has extensive experience working with special needs children and conducting research on autism. Throughout the talk, participants were given an introduction to autism, including the historical context, symptoms and characteristics, statistical insights, and potential causes of autism. What made the event truly impactful was the sharing of real-life situations faced by parents who have children with autism, delving into the struggles that the parents go through on a day-to-day basis.

Autism is a subject that is often overlooked or misunderstood by the general public. We trust that this event helped to increase awareness on autistic spectrum disorder as well as deepen the participants' appreciation and understanding of the challenges faced by caregivers with special needs children. On a final note, the participants left with heightened awareness and newfound respect, ready to better support

individuals with autism in our community. The event committee, including Nur Budriah Nadhirah, Khoo Yi Qing, Chua Li Yenn, and Chong Xiao Xin (Diploma in Psychology students), under the guidance of Ms. Evelyn Koay Yan Yi, played pivotal roles in the event's success.



A group photo of the guest speaker, lecturers, and participants.

GROCERY DONATION DRIVE

Contributor:
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Balachandran



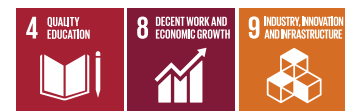
A heartfelt grocery donation drive for Pertubuhan Kebajikan Orang Tua Cacat dan Kurang Upaya Taman Connaught was organized by UCSI College Accounting Society from 1 June 2023 to 24 June 2023. Contributions poured in from the staff and students of UCSI College during the donation drive. Over the course of the donation drive, the Accounting Society successfully gathered an assortment of essential groceries and supplies. These items were thoughtfully chosen to meet the immediate requirements of the organization. The initiative illustrated UCSI College's dedication to making a meaningful impact and fostering a sense of unity within the community. Beyond the tangible donations, the drive fostered a sense of unity among staff and students, reinforcing their commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of others. The act of giving resonated with the values of empathy and responsibility, underlining their dedication to supporting their community. Most importantly, the initiative directly enhanced the well-being of those under the care of Pertubuhan Kebajikan Orang Tua Cacat dan Kurang Upaya Taman Connaught.



Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran and members of UCSI College Accounting Society at Pertubuhan Kebajikan Orang Tua Cacat Dan Kurang Upaya Taman Connaught.

INDUSTRY SHARING BY BAKER TILLY

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Balachandran



A resume workshop was conducted on 14 July 2023 and it was a collaborative effort between Baker Tilly, Malaysia and UCSI College Accounting Society. The event was organized with the aim of empowering participants to delve into the art of constructing impactful resumes and cover letters. Guided by the industry expert Mr. Andrew, the workshop unveiled insights into resume formatting, language optimization, and the strategic highlighting of strengths. Through personalized guidance from the seasoned Baker Tilly professional, the students honed their ability to tailor their resumes, ensuring they stood out amid the crowd. Moreover, the participants also gained an understanding of industry-specific preferences, ensuring their profiles resonated with the expectations of potential employers. The collaborative endeavor between Baker Tilly and UCSI College Accounting Society served as a compelling example of merging academic and industry expertise. Beyond honing skill sets, the resume workshop epitomized the dedication to nurturing proficient professionals, preparing them for the demands of the corporate arena. The insights gleaned and skills acquired during this session grant the students the confidence and competence to navigate in the competitive job landscape effectively.



From left: Ms Crystal, Mr Andrew, Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran, Mr Jegan and Dr Chong.

LOVE FORTUNE

Contributor:
Vasuki Krishnathasan



The Drama and Theatre club set up a booth for Valentine's Day on 17th February 2023. As soon as you stepped outside the elevator on floor 2, you could see decorations like balloons since it was all decked out in red. The club members had a booth set up right next to the pool table where they were selling brownies and handmade love messages that could be given as gifts to friends or loved ones. Both students and lecturers were purchasing the brownies along with the love letters to be given out to their loved ones. The purpose of holding it was to convey the joy of Valentine's Day.



Group photo of the students with the lecturers that came by.



Group photo of the students that helped with the booth and Miss Vasuki.

DONATION DRIVE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Contributor: Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran

The UCSI College Accounting Society's compassionate spirit was beautifully showcased through its donation drive (1 June 2023 to 31 July 2023) for FurryKids Safehaven animal shelter. Demonstrating the power of unity and empathy, the society rallied together and raised a heartwarming total of RM1,111. The funds collected by the Accounting Society undoubtedly made a meaningful impact on the lives of the furry residents at FurryKids Safehaven. Through this initiative, the society not only showcased their dedication to their community but also displayed a heartening awareness of the importance of animal welfare. The UCSI College Accounting Society's donation drive for FurryKids Safehaven animal shelter stands as a testament to their values and their understanding of the profound influence that collective action can have. Through their generosity, they not only brightened the lives of the shelter's animals but also left an indelible



mark on the UCSI College's community, reminding all of us on the impact we can create when we come together for a noble cause.



Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran with volunteers of FurryKids Safehaven.

REAL HEROES TEACH

Contributor:
Kamini Menon Ganesha Moorthy



From 12th to 18th May, the Drama and Theatre club organized an event, located on Level 2, with the aim of fostering appreciation among students towards their lecturers. The event targeted students and provided them with the opportunity to express gratitude to their educators through the purchase of gifts offered by the club. The primary objective was to strengthen the student-teacher relationship, creating a more harmonious educational atmosphere. This initiative



Folding of special cards.

not only acknowledged the efforts of teachers but also encouraged gender equality by recognizing both male and female educators. Furthermore, the event aligned with SDG 16, promoting peace and strong institutions by enhancing mutual respect within the academic community.

BANK NEGARA MUSEUM VISIT

Contributor: Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran



On 18 July 2023, a group of enthusiastic business and accounting students from UCSI College together with their lecturer Dr Dhaarshini Balachandran embarked on a captivating journey



to the Bank Negara Museum. This educational excursion offered a unique window into the inner workings of Malaysia's central bank. As the students explored the museum's exhibits, they were transported through time, tracing the evolution of the nation's monetary landscape. The various displays vividly showcased the progression of currency and illuminated the pivotal role that Bank Negara plays in shaping the country's economic policies. The interactive exhibits and informative presentations brought to life the concepts the students had studied in their classrooms. This real-world exposure enriched the students' academic knowledge and bridged their gap between theory and practice. The trip to the Bank Negara Museum was a holistic educational experience as it merged history, economics, and finance in a way that captivated the students' interests.

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The Best Green Compliant Events competition, which took place during UCSI SDG Month 2023, has concluded.

Congratulations

to all the winners for their achievements!



Gold Medal:
Industry Sharing by Baker Tilly Event



Silver Medal:
Accounting Competency Challenge Event



Bronze Medal:
ASSA Welcoming Party 2023 Event



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