

Totally Devoted ... to Student Excellence

Now in its fifth year, the Recognition of Excellence continues to be a lively celebration of the impactful support from donors to nurture young talents



Massive grins from the scholarship recipients for the Academic Year 2019/20.



(From left) Undergraduates Low Qing En and Chiam Jia Ying, together with alumnus James Fou shared with the attendees just how grateful they were for the awards and scholarships made possible by donors, which has allowed them to pursue their dreams.



Recipients of the ON Semiconductor Scholarship together with representatives from Fairchild Semiconductor: Ms Thng Shin Min, Director, Regional Counsel, Asia Pacific (extreme left) and Ms Jean Chong, VP, General Counsel, Asia Pacific (extreme right).

This year's Recognition of Excellence (ROE) presentation at the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) on 30 October 2019 was the university's biggest yet. Held at the Sports Hall at SIT@Dover, it was attended by close to 800 attendees including SIT's donors and friends, SIT senior management, award and scholarship recipients, together with their loved ones as well as SIT faculty and staff.

An annual affair at SIT, ROE celebrates the achievements of SIT students, and also the donors who had made possible the awards and scholarships presented on the day. More than 160 non-bonded scholarships and 98 awards were presented to SIT students at the presentation, as well as at the graduation ceremonies held earlier in October.

In his welcoming address, Prof Chua Kee Chaing, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, highlighted the self-determination and tenacity that SIT students possess. He said, "They know firsthand the value of staying relevant, planning pragmatically for their future, and the joy of using their abilities to make a difference for their families and community. This kind of excellence – something that goes beyond oneself – is something that SIT will continue to nurture in all undergraduates, through our pedagogy that integrates learning, industry and community."

Among the SITizens who went on stage to talk about how philanthropic support had made a difference in their learning journey was alumnus James Fou, who received four awards at the very first ROE in 2015. Mr Fou graduated



From left: Mr Chew Ghim Bok, Past District Governor, Rotary Club of Bugis Junction; Mr Tan Cheng Gay, Chairman, EnGro Corporation Limited; Mr Chia Mia Chiang, Chairman, Scholarships & Bursaries Sub-Committee, The Ngee Ann Kongsi; Mr Goh Kim Hock, Chairman, Education Sub-Committee, The Ngee Ann Kongsi; and Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT.



Prof Chua Kee Chaing, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT (extreme left), presented the certificates to the award recipients.

in the same year from the Naval Architecture programme and is currently working as a Design Engineer in Sembcorp Marine.

"I think it is very generous of our donors to lend their reputation to support students through performance awards and scholarships," he said, adding, "I am very thankful. They have inspired in me the desire to give back to SIT when I can in the future."

His fellow SITizens, Ms Chiam Jia Ying and Mr Low Qing En (from the Hospitality Business and the Information and Communications Technology (Software Engineering) programmes respectively) were of similar minds.

Ms Chiam was thankful for the opportunities "to access new experiences" that were made available to her at SIT. She said, "I was able to give back to the community and also focus on my studies, thanks to The Ngee Ann Kongsi Scholarship that I have been receiving each year since I was a first-year student. This scholarship has inspired me to push on towards attaining my degree in Hospitality Business, especially during this last lap of my university education. It has boosted my confidence as I start to build the foundation for a career."

Thanking everyone during his closing address, Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT, highlighted how this year has been full of milestones for the university, which celebrated its fifth anniversary as an Autonomous University and the tenth year since its establishment. He said, "With the support from all of you, our partners and friends and students and alumni, we are looking at the next 10 years with great excitement."



Recipients of the Kewalram Chanrai Group Scholarship, together with Prof Tan Thiam Soon, President, SIT (second from left).



A spirited performance by SIT's Silat group marked the start of the fifth Recognition of Excellence at SIT.



Close to 800 attendees were present at the Recognition of Excellence.



Recipients take the time to meet with and pose for a photo with the donors.