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EDUCATION

United World College of Southeast Asia (UWCSEA), Singapore, 2019–2023

IB Diploma 11th – 12th grade (predicted IB result: 44/45); IGCSE 9th – 10th grade (achieved A* in all nine subjects)

LEADERSHIP

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Passion To Serve, a Non-Profit, 2020-Present

Built <u>organization</u> to tackle inequality of education (*Knowledge To Serve initiative*) and inequality of access to essential items (*Items To Serve initiative*). <u>Organization</u> supported by 90 volunteers, advisory council, and board of directors. Served around 6,500 total beneficiaries.

Knowledge To Serve Initiative

- Conducted enrichment workshops for migrant workers and cancer patients for re-skilling or nurturing curiosity.
 Gained over 1,100 registrations for various courses including computer & technology, money & finance, and yoga & mindfulness.
- Collaborated with Singapore Ministry of Manpower's Assurance, Care, and Engagement (ACE) division (and chief) to organize <u>events</u> (footfall of 3,500 beneficiaries) to support migrant workers. Received Certificate of Appreciation from ACE for supporting migrant workers
- Collaborated with 8 local and international non-profits, including Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore and the Akshaya Patra Foundation to access communities and host events.
- In discussions with Coursera and Stanford Online to bring customized courses online at subsidized rates to migrant workers.

Items To Serve Initiative

- Developed <u>online platform</u> with PHP, HTML/CSS, and WooCommerce; used novel functionality to enable people to donate low-income households/migrant workers receive essential items such as clothes, furniture, and books
- Collaborated with local organizations, such as Willing Hearts, to ship donated items to Philippines, Myanmar.
- Facilitated donation of around 5,900 items to about 2,500 beneficiaries.

Founder and Leader, High School Arduino Club, 2021-Present

- Lead group of around 15 students; teach programming and hardware using the Arduino microcontroller.
- Learnings used to build STEM-related projects—including a drone, an Iron Man helmet, and rainbow lighting.

Organizer and Leader, Fundraiser for Migrant Workers' Assistance Fund, 2020

- Raised \$2,670 from 25 donors for Migrant Workers' Assistance fund in Singapore.
- Campaigned online by documenting and raising awareness on Covid's spread in workers' residential quarters.

Volunteer and Innovator, Shan You, a Non-Profit in Singapore, 2019

- Ideated and developed automated software solution (with Python) as alternative to previously manual website data scraping process.
- 3 days of manual data work could now be completed in 90 minutes. "It is a major breakthrough to help to speed up work" Shan You.

Organizer and Leader, Beach Clean-ups, 2021-2022

• Mobilized (through school campaigning) and led team of 6 students to partake in beach clean-ups at Singapore's East Coast Beach. Clean-ups were coordinated with the National Environmental Agency, providing tools.

AWARDS

NGO Leadership Award, CMO Asia, 2022

- Selected for <u>award</u> across Asia for "contributing value & making a change" with my non-profit, Passion to To Serve.
- Jury included ex-president of 'The Economic Times' and other social enterprise leaders.

Gold Award Recipient, National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA), 2022

- Selected as one of around 30 awardees in Singapore, between 16 and 30 years of age.
- Awarded for work done with my non-profit, Passion To Serve, among other activities.
- Advisory board for NYAA chaired by Mr Heng Swee Keat, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore

CREST Gold Award, British Science Association's CREST Competition, 2021

- Awarded for developing laser-tripwire-based device aimed to deter snacking.
- Product's housing was 3D-printed and laser-cut while circuits were self-engineered using manufactured parts.
- Submitted report documenting brainstorming and process.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Researcher, Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) spectroscopy, 2022

- Worked with Prof. Doros Petasis, Allegheny College, PhD Carnegie Mellon University
- Analyzed EPR spectra of DPPH and MnCl₂ to deduce its electron structure, documented in research <u>paper</u> (under review at Journal of Student Research).

Researcher, Quantum Computing, 2022—Present

- Exploring quantum mechanics and applications to computing under guidance of Professor Ching Hua, National University of Singapore (NUS), and through discussion with his supervised undergraduates.
- Built algorithms through Qiskit software on IBM's quantum computer and studied applications to portfolio optimization.

Design Team Member, Students for Exploration and Development of Space, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), 2019

- Designed and built high-altitude weather balloon to collect and analyze atmospheric data (worked in 'Structures' team).
- Worked alongside 20 undergraduates at NTU, under guidance of Prof. Chandran.

Student, Harvard Summer School, 2021

- Completed 7-week credit-based college course, 'Introduction to Quantitative Methods'.
- Learnt about application of statistics to healthcare and inequalities in the US.

Student, Harvard CS50, 2021

- Completed Harvard University's 11-week CS50 course about thinking algorithmically and programming in various languages.
- For final project, created a stock analyzer/watcher with the Yahoo Finance API and Flask

Member, School SEAMC (South East Asian Mathematics Competition) Club, 2021

- Chosen (as one of 15) for school's selective SEAMC club to learn advanced mathematical concepts.
- Represented school in Asian Schools Math Olympiad and American Math Olympiad.

Student, Quantum Mechanics Workshop by Prof. Hariom, National University of Singapore (NUS), 2020

• Completed course covering theory of quantum mechanics, its applications, and experiments demonstrating nature of superposition and entanglement.

Participant, Mission Discovery Program, International Space School Education Training, 2019

- Learnt from NASA astronauts and scientists about research in microgravity environment.
- Ideated space experiment about decomposing space waste using microbes.

INTERNSHIPS

Intern, Millennium Capital Management, Hedge Fund, 2021-2022

- Created stock analysis report on Tesla using discounted cash flow model with trade recommendation (gave "underweight" rating).
- Worked with Senior Portfolio Manager to analyze findings and develop report.

Intern, BlueCrest Capital Management, Hedge Fund, 2021

- Developed software (locally-hosted, used JavaScript/HTML/CSS for GUI and Python for backend) that analyzes correlations between currencies and derives implied correlations from FX Options Vol market.
- Software utilized range of statistics, such as Z-score, along with data from Bloomberg, to identify trading opportunities.

Intern, Tinkertanker, Tech Education Startup, 2022-Present

Developing and reviewing curriculum for teaching technology to youth, including programming in Swift.

OTHER INTERESTS

Miscellaneous Self-Directed Technology Projects, 2019-2022

- Used ML <u>algorithms</u> and feature selection techniques (e.g. random forest, F-value-based feature selection) to analyze financial markets. Achieved 60% accuracy (based on backtesting).
- Led team of students to <u>ideate</u> on novel beach cleaning robot, powered by machine learning (using Microsoft's computer vision API). Developed CAD renderings and researched algorithms for object recognition.
- Developed web-based Mandelbrot set (a fractal) explorer using JavaScript/PHP/CSS.

Art, 2019, 2022

- Selected to lead School Art Society, comprising 15 students (2022). Organized art sessions (watercolor and drawing).
- Took the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, junior course (2019). Experimented with various mediums—oil, watercolor, charcoal.

Community Service, 2019-2021

- Provided friendship and care to elderly in Singapore who needed support during COVID lockdowns. Organized exercise and yoga sessions (virtually) with Lion Befrienders.
- Helped organize virtual arts and games sessions for underprivileged children with SGM's Little Kidz, partnered with YMCA student care center.
- Helped organize fundraiser at school to help provide medical care, housing, food, and education for street children in Jaipur, India. Merchandise and snacks sold to raise \$2,000.
- Conducted arts and crafts sessions and taught academic subjects through interactive games to pediatric cancer
 patients.

Piano, 2015-2019

Completed Yamaha Music School's grade 8 (Teacher's Level). Undertook several in-person performances.

Tennis, 2019, 2022

Member of school's under 19 team. Represented my school in inter-school tournaments.