

Darren's Resume of Failure



2003

Got complacent, did not study much for PSLE. Did not get >216/300 to get into dream Middle School (Unity secondary school) instead got into Regent Secondary School (got 209, min 196 for express).

* Worked even harder, wanted to do more.

* Avoided bad company, got into the best class, and did my favorite subject combination of Triple Science.

2009

Did not get below 10 points for 'O' Levels - (1st crossroad).

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* aiming to become a doctor (life sciences)

* 3rd in school for O' levels but still did not qualify for dream JC - Victoria JC (LIB4 10 LIR5 12)

* On the fence between JC and Poly

* Still unclear on what I wanted to do in life, decided on biomedical science (8 and under). wanted to help people = medical

2012

Did not get a good grade for FYP ('B' grade).

Learned about the importance of good communication, planning, and teamwork.

2012

Did not get into Med School (3.65 GPA) (2nd crossroad)

* Did well in general (A's + B's only) but not enough for med school.

* Discovered through shadowing a doctor at National University Hospital that medical doctor's life is not for me.

* Was in the crossroads of life > wanted to help people still > United Nations as policy maker for a bigger impact > Decided on Economics.

2013

Did not succeed in application for university education/scholarship in Japan (Nagoya University).

* Applied for Economics

* Passed through preliminary rounds but only 1 awardee for the Nagoya University Scholarship placement.

2014

Did not get into Leadership School in Military Conscription (National Service).

* Out of Course on 5th day of BMT training - Fractured lower ribs.

* No more Specialist / Officer option.

* Became a medic, learned valuable life skills, and returned to BMT to complete training.

* Became fat in military (74 kg).

2015

Did not succeed in application for university education/scholarship in Japan (Nagoya University).

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2015

Did not do well in Economics in freshman year (3rd crossroad in life)

* Discovered that I suck at economics – lagging behind due to lack of foundation and motivation.

* Unsure about life > Back at crossroads again

* Joined an entrepreneurship camp in December > Won 2nd place for pitching competition > Tried finding people to start the idea but failed > Self-taught design and development

2016

Did not manage to transfer into Computer Science (4th crossroad in life)

* Spent entire summer learning basic frontend (HTML, CSS, JS, PHP, etc)

* As a result, self-taught and discovered interest on Design and Frontend.

* Failed transfer to Computer Science > stayed in arts, not sure which major > Chose Communications & New Media.

* Discovered the importance of school as an aid but self-learning is more important

* Applied for NOC and became 1 of 28 people in NOC Silicon Valley Batch 31 (NCSV31).

