

My time in SST has been well-rounded and holistic to my development. I have achieved many things and am proud of what I have done. However, there are 4 things I would like to focus on. The social aspect of school life, representing the school in Taekwondo, becoming an ACE Leader, and choosing Computing+ as my applied subject.

Before joining SST, I was shy and not as outspoken as I am today. However, after getting more comfortable with the school environment, I made many new friends. Making these friends and interacting with them has become my daily dose of joy as I look forward to the endless possibilities on what we may do that day. I find that having made these new friends has enriched my SST journey because they spur me on to do better academically, improve my interpersonal skills, and make memories with me. Without them, my SST journey would truly be less fulfilled and memorable.

In 2018 and 2019, I was given the opportunity to represent SST in Taekwondo competitions even though it was not my CCA. This proved beneficial to both the school and myself, as I managed to win awards for it and even received the outstanding CCA performance award for Taekwondo. Representing the school in this made me feel like I played a role in elevating the SST name and that I was contributing to the school.

I joined the Active Citizenship Education board in September 2019 and immediately took a liking to it. I chose SCS@ACE & SSTore as my main projects and worked on them over the December Holidays 2019. This hard work paid off as both projects were a success. For SSTore, we managed to raise nearly SGD\$1000 dollars in one night and 129 SSTudent volunteers for Relay For Life 2020, setting a record for the most number of volunteers recruited in ACE & SST history. I also lead the board during meetings, manage project allocations and ensure constant communication throughout the board. I have also been mentoring the new batches of ACE Leaders and sharing the experiences and knowledge I have accumulated to help them in their ACE journey.

Another decision that paid off was when I joined Computing+. Before joining, I did not have that much experience with programming and did not know how I would do in it. One milestone in my Computing+ journey is when I scored 36/40 for the end-of-year practical. I was so stunned that I thought I was reading it wrong and had gotten 14. I surprised myself with this result and it was probably at this point that I realised what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to be a programmer, but this would require hard work and constant improvement. Joining Computing+ also motivated me to self-learn JavaScript and Bash (command line). I hope to apply these skills I have accumulated and apply it into my future aspirations.

I view all 4 of these as my most important achievements and milestones in my SST experience as they have had a large impact on me and who I am today. My memories, qualities, and aspirations are all built on this foundation and I look forward to building more.