The 2014/15 competition winners – Team Renaissance from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore - designed an app called Food Basket, which aims to help households reduce food waste. The app allows people to track the expiry dates on their groceries and suggests recipes for items that are approaching their use-by date.

Alex, May and Nitya met at Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University and became fast friends. After four years, they decided they wanted to do something fun with their time together, and when they heard about the Shell Ideas360 competition, they knew they had to enter. “We thought what better way to do...
Although they all agree the best moment was hearing their names announced as winners of Shell Ideas360, the entire process provided plenty of memorable experiences. May recalls travelling to Amsterdam as particularly exciting, her first time in Europe, and they all enjoyed meeting the other teams and sharing ideas. They also have a lot of respect and appreciation for Adam Healy, a Fuels Scientist based in London, as well as Gerald Foo, General Manager – Asia Pacific of Shell Global Solutions, who were their mentors during the competition. “Their advice and thoughts on our idea were invaluable and instrumental in our success,” Nitya said.

However, winning a competition like this doesn’t happen by accident, and the team shared some challenging times. “I believe the passion we shared really got us through all the difficulties and stress. We agreed that we had a great idea and knew that all the extra hours and effort would be worth it in the end,” May added.

Their advice to other students would be to take small steps but dream big. “The competition spans over eight months - a time when you also have a lot of course work and studying to do at university. With a good team, everyone is there for each other through thick and thin,” Alex said.

Nitya added: “Don’t be shy to seek mentorship and advice. Mentors can come from anywhere - family members, your professors at university and your friends. Share your idea with people you trust - their insights may be really helpful.”

Alex, May and Nitya will all graduate in December 2015 with MSc (Technology Management) and BEngSc dual degrees. Alex majors in Civil Engineering, while May and Nitya both major in Computer Science.
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