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To recognise teaching excellence and the impact great teachers have on their students, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) initiated the "University Scholars Award", first presented to the graduating class of Academic Year 2006/2007. This award was renamed the Koh Boon Hwee Scholars Award in 2010 in recognition of the generous gift to the University from Mr Koh Boon Hwee, the former Chairman of NTU's Board of Trustees. Together with the Singapore Government's dollar-for-dollar matching contribution, the gift established an endowment fund that supports the award.

The Koh Boon Hwee Scholars Award seeks to recognise the accomplishments of our exceptionally talented graduating students, who display strong leadership ability and have demonstrated great potential to contribute to the society. The award also allows the students to honour their nominated teachers (a teacher from their former junior college, polytechnic, or equivalent institution) and university faculty members for their dedication and contributions in inspiring and providing youths with an outstanding holistic education.

These teachers and NTU faculty members are honoured at the NTU Convocation. The teachers are also recognised for their inspirational teaching by having individual S\$5,000 cash grants established in their names. Each honoured teacher can nominate a student from their junior colleges, polytechnics or equivalent institutions to receive the S\$5,000 grant upon admission to NTU.

ALEX LIM TZE MING**Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Computational Thinking and Education**

Alex was awarded the MOE Teaching Award to pursue his tertiary education in the NTU-NIE Teaching Scholars Programme (TSP) at the National Institute of Education (NIE). Serving within the NIE Trainee Teachers' Club (TTC), Alex passionately championed student-led initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic. As President of the 30th TTC, Alex led his team to organise innovative projects, such as the Virtual Collaboration with Overseas Partner Universities, which earned them a nomination for the NTU Mr and Mrs Kwok Chin Yan Award for Student Initiative 2021. Furthermore, Alex and his team earned the NTU CoLab4good Special Mention Award 2021 for a project collaboration with the School of Art, Design and Media (ADM) Club. Despite his active participation in co-curricular activities, Alex consistently maintained an outstanding academic record, graduating with an Honours (Highest Distinction). In addition to his engagements in NTU-NIE, Alex generously volunteered his time as a helper at the Chinese Development and Assistance Council (CDAC), and at Food from the Heart (FFTH). As an aspiring teacher, Alex strives to raise awareness about students' mental well-being.

wishes to honour:

Ms Tan Su Lynn**Jurong Pioneer Junior College**

Ms Tan Su Lynn was one of my Students' Council Teacher Advisors when I was in the 16th Student Council in Pioneer Junior College. She was also directly in charge of the Publications Committee, in which I held the role of the Head of Publications. Throughout my time in the Students' Council, she was an extremely nurturing teacher, and I always remember how her positive encouragement pushed my Publications team on, as it was the first time we had a Publications Committee in the school. We were ultimately able to create the first publications for PJC thanks to her guidance. Her nurturing words and positivity are things I hope to carry forward in my future self as a teacher.

Dr Teo Kok Ming**National Institute of Education**

Dr Teo has been an inspirational figure for me throughout my time in NIE. He has taught me Mathematics courses in 6 different semesters, and I have seen that in every single course that he teaches, he is very dedicated to helping us understand university content even though it is not easy. He opened up weekly consultation slots for his students, planned pre and post lecture surveys for his students, and will look through our reflections when we make mistakes on certain questions. He will then take the time to give personalised feedback to each student to help us better understand the concepts taught, and the effort and sincerity I have seen from him has really inspired me to become a better teacher in the future. I hope that as a future educator, I will be able to put in the hardwork and sincerity I have seen from him give my future students a better learning experience.

ANG BING HONG, SHAWN**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Earth Systems Science and Public Policy and Global Affairs**

Shawn is guided by his passion for the environment and climate, for diversity and inclusion, and for social issues in all that he does. Throughout his undergraduate years, Shawn was actively involved in such advocacy efforts and initiatives within and beyond NTU. These include his serving on the Asian School of Environment's inaugural Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion committee, as a grassroots leader on various committees in Tiong Bahru Community Centre, advising the National Day Parade Committee on sustainability, organising critical civil society and ground-up policy feedback, and working with government, non-governmental organisations, and corporates alike. Close to his heart is also Earthlink NTU, where he led the club to new heights as a main committee member for four years, bringing NTU into the national conversation on nature stewardship. He founded the NTreeU campus reforestation movement, and saw Earthlink win the Mr and Mrs Kwok Chin Yan Award for Student Initiative twice. Shawn plans to pursue further studies in geo-information science and remote sensing, taking him closer toward his aspiration of contributing to intersectional climate justice as an environmental science professional.

wishes to honour:

Mr Khoh Rong Lun

(Formerly from) Temasek Junior College

In 2015, Mr Khoh led 18 of us on an expedition to Outward Bound Taiwan, and in many ways those experiences under Mr Khoh's guidance have shaped me, my core values, and beliefs greatly since. Taiwan's history, Outward Bound's "Leave no trace" philosophy, and our practicing of these values on the trip, inspired me to think more consciously about our moral duties to environmental stewardship of our world. This eventually led me to pursue environmental studies and cherish environmental stewardship deeply as a value. Our other experiences on the trip – enduring and persisting through tough times; organising a celebration for an intellectually disabled community, at times under the encouragement or reprimand of Mr Khoh – have also been key experiences through which I have grown as a person, developing resilience and starting me on my journey of community service.

Dr Natasha Bhatia

Asian School of the Environment

Natasha has been a mentor to me since I joined ASE in 2019. Through her taught courses, she has helped me develop intellectually and academically, challenging and exposing us to new ideas and ways of thinking. She goes above and beyond in her dedication to making sure we gain all we can from our undergraduate education: organising field trips, guest speakers, sending us opportunities to maximise our exposure and learning, making sure that what she teaches is practical knowledge, constantly incorporating feedback in her courses to improve ASE, taking time to be engaged with and being available to undergraduates, and running initiatives like

compiling research opportunities and driving mentorship programmes. She has been patient and nurturing in helping us grow as people, giving us timely feedback and (well-deserved) reprimands that have helped me learn important lessons. Natasha also role-models inclusion and diversity, and ASE would not be the same without her.

DIVYA D/O NANTHAKUMARAN
Bachelor of Engineering (Bioengineering)

As an undergraduate student at the School of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology (CCEB), Divya leverages on her qualities and strengths to seize opportunities that come her way. While studying at NTU, Divya dedicated her time and resources to kickstart a ground-up initiative, Forte360. Creating a social innovation from scratch is a formidable undertaking. Apart from ensuring its viability and sustainability, a clear social impact must be achieved. As the founder and leader of Forte360, she had the privilege of working with nine non-profit/ grassroots organisations, including SHINE, Campus Impact, and Chong Pang Community Centre, to organise 13 skills-based programmes for students (age 7-18) from impoverished communities. Due to her enthusiasm for volunteering and entrepreneurship, she will be embarking on her first career upon graduation as a Philantropreneur with the support of Quantedge Foundation Singapore. This presents her with a unique opportunity to further enhance the positive social impact of Forte360, where it aims to specialise in developing and monitoring a child's holistic wellbeing.

wishes to honour:

Mr Gan Xin Li
Jurong Pioneer Junior College

To make sure that his students fully get the content, Mr. Gan collaborates with them outside of class. Because of his attention to detail, our class was better able to comprehend the science underlying the idea. I had trouble understanding topics because I had a combined science background and was attending JC. I used to consistently perform poorly at Biology and was on the verge of giving up. However, Mr. Gan frequently checked in with me personally, inspired me, and connected me with resources that helped me improve on the subject. Also, I still recall how he spent his weekends training our class for Project Work, which helped our entire class earn an A. I can say with certainty that he has contributed significantly to why I am able to go above and beyond to further improve my skills and interests so that I can thrive in them now.

Asst Prof Dang Thuy Tram
School of Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology

When I was in Year 2, I was inspired by Prof. Dang's entrepreneurial intentions and tenacity in an Advanced Biomaterials (BG4231) class. She has been someone I have looked up to. Since then, I have been certain that I want to collaborate with her on my Final Year Project. I personally requested her for an FYP related to business or regulations in the medical industry. She proffered me with opportunities that I never would have thought of taking, where I assisted her in research for her modules content (CB4216). She taught me to think strategically while building a start-up, and to be prudent when communicating with stakeholders. Due to her high standards of ethics, I have evolved to take responsibility for every slightest contribution that I am a part of. More than a Professor, she inspires me as a woman, to be confident and own who I am.

FAN CHONGYUE**Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences and Biobusiness**

Chongyue (Fiona) is a student in the inaugural Biomedical Sciences and Bio Business Double Major Programme. Bubbly and effusive, Fiona is excellent at empowering others through her authenticity and genuine enthusiasm. She maintained a first-class GPA throughout her four years in NTU and was on the Dean's List for AY20/21. This was done so while she juggled her role as the President of Biological Sciences (BS) Club. During her term as the President, Fiona worked with various stakeholders and brought the SBS House System (Clades) to fruition. She presented herself as an insightful, approachable, and strong-willed leader, driving the club to better serve the student population. Earlier this year, Fiona participated in the NTU PEAK Leadership Programme. Collaborating closely with EDP Renewables and students from other faculties, her team clinched the "Best Ideation" award. Individually, she was also awarded the "Best Presenter" among 40 carefully selected participants. Soon, Fiona will be exploring the working world as a management consultant, focusing on the healthcare and biotech sectors. She aspires to translate her interdisciplinary skills in both science and business into real impact for companies.

wishes to honour:

Dr Morganavel Selvarajoo**Singapore Polytechnic**

William Arthur Ward once said "Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding". A medical doctor by training, part-time actor, and full-time lecturer, this quote perfectly described my polytechnic lecturer Dr. Vel. While many other lecturers focused on exam content, Dr. Vel motivates his students to pursue knowledge and nobleness. I clearly remembered how Dr. Vel punished those who were caught cussing to either write a song about amino acids or prepare a mini presentation on carbohydrates. Personally, Dr. Vel is an important part of who I am today. Coming from what some would call an elite secondary school, I remember believing that scoring As in exams is the determinant of my self-worth. Dr. Vel took every chance to inspire me that life is more than academic achievements, it is also about a purpose and a belief.

Asst Prof Wilson Goh**School of Biological Sciences****Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine**

I first met Dr. Wil during the Biological Sciences Clubs Annual General Meeting as a freshie Academic and Welfare Director. Little did I know, we would work hand in hand to establish the first-ever clade system in the College of Science two years later. Dr. Wil (Now Asst Prof.) was the club advisor when I took on the role of President of the Biological Sciences Club. Dr Wil was always supportive of student initiatives and would personally come down to support all our events. Whenever we needed extra resources or support from the faculty, he will lend his helping hand with no hesitation. Given his busy schedule, his passion to ameliorate SBS student life has

encouraged me to always push the extra mile to serve my peers. As a teacher, Dr. Wil aims to simplify complex data science concepts, and focuses on understanding instead of regurgitation.

GABRIEL SZE WHYE HAN
Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science)

Gabriel's knack for problem-solving led him to start a mobile-optimised web-based deal discovery platform known as Dive Deals. The idea for his entrepreneurial journey took root when he came across many deal aggregator sites with poor user interfaces and bad experiences. He decided to build a scalable and custom website himself to provide an impactful platform that can deliver good value to different stakeholders. He invested almost 10-12 hours daily learning new languages and frameworks, and finding resources online. Today, Dive Deals has close to 350,000 unique users. Gabriel was also the Project Leader for the REP Transition and Orientation Programme in 2019. Under his leadership, he took great pride in driving the sustainability challenge and influenced his team to reduce their environmental footprint. Gabriel possesses exemplary leadership qualities, in addition to performing very well academically as evidenced by being on the AY2021-2022 REP Dean's List. Gabriel believes in contributing to REP and is committed to mentoring his juniors. He is a frequent volunteer as a student ambassador at outreach events. He is currently working as a Customer Success Account Manager at Microsoft.

wishes to honour:

Mr Teng Guan Foo
St. Andrew's Junior College

Mr Teng Guan Foo is an inspiring and passionate teacher and mentor. Mr Teng continuously gives his best time and effort to the class, by creating exciting lessons and explanations in his classes, going the extra mile to provide additional time for his students, and challenging students beyond classroom learning. Mr Teng's consistent effort to deliver his best in his daily work is an inspiring attitude and serves as an extraordinary role model. Mr Teng continually encourages us to be the better version of ourselves each day, helping each one of his students to overcome their own challenges, and coaching students like myself with lifelong skills that we can carry far into our lives. After graduating, I appreciate the times that Mr Teng will spend to continue to engage and learn more about our lives and continue providing support whenever necessary.

Assoc Prof Chua Geoffrey Bryan Ang
Nanyang Business School

Prof Geoffrey is a humble and passionate teacher who makes an immense effort to bring lessons to life. I always enjoy Prof Geoffrey's classes as they are engaging, practical, and exciting. He makes a tremendous effort to draw interesting examples and applications to the modern technological world. He challenges students like myself to think about businesses from diverse angles and the potential of innovations in his area of expertise. While classes can be very intellectual, I enjoy the real-life business applications and deeper insights he reveals, and the constant class engagement and participation that happens organically as he induces curiosity in his sharing. Prof Geoffrey goes the extra mile to get to know his students, engaging us frequently

and consistently collecting feedback on his classes. He is always passionate about his work and content delivery, with an exciting spark of enthusiasm that makes lessons particularly enjoyable.

GIRVAN TAY YANG HONG**Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

Girvan was actively involved in the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) even before entering the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCSOM). As a volunteer Responder in SRC's pioneering Home Monitoring for Elderly (HoME+) programme, he was frequently activated to attend to elderly in crisis, as detected on HoME+'s highly effective and affordable non-invasive monitoring. These activations proved crucial in the early detection and escalation of dangerous medical conditions. As HoME+'s inaugural Volunteer Leader, he played key roles in its operational management, volunteer training, and expansion. Together with his friends, he founded Project Red, an initiative to train medical students in much-overlooked first aid skills and recruit them to serve in SRC's many medical programmes, especially HoME+. Project Red has since trained four batches of students, providing much-needed manpower and spreading first aid awareness in the community. Girvan looks forward to working as a House Officer in Tan Tock Seng Hospital, and has no plans to stop contributing to HoME+, a programme he firmly believes is part of the solution in empowering our elderly to age gracefully, and safely, at home.

wishes to honour:

Mrs Yeo Yew Tin**Raffles Institution**

Mrs Yeo has always been a very supportive teacher. Since I was her student, to the years after, she was a motherly and caring teacher personally invested in the well being and education of all of us. When I, unfortunately, did not do as well for my A levels, she met me personally to comfort me, and provide advice on how I could still go about applying for Medicine. In the years after, she tirelessly filled in my recommendation letters again and again every time I applied, and though I failed to be accepted into Medicine for the first two years, she kept supporting me and encouraging me. Honestly, I would not be at this stage in my life without her, and I am eternally grateful to her.

Dr Chew Kwei Yong**Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine**

While Dr Chew was only my house tutor for three years, I have always been very grateful to the lengths he goes to meet with and engage with us. Even through COVID-19, he always lent an ear of support and advice, providing us with his insights, not didactically, but as someone whom we felt comfortable and familiar with. His down-to-earth character and approachability has made him someone whom we would readily turn to in times of personal or academic hardship. I will always be grateful for his support and encouragement during our medical education.

IAN SONG ZHENHAO
Bachelor of Business

Ian graduated from Hwa Chong Institution before enrolling in Nanyang Business School's (NBS) Bachelor of Business degree programme on the Nanyang Scholarship. He served as the Co-President of Business Solutions (AY2021/2022) where he represented NTU in several international case competitions. He emerged champion in several other local and regional ones. Most recently, he received the Best Speaker Award at the ICC@Maastricht competition held in the Netherlands. After completing an audit internship at Ernst & Young in his first year, Ian interned at Vibranium Holdings in his second year, where he was first exposed to the world of mergers & acquisitions. He enjoyed his time there and decided to pursue a career in investment banking – he then managed to land a role at Credit Suisse as an investment banking intern. Besides these, Ian co-founded a professional photography firm where he scaled the revenue of its e-commerce arm from \$0-100k within just 6 months. He now volunteers weekly at The Singapore Boys' Home as an academic tutor. After graduating, Ian is looking forward to starting his investment banking career at Credit Suisse or the Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS).

wishes to honour:

Ms Germaine Tan
Hwa Chong Institution

Ms Tan was my H2 Biology teacher when I was nearing the end of JC1 at Hwa Chong. Before she took over, I had completely lost interest in Biology as a subject. When we heard that a fresh graduate who had never taught at JC before would become our new teacher, we were highly dismayed. Why would the school even consider asking a fresh teacher to teach a class that would be taking the A Levels soon? However, Ms Tan was not your typical teacher. She truly put her heart and soul into teaching, was so passionate about the subject, and was superbly patient when it came to after-class consultations. She reignited my love for Biology, which is still strong to this day, and eventually helped me improve from Ungraded to Distinction in my A Levels.

Assoc Prof Angie Low An Chee
Nanyang Business School

Prof Angie was instrumental in cultivating my interest in the field of corporate finance. Her lessons were always engaging, intuitive and well-structured – not many profs have the ability to accomplish all three. By incorporating real-life case studies, she made the subject matter more relatable and palatable. Because of her, I now have a much firmer grasp of corporate finance fundamentals that will definitely serve me well in my career. Moreover, Prof Angie is a passionate and caring teacher who always checked our progress and patiently stayed back after class to answer our extra questions. I am incredibly grateful to have been her student and I think I speak for the rest of my cohort that we always looked forward to her classes every week. Truly, her impact on my academic journey is immeasurable, and her dedication to teaching has left an indelible mark on my life.

ISAIAH CHRISTOPHER LEE XIN EN
Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Art History

Isaiah read a Double Major in English Literature and Art History with a Minor in Modern Languages (German and Thai) while holding the concurrent appointments of Founder and Managing Director of The CreativeWerkz, Artistic Curator of New Opera Singapore, and Associate Artist / Drama Educator at inwardBOUND – Transformation through Drama. He has served in the arts and education sector in Singapore as a theatre practitioner for 25 years. His works have been produced in the Esplanade, the Arts House, Centre 42, and Gateway Theatre. Isaiah is also a guest lecturer of Contemporary Southeast Asian Theatre at the School of Music, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. Despite his numerous professional commitments, Isaiah maintained a stellar academic track record. A yearly awardee of the Dean's List, Isaiah specialises in the modern arts and literatures of Indonesia and Southeast Asia. He has recently been conferred the Indonesian Arts and Culture Scholarship 2023 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Directorate of Public Diplomacy and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore. Isaiah is currently posted to Jakarta, Indonesia and looks forward to pursuing his postgraduate studies in Art History, while contributing to the arts and education sector in Singapore.

wishes to honour:

Mr Choo Chong Yu, Gerald
(Formerly from) Raffles Institution

Mr Choo was my CCA teacher-in-charge for drama (Raffles Players) during my JC years. Throughout my time as his student, Mr Choo encouraged me to write and produce my own plays while continuing to hone my skills as a young theatre maker. Although he was fairly new to the school at the time, his passion for teaching was infused into every aspect of his interactions with us. He was proactive in staying back late for rehearsals and never shunned the opportunity to make art with us. Caring and understanding, he would listen to his students and offer sound advice. As a chemistry teacher, his foray into drama was unexpected, but his support of our arts CCA translated into taking the initiative to plan new and exciting productions with us, guiding us through our academic and artistic failures, and spurring us to try new things even if they are unprecedented.

Asst Prof Roger Nelson
School of Humanities

As my Art History dissertation supervisor, Dr. Roger went the extra mile to offer guidance on my project and even inspired me to pursue my research overseas in Indonesia. His astute and creative inputs have shaped the way I write and conduct my academic endeavours especially in the way he formulates ideas and draws connections across disciplines. Throughout my Final Year Project, Dr. Roger challenged my views without ever putting me down, critically honing the way I view and think about Southeast Asian Art History and the world in which it is positioned. The countless hours of consultation with him were never dull, and he always welcomed me to speak

with him no matter the issues I was facing in my academic and professional life. Given the hectic nature of my work outside of NTU, I often find myself struggling, but Dr. Roger's understanding, support, and trust in me always helped me find the path forward.

KEK LIN HUI
Bachelor of Business

Lin Hui is graduating with a Bachelor of Business degree in Nanyang Business School, specialising in Marketing with a Minor in International Trading. With a consistent track record of Dean's List achievements for three consecutive academic years, internships, and case competitions, she has honed her skills and demonstrated her passion for excellence. Lin Hui's commitment to serve shines through her volunteer work. She volunteered as a Graphic Designer for Lakeside Family Service Centre, Facilitator for Loving Hearts, and provided pro bono marketing consulting to small businesses, touching the lives of thousands. Lin Hui thrives on leading and building teams. As Vice President of Investment Interactive Club (NTU's largest finance society) in AY2021/2022, she led marketing and publicity efforts across social media and websites. She also served as Financial Controller and Honorary General Secretary of MarkeTHINK Club. An entrepreneur at heart, Lin Hui runs her own social media consultancy, Social Redefined. Her future aspirations include launching her marketing career at OCBC and growing her consultancy. Lin Hui embodies the Award's spirit with her social responsibility, leadership, and entrepreneurship, and will undoubtedly continue making a positive impact in the world with her talent and dedication.

wishes to honour:

Mr Jeremy Ng
Raffles Institution

I was scoring straight Us for my H2 Chemistry exams. Mr Jeremy was there every step of the way, patiently explaining as I struggled with grasping the concepts. He was readily contactable via WhatsApp to assist us beyond classroom hours. He is genuinely passionate about his work and invested in his students' growth. I vividly remember that he asked to meet me after school one day. He advised me to drop from H2 to H1 Chemistry, and explained the pros and cons of that decision. I felt discouraged, hurt, and sad. But I told myself I was not going to drop to H1 Chemistry. Instead, I would work extra hard and improve. In the end, I jumped four grades and achieved a B. My inner dialogue was that nothing is impossible, and I can do it if I put my mind to it.

Assoc Prof Sadat Reza
Nanyang Business School

Excel has never been my strong suite. However, I see the importance of data analysis in revealing valuable insights. So, I decided to challenge myself and enrolled in Prof Sadat's Marketing Analytics course. I am glad I did. As a small class of 20, we all received the attention we needed to succeed. During our first lesson, Prof Sadat asked us about our expectations of the course. I candidly shared my fear of data analysis due to being an Excel rookie. To my surprise, he smiled and assured me that we would overcome it together. During the course, I learned about cluster analysis, linear regression, and more. I cannot say I remember all the course content, but one

thing struck me: hard work, determination, coupled with the right mentors, can launch us in the right direction. Now, I actively initiate data analytics tracking, both for my business and at work.

LEE WEN WEI**Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic Engineering)**

Wen Wei was awarded the Nanyang Scholarship for his Degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, along with the Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship to Encourage Upgrading Award for his excellent academic performance and co-curricular involvement during his time in Polytechnic. He ignited his passion for research through the Undergraduate Research Experience on Campus Programme, presenting his work in one of the world's top conferences, SPIE Photonics West 2023 in San Francisco, United States. Wen Wei's dedication extended beyond academics as he actively led various clubs and initiatives. In the Academic Year 2022/23, he assumed the role of President of EEELead and the Research Apprentice Programme, fostering leadership and research excellence. Additionally, as the Deputy President of Garage@EEE, he actively contributed to the makerspace, fostering an environment of innovation and hands-on learning. Wen Wei's commitment to contribute to the NTU community was evident in his time as President for Escendo 2023, when he shared opportunities to develop practical skills and foster an entrepreneurial mindset. Driven to further the knowledge of mankind, Wen Wei will pursue his PhD under the Nanyang Presidential Graduate Scholarship at NTU.

wishes to honour:

Mdm Voon Ching Choo**Singapore Polytechnic**

Mdm Voon is a dedicated lecturer who spends significant time and effort nurturing her students. She has gone above and beyond her obligations as a lecturer to guide her students to achieve their potential. She inspired me to take the initiative to care for my peers in school through academics and CCAs. Due to her efforts as a lecturer, I became more self-aware and identified my direction in life. She encouraged me to strive for excellence to excel in my studies. Although she did not teach me modules during my studies, she drove me to excel. One example was during the Standards Olympiad in Korea. Although we did not achieve the desired results, she reminded us to believe in ourselves. These are one of the countless learning opportunities that still guide me today in my studies and future endeavours.

Asst Prof Nam Donguk**School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering**

Prof Nam is an excellent educator and someone who strives for excellence. He has been my supervisor and mentor for the past two years. Under his guidance and support, I decided to pursue a PhD, which I had never considered I could. There are instances when I could have chosen another supervisor. However, due to his work ethic and dedication in mentoring me to achieve excellence, I chose Prof Nam to be my PhD supervisor. One example was in preparation for my San Francisco SPIE Photonics West Conference, one of the top conferences in the world. He was the reason that I had an oral presentation accepted, and with his guidance, I could give my first research oral presentation on the world stage.

LIM KAI PENG**Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences**

As someone who understands the importance of hard work, Kai Peng has achieved holistic excellence and is a recipient of the NTU Wee Cho Yaw Future Leaders Award for underprivileged students. He believes in thriving against all odds, and is a self-made entrepreneur in a clothing brand venture and a photography business with notable clients, such as Red Bull, Martell, and L'Oréal. Within NTU, Kai Peng served as a dedicated leader to the community as Honorary General Secretary and Publicity Director in the Biological Sciences club for two consecutive years. His other leadership roles include Publicity Head of the Hall 15 Freshmen Orientation Programme 2020, and active participation in the SBS Freshmen Orientation Programmes. He continuously sought to help his peers as a teaching assistant and also a Python workshop instructor for the Bio-Hackathon Club. Lastly, Kai Peng demonstrates academic aptitude and scientific rigour, being on the Dean's List for AY20/21, and most recently attaining co-authorship in an academic publication in the Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal. He seeks to continue his entrepreneurship journey after graduation.

wishes to honour:

Mr Tai Min Hooi**Ngee Ann Polytechnic**

Mr Tai Min Hooi was our coordinator when I was attending the Biomedical Science (Clinical Laboratory Technology) course in Ngee Ann Polytechnic. As we were unfamiliar with the rigors of a clinically focused curriculum, Mr Tai was always ready to extend help and provide mentorship to the students of our class. Despite his often packed schedule, he was still very willing to take time off to provide revisions for tutorials in modules that we were struggling with. Beyond ensuring the welfare of the students and taking care of our administrative matters, Mr Tai was always willing to share his personal stories to encourage and inspire the students in our class. Moreover, he was always present and very positive/supportive throughout our two years long curriculum, and saw it through to the end with all of us. He also sets expectations for the students, and always pushes us to perform better for our classes. His passion for teaching, and commitment to his students will always be what I remember fondly.

Asst Prof Wilson Goh**School of Biological Sciences****Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine**

Asst Prof Wilson has always been a mentor that I admire and respect. As an advisor for the 19th Biological Sciences Club, he provided great assistance to our club. He was always approachable and open to opinions from students. Beyond that, he has been a wonderful and patient mentor throughout my period in the Bio-Data Science Research Group for Research Experience module and Final Year Project. His high expectations for quality always inspired me to push myself even harder to improve, and I would never have grown both in my scientific work and character without

his advice. He makes time to interact with his students and laboratory members, and is always up to date with the latest progress in the laboratory. He also constantly provides opportunities for his students in terms of research, which I am really appreciative of.

MEGAN CHONG YONGQI**Double Degree in Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental Engineering) and Bachelor of Social Sciences in Economics**

Megan has graduated with a double degree in Environmental Engineering (Civil Infrastructure) and Economics. During her academic tenure, she was awarded the Singapore Contractors Association Ltd (SCAL) Scholarship. Outside of academics, Megan firmly believes that all youth are deserving of equal opportunities to reach their full potential. As such, she volunteers twice a week with the Welfare Services Club (Friends of Children), a volunteer programme that focuses on academic coaching for underprivileged youth. As the Vice-Chairperson, she oversaw programme operations and planned events for over 200 children across 15 different social service organisations. She is also an active officer in the Boys' Brigade, planning and facilitating character development programmes. During her time at NTU, Megan was also an ambassador for her faculty, engaging prospective students over multiple open houses. In her free time, Megan can be found with a cup of coffee in hand, and spending time with her loved ones. Megan hopes to help build feasible pathways to sustainable development and is beginning her career as an Associate at Boston Consulting Group.

wishes to honour:

Mdm Ivy Quek**Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)**

Mdm Ivy Quek was my economics teacher for two years at ACS (Independent). Her pedagogy was systematic and clear, with the concepts she taught still grounding my economic fundamentals today. Her passion for the subject shone through as she brought real-world examples into the classroom, challenging us to think of economic concepts intuitively and nurturing my critical thinking skills. As a teacher, she set a high standard for professionalism, always appropriately dressed, punctual, and prepared for class. She remains my role model for professional conduct, even as I step into the corporate world. Finally, her emphasis on personal responsibility for learning left a lasting impression on me. She held students accountable by sending those without textbooks out of class, as a consequence for the lack of ownership over their learning. Unknowingly, this shaped my belief in personal responsibility, as I notice myself always ensuring I am prepared before undertaking new tasks.

Asst Prof Akshar Saxena**School of Social Sciences**

I would like to nominate Professor Akshar Saxena, who was my Public Economics professor. His unique course structure, including debates and term reports, challenged me to apply my knowledge to different contexts. Professor Saxena's passion for the subject was contagious, as he used real-world examples to demonstrate the relevance of the concepts we learned. He also recommended that I expand my reading to non-fiction books, which I have since begun to enjoy. His pedagogy was strongly focused on economic intuition, as he guided students to draw their

own conclusions about the theories he taught. His focus on economic intuition encouraged critical thinking and clarity in my thought processes. Overall, Professor Saxena has set an excellent example for me, challenging me to expand my knowledge beyond the classroom and pursue excellence in all areas of my life.

PHAN HUNG SON
Bachelor of Accountancy

“The purpose of life is a life of purpose.” This has been Hung Son’s guiding principle for the past three years in Nanyang Technological University (NTU). As Co-President of NTU’s premier business case club – Business Solutions (AY2021/2022), Hung Son led internal professional development and external branding efforts for the club. He was driven by his purpose of making an impact for members of his club, giving back to the place where he honed key skills. In addition, driven by his purpose of spreading awareness of impact investing to students globally, Hung Son co-founded the Global Impact Investing Case Competition in 2021, which garnered the participation of over 200 teams worldwide. Furthermore, Hung Son excelled in the classroom, being placed on the Dean’s List and earning the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) Achievement awards for his academic excellence in 2022. After graduation, Hung Son will be joining McKinsey & Company as a Business Analyst, where he hopes to make meaningful impact to organisations worldwide. In the long term, he aspires to lead life with a purpose, making meaningful impact in whatever he does.

wishes to honour:

Ms Germaine Tan
Hwa Chong Institution

Ms Germaine Tan was my Biology teacher in JC. Biology was a subject I was weak at and really disliked then, due to its heavy content. Despite so, Ms Tan was extremely kind and supportive of my Biology education. We would meet in school before morning assembly at around 6.45am to go through concepts and extra practice, and never once did she say no to my requests. In my second year of JC, I started to improve in the subject due to Ms Tan’s additional coaching and support. In addition, Ms Tan has inspired me, as despite being a new teacher in school, she showed much signs of maturity and accountability as a teacher. She would often check in with me after my exams to make sure I was all right and support me as well. She showcased how real support also comes outside classrooms, where showing the humane side of a person is so important.

Asst Prof Yin Huaxiang
Nanyang Business School

Asst Prof Yin Huaxiang was my tutor for AC2105 Accounting for Decision Making & Control (Management Accounting). Prof Yin was extremely patient and structured when it came to explaining concepts to us in class. Despite AC2105 being a tedious module, he was always patient and ensured that we all were following what he was teaching before moving on. Prof Yin also showed how AC2105 was extremely applicable outside of the class in the real world, by demonstrating real life examples, as well as his project experiences. This allowed me to understand the application of AC2105, and this has become my favourite module in NTU thus far. Besides the module content, Prof Yin has inspired me by pushing us to think about the purpose

of our work. He would always emphasise knowing the purpose before doing anything. This is something I will apply for the rest of my life.

VERLIN WEE SHI YAN**Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Policy & Global Affairs**

Verlin's accomplishments have been exemplary, and her four-year academic journey at the NTU School of Social Sciences demonstrated her outstanding achievements in various academic settings and her concern for the welfare of her school community. To name a few, she was awarded the 1st prize in the Temasek Foundation Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2022, organised by the NTU's University Scholars Programme, for an innovative solution to improve social mobility and social stratification in Vietnam. She was shortlisted as a Highly Commended Entrant whose paper or project was ranked in the top 10% of submissions in the Global Undergraduate Awards. Her creative thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills resulted in ways to optimise the NTU Shuttle Services for students. Striving to safeguard public safety whilst exploring ways to serve the community better, the entrepreneurial and leadership-spirited Verlin utilised opportunities that came her way during her educational journey. Verlin desires to pursue her postgraduate education at NTU with a strong interest in studying Singapore through political-sociological lenses, reconciling her research, and highlighting the gaps in Singapore society, with the hope of entering the public service in future.

wishes to honour:

Ms Shareeda Morrison**Ngee Ann Polytechnic**

Ms Shareeda was one of the first lecturers I encountered in my Diploma in Advertising and Public Relations, having always shown great support for the work that I put out. She inspired me to always strive for the best and to be confident in my work. The support and attitude that she ingrained in me pushed me to achieve great things in my polytechnic journey, such as getting my Final Year Project to be published in some of the top daily newspapers in Singapore. I have carried the attitude that she has ingrained in me into my degree, and I doubt I would have had the confidence to strive for seemingly unimaginable things, such as being a police officer whilst in university, if not for the unwavering support and confidence she first had in me.

Asst Prof Walid Jumblatt Bin Abdullah**School of Social Sciences**

Although it is seemingly ironic that one of the more vocal critics of Singapore politics stands as one of the greatest inspirations for my commitment to public service, the passion for the community which fuels Prof Walid and many other critics like himself was what pushed me further in the direction of the Singapore public service. Prof Walid has illustrated how the so-called critiques he has made come from a point of a burning passion for wanting better for the people of Singapore. Being someone who has applied for the Master's programme at NTU due to a strong interest in the political-sociological lens of studying Singapore, he has shown me how I could reconcile my research highlighting the gaps in Singapore society, whilst still having the desire to enter the public service in the future to serve the people.

WEE WEN BIN**Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronic Engineering)**

Wen Bin is a versatile and accomplished student who has demonstrated exceptional abilities beyond academics. His remarkable achievements in various non-academic pursuits highlight his well-roundedness and dedication. He has been recognised for his leadership and co-curricular involvement. As the President of The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) NTU Chapter and Vice-President of the James Dyson Foundation Student Ambassador, he has demonstrated exceptional organisational and interpersonal skills. He was honoured to receive the Best Student Chapter Award from IES for his outstanding leadership. As a senior engineer in the Nanyang Venture Formula Racing Team, Wen Bin played a pivotal role in designing and building a performance-oriented electric-driven formula car and a hydrogen fuel-cell vehicle for international competitions. With a strong foundation in engineering and innovation, Wen Bin aspires to contribute to the field of sustainable energy. He is actively seeking opportunities that align with his passion for innovative solutions in the power and energy sector.

wishes to honour:

Mr Chia Soo Ping**Singapore Polytechnic**

I am grateful to have met Mr Chia during my studies in Singapore Poly. I met him during my interview for Early Admission Exercise (EAE), during which he gave me an introduction of the school and courses they offered. He was my course chairman and also my lecturer. He is a very good lecturer and he never failed to inspire young engineers like myself. He is approachable and patient whenever he answers our doubts. On top of that, he guided me through my Final Year Project. He shared with us his knowledge and experience and it was definitely the highlight of my poly years. Under his guidance, my team and I designed and built an electric formula car, and we represented Singapore at an international race. Therefore, I would like to honour Mr Chia Soo Ping.

Assoc Prof Ng Heong Wah**School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering**

I would like to nominate Prof. Ng Heong Wah from the School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering as he has made a great impact on my life. Prof. Ng is the advisor for Nanyang Venture and he never failed to impart knowledge to his students. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to join Nanyang Venture. When I was working on my first project car (NVF1), I learned a lot of precious knowledge that cannot be found in textbooks from Prof. Ng. He also has many good ideas and constructive feedback to share with us. He saw the potential in me and was satisfied with my performance and capabilities. One day, he came to me and offered me the opportunity to work on another project car. On October 2022, my team and I, together with Prof Ng, went to Indonesia to participate in the Shell Eco-Marathon. We had a fruitful journey there

and we brought home three awards. Prof. Ng has led Nanyang Venture for more than 15 years and his dedication towards the project is something all of us should look up to.

WINSTON TAY WEN HAO
Bachelor of Business

Winston is a career-driven, inspirational youth leader who believes in grit, the spirit of community, and rising above all odds together. In his three-year candidature at Nanyang Business School (NBS), Winston excelled both academically and out of school, with close to ten internship experiences (Enterprise Singapore, Adidas, etc) under his belt. While he was leading a team of aspiring student marketers as the President of NBS' MarkeTHINK (AY2021/2022) on campus, he was also actively volunteering as the Production Lead at Project: It'll Be Alright Singapore. This is a youth mental wellbeing project under the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) Youth Mental Wellbeing Network, mentored by Minister of State, Ms Sun Xueling. He is currently attached to Gushcloud International as a Digital Strategist, running back-to-back performance marketing campaigns across Internet Protocols (IPs) such as Savour365, where he has been working for eight months. Winston has accepted an offer at DHL Singapore as an AGILE Marketing Associate stipulated to start on 19 June 2023. At DHL, he will be developing, leading, and directing integrated marketing campaigns for DHL, from brief to execution.

wishes to honour:

Ms Kwa Lay Ping
Singapore Polytechnic

Ms Kwa was an exceptional teacher-turned-friend who went out of her way to pass down her knowledge and expertise. She was always approachable. The most prominent example of her genuine interest in elevating youths was reaching out to me one time in 2017, when I was facing distress after losing my first case competition. She stopped me after class and took me out for a coffee, before calmly walking me through the importance of failures and setbacks: how they need to happen for us to learn life's greatest lessons so we can propel forward. Needless to say, she then became a safe space, and we made sure to grab coffee every few months in between. A true inspiration of a teacher.

Dr Boey Yew Tung
Nanyang Business School

Dr Boey Yew Tung is an outstanding professor who stood out among my years of education in NBS. The module that was particularly memorable was BM3506 Strategic Brand Management, where he got the class to participate in group pitches to Poh Heng, a luxury Gold Jewellery chain in Singapore. Dr Boey was iconic as a professor and made learning fun. He would crack jokes during long lessons, keeping lessons light-hearted and most importantly, fun to attend. I looked forward to his tutorials all the time and enjoyed attending all his lessons. On top of being knowledgeable in all aspects of Marketing, he is also approachable, which made it easy for me to speak to him in between class breaks and after class for queries I had for class materials and out-of-syllabus doubts. He never redirected me and took me seriously, which I appreciate. I am

thankful for his presence in some of the modules he has taught me, and I am sure I am not the only one who has benefited from his passion to teach. I hope Dr Boey goes on to teach for many more years, such that even more students would benefit from his educational yet entertaining tutorials.

ZANN TEO JIEXIN**Bachelor of Science in Environmental Earth Systems Science**

Zann was awarded the Nanyang Scholarship with CN Yang Scholars Programme (CNYSP) to pursue a degree in Environmental Earth Systems Science in the Asian School of the Environment (ASE), which has since allowed her to discover her love for research. She has presented her research on dung beetle ecology at multiple conferences overseas, including at the Royal Entomological Society Student Forum and the Global Undergraduate Awards, where her work was recognised as Regional Winner (Asia) for Earth and Environmental Sciences. Outside of her academic achievements, she served as President of the CN Yang Scholars' Club, and took on multiple leadership roles in NTU's Crescent Hall Recreational Games. As an aspiring researcher, she hopes that she can increase representation in her field of insects, historically overlooked yet teeming with potential especially in global biodiversity hotspots such as Singapore, as well as of young female students in STEM. Zann hopes to contribute to our understanding of Southeast Asian biodiversity and will pursue her PhD studies under the Nanyang President's Graduate Scholarship (NPGS) at ASE.

wishes to honour:

Mdm Darshini D/O Radha Krishnan
National Junior College

Mdm Darshini is undoubtedly one of the most impactful teachers I have ever had. She was an engaging teacher, who made classes fun with her wit. While I may not remember every concept she has taught me, what I will never forget is that Mdm Darshini is a teacher who believes in her students. Some peers and I still remember the words she said to us shortly before our A levels, which is that she will believe in us even if we do not believe in ourselves. She encouraged us both in and outside of class. After graduation, she reminded us to embrace every challenge, and to live, love, and laugh a little harder. In that way, she was our teacher both in and outside the classroom.

Asst Prof Eleanor Slade
Asian School of the Environment

Eleanor has been absolutely pivotal in my university experience. As my academic mentor at ASE, she was a keen listening ear, who offered advice and reassurance, as well as administrative support where appropriate, such as communicating directly with other ASE academic staff on the heavy workload students were facing. As my research supervisor for three different projects, she has constantly supported me and recognised my efforts, sharing my accomplishments and encouraging me to seek out opportunities. Eleanor gave me amazing opportunities to learn through research. I have developed both technical skills in the field and in the lab, as well as soft skills. She regards even undergraduates as her lab members, giving us opportunities to contribute to meetings and projects. On both a personal and academic level, she has inspired me greatly as a strong woman in STEM. I thank Eleanor for helping me be where I am today.