Work smart, play hard

Milly Chey has had her mind on being a clinical researcher after a fulfilling research stint at Nanyang Technological University. “With the growing biomedical industry in Singapore, biological sciences offers me great flexibility in my career option and many work opportunities after graduation,” says the fourth-year student. Milly, who is a CY Scholar, was involved in a research project on dengue fever — a common ailment in the tropics, including Singapore. The CY Scholars Programme, named after CY Tang, a Biology Professor, is a prestigious programme at NTU for talented science and engineering undergraduates. She says, “Although there is no locked and approved vaccine for the virus, I believe that an effective vaccine would be produced one day.”

Besides spending time on research, Milly also participated in the university’s Global Immersion Programme, where she spent a semester at the University of Washington in the United States. “With such an enriching experience, it is no wonder that Milly finds life as an undergraduate fulfilling and something that she will always remember. She quips: “It is the place where I am fitted in. Sometimes, we tend to forget the very essence of life — happiness,” he says.

A journey of discovery

AS a student, Christopher Ng was inspired by his teachers. “A large part of who I am today can be credited to their hard work and dedication,” says Christopher, a second-year student pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in education. “Teaching is my calling, hence I enrolled in the Bachelor of Education programme. I love how my teachers actively engage students in their journey of learning, so as to create a dynamic and interesting educational environment for them,” he adds.

Christopher believes that effective teaching can be achieved by using technology to create a fun and multi-dimensional lesson that allows students to learn from different perspectives. “Teaching is also about having fun around his studies. A founding member and current president of the university’s ASEAN Club, he is also involved in the Philippine-based organisation, the Gawad Kalinga Youth in Action (GKYA), which encourages more youths to take part in community development work.

Christopher believes that NTU equips students with an international outlook. He says: “NTU provides a holistic education that will develop you into a successful global citizen to meet the challenges of the future!”

A good degree with a vibrant hall life

Ferleen Lim, a third-year student, believes that an accoutancy degree from Nanyang Business School will offer her a myriad of opportunities in the business world. “Accountancy will offer me the flexibility to choose from a wide spectrum of careers in the financial sectors and abroad,” says Ferleen. The second-year student hopes to secure an internship and develop her career upon her graduation with one of the Big Four accounting firms in Singapore. “I am glad I chose to pursue a Bachelor of Accountancy at Nanyang Business School. NTU has the most prestigious accoutancy programme with the best track record in Singapore. Besides having a market-relevant curriculum, the school has excellent networks and career services. Another reason I chose NBS is the global recognition of the degree, which is especially important in this age of globalisation when many new job or pursue graduate studies abroad. NTU is awarded both the EQUIS (European Quality Improvement Systems and AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation. NTU is also among only five Business Schools outside of the US to be awarded the AACSB Accreditation in Accounting. Ferleen enjoys participating in a wide array of activities. Last year, she was the Secretary-General of her hall’s Dinner and Dance Committee as well as the Publication and Publicity Officer in the Hall Fresmen Orientation Committee. She is currently the Dance Captain of her Hall’s Dance Team. To Ferleen, the NTU campus is always buzzing with activities, which provide great opportunities for learning and personal development.

“On top of the industry-relevant curriculum and high-intellecting learning environment, we learn critical soft skills such as leadership, problem solving, creativity and negotiation. I am getting a kick start in my career with a great degree and excellent personal development opportunities! I am very glad I made this choice,” she says.

Well-rounded graduate

With a keen interest in mathematics and science since young, it is no wonder that Muhamad Firdaus Hamzah chose to study chemical and biotechnological engineering at NTU. “I was highly impressed with the faculty, staff and curriculum. NTU is a well-established university globally,” says the third-year student, Firdaus shares: “The course has enabled me to gain valuable knowledge and more importantly, hone my analytical skills in several situations.” Beyond his lecture notes, Firdaus has keen interest in global issues, including the shortage of potable water for many people around the world.

“I will be working at the Public Utilities Board (PUB) after graduation. I look forward to making a difference in the world we live in,” says Firdaus, who is studying on a PUB scholarship.

Aside from studies, Firdaus also found time to be the head programmer for the recent NTU Global Awareness Week, organised by the NTU Muslim Society. So how does he juggle this hectic mix of studies and other activities? “I do things because they make me happy. Sometimes, we tend to forget the very essence of life — happiness,” he says.

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11.00 am — noon | Admissions Matters / Scholarships / Financial Aid Schemes | Biological Sciences / Biomedical Sciences / Chinese Medicine | Sport Science / Management | Chinese / Economics / English / Linguistics / Multilingual Studies / Psychology / Sociology | Physics / Applied Physics / Physics with Mathematical Sciences Major | Computer Engineering / Computer Science / NTU/Georgia Tech Integrated Programme

1.00 pm — 2.00 pm | Accountancy / Accountancy & Business / Business | Electrical & Electronic Engineering / NTU Georgia Tech Integrated Programme / Information Engineering & Media | Chemistry / Biological Chemistry | Arts (Education) / Science (Education) | Mathematical Sciences / Mathematics & Economics | Mechanical Engineering / Aerospace Engineering

2.00 pm — 3.00 pm | Civil Engineering / Environmental Engineering / Maritime Studies with Business Major | Bioengineering / Chemical & Biomedical Engineering | Art, Design & Media | Chinese / Economics / English / Linguistics / Multilingual Studies / Psychology / Sociology | Physics / Applied Physics / Physics with Mathematical Sciences Major | Computer Engineering / Computer Science / NTU/Georgia Tech Integrated Programme

3.00 pm — 4.00 pm | Accountancy / Accountancy & Business / Business | Ministry of Education | Materials Engineering | Computer Engineering / Computer Science / NTU-Georgia Tech Integrated Programme

4.00 pm — 5.00 pm | Admissions Matters / Scholarships / Financial Aid Schemes | Biological Sciences / Biomedical Sciences / Chinese Medicine | Chemistry & Biological Chemistry | Sport Science & Management | Mathematical Sciences / Mathematics & Economics | Computer Engineering / Computer Science / NTU-Georgia Tech Integrated Programme

5.00 pm — 6.00 pm | Sharing session with parents | Art, Design & Media | Bioengineering / Chemical & Biomedical Engineering | Arts (Education) / Science (Education) | — | Electrical Engineering / Electronic Engineering / NTU/Georgia Tech Integrated Programme / Information Engineering & Media

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