

Why study Pharmacy? And how has the journey been thus far?

I wanted to study Pharmacy because I was interested to learn how drugs interact with the body. I am fascinated and curious about how the drugs know exactly where to act in the body. My goal is to become a clinical pharmacist. The opportunity to work in the healthcare sector excites me.

The past 2 years have been challenging but definitely rewarding. I began my journey going through the foundation modules before moving on to the system modules. Along the way, I learned about medicinal chemistry and pharmacology of different drugs, experienced compounding, honed my communication skills in pharmacist roleplay scenarios, and so much more.

I am grateful for the strong support from my professors and peers, as well as the many student life opportunities in NUS that made my university life so enriching and vibrant!

What interests you most in your studies?

I enjoy learning about medicinal chemistry and pharmacology of the different drugs. It is very fascinating to learn how the structures of the drugs correlate to their function and effectiveness. It is also interesting to learn about how drugs differ from one another based on their mechanism of actions.

What other interesting activities did you partake in to further enrich your student life, e.g. extra-curricular activities on campus?

I took up the role of Vice President (Special Projects) in NUS Pharmaceutical Society (NUSPS) this year. I had the opportunity to interact with many people and guided a group of talented and capable Project Directors and their committees. It is very exciting to be involved in the planning and execution of freshmen orientation programmes. These unique student life experiences have created many cherished memories for me.

What advice do you have for the incoming students or juniors?

Find passion and joy in what you do! I have to admit that university life is going to be tough. There will be times that you will feel like giving up, however when determination fails, passion will guide you through! You must know why you are doing this and what motivates you.

I would also suggest joining extra-curricular activities to help enrich and create a vibrant student life. University life is the perfect opportunity to try out everything even if it may seem intimidating. The world is your oyster!

