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What interests you most in your studies?

I have a keen interest in Biology since Secondary School. This interest translated into curiosity in human anatomy and pathology. My desire to help others has also been a driving force in my undergraduate studies. Knowing that what I learned and experienced in my course and attachments is applicable to real-life cases motivates me even further. I am now able to answer queries that my grandmother has about her medications, interpret the use of various pills in medication lists and even advise my peers on minor ailments.

Apart from academic lessons, what other programmes did you participate in? And how did the experience(s) benefit you in your (a) personal growth and development, and (b) academic pursuits?

I was in the planning committee for the Pharmacy Orientation Programme (POP) 2021 for incoming juniors, helping the role of Head of OGLs (HOGL). Leading up to the event, we would receive frequent updates on COVID-19 restrictions on physical activities. Thus, my team and I had to adapt to the new guidelines and reacted promptly so that the programme can run smoothly for our freshman to have a fulfilling experience despite the restrictions. Working as a team to adjust to last-minute changes is what I would also expect in the working environment. I believe that the soft skills we picked up from running the programmes are essential in building our work ethic.

Share with us your most memorable experience as a Pharmacy student.

During my internship at Hyphens Pharma, I was involved behind the scenes to work on product marketing. I also gained a lot of exposure to pharmacovigilance, which is an important aspect of assessing safety and efficacy of new products and medications. I picked up the hard skills with respect to my role as an intern, as well as the soft skills that were essential in building a rapport with my co-workers.

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

My advice for the incoming students is to make the most of your Team-Based Learning (TBL) groups! My Pharmacy group mates are the greatest takeaway from the 3 years in Pharmacy. Through the assignments, quizzes, practicals, attachments and exams, they have never failed to enrich my learning and my journey in NUS. I was able to gain better understanding of the course content through many active discussions with them. They are indeed a strong pillar of support.

So, don't forget to make good friends and connections in NUS and beyond!

* OSCE = Objective Structured Clinical Examination



With my TBL groupmates after an OSCE examination

* SCI-PhI = Student-led Collaborative Innovative Pharmacy Inquiry



With my SCI-PhI groupmates after our first presentation