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Head's message

"Wishing you all a very happy new year. Time has certainly flown and we are already mid-way through the academic year of 2023/2024. When I look back at the year that was, I am proud of the achievements of our colleagues and students. ..."

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OUR ALUMNI...JOURNEYING BEYOND



From pharmacy compounding practicals to a career in drug development – Dr Otilia Koo's story

Dr Otilia Koo (Class of '97) was recently elected as Fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists in recognition of her professional excellence and impact on global health. Read on to learn how she charted a career in drug development and hear about her fond memories of her NUS days.

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WHAT'S UP



A night of introspection – the 6th “Last Lecture” on “What’s our Why”

Hear what alumni attendees took away from the thought-provoking Last Lecture by Mr How Ti Hwei (Class of '95) on 24 November 2023.

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WHAT'S UP



Warm welcome to Assistant Professor Dr Tan Kar Tong!

Dr Tan Kar Tong recently joined the Department as an Assistant Professor. He will be engaged in teaching as well as his research on somatic mutations.

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INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



XPharm 2023

Explore the key highlights of XPharm 2023 organised by NUSPS Pharmacy Profession Awareness Committee designed for pre-university students! This 3-day camp blends academic insights and hands-on activities that aims to empower students to make informed decisions about their academic paths.

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NUS STEER Health and Humanity Xishuangbanna 2023: An eye-opening experience

Over the winter break, Shanice Kwok, a Year 2 pharmacy student had the opportunity to travel to Yunnan for the STEER Health and Humanity Xishuangbanna trip together with a group of Medical, Pharmacy, Nursing, Social Work and Business students. Here are some takeaways from her trip.

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NUSPS WINTER INTER-HOUSE GAMES

The Winter Inter-House Games is jointly organised by the five Houses and different NUSPS committees to provide an opportunity for students to bond through friendly sports and game matches. The event was held on the last week of winter holidays on 12 January from 10am to 3pm at Faculty of Science and University Sports Centre to allow students to enjoy and unwind before Semester 2 started. There were sports and station games to cater to the diverse interests of students. This year, Galen House won the sports segment and the Pharmacy Orientation Programme Committee won the station games segment.

What a great, fresh start to the new Semester!



Congratulations!

Faculty Awards 2023 winners:

Dr Chng Hui Ting - Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards

Ms Tan Bee Jen - Outstanding Service Awards

National Medical Research Council (NMRC)

Open Fund-Individual Research Grant (OF-IRG) awardees:

Asst Prof Gloryn Chia & A/Prof Wu Wei



The Department celebrated the Christmas season and end of 2023 over a lunch gathering in December. It was a precious opportunity for staff to catch up after a semester's hard work. We wish everyone a healthy, happy and wonderful year in 2024!



UPCOMING EVENT

January - March 2024	Pharm.D. Debate <i>(for staff, students and alumni only)</i>
3 March 2024	NUS Open House: Pharmacy Online Session
6 March 2024	NUS Open House: College of Humanities & Sciences Online Session
9 March 2024	NUS Open House On-Campus
7 April 2024	Behind The Counter: Pharmacy Stories

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