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

I have always been interested in Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics. The Pharmacy programme provides me the opportunity to understand more about the drug discovery process and the role of drugs in patient treatment. This understanding can help to deliver better care for the patients and develop better therapies in future.

I have also learnt multiple soft skills such as tailoring and delivering information in a concise manner which prepares me to be a better drug information provider and establish a strong relationship with my future patients.

The journey thus far has been quite enlightening, and I gained knowledge as well as soft skills which would aid me in the future in both my professional and personal life.

What interest you most in your studies?

My greatest interest is in Pharmacology as I enjoy learning about how the drugs work in our body and how they can help us achieve therapeutic outcomes. I find it extremely relevant as this understanding can help us deliver better care for our patients and in the development of better therapies in the future. I also find that by understanding the action of drugs, it'll allow us to better achieve patient-centric outcomes and improve medication adherence through our counselling.



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

I am currently embarking on a year-long Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROPS) where I get to evaluate the expression of stress receptors in cancer cell lines in response to certain types of stress. The experience gave me a deeper insight into the research process as well as academic independence as I had to read multiple relevant research papers to gain a better understanding about my project and make better decisions. It has also helped in my academic pursuits as I am able to link some of what I have learnt in class to what I am doing in the lab and vice-versa.

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

I am currently the President for 61st EXCO of NUS Pharmaceutical Society (NUSPS) and I oversee the society as a whole along with the members of the Leadership Cell. I am also in charge of the External Cell for NUSPS which includes our Marketing and Public Relations, International Relations, Inter-Professional Education and Pharmacy Profession Awareness Committees.

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

I will definitely remember the academic and student life in NUS Pharmacy – from attending lectures, tutorials and practicals, to just hanging out with my peers or the time spent planning and executing events for the juniors.

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

Strike a healthy balance in your university life! It is important to be consistent and also take the necessary breaks or social gatherings as needed to recharge! Don't shy away from participating in hobbies or CCAs that you have interests in as they will help to refresh your mind and body!

