

UCSI's outstanding A-Levels students

66 You need to study hard, but you've got to play hard too", so goes a popular saying.

The A-Levels students at UCSI University certainly believe in that maxim. A studious and industrious lot, students here consistently produce outstanding academic records – the by-product of many hours of studying as well as countless sessions with their lecturers.

UCSI University's A-Level students are well known for topping the A-levels examinations. Out of the last batch of students, four received straight As for all four subjects, while 20 others received 5As or 2As. Last year, the top two students even bagged international scholarships in the process. Adrian Mah Weng Keong is currently on a RM280,000 Great Eastern scholarship at Australia National University, while Chan Wei Sin has received a scholarship to study Pharmacy at the University of Nottingham. In October, Adrian received the Edexcel A-Level Student award, presented by the former deputy higher education minister Datuk Idris Haron.

This year, three students - Law Lay Yin, Nrural Aliaa Ahmad Fauxi and Tan Sieve Leng - were accepted into the prestigious King's College in London, which is recognised as having one of the best dentistry programmes in the world. Four more have been accepted into the prestigious Queen Mary University of London. They are Ashwini Selvarajan, Eow Li Ann, Koh Aik Jin and Yeoh Yew Lee.

However, the awards and commendations that these students have earned are immaterial compared to the lessons learnt during and outside of the classroom. Lim Chuan Yi, one of the top students for the recent A-Levels Examinations results, ruminated on how, to some extent, the A-Levels programme at UCSI University has brought out the best in her.

"I encountered many problems during my

secondary school life, and there were times when I nearly dropped out of school altogether. When I entered UCSI University, I met new friends and lecturers who became my mentors. They have made me a better person, and I could not have done it without their support."

Aside from academic studies, the university also emphasises on experiences outside the classroom that teaches students event

management skills and teamwork.

"During my one-year plus as a UCSI University student, I have come to learn a lot about event management which will help me not only when I pursue my degree programme but in my chosen career as well," said Nicholas Arvin Huizen, president of the A-Levels Student Association who was one of the committee members for their Prom Night recently.

A-Levels examinations are still one of the most widely recognised and highly regarded pre-university examinations worldwide. UCSI University's A-Levels programme provides a vital exposure to learning at an advanced level, equipping students with critical thinking, research and analytical skills, all of which are crucial in today's competitive job market.

UCSPs A-Levels programme has proven time and again to be the best springboard for any student who wishes to continue his studies overseas, or to pursue a career in science-related fields. But for some of them, their experience is bevond this.

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Former A-Levels student Yap Tet Fei said:

"I came to UCSI University thinking of it as a stepping stone to my degree, but looking back, my experience here has been invaluable in helping me make the transition from high school to university."

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