

UCSI A-Level high achievers

STUDENTS at UCSI University's A-Level Academy, who achieved new heights of excellence, were awarded recently by the A-Level Academy for their outstanding achievements.

Forty-five of these students received straight As. Sixteen of them earned straight A* for all three subjects they had taken, a higher grade that is awarded to students who scored over 90% in all modular units. One of them received four As out of four subjects, while yet another scored full marks, a 600/600 for the biology subject. The Academy also recorded a 99% passing rate, a 3% jump from last year's results.

Being the first awards ceremony of its kind, the A-Level Awards and Alumni Day was organised in view of the university's 25th anniversary celebrations and as part of the Academy's endeavour to acknowledge their outstanding students as well as their alumni.

"We want to take this opportunity to celebrate our top achievers in the January 2011 A-Level exams, as well as welcome back our A-Level Academy Alumni from far and near," said UCSI University A-Level Academy head Mabel Tan.

"While we celebrate our top achievers who scored straight As, we also want to use this platform to encourage the many existing students who did well in their individual units so they can continue to achieve even greater success in the



An outstanding student at UCSI University's A-Level Academy receiving an award.

coming exams," she added.

The university's deputy vice chancellor of Academic Affairs and Research Professor Emeritus Dr Lim Koon Ong concurred by saying, "This A-Level Awards and Alumni Day is to celebrate the success of multiple generations of A-Level graduates of UCSI University. They represent both the history of UCSI University as well as its future and are a true illustration of everything this university stands for.

"Throughout its history, UCSI University strove to provide a high-

quality, comprehensive and well-balanced education to its students. We aim to produce graduates who are competent, confident and capable of leading happy, fulfilling lives," he added.

On a larger scale, the university's aspirations extend much further. Through education, research and public outreach, the goal is to become a public asset not only for the local community, but for the nation and the world at large.

Also present at the event was UCSI University Alumna, graduate

of class of 2003, Dr June Choon Wai Yee, who gave an inspiring speech. In her speech, Dr Choon advised the students to slow down and discover themselves and relish the gift of time. Praising the lecturers and the university as a whole, Dr Choon said she was glad to be back at her alma mater to encourage the Academy's graduating students and to see the many upgrades in the university's facilities.

Tay Siow Chia, who achieved perfect scores for her biology subject, was ecstatic after receiving

her results. "I'm really pleasantly surprised with my results, as I never expected to have A* scores." The 18-year-old is now undertaking the Pharmacy programme at UCSI University. Close friends, Cheah Cui Yee and Kuan Wai Chee, who both scored 3 A* are enrolled in the programme as well.

Tang Lik Xian, who scored straight As for all his four subjects was also ecstatic.

"I'm extremely happy, and hope that with these results I can apply to a local university to pursue a medical programme. UCSI University is definitely on my list of possibilities," he says, adding that the A-Levels programme has been wonderful with a very good and specific syllabus.

"The lecturers are also extremely nice and helpful, giving us guidance whenever we need it."

The current batch of students includes several Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) scholars who will also be continuing their studies at UCSI University.

UCSI University's A-Level students are certainly an industrious and studious lot, and the academic staff of the academy has set a high standard of achievement for its students.

• For details on UCSI University's A-Level programme, contact the UCSI University counsellors at 03-9101 8880 or visit: asknm@ucsi.edu.my. Otherwise, visit the UCSI University website at www.ucsi.edu.my for more information.