A new high

CSI University's A-Level Academy recorded an impressive 99 percent passing rate - a three percent increase from the previous year - at the recent examinations with 45 students achieving straight

A total of 16 students achieved straight A*, a higher grade awarded to students who scored over 90 percent in all modular units.

Student Tay Siow Chia, who achieved a perfect 600/600 score for Biology, was ecstatic after finding out her results

"I am really pleasantly surprised with my results, as I never expected to have A* scores." she said

Siow Chia, 18, added that she was planning to pursue Pharmacy at the university.

Her close friends Cheah Cui Yee and Kuan Wai Chee - who both scored three A* - are also planning to study Pharmacy.

Tang Lik Xian, who scored straight A's for all his four subjects, was excited for the next

step in his studies. "I am extremely happy, and hope that with

these results I can apply to study medicine locally," he said.

On his secret to success. Lik Xian said students planning to join the A-Levels programme should study at least a couple of hours every day. As student Tan lef Wayne put it: "The A-

Levels programme is certainly not easy - one needs to constantly study to keep everything fresh

"But that doesn't mean you can't enjoy life as well. Study smart as well as hard."

The current batch of students also included several Public Service Department (JPA) scholars who will also be continuing their



The students proudly showing off their results.

studies at UCSI University. One scholar Shalini Nair Krishnan was happy to find out she received three A* for

her three subjects, and was quick to credit her lecturers

"The lecturers here have definitely helped a lot through their good guidance. They've also

provided a lot of good resources which have helped us understand better."

Shalini added she would be at UCSI University for the next five years, as she was

joining the university's Medicine programme. The university's A-Level Academy deputy head and senior lecturer Dr Nalina

Thurairaiah said most of the students were planning to continue their studies at UCSI University

"I hope the students will continue to study hard, and I hope to see all of them in a few years as first class honours students when they graduate with their degree," she said.