



residence

The 3rd Quarter of 2014 was focused on the festive season of Eid Mubarak, where our Muslim residents were fasting during the month of Ramadhan. We had our diverse residents coming together and participating in the breaking of fast events in and also out of our halls of residence. This is a significant value that has been instilled in our residents through the Service Learning programs where respect for each other goes beyond creed and colour.

Service Learning

Life Coaching Workshop by Adam Silberstein & Megan Preston - 19th July 2014

On 19 July, 28 student leaders from Student Experience and THM turned up for a once-in-a-life time chance of discovering transformational change through self discovery sessions and small group structured authenticity program conducted by Adam Silberstein and Megan Preston. At the end of this Saturday afternoon many were awed by the whole experience and signed up for the pilot PODz Program.



Participants exploring key aspects of their life during a whole life audit exercise

Sharing
"Thank you for giving me the golden opportunity to be among 28 students from the Taylorian community to step up and join this exclusive and remarkable workshop last Saturday. I learnt that there are bubble space around us, and we are the one that create the bubbles, when we have the positive energy. NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE, when your peer group are giving out positive energy, then our team will definitely achieve our desired state of success.

Always do ourselves a life audit to discover our current state and desired state and continue it with positive affirmation with unlimited creativity and imagination. Self reflection, mindset and Positive affirmation determine attitude. Attitude develops the sustainability and success of the project or task given. That day was also the first day I am get exposed to the way how CEOs and top management carries out discussion in the forum form, and it is going to be an awesome experience when we start our own forum in the next stage.

After the workshop, I have the high level of positive energy and I will increase my momentum to achieve my aspiration and life goal. I am going to make myself a personal life audit for every week to evaluate and reflect on my life journey for that week. Once again, I would like to say Thank You and I Love You to all of you, including Dato Loy, Ms Megan Preston and Mr Adam Silberstein as well.
EXCITED and PROUD to be a part of Taylor's community!!!!
Life is GREAT!!!!
Start Ahead,
Always Stay Ahead."

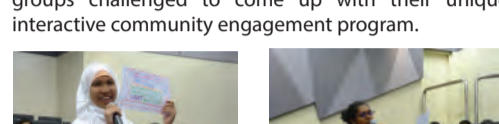
Wang Zhao Loon, Cambridge A-Levels, TCSJ

Service Learning Workshop - 12th July 2014



Our new 'family' from 5 different locations

A total of 393 residents from 5 locations namely Rajawali, Puncak Prima, U-Residence, My Place and Pangsapuri attended their first brief prepping them for their Service Learning journey here. Participants were engaged and actively contributed their ideas resulting in a lively session. Outcomes included the formation of 5 groups challenged to come up with their unique interactive community engagement program.



Buka Puasa with PPR Seri Pantai residents - 19th July 2014

THM co-hosted a Buka Puasa treat to an urban poor community as a means of crossing the cultural divide between our residents and community at Project Perumahan Rakyat (PPR) Seri Pantai. The guests, young and old were treated to a VIP experience, served personally by our students during the 'buka puasa'. For the children there were ample fun and games bringing fun and joy to all. From flyer distribution a week before, to preparation for the day and ultimately serving them, our residents came back full of warmth from the expressions of gratitude they received. A job well done on this successful interactive festive celebration.



Residents of PPR Seri Pantai enjoying their VIP treatment

Sharings
"It was a fun exposure me.Got to interact with the residents especially when I was trying to communicate with a deaf and mute man. Felt grateful and blessed for what I have now."
Teh Wen xing, Cambridge A-Levels, TCSJ

"The volunteer work is definitely an eye-opener for me! I have never joined a Buka Puasa event before, hence I am surprised by the joyful vibes and the amiable smiles on the residents' and volunteers' faces. I faced difficulty to communicate with the residents as my Bahasa Malaysia is not fluent. However, the universal language, 'smiles' made all of us feel welcomed. If there is another volunteer work, count me in!"
Tan Shan Yi, Cambridge A-Levels, TCSJ

"Volunteering work. Well, it is a task that I can't do everytime since I am a person who focuses on academics. Last time I did my volunteering work was to help MENGQ fund raise and this time would be my second time to do volunteering work in my college life. I realised one thing, I CAN'T SPEAK BM FLEUNTLY, even simple conversational BM with the children while running the activity booth. Overall, was satisfied with the VIP service we gave and the activities we ran. All these efforts are worthy because it was the chance for me to serve people. After the ceremony there was so much cooperation with the clean up even from our guests and before we know it, it was all done. What I can say is the time I spent there was not wasted as I learned something that I can't learn in my textbooks, which is communication via street level interaction is what makes all the difference. If there is a chance to do volunteer work again, I sure will join more of these events."
Wong Yoon Hang, Cambridge A-Levels, TCSJ

Buka Puasa with Yayasan Selangor Orphanage - 17th July 2014

Hosted by the Sponsorship Support Unit and Taylor's University, children from the Yayasan Selangor Orphanage were invited for a get together with our muslim residents for a buka puasa event held in U-Lounge. Also present was Professor Dato' Hassan Said who graciously welcomed these children to Taylor's and presenting to them their Raya treats.

Sharing
"Ramadan is a time of fasting for the Muslims. Each day during this month, Muslims all over the world abstain from eating, drinking, smoking from dawn until the sun sets. Fasting is intended to educate the Muslim in spirituality, humility and patience. It is a time to cleanse the soul and focus attention on God. The 10th of July was definitely a day to remember. I broke my fast with orphans who paid a visit to U-Residence, from ages 10-14 years old at the U-lounge. With my pocket money, I donated a book of Duas (daily prayer wishes) including advance Eid money with that. It wasn't much, but for every "thank you" I got from each orphan almost brought me to tears. It was their FIRST Eid money. Just the thought of not having parents breaks my heart and these kids... have a heart of gold. Their genuine happiness today were my priceless memories. The feeling was a blessing from above. I, Nadia Zahed, pray that Allah bless these kids in health, wealth and happiness always. They deserve a beautiful life just like any of us. Amin."
Nadia Zahed, Degree in Broadcasting, TU



Raya treats from Prof Hassan and dut raya from fellow residents Nadia and Aliff



Blessing and Prayers in progress

Kechara Forest Retreat, Bentong - 6th September 2014



Awesome reflection and sharing sessions via drawings and use of colour

A Kechara Forest Retreat inspired vision to create an authentic holistic lifestyle center where urban folks can go for a get away from the hustle and bustle of hectic city life. We at THM, took our Service Leaders for an opportunity to engage in inviting, fun and wholesome-living nature program. Residents submerged themselves in the energy of rejuvenation and creation through "plant-ing" seeds of their goals and dreams, creating a new tempo and direction to their wholesome living.

Sharing
Going to Kechara forest just one Saturday afternoon impacted my life. Too often we have been ignorant about mother nature and the importance of it, I learnt that even the simplest money plant can purify air and sugar in sevia plant can be extracted for the diabetes patient. I would say I have seen the magical side of mother nature. Even stray animals were brought back and treated and loved unconditionally. I witnessed true kindness and it really touches me. We even got the chance to plant trees, that was really exciting and in the process we received an education with some depth. We were taught to be silent during the initiation of the program, and in that 15 minutes I made a glorious discovery of many sounds and sights, colours of the sky constantly changing, birds chirping, sound of rain water hitting the rooftop, I never noticed all that before, making me and my friends keeping silent for even longer than the required time.

If we are under pressure or sometimes just to fed up with our lives, just take a few minutes to be silent and hear ourselves, because silence is golden and we need to hear our own voice in the business of life. The goal setting is really meaningful although I was sleepy. There was a message that really changed me. I used to always follow what my friends did but I now recognise is not what I want anymore. I realize it's better for me to walk down the path alone then going in what can be a wrong direction for me. Furthermore, setting goals is fun but it comes with responsibility and effort needed to connect it with our Vision. I also discovered that no matter what obstacles we face in the process of achieving our goal, we need to ask ourselves if the outcome is does meet our vision and ultimately if reaching the goal is more important or the obstacle? On our way to achieve our goal, I have learnt that we should not forgo the education and connection to mother nature and our family. That's what I caught.. always remember to be conscious and live consciously for happiness to come from within us.

We bid Adieu to ...

Name : Rikako Fujii
Japanese Tutorial Call Teacher
Nationality : Japanese
Program : IEN programme, TU
From : 19th Feb 2014 to 14th July 2014

5 months came and went so fast. I really felt it was too short as I was having a great time here. Thanks to the staff and residents of U-residence. I appreciate all of you for making my stay great.
Anigotou gozaimasu :)

Rikako Japanese class was an experience I will never forget. It made me feel at home and I was able to share my culture, language and a part of myself during these classes.

Thank you for this precious time spent at U Residence! I hope we will meet again :)

Kind regards,
Rikako FUJII

Name : Sharon Chang Mei Wern
President of Dali Hall
Nationality : Malaysian
Program : MBBS, TU
From : 3rd Dec 2012 to 30th June 2014
Duration : 2 years

Staying in U residence for the last two years have helped build up my character especially my leadership skills as I have been participating in the activities organized by the U Residence team. Service Learning workshops organized in collaboration with GG had been of the greatest help and I would recommend all staying in U Residence to participate, it is indeed a great way to grow and embrace resident life.

Staying in U Residence is like staying in a global world in itself as the students are multinational and we have the chance to interact with all cultures, background and nationality. It helped improve my interpersonal skills, communication skills and build my social network. Being appointed as the leader of my Residence Hall, I am given a chance to grow mentally and emotionally alongside my peers as leaders of residents, gaining time and people management skills, learning what being a leader of influence means to me.

Best regards,
Sharon Chang

Events & Happenings

Launching of Institute Onn Ja'afar (IOJ), 7th September 2014

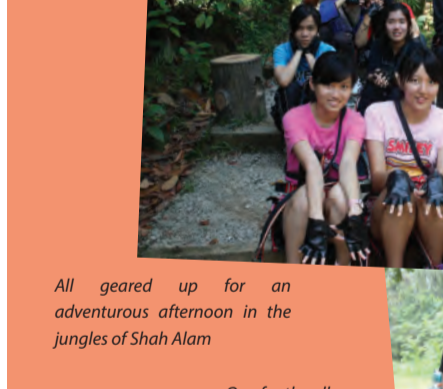
On 7th of September, THM residents attended the official launch of Institute Onn Ja'afar, a newly formed NGO under the patronage of Dato Seri Hishammuddin. The heartfelt messages from the CEO to Dato Seri indeed were an inspiration that we were on the right path introducing a service learning journey to our youth. IOJ's mission to help the poor and vulnerable regardless of race and religious background with a focus to provide humanitarian aid, medical services, free lessons to children through the help of a band of multiracial volunteers globally, beginning in Malaysia.



Residents' selfie moment with Dato Seri Hishammuddin

Camera pic moment with Charles Mohan, CEO of IOJ

Extreme Activity at Skytrex Adventure, Shah Alam - 23rd August 2014



All geared up for an adventurous afternoon in the jungles of Shah Alam



One for the album, obstacles course done!



Instructor briefing on the do's and don't's

The Putrajaya - 14th Tourism Night Floral Parade



Exciting, colourful exhibition brings life to Putrajaya



Residents experiencing the delights of the floral parade...

Amenities @ U Residence

TCAS: Taylor's Hostel Accommodation Online Services

Home: Talk to us:
To submit a Compliment/Complaint/Feedback/Room Change
View your booking info
View Emergency & THM Contact Numbers

Financial: View Payment History
View Statement Accounts

Resident Information: Report on maintenance issues
View notice board
Take part on surveys

Taxis

For Common Pick Up points, do not negotiate with Taxi touts. Any taxi at our pick up points who do not use the meter can be reported to the nearest security guard immediately.

- Simply use "My Teksi" services. You can
- Book a taxi in the Klang Valley, one week in advance.
- Get information about your driver before your ride and estimated cost.

Available via iPhone App Store, Google Play,
Or SMS : SEND TO 36881 Teksi <pick up address>, # Safe of address, # remarks
Or simply google for other taxi's available on call. Be Safe!!

Health Service

Not well, minor injurieshead out to our Health Service centre located at Block C, Level 1, or call 017-2583371 (8am - 6pm), the medical hotline for assistance.

Bus Shuttle

Wasatten Suteru: Further down the road via the shuttle bus (or cabs) is the nearest Mall...the haven for our Residents over the weekend. Just take the bus costing RM1.50 and you're there in 10 mins flat.....and don't forget to take the last bus back by 8pm.....otherwise it's quite a walk. So hey, download the Bus Shuttle Schedule from the Student Portal.

Lost & Found

Locate your lost item, go to

- THM security station (after office hours)
- THM Help Desk (during office hours)
- Uni grounds, proceed to Student Central
- File a lost item report via at Taylor's Student Central Portal

House Master / Mistress Setia Walk
Mr Tay: 012 3457041

Lakeside: Puncak Prima:
Chief H/master : 012 511 7492 Mr Guna: 012 511 7416
Ms Eve: 012 511 7432

My Place & Rajawali: Helpdesk
Yugen: 012 511 7461 UR: 03 5631 4266
TCSJ: 03 5636 2651



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