Residential Education
STRATEGIC PLAN
VISION: A picture of our preferred future

- Residential students flourishing in a diverse community
MISSION: Why we exist/our core purpose

To celebrate, educate & transform residential students toward whole-person, intercultural, and servant-leader development
Values: *what is most important to us*
Cultural/civic engagement
Advocacy
Internationalisation
Equitable partnerships
Strategic education
Authentic relationships
Servant-leader development
Cultural/civic engagement
Strategic education
Empathy
Perspective-taking
Life-long learning
Active Listening
Community development
Empathy
Emotional health
Perspective-taking
Global competencies
Prudent & Creative Risk-taking
Peace & reconciliation
Inclusivity
Strategic education
• **Authentic Relationships** - guarding and establishing cultural and social expectations
• **Advocacy** - considering and meeting the needs of others within and outside one’s community
• **Servant-Leader Development** - holistic interplay and healthy living between personalities, skills, and social strata
• **Intrinsic Motivation** - finding inspiration for performing various actions for the sake of enjoying the activity itself
• **Life-Long Learning** - a desire for a long-term outlook in genuine education
• **Emancipatory Learning** - freeing the learner, teacher, and system to construct new ways of learning that benefits every person
• **Prudent and Creative Risk-Taking** - the courage, wisdom, and output in making culturally long-distance connections between peoples and ideas

• **Internationalisation** - infusing international and/or intercultural dimensions within every sphere of the mission, teaching, research, and services of tertiary education*
• **Cultural/Civic Engagement** - properly using knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to identify and address issues of public concern
• **Strategic Education** - processing objectives in learning from concept to action to societal change
• **Process-Orientation** - emphases on the journey and finding best possible ways in achieving goals
• **Active Listening** - seeking to holistically and fully understand, appropriately respond, and retain
• **Individualization** - the wonder, discovery, and implementation of the unique qualities of individuals

• **Equitable Partnerships** - building bonds between individuals and communities to create more just, right, reasonable treatment of local and global citizens
• **Stories** - the diversity of ways in which lives interact
• **Dialogue and Dialectical Discourse** - the mutual desire to establish truth between various points of view through active listening and mutuality
• **Healthy Teams** - building communities that journey towards the 6 Dimensions of Wellness***
• **Open-Ended Inquiry** - the desire to be conversational and relational without only seeking to arrive at answers or solutions
• **Local- and Global-Mindedness** - dynamic interfacing and advocacy between disparate cultures
• **Global Competencies** - the acquisition of in-depth knowledge and understanding of international issues, and an appreciation of and ability to learn and work with people from diverse cultural backgrounds**

*Adapted from NAFSA’s and American Council on Education’s “Mapping Campus Internationalization”, 2008.
***from [http://www.polyu.edu.hk/stars/about-stars/6dimensions.html](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/stars/about-stars/6dimensions.html)
• **Community Development** - members collaborating in finding solutions and new processes to common problems
• **Transformative Learning** - a process of examining, questioning, validating, and revising our perspectives
• **Inclusivity** - the intention and gradual systemic change towards including those historically excluded and marginalized
• **Emotional Health** - an increasing sense of well-being enabling individuals and communities to be able to function in society and meet the demands of everyday life
• **Seeking Common Ground** - building mutual trust and relationships in the midst of diversity
• **Peace and Reconciliation** - the search for truth, justice, forgiveness, and genuine accommodation between historically disparate or conflicting groups

• **Social Justice & Change** - holistically engaging the often marginalized communities and ways of understanding each other
• **Multicultural Development** - the process of increasing justice, fairness, and advocacy between historically disparate cultures
• **Mentoring/Coaching** - one-on-one remedies for various servant-leadership deficits and lack of specific skills within communities
• **Long-Term Perspectives** - diligence in thinking about futures and from the future towards empowerment of various communities
• **Active Curiosity and Discovery** - igniting and empowering the desire to learn in a myriad of ways

• **Principled Integration** - building healthy relationships between culturally disparate individuals and communities while elevating unique elements in them
• **Perspective-Taking** - the willingness to change and enlarge one’s “comfort zones”
• **Empathy** - being appropriately affected by others’ emotions
• **Mutuality** - a desire to learn and grow together in increasingly horizontalized manner
• **Intercultural Development** - increasing engagement between communities of different ethnicities, gender, and socio-economic strata
• **Critical Self-Reflection** - exploration and development of alternative (new) ways of thinking and behaving
• **Open-Mindedness** - the humility to continue to change for the betterment of self and others

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SCOPE: Whom we seek to influence

- The ResEd Team under the Office of Student Resources and Residential Life offers innovative and supports existing:
  - Educational programs
  - Mentorship
  - Coaching

in whole-person, intercultural, and servant-leadership development for undergraduate and post-graduate residential students, and tutors, in collaboration with wardens at PolyU
Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) & Program Objectives (POs)

- **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs):** *What we want students to learn (i.e. awareness, attitudes, skills)*
  - What should they cognitively articulate?
    - Knowledge; *noticia/logos*
  - What should they demonstrate ownership of?
    - Feeling; *fiducia/pathos*
  - What should they practice and take responsibility for?
    - Skills and character attributes achieved and/or action items; *assentia/ethos*

- **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES (POs):** *What we generally do to fulfill our mission (beginning on slide 51)*
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<td><strong>Facets of the Whole Person:</strong> Sees the differences between individuals, communities, and perspectives, opting for emphases on commonalities in ethnic, gender, and socio-economic terms (i.e. “deep down we’re all the same”)</td>
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<td><strong>Facets of the Whole Person:</strong> Minimizes differences between individuals, communities, and perspectives, and recognizes appreciation of cultural differences in behavior and values; accepts cultural differences as viable alternative solutions; demonstrates beginning ability to interpret phenomena within context. Categories of difference are consciously elaborated.*</td>
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Source: Integrated Plan for Fostering the Development of the Desired Graduate Attributes at PolyU 2012-15
### SLO: Intercultural Competencies

| Self-Awareness                                                                 | • Explain the particularities of one’s own cultural behaviors, attitudes, beliefs, mores, and practices; how one’s culture(s) and experiences have shaped their values, how to identify and respond to cultural tendencies/biases, and how to integrate one’s culture(s) in healthy ways within multicultural communities  
|                                                                                 | • Demonstrates the skill of assessing the impact of one’s own expectations, assumptions, judgments  
|                                                                                 | • Demonstrates the skill of personal adjustment in beliefs, attitudes, and cultural practice as a result of living and learning from many cultural particularities (multicultural environment)  
|                                                                                 | • Demonstrates the ability to articulate one’s evolving cultural identity (identities) and how it (they) relate to significant and even conflicting global and cultural issues |
| Empathy, Understanding, and Perspective-Taking                                | • Demonstrates the ability to listen to, be influenced by, and be affirming towards the feelings of another cultural community, and the ability to articulate experiences from the perspectives of one’s own culture(s), as well as the perspectives of more than one culture |
| Intercultural Communication                                                   | • Able to honorably negotiate shared meaning in the midst of complex cultural differences of verbal and non-verbal communication that can be increasingly articulated and interpreted |
| Curiosity and Openness                                                        | • Demonstrates increased involvement with the culturally other, consistently asks complex questions about other cultures, and constructs answers that reflect more than one cultural perspective |
| Cultural Schemas                                                             | • Articulates with increasing complexity the understanding of the values of various cultures, and their histories, politics, communication styles, beliefs, economics, practices, and social structures |
| Cultural Diversity (Multiculture)                                            | • Able to positively apply and formulate insight into multiple worldviews, experiences, hierarchies, while constructing shared meaning with individuals/groups of other cultures to engage global and social problems  
|                                                                                 | • Recognizes the marginal cultural voices in a multicultural community, and expresses the need for equitable interaction and the resolution of challenges  
|                                                                                 | • Begins to articulate and examine systemic and institutional challenges within a multicultural environment and in multicultural dynamics |
| Social Responsibility within Local and Global Contexts                       | • Applies developing insights from historical and contemporary contexts of human institutions, organizations and activity in various local and global systems in order to appropriately address complex challenges in the human and natural world  
|                                                                                 | • Applies developing intercultural skills to address complex local and global challenges using different cultural perspectives |
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<td>Communicates more answers than questions, as curiosity and openness are constrained by reliance on cultural superficiality</td>
<td>Increase cultural competence does not hinder curiosity and openness, but rather increases them through increased intentional perspective-taking and dialogue</td>
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<td>Little curiosity and openness to the perspectives of the culturally “other”, usually motivated by exaggeration of positive aspects of existing cultural worldview compared to others</td>
<td>Consistently asks complex questions about other cultures, and constructs answers that reflect more than one cultural perspective</td>
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<td>Cultural Diversity (Global)</td>
<td>Tends to generalize about one’s cultural particularities, and be simplistic about differing in different cultures, while emphasizing commonalities and minimizing differences of self</td>
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  • Provides service and helps to team members on their terms, while offering genuine encouragement |
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  • Articulates social and environmental challenges in local and global systems, and can analyze various services and helps, while responding responsibly to meet those challenges |
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| • Recognizes and demonstrates grasp of cultural complexities with regard to particular histories, values, politics, communication styles, beliefs, mores, and socio-economics  
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**Example Program: Welcoming Orientation Reception**

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Developing Competencies within each Stage*:

**Whole Person Competency:** Development of Holistic Decision-Making

Developing Competencies within each Stage*:

**Intercultural Competency:** Development of Intercultural Sensitivity

Developing Competencies within each Stage*:

**Servant-Leader Competency:** Development of Service and Leadership

Developing Competencies: Denial

Developmental Task:
- To recognize the existence of holistic choices (Whole-Person), cultural differences (Intercultural), and servant-leadership values (Servant-Leadership)

Challenge and Support:
- Learners experience of choice, difference, and values: High Challenge
- Educators should emphasize: High Support
### To Support the Learners:

#### Content:
- **“Objective” Healthy Choices**: Food, Rest, Exercise, Recreation, Work, Academics, Looking for others’ best interests, Community, Healthy Communication
- **“Objective” Culture**: Food, Fabric, Festival (i.e. art, music, literature, theatre, dance), Symbols, Holidays and Heroes
- **“Objective” Servant-Leader Values**: Ethics/Morals, Listening, Followership, Teams, Responsibility, Identity

#### Process:
- Illustrate ideas with user-friendly activities
- Embed choices, differences, and values in non-threatening contexts
- Promote an inclusive, non-blaming climate
- Address learner anxieties in existing categories, but limit time
- Build on what they already know
To Challenge the Learners:

Content:
- **Subjective Healthy Choices**: “Comfort” foods vs. “Healthy” foods
- **Subjective Culture**: A constructive vision of selected values, beliefs, and behaviors
- **Intercultural interaction**
- **Subjective Servant-Leader Values**: Selected qualities, constructive vision of servant-leadership

Process:
- Arouse curiosity
- Facilitate structured contact with holistic decision-makers, other cultures, and servant-leaders through films, panel presentations, PowerPoint presentations, etc.
- **Stage-Appropriate Decision-Making, Intercultural, and Service Leadership Skills**:
  - The ability to gather appropriate information about specific choices, culture, and opportunities for service/leadership
  - The initiative to explore aspects of subjective choices, culture, and servant-leadership
  - Trust, friendliness, cooperation
  - The ability to recognize choices, difference, and values
Developing Competencies: Defense

- **Developmental Task:** Lessen polarization by accentuating similarities in holistic personal and community habits (whole-person), common humanity (intercultural), and positive virtues of service and leadership

- **Challenge and Support:**
  - Learners experience of choice, difference, and values: Maximum Challenge
  - Educators should emphasize: Maximum Support
To Support the Learners:

Content:

Universality of healthy habits (individual and community)
- Existing personal and community responsibilities
- Motivate by highlighting beneficial examples of whole-person identity

Universality of ethnocentrism
- Existing (but previously unaddressed) differences within the in-group (such as learning styles, personality type, etc.)
- Addressing the emotional aspects of difference

Universality of 6 Dimensions of Wellness
- Existing value of teams and working with the “other”
- Motivate by highlighting inspirational examples of servant-leaders

Process:
- Avoid wide range of personal choices (whole-person), cultural contrasts (intercultural), and value contrasts (servant-leader)
- Provide reassurance and information about positive choices (whole-person), similarities (intercultural), and positive values (servant-leader)
- Allow structured opportunities to share concerns
- Focus curiosity on individual choices (whole-person), culture of their own group (intercultural), and personal ethics and values (servant-leader)
- Promote cooperative activities
To Challenge the Learners:

Content:
- Personal, social, intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual, and occupational contexts
- Commonalities, including shared needs and goals, between the personal and community
- Historical contexts (wars, slavery, colonization, etc.)
- Commonalities, including shared needs and goals, between in-group and out-group
- Team, ethical, lifestyle, public, cultural contexts
- Commonalities, including shared needs and goals, between the personal and community

Process:
- Stress conflict mediation (within one-self and between others) and team-building
- Identify existing/transferable skills at dealing with choices (whole-person), difference (intercultural), and values (servant-leader)
- Promote cooperative activities
- Stage-Appropriate Decision-Making, Intercultural, and Servant-Leader Skills:
  - The discipline to maintain personal self-control (whole-person and servant-leader), personal control (intercultural),
  - The ability to manage anxiety
  - Tolerance
  - Patience
Developing Competencies: Minimization

- **Developmental Task:** Develop holistic, cultural, and servant-leader self-awareness
- **Challenge and Support:**
  - Learners experience of choice, difference, and value: Moderate Challenge
  - Educators should emphasize: Moderate Support
To Support the Learners:

Content:
- Concepts and definitions of holistic individuality and community, culture, race, ethnicity stereotypes, and generalizations, world view, perception; well-being, civic responsibility, environmental care

Process:
- Avoid excessive stress on healthy and unhealthy contrasts, cultural contrasts, and leadership/followership contrasts
To Challenge the Learners:

Content:
- Categories and frameworks for understanding their own self-care, health, relationship to communities, academic journey, professional outlook, culture, values, beliefs
- Dominant cultural privilege (socio-economic stratas), concepts of perceived societal forms of “beauty”, conceptualizing “pitfalls” of leaders
- Using authentic materials (advertising, media, etc.) from their own groups, culture

Process:
- Facilitate contact with comprehensive (whole-person), ethnorelative (intercultural), and communal-centric (servant-leader) resource person
- Structure opportunities for choice- (whole-person), difference- (intercultural), and value- (servant-leader) seeking
- Focus primarily on decision-making, cultural, and service-leadership self-awareness
- Use selected and trained comprehensive, ethnorelative, and communal-centric resource person
- Build on positive affect to motivate further explanation
- Stage-Appropriate Decision-Making, Intercultural, and Servant-Leader Skills:
  - Whole-person, cultural, and servant-leader general knowledge
  - Open-mindedness
  - Knowledge of their own decision-making, culture, and service leadership
  - Listening skills
  - The ability to perceive others accurately
  - The ability to maintain a nonjudgmental interaction posture
Developing Competencies: Acceptance

- **Developmental Task:** Refine analysis of decision-making (whole-person), cultural, and servant-leader contrasts

- **Challenge and Support:**
  - Learners experience of choice, difference, and value: Low Challenge
  - Educators should emphasize: Moderate Challenge
To Support the Learners:

Content:
- More complex subjective decision-making, cultural, and value differences including analysis
- Elaboration of categories for contrasts and comparison
- Relationship between cognitive and communication styles

Process:
- Make the variety of holistic decision-making, cultures, values the focus while deepening self-awareness
- Prepare learners for frame-of-reference shifting
To Challenge the Learners:

Content:
- The appropriate use of culture-general (etic) and culture-specific (emic) categories
- Issues of cultural relativity, distinguishing it from moral or ethical relativity
- Using authentic materials (advertising, media, etc.) from their own groups, culture
- Help to create categories towards personal goals in healthy choices and servant-leadership

Process:
- Build on enthusiasm and positivity for “choice-, difference-, value-seeking” to promote examination of more profound concepts and contrasts
- Provide guided experiential learning opportunities such as ethical and team situations, personal (physical) training, homestays, simulations, and role plays requiring intercultural and servant-leader empathy
- Stage-Appropriate Decision-Making, Intercultural, and Servant-Leader Skills:
  - Whole-person specific knowledge
  - Cognitive flexibility
  - Knowledge of the “other”
  - Contextual knowledge
  - Respect for others’ values, beliefs, ways of maintaining health
  - Tolerance of ambiguity
Developing Competencies: Adaptation

- Developmental Task: Develop frame-of-reference shifting skills
- Challenge and Support:
  - Learners experience of choice, difference, and value: Low Challenge
  - Educators should emphasize: High Challenge
To Support the Learners:

Content:
- Models of transition “shock” and adaptation (in-depth teaching from whole-person developers, intercultural developers, and servant-leader developers who have “lived through it”)
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Process:
- Facilitate opportunities for learners to practice behavior in known contexts and communities
- Use trained comprehensive, ethnorelative, and communal-centric informants in less structured activities (small groups, case studies, etc.)
- Prepare learners to learn autonomously (use of informants above, research strategies, etc.)
To Challenge the Learners:

Content:
- Decision-making, cultural, and value identity development (healthy whole-person, ethnic identity, intercultural sensitivity, servant-leader models)
- Re-entry

Process:
- Provide opportunities to interact in previously unexplored decision-making, cultural, and servant-leader contexts
- Address deeper anxiety issues (e.g. “internal transition shock”, identity conflicts, etc.)
- Stage-Appropriate Decision-Making, Intercultural, and Servant-Leader Skills:
  - Empathy
  - Risk-taking skills
  - Problem-solving skills
  - Interaction management skills
  - Flexibility
Developing Competencies: Integration

- **Developmental Task:** Resolve the whole-person, multicultural, servant-leader identity

- **Challenge and Support:**
  - Learners experience of choice, difference, and value: Low Challenge
  - Educators should emphasize: High Challenge
To Support the Learners:

Content:
- Theoretical framework for constructing a whole-person, multicultural, and servant-leader identity

Process:
- Create opportunities for marginal peer group interaction
- Provide options for marginals to serve as resource persons (who have processed well)
- Model constructive marginality (where process is ongoing)
To Challenge the Learners:

Content:
- Cultural, whole-person, servant-leader mediation models
- Modes of whole-person, multicultural, and servant-leader self and society
- Models of ethical development

Process:
- Promote a view of self-as-process (decision-making, multicultural, and servant-leader)
- Encourage commitments and boundary setting
- Discuss strategies for whole-person, cultural, and servant-leader identity construction
- Stage-Appropriate Decision-Making, Intercultural, and Servant-Leader Skills:
  - Culturally intelligent sense of humor
  - Ability to create new categories
  - Role flexibility
  - Identity flexibility

Integration
Program Objectives (PO)

- Celebration
- Education
- Transformation
Celebration

1. Demonstrate value of cultural particularities through tangible programs to honor and promote various ethnic, gender, interest, and affinity groups in the residences (i.e. LLCs, Hall Associations, Homantin Hall groups, etc.

2. Increase satisfaction, motivation, and willingness among residential students to participate in various “entry-level” cultural, servant-leader, and whole-person learning activities
Education

3. Practically support ongoing and selected educational activities, the wardens associated with them, the convening tutors, hall participants, and hall association members

4. Design, manage, and sustain innovative learning activities, events, seminars, workshops, programs, symposiums, projects, excursions, and departmental collaborative initiatives for various residential communities
Transformation

5. Intentionally influence tutors, wardens, and student leaders through teaching, learning activities, mentorship, coaching - through whole-person, intercultural, and servant-leader development relevant events in order to influence their respective halls/residences

6. Refine existing and re-create more meaningful, holistic, and sustainable educational programs relevant to various residential communities
Questions

- Where do these programs lead us to?
- How do we practically develop competencies within each stage?
- How can the wardens contribute towards developing competencies?
- What is an innovative program in ResEd that would be different from what was done previously?
- How do we sustain necessary existing programs?
- What/who do we bring in (i.e. outsourced partners) and bring out (from internal residents and strengths) in order to extend programs?
Program Objectives of Event (from slides 52-54):
Target: 130 Inbound Int'l Exchange Students and 15 Local Helpers (HA members; HMT hall)

- #1 - "honoring" and "promoting" HA's, while doing the same for HK local cultures around Hung Hom
- #2 - an "entry-level" servant-leader and intercultural learning activity
- #4 - an "innovative learning activity" and "workshop"
- #5 - "influencing" HA Members through intercultural and servant-leader development
- #6 - "re-creating" a sort-of Language Cafe event
Survival Cantonese cont’d
Goals of Event in accordance with SLO’s (from slides 11, 15, 19)

Residential Students will (using Bloom’s Taxonomy of Measurable Verbs to Indicate Measured Active Learning Objectives):

» a. **Demonstrate** an "entry-level" interest in inclusion and engagement with the culturally "other" through language learning, local student coaching, friendly competition, and engagement with local vendors.

» b. **Identify** common Cantonese phrases useful and relevant to their stay in HK as exchange students.

» c. Begin to **construct** shared meaning in verbally communicating across cultural boundaries.

» d. **Practice** newly acquired Cantonese words not only for language retention, but for experimenting various foods and vendors in the Hung Hom area.

» e. Be **employed** in various cross-cultural teams in order to **assist** each other communicate cross-culturally.

» f. Be able to **express** various "entry-level" cultural differences (i.e. "That's different than how I would say it in my home country!") through the process of Cantonese learning and competition, while **affirming** those differences in celebratory ways.

» g. Begin to **construct** personal roles and responsibilities in **creating** culturally inclusive communities.
Survival Cantonese cont’d
Programs within Event (with corresponding goals)

- Forming table group language teams (a, b, c, d, e, f)
- Introductions (g)
- Be instructed in a few relevant phrases and words in Cantonese (b, d, f)
- Be instructed on process and objectives of Amazing Race competition (a)
- Send teams out in various directions to try foods, try to engage in conversations (a, b, c, d, e, f, g)
- Have teams return to evaluate results of Cantonese usage and to have refreshments (a, f)
- Winning teams and HA Helpers have privilege of receiving CNY dim sum lunch on 7th Feb. where Cantonese practice and cross-cultural interaction will continue (a, b, c, d, f, g)
Less is More

- Fewer activities and fewer tasks for both wardens and tutors
- More involvement, more in-depth relationships, more collaboration
- ResEd hopes to partner with the Wardens in this way
- Identify students who are willing to grow in these competencies during the event as you talk to students
  - 2-10 students that you talk to that are very open
- Once every other week meal with students that are identified (wardens, tutors, ResEd) - would have had 5-7 lunches with them in a year
- Provide training and resources for mentorship and ways to move from one stage to the next
- RSL (Residential Student Leadership) - future leadership programs, and these are the core students who are moving along and who will spearhead and be leaders in the hall
Another “layer” of residential leadership

Students who are developing competencies within their given stage

They are students who have been participants of various events and have shown promise and willingness to grow and develop

Also may be part of Warden’s or tutor mentorship programs

Students will be readily identifiable
Example of RSL students:
2 local students from LS who participated in Survival Cantonese Workshop

- Moving from “defense” to “minimization” stage or “minimization” to “acceptance”
- Hope is they will be part of on-going events, future RSL students
- We need another layer of residential leadership
- Warden/tutor/ResEd have meals with them (mentorship)
- ResEd will train and equip mentors on how to ask right questions
- They will serve as resources for incoming residential students
We asked a student from Homantin Hall’s Orange Hall to check how many of the competencies were met according to their experience with hall life

Conclusions based on an in-person interview:

- Students motivated by food, fun and friends
- Would like to see more people participate in activities
- Main appeal for students is fun and enjoyment
- Desire to live in the hall again does motivate
- Learned teamwork and intercultural communication
- Would like to see greater friendships develop in the halls because it’s hard to get to know one another
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Current Framework of Development

- Recreation/Well-being
  - Social engagement
  - Valuable experiences
- Teamwork
  - Management skills
- New Knowledge
Future Learning Outcomes
How is less more? Examples of Programs

Yellow Hall (HMT)
Cooking Competition Event

Green Cooking Competition

Green Hall (HMT)  Green Cooking with Green Green Hall Community (LLC)
How is less more? Examples of Programs

- An expert of environmental responsibility can come and present many things
- **Demonstrate** cross-collaboration and synergy among groups across halls with same passions and interests
- **Create** and spark innovative ideas and empower students to raise awareness for environmental responsibility
- **Identify** student leaders who are passionate about this topic and **initiate** mentoring relationships

Green Cooking Competition
Less is more with existing HH Hall Programs

- Take winners of various competitions and do something together that they enjoy and is educational
  - Ex: Inter-hall Soccer competition team winners will have a chance to compete with “All Black” soccer team, a professional refugee team

- Hall Festival presentations
  - Find other ways for presentations or performances to be shared on other platforms and create opportunities to further develop students who are part of them

- Follow up and connect Noir Challenge participants with opportunities for the Limitless Campaign or to partner with Ebenezer in other ways

- Students who attend Ming Gor’s talk can participate in his volunteer program + debriefing session

- Tug of War - develop educational session on the history and details of the game + competition

** All are opportunities to build relationships for mentorship as students, Wardens, tutors, & ResEd team interact
“House of Intercultural Living and Learning”: A Character & Virtue Development Residential Project
HKPU Student Resources and Residential Life

- **Beginning:** Sem 1, 2017
- **# of Students:** 54 (27 males, 27 females) undergraduates in year 2 (perhaps a few in year 3)
- **Locals/Non-Locals:** 60/40
- **Structure:** One 9-person suite per hall in Homantin Student Halls of Residence
- **Supervision:** Residential Life Manager, 1 male and 1 female officers/advisors, 2 tutors
- **Leadership:** Residential Life Manager, ResEd Team
- **Application:** Online application; SRRL scholarships, wardens’ referral
- **Selection Process:** Residential Life Manager and ResEd Team, Head of SRRL, wardens’ referral
- **Funding:** SRRL and possible external source
- **Programming:** Residential Life Manager and ResEd Team - dialogical activities, events, excursions, seminars, group discussions, workshops learning activities, symposiums, projects, and departmental collaborative initiatives promoting whole-person, servant-leadership, and intercultural development
Philosophy/Rationale

This Character & Virtue Development Project will partially fulfill University Learning Outcomes (Annex 1, Learning Outcomes for PolyU Graduates at Undergraduate Degree Level: Policy and Guidelines, June 2012) to create a year-long residential program for both local and non-local students. The purpose is to increase whole-person, intercultural, and servant-leader competencies and education of the University through a pilot project of living and learning. Successful graduates of Year 1 of this Project will enter into 2 additional years of hall service and leadership while receiving advanced training. Programs will consist of mentoring, discussions, cultural exchanges, global development, and extensive programming. The hope is that this living and learning program will expand into multiple halls and will create various cultural and educational opportunities for the entire University, while producing student leaders who can help to transform the learning experiences of PolyU residential students and beyond.
Outline/Prospectus of Initial Proposal

- Templeton World Charity Foundation
- Basic Information:
- Name of P.I.: Ivan Chung
- Name of Organisation: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)
- Project Title: “A Character & Virtue Residential Programme”
- Project Duration: 3 years
- Total Cost of Project: $205,000 USD
- Amount request from TWCF: $205,000 USD
- Project Start Date: Fall Semester, 2017, first week of September
- Project End Date: Summer of 2020
Project Summary

- A “pilot” residential programme at PolyU that would offer undergraduate students, mostly in their 1st and 2nd year of university, a co-curricular, non-formal Transformative Learning (Mezirow’s TL) experience, specifically in areas of 1) whole-person competencies, 2) intercultural competencies and 3) servant-leader competencies.

- Unique and new living and learning community Programme for Hong Kong (HK) students based on history, university curricular and residential (co-curricular) systems, teaching/learning patterns, student backgrounds, local/non-local dynamics, attempts at internationalisation (U.S./Canadian/European definitions), holistic learning, non-formal servant-leadership development.
Project Aims

- Given the students personal development and family backgrounds in secondary school age, can holistic, non-formal educational teaching/learning have success?
- Can local/non-local integration be a success given the political climate in HK?
- Can the undergraduate student learn humility, patience, altruism, creativity, curiosity, and better ways to learn given the extreme consumeristic climate in HK?
- Can HK students develop holistically as servant-leaders in their respective fields?
- Can graduates of year 1 of this Programme be successful in diverse co-curricular Programmes of the residences and University?
- Can this Programme multiply and become replicable throughout given the University residential system?
- Can these students, mostly studying the hard sciences and business contribute to a Transformative Learning Community, exemplifying critical self-reflection, inclusivity, open-mindedness, emotional ability to change, authentic intercultural relationships, active/reflective listening, and intrinsic motivation for learning?
- The Aim of this Project is to produce the most transformed learners in HK who are in process of developing intercultural/global competencies, servant-leadership competencies, and whole-person competencies
Project Activities

- Bi-weekly (2x/week) gatherings for instruction, discussion, dialogical activities, and excursions for year 1 students
- Ongoing coaching within a living and learning environment - 24/7
- Reflective journals throughout both semesters, and throughout both follow-up years in the residences (years 2 and 3)
- Advanced servant-leadership, intercultural, whole-person activities for year 1 graduates of this Programme, and placement in a diversity of co-curricular leadership and residential positions within University
- Continued advanced residential activities (same as above) and seminars for year 2 graduates of this Programme, especially in areas of vocational servant-leadership
Anticipated Outputs

- Webpage and University publishable materials on learning philosophy, methodologies, etc.
- Conference presentations at HKU’s Conference on “Learning Beyond the Classroom”
- Identification of successful 1st year graduates in this Programme for entering various student leadership positions and capacities
- Successful graduates of this Programme to be recognized in University for tutorship and research in areas of Programme
- Multiplication of leadership in residences for sake of wardens and future residential life programmes
Anticipated Outcomes

- Students at the end of their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years will enter a Transformative Learning Rubric Assessment, with staff assessing students’ development in areas of competencies listed above.

- Students can record Transformative Learning Successes and Achievements in e-portfolio, beginning year 1 (for scholarship committees, graduate schools, employers, etc.)

- Measurable social changes pertaining to student activities, relationships, creativity, and choice of engagement based on their learning experience in this Project.
Enduring Impact

- Systemic change in University co-curricular learning beyond the classroom. If “Pilot” Programme is successful, there will be more funding for residential education personnel and programmes, as well as re-adjusted wardens’ roles.

- Graduates of this 3-year Programme will document via e-portfolio the breadth of their experiences for future employers, the University itself.
Relation to TWCF Aims

- This is a “Pilot” Programme, or Project, that has great potential to transform students to become more open-minded, and to become more receptive to new ideas and cultures. The potential perspective change in this process of Transformative Learning will develop a new generation of Hong Kong students, both locals and non-locals, resulting in concrete learning dimensions that hopes to become pervasive throughout the University and HK.

- This kind of character and virtue development is sorely needed in a pervasively consumeristic urban HK culture, of which is already producing the most consumeristic secondary students. The hope of this Project is that tertiary students could experience a whole new set of ideals, teaching, coaching, and learning experiences that would transform HK societies.
Personnel

- P.I.: Ivan Chung, Residential Life Manager, Residential Education, Student Resources and Residential Life, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
  - Ivan Chung is currently the Residential Life Manager at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University where he directs all the Residential Education Programs for 5,000 residential undergraduate and graduate students. He and his family moved to Hong Kong in July, 2016. Previously, he was the Director of International Students and an Adjunct Instructor in the Cook School of Intercultural Studies at Biola University, where he taught cross-cultural leadership, education, and communication. Prior to coming to Biola, he was working in various NGOs in Milwaukee, Houston, Chicago, and New York City. He is currently involved in leadership, university planting, and reconciliation initiatives in post-genocide areas of east Africa with TLAfrica, Inc., and educational movements in urban Brasil. His passion is for global/local multiethnic urban education, as well as reconciliation and partnerships among culturally disparate communities.

- Dr. Erica Yi, Assistant Officer, Residential Education, Student Resources and Residential Life, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- Christopher Hor, Senior Advisor, Residential Education, Student Resources and Residential Life, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- Additional Personnel needed:
  - Full-time Residential Staff (Officers): 2 additional staff (1 male, 1 female) not funded by University; total of 4 Residential Officers (2 male, 2 female) engaged in Programme. They serve as coaches, speakers, instructors, and facilitators in Programme.
Additional Information

- Only The Hong Kong Polytechnic University will be the Organisation involved, and will need their full support of this potential Funding, as well as their already verbal approval of this Pilot Programme. There will be many roles in partnership of this Programme, including Wardens, Tutors, and other Residential Administrative Staff.

- Staff contact: Dr. Bethany Sollereder; I attended information sessions at City University of Hong Kong, and University of Hong Kong (HKU), 1 and 5 of Dec., 2016, respectively. My colleagues at the HKU Faith & Science Collaboration were recipients of JTF, with whom I have discussed this as well.

- No Classroom Teaching as such

- No need for Travel and Lodging as such
Example: Sustainability as an ideas platform for critical thinking and transformative action

- Articulate and informed conversations
- Evaluate with multi-disciplinary approach
- Integrate social/economic/ecological perspectives
- Think across cultural boundaries
- Ideate, structure & test potential solutions
- Evaluation with multi-disciplinary approach
University of Macau Residential College

- 4 in 1 education model and Residential Colleges (RCs) are implemented for all entering undergraduate students
- Primary platform for the “Community and Peer Education” (CPE)
- Had 8 RCs and have potentially 10 by 2016/2017
- Carry out lectures, projects, exchanges, activities
- Students receive annual assessment and a 4-year cumulative grade
- Undergraduate students must fulfill satisfactory performance in RC and CPE to graduate

- Competencies
  - Healthy living
  - Interpersonal relations and teamwork
  - Leadership and service
  - Cultural Engagement
  - Citizenship with global perspectives
Findings on correlation with RC experiences

- Major findings:
  - Students with RC experience generally have higher GPAs
  - Improvement of GPAs is better for students with RC experience
  - The above observations are more pronounced for local students
  - Improvement of low-performance students is much greater for RC students
  - Much improved sports achievements can be correlated to RC experience
  - RC experience benefits to academic improvement of student athletes
  - Significantly reduced counselling cases can be attributed to RC advising
Ridge View Residential College (RVRC)

- Ridge View Residential College (RVRC) is a living-learning experience aimed at cultivating students who are intellectually inquisitive, future-ready, and value-centric. RVRC is exclusive to Year One students from the Faculty of Engineering (FOE), Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), Faculty of Science (FOS), School of Computing (SOC), and School of Design & Environment (SDE).

- The RVRC Year One experience is one that instills, at the start of the students’ university experience, values and qualities contributing to their overall development as undergraduates - academically, personally, and professionally - with close engagement with the industry.
Areas of Emphasis

- **Mission:** to address new needs in the academic + social + personal domains
- **Programme addresses:**
  - Intellectual inquiry
  - Social, personal and interpersonal competence
  - Inner resilience
  - Confidence & Agility
- **Piecing together diverse components - academic & co-academic**
  - Academic activities - interdisciplinary approach, integrated
  - Industry Collaboration - mentorship, sustained & regular interaction, attachment/internship
  - Co-academic Activities - personal effectiveness, team spirit, community awareness and engagement
Co-academic activities

- Value-centric community through experiential learning
  - Optimization of residential experience through cultivation of shared values - creating social awareness and building competency in inter-cultural interaction
  - Meaningful interaction among students and residential faculty in both formal and informal contexts
- Student-led activities
  - Different educational platforms, avenues, opportunities, and spaces for the creation of a residential community
- Community engagement (service from the heart)
- Inter-college games (active participation)
- Industry visits (engagement from networking)
- Industry dialogue (engagement for exploring)
Additional Considerations
Empowering Tutors

- Skills in team building in the halls
- Mediation
- Summer Training (7-11 Aug, 2017)
- Assessing students and themselves
  - Help wardens how to assess students within this strategic plan
- Local and non-local informants
  - Need to train them interculturally
- Tutors will continue to do event-planning, but with fewer events
  - Their work will be just as relational as Wardens
- 4x a year during academic year and longer training in the summer
Living & Learning Communities

- The hub of student creativity, innovation, leader development with ResEd oversight
- Interest groups that consist of residents from both halls
- Retreats and training by ResEd
- Warden sponsorship
- Pilot hall creative hubs
Existing HH Hall Programs

- Sports & Cultural events
  - Continued support, but functionally, students and conveners will do it
  - Cultural events need a lot more coordination with 2 Warden sponsors (ResEd will help more with things like Singing Contest, Hall Festival, etc.)

- Assessment of Hall Experiences
  - Will change the criteria
Begin to re-examine events in light of this strategic plan
  ▶ ResEd team and Wardens will continue doing things now
  ▶ Meet with ResEd to talk about programs and discuss possibilities
  ▶ Fewer programs, but more deeper programs

Identify Wardens’ contributions to pilot hall program (HILL)

Identify future RSL’s

Wardens will work with Professor Mok to determine what the future requirements may be

Identify individual hall needs and work into our existing programs

Host student perspective sessions to share and sell the idea of the strategic plan to students
Semester 2 ResEd considerations in preparation for strategic plan

*already planned or completed

- One Belt, One Road seminar
- Survival Cantonese workshops
- Tutor internationalisation training
- International exchange student Cantonese learning & local interaction
- Chinese New Year Excursion
- Living & Learning Communities Retreat & Training
- Local and non-local student scholarship building/coaching
- ResEd & warden strategic planning meetings (i.e. pilot program, HMT & HH program development)
- Specific EXCELL courses to be integrated in future hall programs
- Disabilities Awareness programs in the halls
**Timeline**

**Phase I**
- Preparations
  - Aug 2017

**Phase II**
- Slides 91-96
  - Start of:
    1) Pilot project
    2) Mentor groups (wardens, tutors)
    3) 2 fewer HMT events per sem & 2 “tweaked HMT events”
    4) Tutor training
- May 2018
- Summer training period
- Aug 2018

**Phase III**
- May 2019
- Year 2 of Pilot Project:
  - 54 graduates in “servant leader” positions - continued coaching of these RSL students
Tutor Feedback
Appreciative Inquiry

- Capitalizing on the positives
- Question: What do we want more of? What are the essentials?
- What are the best parts of your job? Most enjoyable/pleased as it relates with students directly?
  - Group of ~5 local students who shared common interests and then we got really close; they came to celebrate birthday and friendship continued after they graduated (started with Bridge game)
  - Organizing events that I really care about as opposed to ones I don’t care about
  - Organizing signature events because I get to know students and their talents and to get to know their lives; students could know each other; hall visits; on-going interactions
  - Soccer competition - was team manager and it helped me to build close relationships with local students; mobilize students and get them excited
  - Monthly room visits and parties
  - Make friends with hallmates and build interpersonal relationships (room visits haven’t been as frequent though)
  - When hall events go beyond your own hall - collaboration & cooperation w/ other tutors, halls; mix and mingle new people
Best parts cont’d:

- Photo competition- have students discover what they have within residential life; finding out what they really value (i.e. concept of “home”)
- Connecting with a student and later on they come back to you and show their gratitude; reciprocation
- When you assign them a responsibility, to see whether they’re developing or not - trying to combine different students together to learn from each other; developing integrative process

Common theme: interaction, building relationships
Personal Stories

- **LIFE GIVING FORCES (LGF)**
  - At the early stage of Talent Quest, only received a few applications, needed to seek help for promotion from other halls; received more than 20 applications, so we had over 40 for first round; didn’t expect it.
  - Last year, I had an injury at midnight and tutor don’t have any other hands, but if tutor has an injury, there’s no one that can really help. I went out to the corridor but saw a hallmate and he helped me go to another room and there were other hallmates who were willing to take me to hospital; hall association member stayed with me the whole night in the hospital; they remembered me and helped me.
  - During gathering, we were chatting with several undergraduate students and they asked me questions that used to bother me in my degree but I was happy that I could answer their questions now. I’m able to help them and I feel that I’m improving.
  - I had limited places to eat because food is very different, but having gotten close to students and joining them at events, they took me to local places (local students helping). The food tasted much like what I eat in my hometown. We were able to cook together and last semester, for the whole year I didn’t cook, but cooked with others.