



**Outstanding Student,
Faculty of Business 2016**

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My name is CHU Wenrong, a final year student from the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies, Faculty of Business. It has been my great honor to be selected as the outstanding student for the faculty. Being selected was beyond my expectation because I never imagined I would receive this title, yet on the other hand, I knew that my hard work would pay off.

Dream big and start from the end

Four years ago, I entered the university with my big and bold dream that one day I shall become a diplomat for my country. I was not clear about how I could achieve such goal, nor am I now, yet I understood that a diplomat should be well equipped with both hard and soft knowledge and skills. With such an 'end' in mind to become capable both intellectually and interpersonally upon my graduation, I began my college years expectantly.

Think and act as an owner

I treated my university education as my own business, as an investment in myself. Therefore, I took every opportunity to experience and explore.

The maritime industry has always fascinated me and I feel fortunate that I have come across really knowledgeable and passionate professors, with whom I discovered more and prepared for my big dreams.

I ran my study as my business. Nevertheless, my business was not all about academics. I am a drama lover, or more specifically, I am a stage lover and have all the desire you may imagine to perform on stage. During my first year in college, I played the leading role in the annual performance of the English Drama Club and put on the show 'A Servant with the Two Masters'. It was an unforgettable experience that makes me proud. I still remember after the countless nights of rehearsals that were physically and emotionally pushing me to the brink of giving up, but there was no room for me to back away. I pushed through my own limits and learnt about humility, perseverance and dedication.



Greater responsibility comes with great ability, vice versa

Like most youngsters nowadays, I am also experiencing the so-called 'identity crisis', struggling to find and define myself. I started tackling this by asking myself whether I am making, or can make, people living around me a little bit happier. With this question in mind, I stepped out to make a happier world. I served in the Orientation Programme for two years because I had received good care during my junior years and I wanted to pass that same care on to other students. I volunteered as a student ambassador in various events, ranging from PolyU's Info Day to the Inauguration Ceremony of the PolyU Fund. The university has treated me so well by providing opportunities to become a knowledgeable person and I would like to pay it forward.

As I got exposed to more inspiring ideas and met more talented teammates, I began my journey of creating global impact. In the summer of 2014, with a team of 20, I worked in a Cambodia guesthouse as a Project Manager to upgrade the hotel operations. The experience was tiring yet rewarding. We applied what we learnt to empower the less-educated, create desirable jobs and help fight against sex-trafficking.

Excellence, a habit of mind

Standing near the end of my college years, I know that a new journey is about to start. My big, bold dream has not yet been realized, yet I know I am on my way toward fulfilling it. As the saying goes, strive for excellence and success will follow you.

Looking back, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to my professors, friends and family for their great support and care for me throughout the years. Particularly, I would like to express my gratitude to Professor Yan Hong, my supervisor for the capstone project, who has given me guidance in areas beyond academics; Mr. Johan De Rooy, my coach for the accounting competitions, who has taught me to work 'smart'; and Dr. Yang Dong, my course instructor and role model, who has led me to see the bigger landscape of the maritime world.

