

## THE MOST OUTSTANDING POLYU STUDENT 2017

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I'm Amy Chan, a final year student majoring in English Studies for the Professions with a minor in Translation and Bilingual Communications. It is a great honour to be awarded as The Most Outstanding Student this year.

#### Realizing my passion

The main reason why I have chosen to study English Studies for the Professions is because I have a strong interest and deep passion for language. Growing up, I have always been fond of reading, both fiction and non-fiction novels. I deem reading as a key to discovering new knowledge and perspectives apart from education through textbooks. English Studies for the Professions is very humanistic in a sense that everything we learn is closely related to our daily life, even a piece of conversation could be something worth analysing. I believe one can only learn something well when one has the passion for it and I have great passion in language. Besides, I am forever grateful for the amazing classmates I have met over the course of my studies. I am proud to say that my decision for undertaking this programme was one of the best decisions I have ever made.



#### Becoming a global citizen

Apart from studying, PolyU has offered so much more for us to become a well-rounded person. So my advice is "don't hesitate to seize every opportunity to learn and grow"! I am so thankful that I have plucked up the courage to step out of my comfort zone in year 1 and joined the PolyU AIESEC where I discovered my values and capabilities.

Together with over 30 PolyU students and 14 university students from around the globe, we have organised Nakupenda, a cultural diversity project in both 2015 and 2016. There were so much synergy devoted into this cultural project with diverse teammates striving towards the same vision to share the values of "love, respect and embrace". During the process of project planning, I have learnt to appreciate myself and discovered my own abilities while serving the community.

The project experience has also broadened my global horizons, which pushed me to challenge myself further by participating in two cultural exchange trips to Turkey and Malaysia in the summer of 2015 and 2016 respectively.

During the 6 weeks exchange trip to Turkey, I had the precious opportunity to work with 25 foreign university students and had meaningful discussions on various global issues. It has provided me with great insights to look at the world in a more all-round perspective.

Along with 8 other foreign university students, we had delivered 5 career exploration workshops at local secondary schools during the 6 weeks exchange trip to Malaysia. On top of that, I have become close friends with some of the foreign university students and I will forever cherish our friendships which I am keen to make them last a life time!



### Achieving my goal

Having organised and participated in various social projects, I have gained a better sense of mission of giving back to the society with what I am capable of. Currently, I gathered a few close friends from AIESEC to set up an education-related enterprise, DoEd, with a mission to trigger Hong Kong secondary students' possibilities and equipping them with life skills through experiential learning opportunities. We hope DoEd can be a medium where youngsters can share and inspire. We envision Hong Kong students to be passionate about the quest for knowledge, to proactively search for opportunities and to make life decisions with confidence.

These four years at PolyU have been so inspirational and life-changing for me. I hope every PolyU students can make the most out of their university life because it is an invaluable experience to explore and step out of your comfort zone. Nothing is too big to dream for, it only depends on how desperate you want it! Stay humble and work hard towards your goals, may it be personal, academic or anything else. You might be amazed by how much you can actually achieve.

