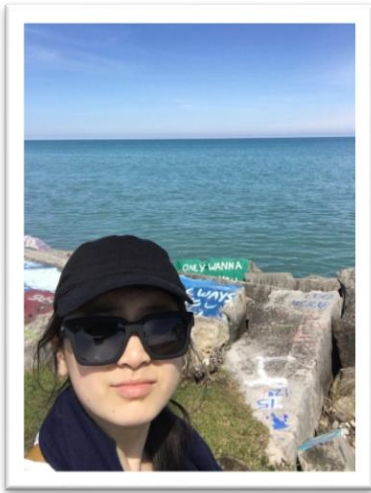


OUTSTANDING STUDENT, FACULTY OF ENGINEERING 2017

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My name is FEI Min, a final year student from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering. It is my great honor to be selected as the Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Engineering. This award acknowledges my efforts over the years. I would like to express my gratitude to PolyU, my Faculty and Department, as well as my family, professors, and friends.

Four years ago, I came to Hong Kong for my undergraduate study. During these years, I've spent most of my focus on academics. On top of my major in Logistics Engineering with Management, I also minored in Applied Mathematics. The additional courses for sure increased my study load, especially when I have joined a one-semester exchange program in the US. However, the mathematical courses supplemented my major study and helped me a lot. Now when I look back, minoring in Applied Mathematics is one of the best decisions I have made.

In my year 3, I had an opportunity to join an exchange program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) in the US. I think the exchange experience changed me a lot. I have had a lot of concerns regarding my academic and career paths since I was a freshman. During my time at UIUC, I have met a lot of graduate students and professors in my study field. I took the initiative to talk to them and their sharing inspired me a lot as well as given me insights into my future plan. Studying in the US was absolutely challenging and eye-opening. For the first time, I got to study and experience the lifestyle in the US. Apart from taking classes, I participated in a modeling project with my friends which also enriched my professional experience. Overall speaking, my stay in the US was quiet and peaceful and I had a chance to spend more time alone and explore my inner self.



In the summer of 2015 and 2016, I joined the voluntary teaching trips with my teammates. We went to Hainan and Guizhou and delivered lectures to local junior high school students. I witnessed the challenges of education in rural areas and how education is important in one's life. Before I went to the voluntary trips, I had doubt on whether these short-term voluntary teaching trips would make any impact to the local students. But while I was there, I realized our mission was to inspire the students to reach out and explore the outside world. These two trips made me realize how fortunate I am and helped me understand more about my social responsibility. In addition, I met a group of good friends. Though the process was tiring, but every day was fruitful and unforgettable. It was one of the happiest experiences in my university life.



Time flies! There have been ups and downs, joys and regrets. PolyU provided me with a great platform to develop myself. After graduation, I will pursue a master's degree. I am constantly searching the meaning of life and I hope that one day I would be able to figure out what my true desire is and freely choose my own way of living.

Lastly, I would like to thank those who have helped me throughout these years, especially my parents who have supported me and given me confidence.

