



## Outstanding Student, Faculty of Business 2019

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I am TAO Shiyu, a final-year student majoring in Accounting and Finance and minoring in Applied Mathematics. I feel more than honored to be selected as the Outstanding Student of Faculty of Business. This award serves not only as a recognition of my efforts and competence, but also as my motivation for further progress.

Looking back over the past several years of university studies, I am very grateful for the teaching, guidance, various support and broad opportunities that PolyU offered to me. PolyU provided me with a great platform where I was able to pursue personal growth and academic development.

Academically, the courses designed by the School of Accounting and Finance offered me a holistic picture of the business world, ranging from economics, management, accounting to finance. Apart from opportunities to gain deep insights into the finance knowledge I am interested in, the curriculum arrangement also enabled me to proactively take a minor degree and participate in several internships and a semester exchange program at the , all of which were unforgettable experiences. Professionally, in order to hone our practical skills and workplace competency, the university also arranged Work-Integrated Education (WIE) and Career and Placement programs, including CV Workshops and interview trainings, as well as the PolyU Job Board to inform us with latest internship opportunities on a regular basis. These programs are more than helpful since work-related practice is of vital importance to improve students' employability especially in the finance field.



Besides academic life, I had various chances to engage in different activities and student associations. Until now, I still remember my performance as an alto singer in the PolyU Choir at the PolyU 80th Anniversary Launch Ceremony in my first semester of the university study. During the two-month preparation for the performance, I met lots of outstanding people in the choir, including professors and students from different departments. Making friends with them helped me to successfully fit into the university life. Through this opportunity, I also knew more about this beautiful university, its history, motto and vision. From then on, I set my goal to strive for excellence and become a person who keeps on learning and applying the knowledge learnt in the real life. Therefore, I actively participated in other extra-curricular activities to develop myself and fortunately became the Global Student Ambassador, the Administrative Officer in English Reading Club, the Financial Officer in EASO Club and the Vice President in AF Academy. During the engagements, I collaborated with many other elite students to launch workshops and activities for university students and staff, such as the Dough Figurine Workshop, weekly reading sessions and industry guest sharing etc. Meanwhile, I also sharpened my soft skills and cultivated invaluable friendships.

More importantly, I think PolyU is a place that helps develop my personal philosophy. Engaging in volunteering work, such as voluntary teaching trip with PolyU HeartFire and the Service-Learning program, empowered me to know more about the world and the communities in need. These experiences let me realize even some seemingly minor thing could make a significant impact on others and one small step could lead to a giant leap in the community. It further taught me that the true meaning of life is not just about the future goals, but also about every worthwhile moment I spend and the continuous passion and total dedication to learn something new and to enrich spirits.



Last but not least, I want to express my great gratitude to the professors, faculty members, my friends and family who supported and encouraged me all the time during the undergraduate study, and sincerely hope the incoming students will also cherish the opportunities, start a journey full of venture, surprises and happiness at PolyU and achieve their aspirations.