

Outstanding Student, Faculty of Humanities 2019

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I am Jenny Cheuk. A final year student studies English and Japanese. I feel deeply thankful and honoured to be selected as the Outstanding Student of Faculty of Humanities this year. This award recognises not only my academic achievements but also my other accomplishments throughout my university life. It is such a fruitful experience spending four years in PolyU, being inspired and meeting many talents from all over the world.

I believe the key to success in life and study is 'to stay curious'. I always have a strong desire to learn and explore new thing, being interested in the world around us. As an inquisitive person, I always search for opportunities and grasp nearly every single chance to learn and challenge myself.

Looking back at my university life, I actively engaged in various cultural exploration activities, such as academic exchange to Spain and Global Student Ambassador Scheme. Through constant interaction, I learnt to appreciate the beauty of different cultures and peoples. The enhancement of cultural awareness sensitivity helped broaden my global vision. Such inspiring and thought-provoking experiences paved the way for developing our self-initiated social integration project in school with friends who shared similar visions. I hope every little effort we have made could one day change people's perception of cultural differences, from misunderstanding and hostile to embrace and respect.



Keeping a 'childlike' curious mind is perhaps the reason that helped me grow. When we get older, we become more rigid and more self-conscious. We care about our self-image and afraid of changes. Therefore, we tend to be less willing to raise questions, and tend to be more cautious and less willing to raise questions since we often afraid that it may offend others or poorly reflect on ourselves. Yet, contrarily, asking questions is of paramount importance for acquiring new knowledge and bridging the knowledge gap. I realise this significant relationship between being curious and asking questions while participating in a healthy lifestyle service-learning project in Kyrgyzstan. To ensure a thorough understanding of professional medical knowledge in designing promotional plans, I kept asking questions whenever I had doubt. Recognising the limits of our knowledge and challenging our current assumptions does not mean we are incapable, instead it's a way to reignite our desire for life-long learning.

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