

Outstanding Student, Faculty of Humanities 2020



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I am Chelsia Chan, a final year student studying Language and Speech Sciences. I felt deeply grateful and honored to be selected as the Outstanding Student of Faculty of Humanities this year. This award not only recognized my academic and non-academic achievements throughout my university life, but also encouraged me to pursue my dream and keep striving for excellence.

Discovering My Interest

Language and Speech Sciences was a new and unfamiliar area for me. Before starting my university study in this field, the only thing I knew about language and speech sciences was that it is related to speech therapy, a professional that helps people with speech and language problems establish and regain the communication ability. Throughout the studies, I have found speech therapy a challenging yet meaningful and interesting area. From child communication disorders to communication disorders across the life-span, I learned the mechanisms and causes, and the assessments and treatments of different speech and language disorders. Apart from learning theories from books, teachers were always supportive and willing to share their experiences with us, which definitely enriched my knowledge in the area. These fruitful learning experiences have inspired me to pursue my further studies in speech therapy.





Working toward my dream

It is not easy to be a speech therapist. It requires not only intellectual competencies, but also great passion and endeavor. To equip myself to be more competent, aside from paying extra effort in academic studies, I also grasped every opportunity to explore the field. I have joined the Work Integrated Education at the Speech Therapy Unit in PolyU. During the internship, I got to observe the people who stuttered and children with reading difficulties. I also got the opportunity to observe how the students from Master's programme of Speech Therapy and the speech therapist performed assessments and treatments. I realized the challenge of putting theories into practice, from providing assessments and treatments to explaining the treatment progress to the parents, every step required critical thinking, techniques and flexibilities. I also realized the satisfaction of helping people with communication disorders to establish their communication ability. These exposures have provided me a more concrete idea of what speech therapy is, and have reaffirmed my aspiration to become a speech therapist. Although making dreams come true is always tough, I believe my endeavor will pay off in the future. I hope every PolyU student has the courage to pursue their dream and become the light of the society, and our next generation.