President Tony Tan Unveils SJI’s New Masterplan for Malcolm Road campus and Officiates "ground breaking" Ceremony

President Tony Tan unveiled the masterplan for SJI’s upgraded campus and officiated at the "ground breaking" ceremony on 20 July 2015.

The SJI campus redevelopment project marks another significant milestone in the school’s history. With the introduction of the Integrated Programme (IP) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) in 2013, there has been a need for SJI to look into the redevelopment of its campus to meet new requirements. There is also a need to critically refurbish existing facilities and buildings which are now more than 25 years old. Since 2011, SJI has worked on the redevelopment of the Malcolm Road campus to ensure that it is able to meet the demands of education in the 21st century.

In order for SJI to be responsive to new learning requirements and to continue to provide a holistic and balanced education that focuses on character formation and leadership development for our current and future generations of Josephians, SJI’s campus redevelopment is timely: it will ensure that the school can meet future learning requirements and continue to provide holistic education to form our current and future students’ character and leadership. This is why we are calling our redevelopment “Designed for Learning and for Interactions, Now and the Future”.

The S$40-million redevelopment project includes adding four new buildings to increase SJI’s capacity and refurbishing the existing buildings, which are more than 25 years old. The new sports hall will house basketball, tennis and badminton courts. There will be a 600-seat lecture theatre block with meeting rooms. Two other blocks with a total of 32 classrooms will be built above the existing buildings and connected by a link bridge.

For regular updates on the progress of the redevelopment project, please visit Campus Redevelopment Updates on www.sji.edu.sg or follow us on: https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsinstitution.
President Tony Tan launches new SJI book

President Tony Tan launched the new SJI book, "Lasallian Pathfinders: Of Ordinary Men and Less Ordinary Leadership", a collection of leadership lectures from the second Fullerton–SJI Leadership Lectures Series. This book provides an insight to the leadership experiences of our prominent leaders from the Lasallian family of schools which include SJI alumni such as: the President of Singapore, Dr Tony Tan (Class of 1958); Professor and Director of Special Projects, Faculty of Science at National University of Singapore, Professor Leo Tan Wee Hin (Class of 1963); Judge, Chairman of Public Transport Council and Expert (IBC) Member, UNESCO, Richard Magnus (Class of 1963); Chairman of Singapore Business Federation, Tony Chew Leong Chee (Class of 1965); leading jazz musician, Professor Jeremy Monteiro (Class of 1976); founder of Makansutra, KF Seetoh (Class of 1978); and Brother Armin Luistro, Secretary of the Department of Education of the Philippines.

The speeches contain a wealth of interesting personal anecdotes about leadership that reflect their Lasallian heritage. Readers who are interested in the diverse aspects of leadership, entrepreneurship, and management will be able to gain much from this volume.


SJI Commemorates Racial Harmony Day

By Hoang Quang Anh (ML201) and Ng Kang Jie (ML203)

This year, SJI’s celebration of Racial Harmony Day (RHD) on 24 July was like no other; it was held on the same morning as SJI’s football team played in the National Inter-School Boys B Division Football Finals for the first time in 37 years. The excitement about the match was intensely felt throughout the SJI community.

To add cheer to the occasion, Josephians came dressed in traditional ethnic costumes as they watched the live streaming of the match in the hall. The SJI Parent Support Group (PSG) sold traditional snacks such as Indian crackers (muruku) and nuts (kacang putih), Chinese snacks (mua-ji), fried dough fritters, and Malay kueh kueh to raise funds and in-kind donations. About $1,600 was raised from the event for a good cause – Boys’ Town.
SJI Paves the Way with a Shave
By Ngoh Ye Han Mark (JC108)

In collaboration with Children’s Cancer Foundation, SJI once again played host to a Hair for Hope satellite event. The event was one of many that took place around Singapore to collectively raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer.

This year’s theme was “Pave the Way with a Shave”, and it revolved around the idea that every Josephian can make a difference to a cancer patient’s life with this simple act, financially and through solidarity. It challenged Josephians to lead by example and united us through a common goal.

In the weeks leading up to the event, Josephians across all levels were challenged to pledge their participation in the event. Especially significant was the ‘Wax for a Cause’ challenge that ran online on social media platforms, where Josephians pledge either to shave their heads or to donate for the cause.

On 6 July 2015, steady streams of students poured into the amphitheatre from 9am to past 2pm to participate or to support their friends. Close to 350 students shaved for this noble cause. This year saw a new milestone for SJI; we collaborated with Rainbow Centre for this cause. There were more than 20 participants from the centre, volunteers and children alike, who turned up to take part in this event. Ultimately, Hair For Hope was a great success with the huge turnout, and with students inspired to pave the way in society with this tough yet simple act of a shave.

A Day Well Run
By Teoh Xinyi (JC1), Hoang Quang Anh (ML201), Eugene Xue (ML303) and Ng Kang Jie (ML203)

In conjunction with the National Day celebrations, the annual SJI Cross Country Championships was held on 6 August at MacRitchie Reservoir.

At the start of the race, everyone was energetic and had a sporting spirit. Despite the rugged terrain at MacRitchie this year, the runners persevered and were cheered on by fellow Josephians and teachers throughout the race. Among the senior students, most had decided to “walk up slopes and run down the side slopes”, which proved to be sound wisdom, for trying not to slip and fall on such slopes was a chore in itself. It was always going to be an uphill battle, and the end of the run was both a blessing and a curse as we charged up the slope to get to the Finish, panting, and thinking along the lines of Kelly Clarkson’s song, “what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger!”

After the race, though everyone was exhausted, many felt contented as they have tried their best to beat their personal targets. The day concluded with several National Day songs to mark the celebration of Singapore’s Golden Jubilee.
SJI Talents Unveiled At ArtsFest 2015

Themed "Breve" (which means a break in music terms), ArtsFest 2015 was starkly different from the three-day event last year. The organising team made a brave decision to present ArtsFest 2015 over eight weeks, with short, intimate and interactive lunchtime performances. The result? A smorgasbord of amazing performances that coloured our otherwise mundane lunch breaks.

From Chinese opera music to German love songs to acoustic renditions of Justin Bieber's 'Baby', ArtsFest definitely brought forward an eclectic mix of music and thrilled the audience with its diverse showcase of talent. Duyu (TG107) introduced us to beautiful Chinese opera music, a genre otherwise foreign to most of us, while Deryn Teoh (TG102) had us all momentarily transfixed as she serenaded us with a charming German song. These performances highlighted the notion that music truly transcends all borders, as these non-English songs moved some of the audiences close to tears, despite not understanding these languages.

Fong Zhi Qin (TG107) courageously performed a solo and brought the spirit of rock and roll to SJI with his edgy renditions of All Time Low's Therapy and Paramore's Brick By Boring Brick. Contrastingly, Ally (TG108) and Annika (TG106) captivated us with their saccharine, acoustic performance of Lorde's Team and Counting Crow's Accidentally in Love, which featured the duo's wonderful harmonies and soothed our souls.

Apart from these musical acts, ArtsFest 2015 also saw magical and enchanting dance performances by Eliana Balasubramaniam (TG103), and solo contemporary dance by SJI Senior School Dance CAS. The audiences were enthralled by the beautiful, fluid movements of Eliana’s self-choreographed dance performance to 'Mad World', while Dance CAS’s fun, enthusiastic performance to 'Uptown Funk' perked up our day, leaving us with smiles and cheers by the end of their performances.

The final instalments of ArtsFest performances held on 27 August and 1 September saw solo acts by the secondary school boys Ng Sze Yeow (MN303), Ethan Lee (ML103) and Kwok Jing Yang (FN403), and bands such as Indecisive Acoustic, comprising of members Maximillian Lim (MN201), Ridge Pang (ML202) and Chia Kwang Yang (MN203). The boys thoroughly enthralled and captivated the audience with their sheer talent and passion.

The second instalment of ArtsFest saw the return of performers like Indecisive Acoustic and Kwok Jing Yang (FN403), and a presentation by a band comprising of Paul Neo (MN403), Senthil Dhanabal Kumar (MN303), Kiran Keshvani (FN202) and Emmanuel Fransisco (ML403), who found their love for performing from an earlier event – "Band of Bros" organised by the SJI OBA. These performers delighted the audiences with their awesome musical performances, and their passion and enthusiasm was truly contagious, leaving everyone in the audience captivated by their passionate performances.

The grand finale of ArtsFest ended with a big bang on 4 September, to coincide with the Teacher's Day Concert. The Green Club started the ball rolling with a captivating skit that eased everyone into the heart of the concert. The audiences were completely swooned over by the talents of Frorigis, a trio comprising of Zhu Ziyi (ML401), Aristo Wilbert (FN402), Raymond Victorio Handoko (FN402), who amazed the entire school with their finger-style guitar performance. Consonants, a band made up of Senior School students Kelly Zheng (TG104), Tan Wei Lynn (TG105), Tay Yong Hong (TG103) and Fong Zhi Qin (TG107) gave their debut performance. They performed a breathtaking and beautiful original song composed by Kelly that echoed in our heads after the performance. Zhou Zitong (FN303) invited the audiences into the world of magic and left them completely awed with his astonishing magic tricks. Band X then took centre stage with their moving performance of 'Chasing Cars'. The concert ended with Last Minute, where the seasoned performers got the audience clapping along to 'Payphone' and a small snippet of 'Seven Nation Army'. With that, the Teacher's Day Concert ended on a sweet note, perfectly wrapping up our long, but fun ArtsFest journey.

Overall, ArtsFest 2015 was a very rewarding and memorable journey for the organising team. The breathtaking performances unveiled the artistic talents and passion of many SJI students which would otherwise have gone unnoticed, and encouraged many to step forward beyond their academics and to bask in the glory of the spotlight.
SJI Football Team Wins 1st Runner-Up at National Finals
By Sophia Evangeline Goh Yi Qing (JC104)

On 24 July, SJI’s B-Division Football Team competed against Hong Kah Secondary School in the National Inter-School Boys B Division Football Finals. The SJI Football Team had earlier defeated Singapore Sports School in the semi-finals, and advanced to the finals after winning the penalty shootout with a score of 5 to 4, after having played to a 2-2 tie with extra-time. This is the first time the SJI Football team, which was revived in 2011, had made it to the National Finals after 37 years.

In support of the SJI Football Team, the entire cohorts of Secondary 3 and 4 boys, as well as the JC 1 students, headed to the Singapore University of Technology and Design to watch the match and cheer for the SJI Footballers. After a tough fight against the defending champions Hong Kah Secondary School, the match ended with a score of 6-0 to Hong Kah Secondary School. Despite the defeat in the finals, the SJI Football Team still took home the 2nd place in the Nationals – a brilliant achievement especially for our young team!

SJI Enters National Schools Hockey Semi-Finals after 8 years

SJI played against Raffles Institution (RI) at the National Inter-School Boys C Division Hockey Semi Finals on 13 July at Co-curricular Activities Board. The SJI team was overpowered by RI with three goals in succession within the first 10 minutes of the game. However, the SJI team did not roll over and give up but continued to put up a strong defence. Despite several good chances to score, the SJI forwards could not capitalise on the errors of the RI defence to match their score. The game ended with a 3-0 win by RI, even though the SJI defence was unyielding during the second half and the SJI forwards and halves were gaining in confidence.
Marching On at SJI's Anniversary Parade

By Hoang Quang Anh (ML201), Ng Kang Jie (ML203), and Nicholas Pua (ML304)

The anniversary parade is a tradition of SJI where the seven Uniformed Groups – National Cadet Corps (NCC) Land, National Cadet Corps (NCC) Air, National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC), St. John's Ambulance Brigade, SJI Pelandok Scouts, SJI Military Band (SJIMB) and SJI Pipe Band (SJIPB) – come together to celebrate one other’s achievements for the year. It is also a time to recognize outstanding cadets who have served in their CCAs. At this time, the Secondary 4 student leaders pass on their roles and responsibilities to their Secondary 3 counterparts.

"The Anniversary Parade is a nice way to appreciate the Secondary 4s for their hard work and commitment to their co-curricular activities in the past four years” shared Christopher Lam (ML201), a participant and performer from the SJIPB at the Anniversary Parade 2015.

Braving the immense heat, the cadets stood true to their values of discipline and camaraderie as they marched on proudly in their uniforms. The parade, graced by Guest of Honour Colonel (NS) Eugene Lam (Class of 1981), also featured stunning performances such as air shows by NCC Air, drill shows by NCC Land, enchanting musical performances by SJIMB and SJIPB as well as a march past by the Uniformed Groups. The parade ended with triumphant and proud cheers of “Hail! Hail! Alma Mater!”
The Art of Science
By Christopher Thian (ML304)

On 30 May, close to 250 Secondary 3 students from SJI and a few participating schools gathered in the SJI Auditorium for IDEA 2015. It was the culmination of months of hard work students spent on their respective ArtScience projects as they competed for the ArtScience Prize. Featuring the ArtScience Prize, students had to invent products and initiatives based on the theme, Biodiversity. The competition challenged students to come up with innovative ideas to solve problems that threaten our planet's biodiversity.

Over the course of five months, students worked in groups to think of inventive solutions to current environmental problems through "blue-sky thinking" and then refining and improving these ideas through the disciplines of Art and Science. This culminated in their final ideas which were presented at the preliminary rounds on the eve of the competition. Many creative ideas were presented; but in the end, the top 8 teams were selected to present their projects at the Finals the very next day.

The celebration of their ideas started with an inspiring speech by the Guest of Honour Professor Leo Tan, Director of Special Projects in the Faculty of Science at NUS, who encouraged the students to continue innovating as it would be their creativity and ingenuity that would truly change the world. After his speech, the judges worked hard to assess the ideas presented by the eight finalists; they selected two winners. Team Magnum Opus won with their innovative idea of a reverse vending machine that awarded credits when recyclables were put into it. Team Algaenators won with their idea of an attachment for boats that filter harmful algae out of the water. These two groups went to Boston ArtScience Lab in July to interact with winners from the other ArtScience teams from around the world, as well as to work with other experts to further develop their project.

The ArtScience programme was an enriching experience for all the students who participated in the journey. It challenged their minds to go beyond ideas that are already established and encouraged them to think outside the box.

Professor Leo Tan with the winners of the Singapore ArtScience Prize 2015 — The Algaenators (left) and Magnum Opus (right)
Singapore Energy Innovation Challenge 2015
By Lai Kit (ML301) and Senthil Kumar Dhanabalan (MN303)

This year, a dozen Secondary 3 boys participated in the annual Singapore Energy Innovation Challenge competition, as part of the Academic Development Modules (ADM) offered in the Integrated Programme. The module was intended to bring out the "engineering spirit" in the boys. The students were split into groups of three, and they worked together throughout the four months. The process and build-up to the final competition week was a gruelling and tedious process which involved many late-nights and demanding deadlines. But all our efforts eventually paid off.

It all started in the early days of March, when teams from different schools in Singapore congregated at the Microsoft Singapore Operations Office for a Networking and briefing event. We were challenged to either improve on or invent an alternative source of energy from a modern day electronic device that could revolutionize the industry. The teams were also at this juncture introduced to their respective mentors. Mentors were highly qualified specialists in their expert field of engineering and were of close guidance to the students during their project development. They were there to provide technical help and to guide them in processing their ideas from theory to reality. The Networking Party also offered an opportunity for the students to experience a true engineering environment such as the Microsoft Office Operations Office. Students were given tours of the place, in order to give them an idea of how engineering was applied in the Microsoft context. SJI was represented by four groups of three students each, who were ready to battle it out for the top awards in the Challenge competition.

The teams constantly organized meetings with their mentors to develop our unique ideas, while simultaneously keeping our teacher-in-charge Mr Chong Kai Qin updated with our progress. He also provided feedback on our Project ideas, experimental procedures and results, analysis and engineering Prototypes. To receive more guidance in the development of our prototypes, the competing teams worked together with the Singapore Science Centre to attend workshops for the students in technical aspects of engineering like 3D-printing, iron soldering and laser printing, just to name a few of the many workshops which were organized for the benefit of the participants.

Through gruelling brainstorming, research and preparation for the following four months, every group successfully constructed unique, feasible and promising ideas. These included a non-fuel-consuming air conditioner for automobiles, an eco-bag with solar-powered mobile charger and a hand-crank dynamo to help power devices on the go using just sunlight and some circular motion, and "Teabags" that generated heat to boil water using 'waste products'. As the days flashed by, we geared up for 22 July when the competition would commence.

The Energy Innovation Challenge showcase at Suntec City Convention Hall was part of an exhibition organized in conjunction with the National Engineers’ Day. Many renowned faces from the nation's engineering field visited this event. Judges from all walks of life and many visitors toured the booths and exhibitions. Guests of honour included Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Teo Chee Hean, as well as Minister of Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat; they were also present to listen to our ideas. We faced stiff competition from other secondary schools, and junior colleges. The SJI teams were determined and presented to the best of our abilities before the judges and the numerous visitors to the various booths.

Despite the strong competition faced in the Junior College/Secondary Category where about 35 teams participated, three of the SJI Teams received Merit Awards for our accomplishments in the competition.
SJII Wins 2nd Runner Up at National Science Challenge 2015

On 6 September, SJI faced Bukit Panjang Government Secondary School (BPGSS) and Raffles Institution (RI) at the National Science Challenge (NSC) Grand Finals. This is the first time the SJI team had made it to the NSC Grand Finals. The SJI NSC team advanced to the Grand Finals after defeating several other schools in the preliminaries and semi-finals over two months; and after attaining one of the highest scores ever in the NSC history.

Launched in 2004, the NSC aims to promote science education among students and the local public. The competition provides a fun and informal learning experience for the participants. Jointly organised by the Agency for Science, Technology and Research and the Science Centre Singapore, with support from the Ministry of Education, this competition was broadcast on TV Channel 5. Our Secondary Two and Three boys, as well as form teachers and the head of department, headed to MediaCorp to watch the competition to support the team.

After a tough fight against defending champions RI and BPGSS, the competition ended with a score of 9. The SJI Team brought home the 2nd runner up place in the NSC – a spectacular achievement for a team that had fought its way through 41 schools in this competition!

The SJI team at the Semi-Finals, where they attained the top scores to enter the Grand Finals

The SJI team — feeling victorious after the Grand Finals, with teacher Mr Lim Chee Hong
Eureka Challenge 2015
By Ong Jun Xun (LE302)

SJI sent five teams to participate in the Annual Eureka Challenge on 29 July. Organised by Raffles Institution, this amazing race styled competition serves as a platform for students to enhance their science skills and knowledge in the various aspects of science, with stations including astronomy and organic chemistry.

Each group had to report to various stations to complete activities and earn points for the group. Some of these stations involved hands-on activities, while some were test-based questions and answers, and all of these brought us to a whole new level of “scientific thinking”. The tasks we had to do were quite different from what we had done in school. At the physics section, we had to build a bridge to support as many weights as possible, while at the astronomy section, we had to take a test on our universe. Each subject was ranked from tier 1 to 3, and each group will take 2 from each level of difficulty.

Some stations were of great challenge but we enjoyed ourselves, immersing ourselves in the new knowledge we could gain out of the competition. After the speech by the Guest of Honour, Mr Tan Ah Tuan, Director of DSTA, the results for the competition were announced. Out of all the teams, 9 teams were awarded with a bronze, silver or gold award, as well as an extra award for the best Institution.

Much to our surprise, one of our Secondary 2 teams, consisting of Andrew Chua Tiong Oon, Julian Tham Jun Jie, Chong Hao-Chun Gareth attained a bronze award, while one of Secondary 3 teams consisting of Lee Rui Zhe, Jordan Joseph Stanley, Ong Jun Xun attained a silver award. Although we did not clinch the trophy for the best institution, we knew we had tried our best for the competition. Through this experience, we were enlightened by how much there is for us to learn, and how science continues to advance and can be applied to our world.

SJI Malay students play host at Hari Raya Open House

The Malay Cultural Society at SJI collaborated with the Malay Ab Initio JC 1 students from the SJI Senior School to put up the Hari Raya Open House on 28 July 2015. Our guests for the day were the students from Beijing No. 8 School who were in SJI for an exchange programme. The session started with a presentation by the Senior School students on the meaning of Hari Raya celebrations. This was followed by several hands-on activities such as ketupat weaving (a type of rice dumpling packed inside a diamond-shaped woven palm leaf pouch), the tying of samping (the Malay sarong worn with the male baju kurung), donning of Malay baju kurung for photo-taking and making of onde-onde, a traditional Malay kueh. The students were also treated to a spread of traditional Malay dishes like the ketupat and lontong, beef rendang, coconut serunding and the ever-famous sambal tumis, topped off with a taste of the Hari Raya kuih (biscuits). Through culture and food, this was indeed a good learning experience to promote inter-cultural understanding amongst the students.
SJI's Seeds of Society emerged as Champion of SAGE SG 2015

By Ben Ng Zheng Nan, Ian Chan Kit Wai, Fiona Chua Jia En and Elisha Yeo Min Yee

“A global community of teenage entrepreneurs sharing a common purpose: to make the world a better place.” This is the vision of a team of four students from PRISM, the entrepreneurship club in Senior School. Towards this end, the team, comprising Ben Ng Zheng Nan, Ian Chan Kit Wai, Fiona Chua Jia En and Elisha Yeo Min Yee, participated in the Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) competition, SAGE SG 2015 competition in March 2015.

SAGE is a global, non-profit organization that connects schools internationally to mentors from local universities and businesses to empower students to make impactful social change through social enterprises. The team brainstormed ideas with our teacher-in-charge and eventually developed and structured a convincing and feasible social enterprise to make meaningful social change. In fact, our final inspiration was completely different from our initial idea; this underscored the amount of time and effort all of us had expanded in this meaningful initiative. However, through a series of feedback sessions with our mentor from SMU, as well as our teacher-in-charge, we drastically revolutionized our idea to that of a more sustainable and practical enterprise.

During our planning phase, we visited many intellectually disabled homes in Singapore. We were surprised to find that the residents would idly sit by every day. In some homes, physiotherapy sessions were conducted, but these were only two hours twice a week; this was simply insufficient for healthy adults! This tugged at our heartstrings. Unbeknownst to the public, these residents have their moments of joys and sorrow, ups and downs even hopes and dreams. Thus, keeping them isolated in a home may not be the best way to “manage” them. And this was what motivated the development of our new social enterprise, Seeds of Society (SoS).

Our business plan revolved around creating opportunities for meaningful engagement of individuals with intellectual disabilities in homes by involving them in the hydroponics farming process. Hydroponics farms and kits would be constructed in these homes, where the residents would be taught to care, harvest and maintain the crops. They would also be roped in to help market the vegetables. Along with the help of staff, they could subsequently sell these vegetables to the public. With this, we hoped to kill the proverbial two birds with a single toss of a rock where the residents would be meaningfully engaged physically and mentally, while the public would start to view them as assets in our society rather than to outcast them. We also plan to use e-commerce to increase awareness of the sales of the hydroponic crops and to educate the public that the intellectually-disabled persons are an integral part of society who are under-appreciated and misunderstood.

SoS plans to expand this business concept to other homes in Singapore such as the Thye Hua Kwan Home. Taking a longer term view, we hope to eventually involve displaced professionals from Silver Spring to help the projects in the various homes once it achieves sufficient economies of scale.

We presented our idea to a panel of judges through a series of pitches. We made it through the quarter-finals, semi-finals and eventually reached the finals. It was during this period, that our idea underwent the most changes. We faced many constraints, the biggest of which was the initial investment cost needed to fund the construction of a hydroponics farm in homes. This gargantuan sum, usually costing a few thousand dollars, was simply too risky for a home to invest in. We had our backs against the wall, and with the semi-finals coming up in two weeks, we could not overcome a major loophole in our plan.

As the saying goes, “where there’s a will, there’s a way”. We crafted compact hydroponics kits that were space efficient and cheap enough to be adopted by homes. Made of styrofoam and containing eight netted pots, each kit cost around $18 but could generate upwards of $350 a year from sales. We even went the extra mile to contact various homes such as Bishan Home and Thye Hua Kwan Home, obtaining letters of their intent to cooperate and work with us. All our efforts eventually paid off as we made it through to the finals in June. On 13 June 2015, Seeds of Society beat five other teams during the SAGESG Finals to emerge as the 2015 SAGESG champion team.

“Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will”. Yes, while we always had doubts throughout the competition, we never gave up but pushed for what we believed in. Ultimately, our triumph in this national competition symbolizes not only our undying spirit and determination, but the start of a spark which we hope will fuel a genuine acceptance of the intellectually disabled in our society.
SJI Alumni Confirmed Top Scholarships Awards

SJI congratulates four of her outstanding graduates who have received the distinguished Public Service Commission (PSC) scholarships this year. The prestigious PSC scholarships, widely recognised as second only to the President’s Scholarship, are awarded to candidates who have outstanding academic performance and leadership qualities. The four alumni are:

- Mohamed Noor Hakeem Zulkiflee Class of 2012 PSC Scholarship
- Hud Syafiq Bin Herman Class of 2014 (IBDP) PSC Scholarship
- Nathaniel Wong Kin Yew Class of 2014 (IBDP) SAF Scholarship; PSC Scholarship
- Ryan Lai Chi Ming Class of 2014 (IBDP) The Singapore Police Force Scholarship; PSC Scholarship

Syafiq, Nathaniel and Ryan are amongst the pioneer batch of graduates who undertook the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) at SJI, while Hakeem completed his O-levels at SJI and continued his A-levels at Temasek Junior College. To date, a total of 14 alumni from the Class of 2014 (IBDP) have received scholarships and merit awards from various ministries, statutory boards and universities. Three old boys from the Class of 2010 — Brian Thian Wen Yao, Jeremy Lum Wei Jian and Chan Hui Yang — were also awarded Teaching scholarships and awards from the Ministry of Education.

Officer Cadet Trainee (OCT) Nathaniel Wong received the award from Defence Minister Dr Ng Eng Hen
(Source: MINDEF)

Amanda Foo is the first female Josephian in SJI's history to be awarded a MINDEF scholarship. She received her award from Defence Minister Dr Ng Eng Hen
(Source: MINDEF)

From left to right: Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Mr Leo Yip, INSP Darrel Long, INSP Tan Kuan Hian, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Teo Chee Hean, INSP Ryan Lai, Chairman, Public Service Commission, Mr Eddie Teo and Commissioner of Police Mr Hoong Wee Teck
(Source: Singapore Police Force)
Josephians-At-Large 2015: "Work, Life, Learn – your journey starts now"

This year marks the 5th consecutive year that the SJI Old Boys Association (SJIOBA) organized the Josephians-At-Large (JAL) career workshop for SJI students. Every year, the speakers walk away learning much from the younger generation of Josephians.

This is also a great way for the alumni to re-connect with our Alma Mater. The SJIOBA welcomes Josphians from all fields to come forth to share their work-life experiences. In fact time and again, the feedback we have received from students is that they value such personal interactions. Hence, more students will benefit from this JAL programme when the alumni come forward to speak at this annual career workshop.

The Josephians-At-Large term came about in a moment of inspiration. We are all At-Large, carving out our careers and lives in different professions within and outside of Singapore.

The theme this year is "Work, Life, Learn – your journey starts now." It used to be that we go through our life journey in the reverse order of Work, Life, and Learn – attend school to learn, use this as a means to make a living, start a family and dedicate ourselves to working and achieving financial security. Today, working, living and learning are no longer independent of one another, and integral to enriching our life journeys.

Students need to identify and understand their strengths and interests, and in the process, start thinking about their career choice. It is hoped that through these sharing sessions by the alumni. The present students in SJI will be inspired to learn how to learn and to learn how to live.

The speakers of Josephians-At-Large 2015:
SJIOBA Organises Inaugural Bands of Bros and Sisters

On the warm, sultry evening of 25 July, the SJI Amphitheatre resounded with the chords of music and, peals of laughter and applause, as the SJIOBA held the first ever ‘Bands of Bros and Sisters’ event. The night brought together 10 bands from the Josephian family as musicians from 15 to 50 years old got together to create beautiful music. The fans and supporters were not disappointed as their favourite bands churned out hit after hit, with songs from every genre. Original numbers, as well as covers of U2, Taylor Swift, Fiction Factory, Rachel Platten, Jason Mraz, The Beatles, Ed Sheeran, The Eagles and many more, were performed to everyone’s delight.

Hot dogs, satay, nachos, ice cream, draught German beer and, other snacks and beverages went on sale to raise funds for the SJIOBA’s Fathers and Sons’ Mission to Cambodia with ACTS. The night’s exhilaration was topped off with a rousing rock version of the school rally like it’s never been sung before.

Special thanks to Theodore Chan (Class of 1976) who could not take part in this event but had kindly loaned his entire set of music equipment for the concert, and to all Cool Joes, friends and supporters who contributed, participated and supported the event.

Honour Roll of the inaugural SJIOBA Bands of Bros and Sisters (in alphabetical order):
1. Arctic Gasoline
2. BanJoes
3. Colon:D
4. Destination Unknown
5. Fine Wine
6. Last Minute
7. Nantini & The Nuggets
8. Out of Time
9. Serendipity
10. Vestige

Old boys enjoying drinks and music together
Ortega Cup 2015

U-16
The 10th edition of the Ortega Cup was held on 21 August at Raffles Institution. The U-16 boys were hungry for revenge and having just come off a fantastic soccer season, they were raring to go and win back the Ortega Cup.

Right from the get go, the boys were on the attack, breaking into the Raffles defense on many occasions and finally, they were rewarded with a goal towards the end of the first half. The second half was no different, with the boys relentless on the prize to win back the Cup. This culminated in another well taken goal.

Final Score: SJI 2 – Raffles 0

O-40s
The O-40s are always a sight to watch and this time round it was no different. With a contingent of more than 20 able-bodied souls, the O-40s donned their jerseys with pride and played with their hearts on the sleeve. However, the Raffles team this year was bolstered with new entrants, with one of them having a little bit more gas in the tank. The gameplay was quick and thrilling and Team Raffles was up 2 goals to 1 by the end of the first half.

After a quick re-group, the SJI O-40s team came out firing, and equalized at the start of the second half. Spirits were bolstered and all the team needed to do was to park the bus and hold out for the draw to win back the Suhaimi Ali Cup. However, a crucial injury blow was dealt to Adrian Quek with a nasty head-on clash, taking out a key defender towards the trail end of the half. The Rafflesians capitalized on this, scoring two quick goals in the last 10 minutes, and effectively ending SJI's chances.

Final score: Raffles 4 – SJI 2

U-40s
The U-40s were the perennial underdogs coming into this match. The Raffles U-40s team has been playing for many years together and is a very well drilled unit. Captain Siong Guan (Class of 2003), specifically took it upon himself to make it a mission to finally get a win. Training for the U-40s started early on, with many training matches and games having played over the Saturdays leading up to this day.

The strategy was to play the ball out of our own halves and this was brilliant. New additions to the team bolstered up the defences and Siong Guan’s performance was exceptional. Long balls played up field frustrated the Rafflesians. The first half ended up 0 – 0.

The Raffles team came out firing in the second half. Desperately wanting a goal, they surged forward but the SJI team held strong and gamely counter-attacked. With a long through ball, and with the Raffles defense caught unaware, the Josephians "smashed" one goal right in.

From there, it was a matter of holding out and the boys packed everything they had into our defense. This effectively ended any chance that the Rafflesians had.

Final score: SJI 1 – Raffles 0
SJI Staff Conferred 2015 National Day Awards

The SJI community celebrates with our colleagues who have been conferred the 2015 National Day Awards recently. Congratulations!

Mr Azhar Ghazali
Long Service Award

Ms Gina Tan
Long Service Award

Mrs Rukmani Keshvani
Long Service Award

Mr Tan Too Yong
Long Service Award

Mrs Janet Kwok
Efficiency Award

Fathers and sons had an enjoyable game of football on 6 Sept. Going forward we hope to have FFF on our list of annual organised events and we hope to see more of you joining us at the next FFF.