



Looking into our core

Annual Report 2021



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President's Message

Dear fellow alumni and friends,

2021 marked the second year in our battle with the global pandemic. As Singapore prepared itself to live endemically with COVID-19, the University also adjusted its posture accordingly to enable more of our students, staff and alumni to gradually return to the campus over the past year.

The emergence of new variants of COVID-19 have taught us to be more agile and adaptable, and this has better prepared us to handle the necessary changes each time. With renewed strength and global solidarity, we have learnt to work collaboratively across all disciplines. Education and research at NUS continue to take centre stage in the international spotlight, pushing our shared vision of a leading global university shaping the future further each time.

Preparing our graduates for the working world has always been at the top of the University's priority, and the volatile and uncertain markets have made it more challenging. To equip our graduates with relevant skills and competencies, the University has restructured several faculties to be future-ready. The College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS), College of Design and Engineering (CDE) and NUS College (NUSC) will see students gain exposure across traditional disciplines and emerging fields with the thoughtfully curated common curriculum.

With our new jobs platform, dubbed Internship-As-A-Service (IAAS), students will get a taste of a wide range of careers and earn streams of income from these gigs, and earn modular credits that count towards graduation requirements. Through the university's networking platform, conNectUS, students can tap the experience of alumni to help chart their careers. In all these, we look forward to cementing the University as an institute of continuous learning, where alumni return to upgrade their knowledge and skills or even to re-skill as well as contribute to the educational experience of current students.

The continual challenges that the pandemic have posed will be unceasing, and we have bravely risen to meet them. In these trying times, the underprivileged undoubtedly bear the brunt and have a harder time keeping up. I am heartened that *NUS Day of Service* has evolved into a year-long initiative, when the NUS family comes together as oneNUS to serve the underserved in our society.

I would like to express my thanks to all alumni leaders and volunteers who have continued to give themselves fully towards making NUS a stronger and more close-knit community. I look forward to working together with all our alumni in the year ahead.

Professor Tan Eng Chye
Science '85 | NUS President

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Director's Message

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As I reflect on the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am acutely reminded of the human need to stay connected. Through virtual means as the main form of engagement in 2021, we were able to tap on one another's strengths, expertise and experience.

We continued to innovate and engage on more levels with our alumni community. Despite the many restrictions, we lined up a plethora of speakers across our Lifelong Learning, Thought Leadership, Wellness and virtual Networking events. We also doubled down on well-received events such as *WoW: In Conversation* and introduced *WoW: Ignite – TIES* (Technological, Informational and Educational Sharing) which sparked new ideas and inspired the women in our NUS community to expand their horizons, enhance their ties and networks, unlock their potential and scale greater heights.

With the easing of safe management measures as the year progressed, we welcomed alumni and guests back to Shaw Foundation Alumni House for the 6th *Indian Film Festival*, the 3rd *Mexican Film Festival*, the 2nd *Peruvian Film Festival*, and the inaugural *Feature Films (Russian)*. We greatly appreciate the High Commission of India, the

Embassy of Mexico, the Embassy of the Republic of Peru, and the Embassy of the Russian Federation for so generously sharing their language, culture, values and more, through the lens of film.

Towards the end of the year, we celebrated the achievements of our alumni during the biennial *NUS Alumni Awards*. With the largest cohort since its inception, the ceremony saw 40 outstanding alumni conferred with Eminent Alumni Awards, Distinguished Alumni Service Awards, Outstanding Young Alumni Awards and Team (Alumni) Awards. I am immensely proud of the work that each recipient has done for the greater good, and I believe their achievements will go on to inspire future generations of changemakers.

A huge shoutout to all our alumni leaders and volunteers for all you have done and continue to do to keep our community connected with one another, especially in a time when we are required to maintain a physical distance from one another.

My colleagues and I look forward to working even more closely with you in the year ahead. Please continue to keep well, stay safe, and stay healthy.

Mr Bernard Toh

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NUS Alumni Advisory Board

The NUS Alumni Advisory Board (AAB) was established in 2006 and provides strategic guidance and counsel on all alumni-related matters, including collaborating with NUS senior management to build and enhance relationships with alumni and friends of the University.

FROM LEFT (SITTING)
CHAIRMAN : Professor Tan Eng Chye | *Science '85, NUS President*
MEMBERS : Ms Janet Ang Guat Har | *Business '82*
Mr Edward D'Silva | *Architecture '75*
Ms Goh Yiping | *Design and Environment '05*

FROM LEFT (STANDING)
MEMBERS : Dr James Geng Jing | *Public Policy '11*
Mr Ho Jun Yi | *Law and Public Policy '11*
Mr Jeremy Ee Jian Wen | *Engineering '05*



FROM RIGHT (SITTING)
CO-CHAIRMAN : Mr Johnny Tan Khoon Hui | *Science '82*
MEMBERS : Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar | *Public Policy '08*
Mr Seah Cheng San | *Engineering '82*
Mr Edward Stanley Tay Wey Kok | *Law '92*

FROM RIGHT (STANDING)
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY : Mr Bernard Toh | *Architecture '84, Director, NUS Alumni Relations*
MEMBERS : Mr Ow Tai Zhi | *Business '11*
Mr Benjamin Tan Keng Sing | *Business '00*

Alumni Student Advancement Committee

The Alumni Student Advancement Committee (ASAC) was established by the NUS Alumni Advisory Board to spearhead the NUS Alumni Bursary Fund Campaign. The Committee is led by NUS alumni to nurture alumni-led initiatives to raise funds to support bursaries for deserving NUS students.

Since its inception, the Committee has raised a total of \$24,273,896 to date.



ASAC CHAIRMAN : (3) Mr Seah Cheng San | *Engineering '82*
MEMBERS : (1) Mr Soh Yi Da | *Arts and Social Sciences '14* (2) Mr Chua Hung Meng | *Business '81*
(4) Mr Wong Jin Kok | *Engineering '85* (6) Mr Yeo Keng Joon | *Business '85*
EX-OFFICIO : (5) Mr Bernard Toh | *Architecture '84, Director, NUS Alumni Relations*

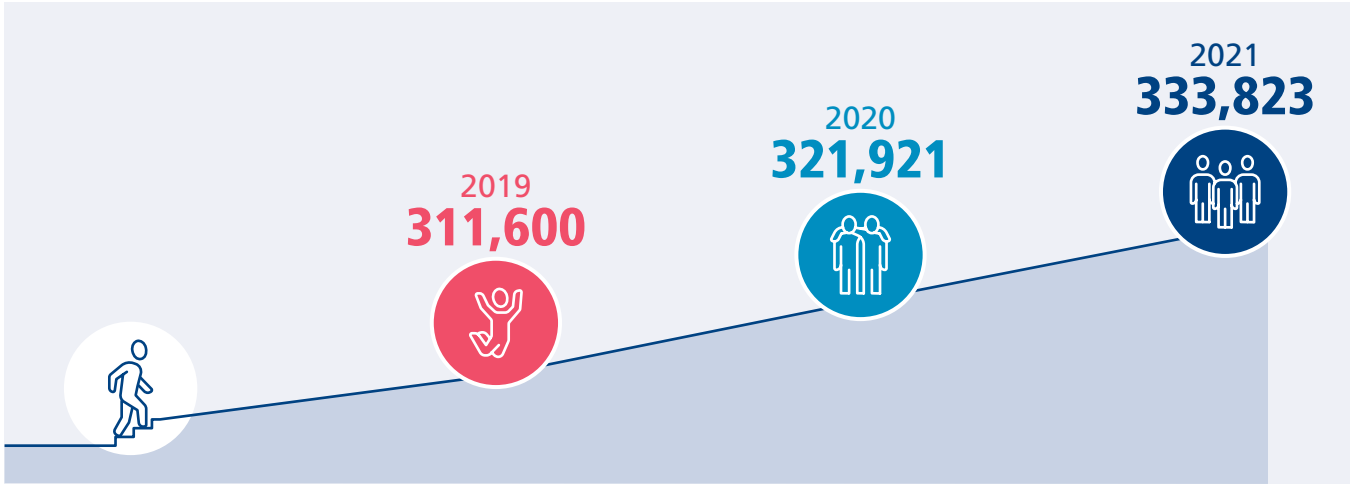


AlumSTATS

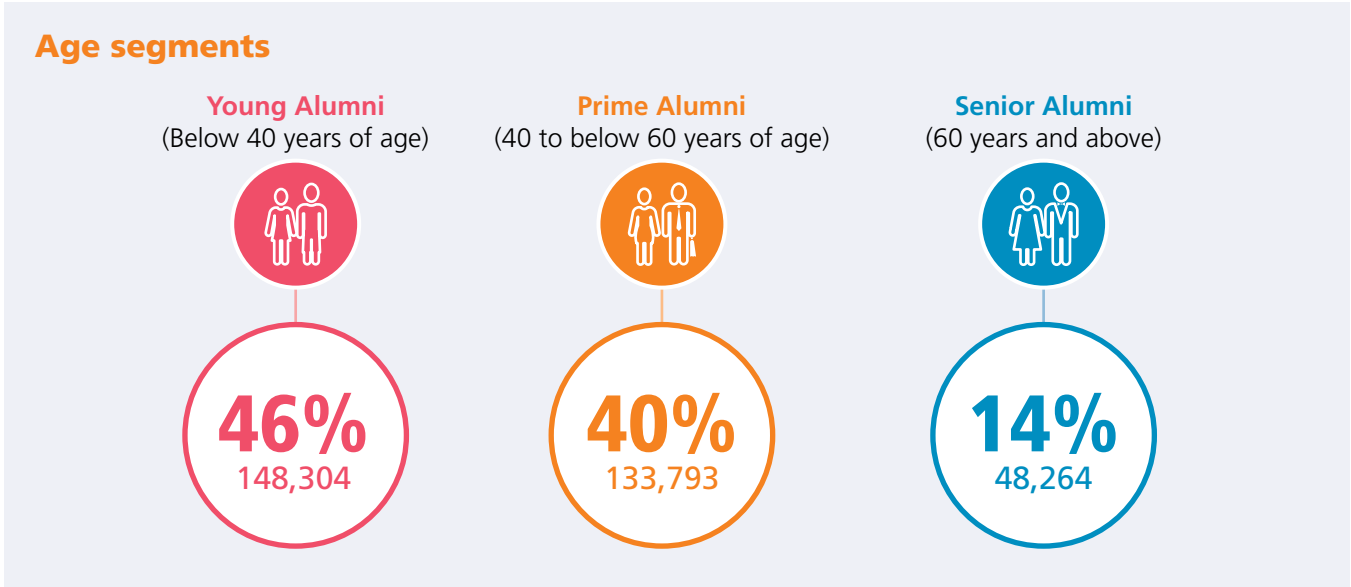
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Population and Demographics

Alumni Population

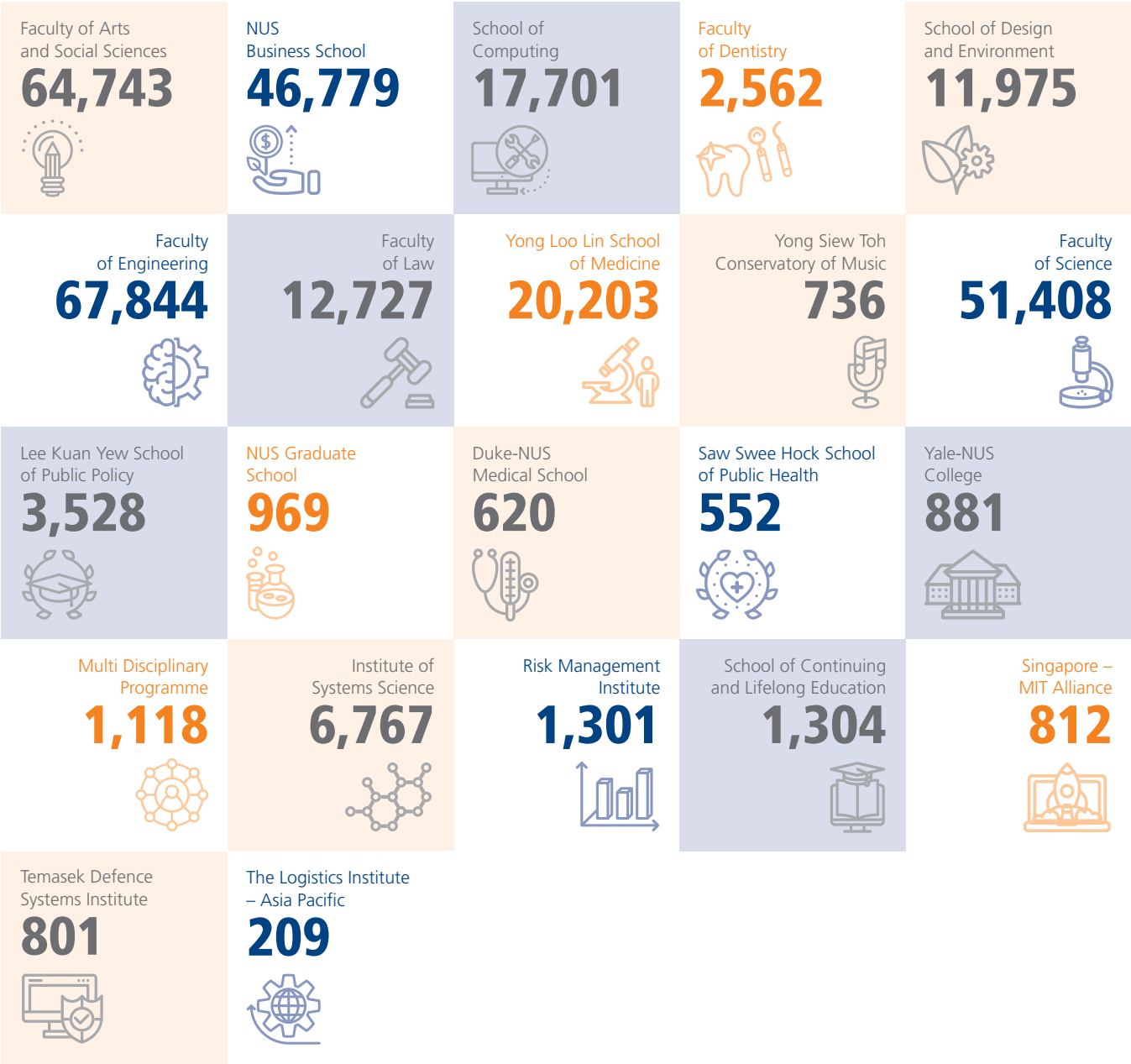


Demographics by Age

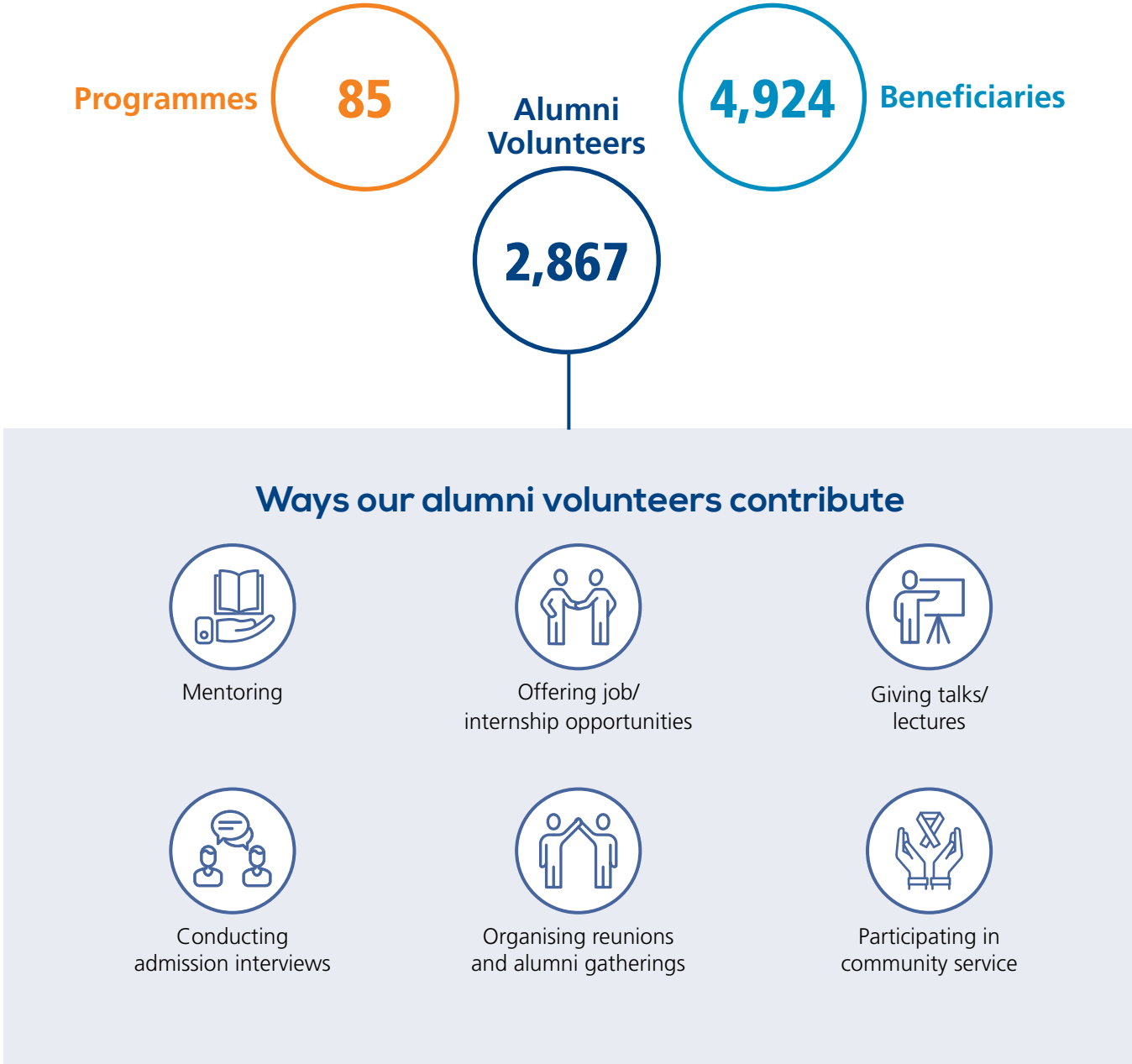


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Distribution by Faculty



Alumni Volunteerism



Hybridisation of Events



Signature Events



Bukit Timah Homecoming
1st Saturday of July




Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day
3rd Saturday of August




NUS Day of Service
1st Saturday of September

New Events



A Conversation with NUS President
July



Feature Films (Russian)
August

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/events

Alumni House

To keep up with the changing needs in the new normal, we made sure to welcome alumni in a safe and socially distanced environment.



- 1 Lemongrass
- 2 Coriander
- 3 Auditorium
- 4 Clove
- 5 Basil
- 6 B-Line

153
Bookings

4,276
Visitors

Food and Beverage Outlets

- The University Club by Privé Grill
- Reedz Café

Complimentary Amenities

- Hot-desking spaces
- Usage of computers and printer
- Meeting and activity rooms

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Venues Available for Hire

- 298-seater Auditorium
- The Waterway
- Concourse
- Benefactors' Foyer
- B-line
- 7 seminar rooms
- 1 boardroom

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/alumnihouse/venue

Communications

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/publications

The AlumNUS (Quarterly magazine)

41,272
Print magazines

Average
circulation

135,688
E-magazines



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subscription preferences at

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NUS Lifelong Email Account required



AlumNEWS (Monthly e-Newsletter)

Average
circulation

136,562



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Stay connected with us to receive
the latest alumni-related
news and events

AlumPERKS & Awards and Bursaries

AlumAPP


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Download **AlumApp** today!




Log in using your
NUS Lifelong Email Account



Join
Alumni Events



Enjoy exclusive
discounts and privileges.



Stay connected
with fellow alumni and NUS

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AlumPERKS

AlumPERKS is a merchant discount programme curated by our office for the alumni community. With this programme, all NUS alumni enjoy a host of benefits and privileges from merchants on-campus, island-wide and online with the digital *AlumNUS Card*, or by showing their digital identity on *AlumAPP*. The programme is also a platform to support local businesses that are looking to give back to the NUS community.

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AlumNUS Card
Merchants

Categories

- Education
- Fashion and Retail
- Food and Beverage
- Health and Beauty
- Lifestyle
- Privileges on Campus

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Give back to your alma mater

Support needy NUS students today, when you sign up for the Standard Chartered NUS Alumni Card!



nus.edu.sg/alumnet/alumnuscard/support-for-students

Awards & Bursaries

Supported students, through

32
AWARDS



20

NUS Alumni
Bursary
Awards

\$45,000 each



12

NUS Alumni
Student Exchange
Awards

\$10,000 each

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no recipients for the Student Exchange Awards.

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/awards_bursaries



Connecting with You

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Lifelong Learning

Future-ready Workshops (Online)

Future-ready Workshops is a series of workshops that aims to support alumni in their career development amid a rapidly changing world.



January 12

Successfully Navigating the World of Negotiations

MR ANUJ JAGANNATHAN | Business '16

Chairperson of the NUS Alumni San Francisco Chapter, and experienced trainer, coach and author



The first iteration of *Future-ready Workshops* for 2021 on 12 January featured Mr Anuj Jagannathan, Chairperson of the NUS Alumni San Francisco Chapter. Mr Jagannathan, who is an experienced coach and the author of Amazon bestsellers on the topic of negotiation, provided attendees with insights into common negotiation strategies and how to apply them effectively. Attendees learned more about the various stages of negotiation and what they can do in order to ensure their success.



April 13

Advancing Your Career in the Digital Era

MR VICTOR ZHU | Science '20

Founder and CEO, Hatch



MS CHARMAIN TAN | Science '12

Founder and CEO, QuickDesk



Organised in partnership with NUS School of Continuing and Lifelong Education (SCALE), *Future-ready Workshops* welcomed young alumni Mr Victor Zhu, Founder and CEO of Hatch, and Ms Charmain Tan, Founder and CEO of QuickDesk. Mr Zhu shared how one could jumpstart a successful and fulfilling career in the digital era, while Ms Tan highlighted how digital transformation could be achieved from both top-down and bottom-up. More than 160 alumni tuned in and gained insights on how individuals and leaders can ensure that they keep up with today's rapidly digitalising world.

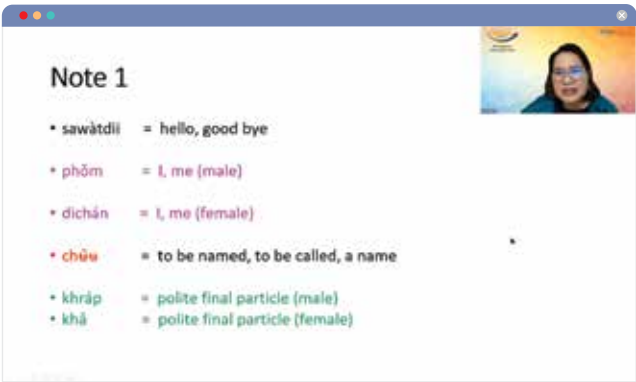


July 13
**Multilingualism –
Opening New Doors**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
TITIMA SUTHIWAN**
Director, NUS Centre for Language Studies



Over 160 participants tuned in via Zoom to hear Assoc Prof Titima Suthiwan shed light on multilingualism as an economic and social tool to future-proof oneself. In this session, alumni were treated to an insightful session on multilingualism as a portal to a better future. Alumni got to learn about opportunities offered by the University to enable them to harness this advantage, such as when Mr Nicodemus Ler (Business '13), an ex-student from Assoc Prof Titima's class, shared how learning a third language became a stepping stone in his professional career. The rousing session was also enlivened by an introduction to common Thai greetings and phrases.



October 12
Investing for Financial Wellness

**PROFESSOR ONG SEOW ENG |
Real Estate '84**
Department of Real Estate, NUS Business School



**MR SHASHANK SHEKHAR TRIPATHI |
Business + Computing '19**
*Certified Financial Technician; Instructor,
Department of Information Systems and Analytics
and Strategic Technology Management Institute,
NUS School of Computing*



In view of our increasing longevity, how does one effectively invest to ensure a longer financial runway? 271 attendees joined Prof Ong Seow Eng from the Department of Real Estate and Mr Shashank Shekhar Tripathi from NUS School of Computing for a virtual webinar to learn all about future-proofing their assets for the long run. Participants were treated to insights on leveraging data and technology to make better investment decisions, as well as building and managing real estate wealth for the long term. The Q&A session saw enthusiastic attendees seize the chance to have their burning questions answered by industry experts.



Tech Talk (Online)

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is changing how we live, work, and communicate - with technologies that blur the lines across physical, digital and biological spheres.

Our *Tech Talk* series explores some of these emerging technologies, discovering how they impact or disrupt our lives with the breakthroughs and developments of today.



February 16
**Helping Businesses Transform Using
IT – The Transformation that Needs
to Happen Within**

DR JENSON GOH | Computing '97
*Chief Information & Learning officer,
Monde Nissin*



Dr Jenson Goh brought alumni through an extensive presentation on the challenges faced in driving business transformation using IT, especially the importance of applying knowledge and skills acquired in class through practice. With his vast experience in strategising IT use and leading sustainability initiatives, Dr Goh patiently responded to questions from the chat, in particular pain points that leaders and teams often face in finding the right solutions to drive business transformation within the organisation.



May 18
IoT & 5G Security for the Future

DR NICHOLAS HO | Engineering '13
*Lecturer and Consultant, Artificial Intelligence
Practice, Institute of Systems Science, NUS*



MR NG KOK LEONG | Computing '99
*Senior Lecturer and Consultant, Digital Strategy
and Leadership Practice, Institute of Systems
Science, NUS*



Held in collaboration with the Institute of Systems Science, the second session of *Tech Talk* featured Dr Nicholas Ho and Mr Ng Kok Leong who talked attendees through the various use cases of 5G in IoT technology and autonomous systems, and security considerations to enhance IoT security, which are salient emerging technologies to note in today's fast moving world of digitalisation.



August 17
The Future of Money –
Decentralised Finance

MR VICTOR LIEW | *Computing '12*
Co-founder and CTO, Xfers



Close to 200 participants turned up for an enriching and informative night on Zoom with guest speaker Mr Victor Liew, Co-founder and CTO of Xfers, a Singapore-based payment company which launched the XSGD stablecoin that hit US\$1 billion in transaction volume in merely four months. Mr Liew captivated the crowd with his industry knowledge on decentralised finance and attendees enthusiastically took the chance to have their burning questions on cryptocurrency and the like answered in a riveting Q&A session that followed.

November 16
Towards a Digital Organisation
and Data-Driven Workforce

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR TAN CHUAN HOO | *Computing '01*
Deputy Head (Administration and Research),
Department of Information Systems and
Analytics, School of Computing



DR BENJAMIN LEE | *Science '84*
Senior Lecturer (Data Analytics and
Visualisation), Department of Statistics
and Data Science, Faculty of Science



In the final offering of the *Tech Talk* series, more than 200 participants attended this session, organised in partnership with SCALE. Assoc Prof Tan Chuan Hoo and Dr Benjamin Lee gave valuable insights into how data can be harnessed at work, and how companies can re-imagine the way they develop digital capabilities and create effective practices for digital transformation.

March 19
Mastering E-commerce and
Conquering Retail

Speaker:
MS PRISCILLA SHUNMUGAM | *Law '06*
Founder & Designer, Ong Shunmugam



Moderator:
DR SEAN KUAN THYE | *Arts and Social
Sciences '84*
Managing Director (Employee Experience,
Design & Implementation, APAC), FedEx Express.



90 alumni joined Ms Priscilla Shunmugam in a casual and interactive *Lunch Dialogues* session, where she shared anecdotes of her journey, her climb to success and how she pivoted during the pandemic to digitalise her business and found new ways to both connect with regular customers and win the hearts of new fashionistas.

June 18
Change-making and Community

Speaker:
MS CARRIE TAN | *Arts and Social
Sciences '04*
Founder & Strategic Advisor,
Daughters of Tomorrow,
Member of Parliament for Nee Soon GRC



Moderator:
MR SOH YI DA | *Arts and Social
Sciences '14*
Vice President (Investor Relations),
United Overseas Bank Limited



In a lively one-hour session moderated by Mr Soh Yi Da, Ms Carrie Tan shared candidly with 120 enthusiastic alumni the reason she left the corporate life at the age of 30, how she became an advocate for underprivileged women, and her commitment towards reducing inequality.

Lunch Dialogues (Online)

Lunch Dialogues is a talk series organised by NUS Alumni Relations and NUS Society (NUSS). Designed to engage younger NUS alumni professionals in executive and middle management positions, the series creates a platform for the exchange of ideas among alumni, led by experts in their respective fields of industry.

Sessions are casual and interactive, accompanied by forum-style discussions to inspire our younger alumni to be successful leaders of the future.



September 17
Breeding Unicorns

Speaker:
MR JEFFREY TIONG | *Engineering '10*
Founder and CEO, PatSnap



MS GUAN DIAN | *Computing '10*
Co-Founder and Vice-President (Asia-Pacific),
PatSnap



Moderator:
MR TONG HSIEN-HUI | *Engineering '98*
Executive Director (Investments), SGInnovate



The *Lunch Dialogues* series ended on a high note with over 180 alumni tuned in to a riveting session with PatSnap founders, Mr Jeffrey Tiong and Ms Guan Dian, and moderator Mr Tong Hsien-Hui, Executive Director (Investments) of SGInnovate. Being the first NUS-supported start-up to attain Unicorn status, alumni were treated to an illuminating sharing of their humble beginnings to becoming a global patents database platform.

Thought Leadership

WoW: In Conversation (Online)

To celebrate women and their achievements, NUS Alumni Relations, together with the NUS Alumni Advisory Board, presented *WoW: In Conversation* and featured a panel of distinguished NUS alumnae who shared their experiences, achievements, and hopes with other alumni, students, and friends.



March 10 Gender Diversity and Inclusion in the Workforce

Guest-of-Honour and Panellist:

MRS JOSEPHINE TEO | Arts and Social Sciences '90
Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs



Panellists:

MS LYN LEE | Arts and Social Sciences '89
Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Royal Dutch Shell



DR VANDANA RAMACHANDRAN | Science (PhD) '03
Co-founder, Singapore Women in Science



MS GEORGETTE TAN | Arts and Social Sciences '82
President, United Women Singapore



Moderator:

DR INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR | Science '98
Member, NUS Alumni Advisory Board



Increasingly, companies in Singapore are realising the importance of gender diversity in the workplace, as more women are included on boards and in key leadership positions. While these are steps in the right direction, what more can employers or employees do to ensure that women are well-represented and included; that policies and workplace practices are conducive for women to be treated respectfully and equally?

Answering these questions, the distinguished panel of alumnae engaged in a robust discussion joined by over 150 alumni, students and staff in the virtual session held on 10 March. Mrs Josephine Teo inaugurated the night's event with a speech that reminded attendees how everyone has a part to play in forging gender parity. With 2021 dedicated as the Year of Celebrating SG Women, *WoW: In Conversation* was well-timed to deep-dive into the multi-faceted issues faced by women in the workforce. Panellists also candidly shared their personal challenges to become successful in typically male-dominated fields, agreeing that good role models will be a morale-booster for younger ladies to aspire towards.

WoW: Ignite – TIES

A spin-off from *WoW: In Conversation*, *WoW: Ignite – TIES* (which stands for Technological, Informational and Educational Sharing) ignited new ideas and inspired the women in the NUS community to expand their horizons, enhance their ties and networks, unlock their potential and scale greater heights.



September 1

Panellists:

MS JANET ANG | Business '82
Nominated Member of Parliament



MS GOH YIPING | Design and Environment '05
Partner, Quest Ventures



MS TRISHA SURESH | Public Policy '11
Public Policy and Economic Graph Manager, LinkedIn



Moderator:

DR INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR | Science '98
Member, NUS Alumni Advisory Board



On 1 September, close to 100 NUS alumni tuned in to *WoW: Ignite - TIES* and were rewarded with nuggets of wisdom to be empowered and successful as a woman in today's landscape. Three distinguished alumnae who excelled in their various vocations and industries shared their tips for success with the keen attendees.

With 37 years of experience leading the information technology sector, Ms Janet Ang shared her views on building trust in a digital economy, corporations' technological efforts to enable and create a fair and non-discriminatory workplace, and the importance of harnessing the power of digitalisation and

globalisation especially in the current context with the day-to-day redefined.

Building on Ms Ang's enlightening sharing, Ms Goh Yiping enlivened the session with personal anecdotes that provided refreshing learning points to inculcate a right mindset for new breakthroughs, taking the chance to encourage everyone to constantly challenge oneself and leverage opportunities that arise in the Southeast Asian market.

Finally, Ms Trisha Suresh introduced useful and practical tools to advance and pivot one's career, stressing that consistently upscaling and developing both soft and digital skills is the way to go. The evening rounded up with a rousing Q&A which saw enthusiastic attendees seeking advice from the panel, as well as thanking them for an uplifting evening that championed and celebrated female success.



A Conversation with NUS President (Online)

NUS is committed to delivering a future-ready curriculum and much is underway to ensure our graduates stay ahead of the curve and are adept to thrive in today's fast-changing landscape. As Singapore's flagship University, how does NUS pivot to future-proof our next generation of leaders?




July 14 Nurturing a Forward-Looking University

Panellists:

PROFESSOR TAN ENG CHYE | Science '85
NUS President

MS WEE SU-ANN | Law' 21
42nd NUS Students' Union President

MR GOKUL M.C. | Engineering, PhD
35th Graduate Students' Society President



Over 150 alumni, students and staff joined a conversation with NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye to keep abreast of the University's evolving education model and framework that aim to prepare graduates to be tomorrow's leaders.

Today's fast-changing landscape sees growing expectations for adept, multifaceted talents who can stay ahead of the curve. On 14 July, like-minded members of the NUS community tuned in for an enriching session via Zoom to hear about what the University has to offer to meet this challenge. The virtual conversation was led by a panel featuring Prof Tan, Ms Wee Su-Ann and Mr Gokul MC.



In an hour well spent, attendees of the session were given insights into the University's latest plans, initiatives and developments that encourage lifelong learning. Prof Tan shared about the learning priorities of the University, which dictate an interdisciplinary approach and broad-based learning.

As part of NUS' lifelong learning philosophy, a future-ready approach will equip graduates with the necessary skillset to thrive in a world of accelerated changes. Framed as a 20-year commitment, the University's new education model was also detailed.

Following Prof Tan's informative 30-minute sharing, an interactive Q&A was held to take questions from the floor. Attendees enjoyed an invigorating exchange with Prof Tan, Ms Wee and Mr Gokul as they discussed NUS' commitment to mature into a global university that empowers future leaders.



"Lifelong learning has to be a key capability of our graduates. As new things get introduced, they cannot just rely on their four years of university education to last them for the next 30 to 40 years of working life. With rapid changes and disruptions in industries, we have to imbue our graduates with a capacity to learn as they continue to pivot and specialise in different areas. Interdisciplinarity allows this agility to embrace change," said Prof Tan.



President's Dialogue with Alumni

President's Dialogue with Alumni provides a platform for interactions between alumni from different faculties and schools, and NUS President on a more personal and deeper level, with an objective to foster closer ties between alumni and alma mater.

January 11	NUS Overseas Colleges
February 10	School of Computing
March 10	Faculty of Law
April 16	Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health
September 9	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
December 2	Faculty of Science



Networking

Thirsty Thursdays (Online)

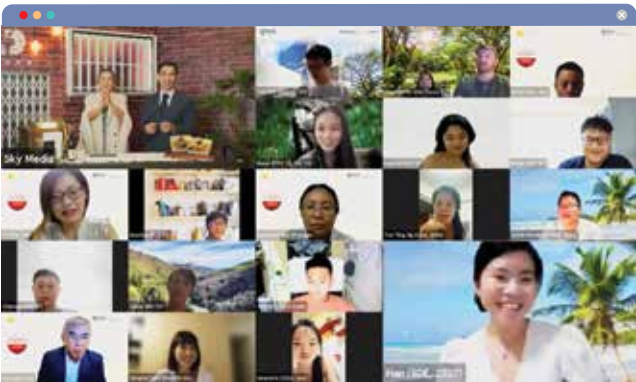
Thirsty Thursdays is a popular alumni networking event, where fellow young alumni chill and network with one another – all from the comfort of their homes.



July 8

The Art of Savouring: Sake Pairing Masterclass

80 young alumni tuned in from the comfort of their homes and learned how to unlock the go-to secret of how different sake profiles complement various ingredients. Organised in collaboration with Sky Premium International, the event was hosted by Ms Charmaine Yee, Radio and TV Presenter, and Mr Chek Wong, Certified Wine and Spirits Educator and Sommelier. It was an enjoyable evening of delicious bento, many toasts and fun as alumni participated actively in the game segment and post-event networking session.



December 3

Insanely Delicious & Nutritious Plant-based Meals

MR CONSTANT TONG | Computing '91
Founder, Insane Meals



MR LEE KUAN LOONG | Arts and Social Sciences '12
Senior Sales Manager, Impossible Foods



MR VIKAS GARG
Founder and CEO, abillion



MS BONNIE LAU
Certified Dietitian



Over 100 young alumni and students participated in a lively panel discussion on sustainable meat alternatives to find out how going meatless will become the future of food. Organised in collaboration with Insane Meals, the event featured a panel of experts from the plant-based industry. It was a hearty and fun evening as participants got to know each other through ice breaker games and in breakout rooms.

Sports and Wellness

Health & Wellness (Online)

Health and Wellness is a series of talks by medical specialists to help alumni better understand common medical conditions. Unravel medical jargon and debunk myths behind seemingly complicated diseases at these talks.



January 21

Smiling Your Way to Good Oral Health

DR TAY CHONG MENG | Dentistry '03
Consultant, Discipline of Advanced General Practice, National University Centre for Oral Health Singapore, Assistant Professor, NUS Faculty of Dentistry



DR WILSON LU | Dentistry '11
Associate Consultant, Discipline of Orthodontic and Paediatric Dentistry, National University Centre for Oral Health Singapore, Assistant Professor, NUS Faculty of Dentistry



Organised in partnership with National University Hospital and National University Centre for Oral Health Singapore, the first session of *Health & Wellness* welcomed Dental Consultant Dr Tay Chong Meng and orthodontist Dr Wilson Lu. Dr Tay spoke on Taking Charge of Your Oral Health, imparting his knowledge on common oral diseases and preventive oral care to the audience. Dr Lu subsequently gave a short talk on Orthodontics – Aligning for Better Health, taking the audience through different treatments, preventable orthodontic problems and steps to mitigate them.

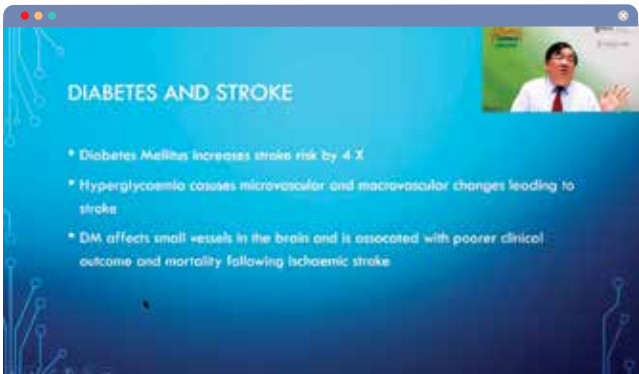
April 22

All You Need to Know About Strokes

DR CHOU NING | Medicine '93
Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon and Director, CHOU Neuroscience Clinic, Farrer Park Hospital



Organised with Farrer Park Hospital, this session featured Dr Chou Ning, who gave an illuminating talk to over 200 alumni on the different types of strokes, risk factors and ways to prevent them. Stroke is the fourth-leading cause of death and one of the top contributors to adult disability in Singapore. Attendees were able to tap on Dr Chou's expertise to gain a better grasp of the dangers and burdens of strokes, as well as clarify their pressing medical concerns.



July 22

Managing Wellbeing -
The NUS Experience and You

DR ANDREW TAY | *Medicine '07*
Director & Head, Health & Wellbeing Team,
NUS Office of the President



DR KINJAL DOSHI
Lead Psychologist, Health & Wellbeing Team,
NUS Office of the President



172 inquisitive participants joined Dr Andrew Tay and Dr Kinjal Doshi from the NUS Health and Wellbeing Team to strengthen their understanding of mental health. Dr Tay and Dr Kinjal educated the virtual audience on useful tools and resources they can adopt to cope with increased anxiety and uncertainty brought about by COVID-19, along with other strategies they can apply at different stages of life. Participants also benefitted from helpful knowledge on how employers and managers can play a part in maintaining employees' health and wellbeing.



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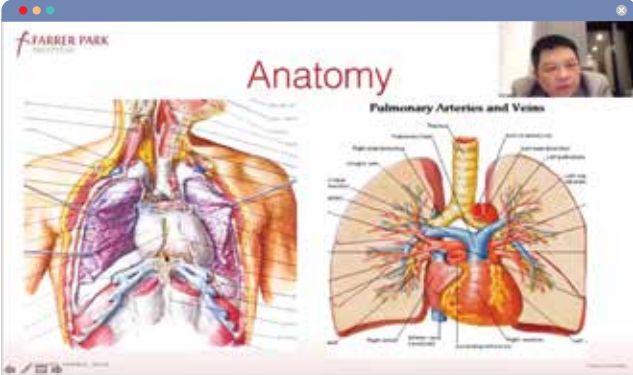
October 21

Breakthroughs in Lung Cancer
Detection and Treatment

DR LIM CHONG HEE | *Medicine '90*
Specialist in Cardiothoracic Surgery,
Farrer Park Hospital



148 participants joined Dr Lim Chong Hee, a Specialist in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Farrer Park Hospital to better understand the symptoms, risks and treatments for lung cancer. As the third most common cancer in Singapore, Dr Lim shared with the virtual audience the importance of screening, different stages of the disease, various techniques in biopsy and the role of surgery in managing early lung cancer. The session concluded with a robust Q&A session where Dr Lim also shared the effects of COVID-19 on lung cancer patients.



Arts, Culture And Travel

6th Indian Film Festival

March 16 to 19 (In-person)
Online Screening until April 2

Films screened:

Hindi Medium
Badrinath Ki Dulhania (Badrinath's Bride)
Kahaani
Queen

Jointly organised by the High Commission of India in Singapore and NUS Alumni Relations, *Indian Film Festival* returned for the sixth time to bring the best of Indian films to NUS alumni. In the Year of Celebrating SG Women, 2021's festival featured the stories of three women who embrace life's challenges in different ways. Distinguished guests to the Opening Night on 16 March were treated to a screening of *Hindi Medium*, a light-hearted comedy which sheds light on the education system in India.

Guests also brought home an abundant goodie bag courtesy of the High Commission of India in Singapore, which included Indian traditional snacks, tea leaves, a practical sanitising kit with antibacterial wipes, face masks and a few bottles of hand sanitiser.

In attendance for the evening were His Excellency Periasamy Kumaran, High Commissioner and Mr Shri Siddhartha Nath, Deputy High Commissioner; Mr Tan Kian Woo (Business '88), NUS Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; and Mr Edward D'Silva (Architecture '75), NUS Alumni Advisory Board Member. Films were also screened virtually and alumni who signed up enjoyed watching the films in the comfort of their homes.



3rd Mexican Film Festival

June 29 to July 2

Films screened:

El Vigilante (The Nightwatch)
Rumbos Paralelos (Parallel Lives)
La boda de Valentina (Valentina's Wedding)

After a two-year hiatus, the Embassy of Mexico in Singapore and NUS Alumni Relations came together once again to present the third *Mexican Film Festival*. The four-day long festival showcased the best of Mexican films to NUS Alumni. The Opening Night was graced by His Excellency Agustín García-López, Ambassador of Mexico to Singapore; His Excellency Carlos Raul Vasquez Corrales, Ambassador of Peru to Singapore; Her Excellency Eugênia Barthelmess, Ambassador of Brazil to Singapore, His Excellency Manuel Hernando Solano Sossa, Ambassador of Colombia to Singapore; His Excellency Victor Hugo Rojas Gonzalez, Ambassador of the Republic of Costa Rica to Singapore; and distinguished guests from the NUS community.



2nd Peruvian Film Festival

November 23 to 26

Film screened:

La Teta Asustada (The Milk of Sorrow)
El Bien Esquivo (The Elusive Good)
Mataindios (Indigenous' Slayer)

Following the success of the inaugural collaboration in 2020, the Embassy of the Republic of Peru in Singapore and NUS Alumni Relations hosted the second *Peruvian Film Festival* from 23 to 26 November. 2021 also marked the bicentennial of Peru, and 41 years of friendship, cooperation and diplomatic relations between the two Republics. The Opening Night was graced by His Excellency Carlos Raul Vasquez Corrales, Ambassador of Peru to Singapore; His Excellency Agustín García-López, Ambassador of Mexico to Singapore; Her Excellency Eugênia Barthelmess, Ambassador of Brazil to Singapore; His Excellency Mauricio Nine, Ambassador of Argentina to Singapore; His Excellency Ignacio Concha, Ambassador of Chile to Singapore; His Excellency Manuel Solano, Ambassador of Columbia to Singapore and distinguished guests from the NUS community.



Feature Films (Russian)

Feature Films was launched in 2018 to bring greater awareness to the cosmopolitan cultures within our Little Red Dot and beyond. NUS Alumni Relations collaborated also with diplomatic missions in Singapore to introduce the unique culture and essence of each country through films.



August 26

Film screened:

The Brest Fortress

Originally scheduled for 2020, the screening of *The Brest Fortress* finally came to fruition at the inaugural *Feature Films (Russian)*. Apart from the usual screening, the Embassy put together a photo exhibition illustrating images of the fortress during and after World War Two, war veterans visiting the monument and other related photos. The event was graced by Charge d' Affaires, Ms Olga Kharlamova, from the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Singapore.



Social/ Entertainment

NUS Senior Alumni and NUS Alumni Sing-Along are both interest-based alumni groups, who meet regularly for Tea and Chat, and Sing-Along sessions respectively. Supported by NUS Alumni Relations, both groups aim to foster closer bonds between alumni and their alma mater.

Despite the challenges brought about by COVID-19, both groups have pivoted online to continue engaging in their common interests and stay connected with one another.

JANUARY	
16	Zoom with Confidence Workshop
28	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): The Emergence of a New Agriculture Paradigm
FEBRUARY	
8	Alumni Sing-Along Gathering (Online): A Chinatown Affair!
25	Senior Alumni Annual Review & Festive Greetings (Hybrid*) *Online with a small in-person audience
MARCH	
8	Alumni Sing-Along Gathering (Online): Life in Our Time, Time in Our Life
25	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): New Beginnings
APRIL	
12	Alumni Sing-Along Gathering (Online): My Ukelele Journey
29	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): New Trends in Publishing
MAY	
27	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): Ageing Gracefully Takes Effort – Are You Ready in a Post-COVID-19 World?
JUNE	
24	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): How to Understand Yourself in a Different Way

JULY	
12	Alumni Sing-Along Gathering (Online): Building a Singing Singapore
29	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): Dare to Be Different
AUGUST	
26	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): Mid-Autumn Festival Legends
SEPTEMBER	
30	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): Embracing Our Golden Years
OCTOBER	
11	Alumni Sing-Along Gathering (Online): Navigating through the Pandemic! Making Music in the Endemic!
28	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): Growing Organic Vegetables with Probiotic Topsoil
NOVEMBER	
8	Alumni Sing-Along Gathering (Online): When Eldercare and Music Converge
25	Senior Alumni Tea & Chat (Online): Gratitude and Thanksgiving
DECEMBER	
13	Alumni Sing-Along Gathering (Online): Christmas Variety Show



February 17 Chinese New Year Appreciation Dinner

An annual appreciation dinner hosted by NUS President and NUS Alumni Relations to thank alumni leaders, volunteers, partners, colleagues and students for their support and contributions towards the University's efforts to engage alumni. Undaunted by the restrictions on social gatherings brought about by COVID-19, over 100 alumni leaders, volunteers, partners, colleagues and students gathered virtually to usher in the Year of the Ox.

Recognition

NUS Alumni Awards 2021

November 3 and 5

The prestigious *NUS Alumni Awards* was set up on the occasion of NUS Centennial Celebrations in 2005 to celebrate and honour alumni who have distinguished themselves through significant and impactful contributions to their alma mater, society and the world.

Held in two ceremonies on 3 and 5 November 2021, the 2021 *NUS Alumni Awards* honoured the achievements of 40 outstanding alumni – 32 individuals and four teams of two – who have distinguished themselves through significant and impactful contributions to Singapore and the larger community. This is the largest cohort of trailblazers honoured in a single year since the awards were introduced.

Eminent Alumni Award

The University conferred the Eminent Alumni Award on three NUS alumni who have distinguished themselves nationally or globally for their exceptional and sustained contributions and achievements. They are:



PROFESSOR CHAN HENG CHEE
Arts '64

Ambassador-at-Large at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, top woman academic and inspirational female leader



**FORMER MINISTER
MR ONG PANG BOON**
Arts '53

First-generation "Old Guard" leader, former Minister for Education, Labour and Environment, who laid the foundations for Singapore's stability and success



MR PHILIP YEO LIAT KOK
Engineering '74 & Doctor of Letters '11

Top civil servant who spearheaded and contributed significantly to Singapore's military, economic, biomedical and research fields



Distinguished Alumni Service Award

12 alumni were recognised with the Distinguished Alumni Service Award for their impact in their respective fields as well as excellent and sustained service rendered to NUS, its predecessor institutions and the community. They are:



MR ABDULLAH BIN TARMUGI
Arts '69

Permanent Council Member on the Presidential Council on Minority Rights, former Minister for Community Development, and former member of NUS Board of Trustees



MS AW KAH PENG
Engineering '90

Chairman, Shell Companies in Singapore



MS JOCELYN CHNG YEE KWANG
Arts and Social Sciences '98 & Business '12

Managing Director, Sin Hwa Dee, CEO and Co-Founder, JR Group, and former Member of the NUS Alumni Advisory Board



MR S CHANDRA DAS
Arts '65

Non-Resident High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, and former Member of Parliament



MR BARRY DESKER
Arts '70

Former Non-Resident Ambassador to the Holy See and the Kingdom of Spain



MINISTER DESMOND LEE TI-SENG
Arts '70

Minister for National Development



DR LEE TZU PHENG
Arts '68

Award-winning poet and literary pioneer, and winner of the Cultural Medallion for Literature



PROFESSOR LEO YEE SIN
Medicine '83, '89 & Public Health '13

Executive Director, National Centre for Infectious Diseases



MR DILHAN PILLAY SANDRASEGARA
Law '68

CEO, Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited and CEO, Temasek International



MR JACK SIM JUEK WAH
Public Policy '13

Founder, World Toilet Organisation



DR TAN LAI YONG
Medicine '85 & Public Policy '13

Associate Professor, College of Alice & Peter Tan, NUS



MR SONNY YUEN CHEE CHOONG
Business '85

Managing Director, JonDavidson Private Limited

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

17 young alumni also received awards for their achievements which have distinguished them in their chosen field. They are:



MS ANNIE AN DONGMEI
Computing '15
Solutions Architect, Amazon Web Services



MR LAURENCE PUTRA FRANSLAY
Computing '13
Winner of the President's Volunteerism & Philanthropy Awards 2020



DR SHARON HENG LING ZHI
Medicine '08
Ophthalmic surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital and Chairperson, NUS Alumni London Chapter



MR LIM WEI JIE
Arts and Social Sciences '17
Co-Founder and Director, Foreword Coffee Roasters



MR DAVID LOW JIA WEI
Systems Science '16
Co-Founder and Chief Data Scientist, Pand.ai



DR MOHAMMAD HOSSEIN DAVOOD A BADI FARAHANI
Engineering '19
Founder, CEO and CTO, SEPPURE



MR MUHAMMAD IBNUR RASHAD BIN ZAINAL ABIDIN
Engineering + USP '11
Founder and Chief Innovation Officer, Ground-Up Innovation Labs for Development (GUILD)



MR OW TAI ZHI
Business '11
Co-Founder and Chief Investment Officer, AutoWealth Singapore, and Member of the NUS Alumni Advisory Board



MR RAMEEZ ANSAR
Computing '05
Co-Founder, Circles.Life



MS CARRIE TAN HUIMIN
Arts and Social Sciences '04 & Public Policy '20
Member of Parliament and Founder, Daughters of Tomorrow



MS AUDREY JOY TAN YAN XI
Arts and Social Sciences '11
Chief Dreams Architect and Co-Founder, PlayMoolah



DR ANDY TAY KAH PING
Engineering '14
NUS Presidential Young Professor



MR ASEEM KUMAR THAKUR
Engineering + USP '09
Co-Founder, GIVE.asia, and Founder and CEO, Aseemai



MS TIN PEI LING
Arts and Social Sciences + USP '07
Member of Parliament and CEO, Business China



MR WONG KAH CHUN
Music '11
Chief Conductor, Nuremberg Symphony Orchestra, Germany



MS JANICE WONG HUIXIAN
Arts and Social Sciences '06
Chief Artist, Janice Wong Singapore and Owner of 2am:dessertbar




DR ZHOU LIHAN
Science + USP '07 & Medicine '13
Co-Founder and CEO, MiRXES


Team (Alumni) Award

The accolade was accorded to four two-member alumni teams who have collectively distinguished themselves in their chosen fields:

BANTU




MR NICHOLAS OOI HSIEN LOONG
Computing '18




MS JANELLE LEE JIAXIN
Arts and Social Sciences '17

CARMINE THERAPEUTICS




DR SHI JIAHAI
Science '08




DR LE THI NGUYET MINH
Science '05

CHOW AND LIN




MR STEFEN CHOW
Engineering '03




MS LIN HUIYI
Arts and Social Sciences + USP '03

SHOPBACK



MR HENRY CHAN HIAN YI
Engineering '11



MR JOEL LEONG YONG SIANG
Arts and Social Sciences '12

NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye said, “NUS is delighted to honour 40 outstanding alumni and teams – the biggest cohort of recipients since the inception of the awards is testament to the high calibre of alumni who come from diverse backgrounds – from healthcare, civil service, finance, to the arts. Their life experiences, trailblazing work and achievements inspire us to continue nurturing generations of changemakers who exemplify the NUS values of innovation, resilience, excellence, respect and integrity.”



Read the full Alumni Awards Booklet and the individual citations here!

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/events/alumniawards

Homecoming and Reunion

Bukit Timah Homecoming

July 3

Rollin' Good Times

Organised by NUS Alumni Relations and co-hosted by NUS Law and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, the annual homecoming took flight in a fun-filled hybrid format this year.

The celebration included a lineup of pre-recorded videos and programmes streamed live from Bukit Timah Campus. Alumni recorded a series of song-and-dance performances, as well as a poem recital and a flash mob that showcased creativity and talent.

Reminiscing about the good old days, alumni Ms Anna Leong (Business '81), Associate Professor Lawrence Chia (Science '69) and Mr Rohan Kamis (Accountancy '75) led a nostalgic session of the NUS Senior Alumni Tea & Chat, moderated by Mrs Ho Chay Tiang (Science '71). Professor Danny Quah, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean of NUS Law also hosted an illuminating Interactive Dialogue that discussed the opportunities and threats posed by artificial intelligence.

The celebration went into full swing when creative entries from enthusiastic alumni were awarded at the Bukit Timah's Got Talent Contest prize presentation. NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85) congratulated the Class of 1971 on their golden jubilee in an uplifting address, and brought the event to a fruitful close.

Rewatch the exciting entries of the Bukit Timah's Got Talent at NUS Alumni Relations' Facebook Page, or hop on over to the website to tune in to recorded sessions!

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/events/bth



Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day (Online)

August 14

Reimagine

The annual *Kent Ridge Alumni Family Day*, themed *REIMAGINE* in 2021, took on a virtual form for alumni, students, staff and their families to participate from the comfort and safety of their homes. Throughout the day, attendees were enthralled by an array of talks, workshops and activities that spanned across different themes of Science, Wellness, The Arts, Home, Technology and Work.

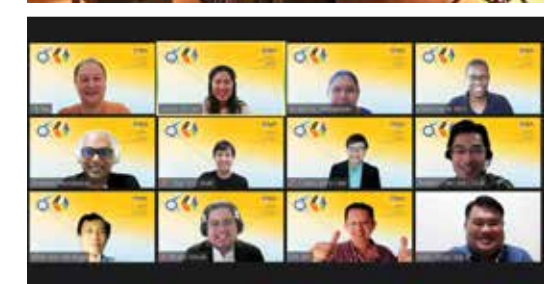
The annual homecoming was set in motion with a strong line-up concurrently streamed and hosted on Facebook Live and Zoom. Participants hopped between sessions of their choice to learn about versatile and eye-opening subjects such as forensic science, game publishing, food security, urban insect farming and health. Other fun highlights of the day included virtual museum tours, a 'career human library', a female empowerment workshop and an online mooncake-making session.

In the spirit of staying connected as one University community, NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85) led a candid conversation joined by esteemed panellists Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar (Science '98) and Mr Chiam Yeng Heeng (Year 4, Business) in *REIMAGINE NUS*, a discussion forum that shed light on NUS' latest developments and interdisciplinary efforts.

The jam-packed day concluded with over 200 attendees tuning in from their homes to a virtual movie screening of the heartwarming animated film, *Soul*.

Head on over to the following website to relive the day all over again, at the comfort of your homes!

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/events/kent-ridge-alumni-family-day-2021



September 4

The NUS community continues to turn compassion into action as *NUS Day of Service* enters its 6th year. With initiatives taking place before and beyond 4 September, this annual event has evolved into a collective effort that goes on all year round.

In 2021, more than 2,400 alumni, staff and members of the NUS family played their part and contributed to 63 community projects that benefit children, the elderly, the underprivileged, and more.

	Beneficiaries	Volunteers	Activities
2021	7371	2,402	63
2020	3,700	1,368	32
2019	5,500	2,411	54
2018	6,130	2,050	57
2017	5,000	2,000	47
2016	4,500	1,400	21

Volunteering at Outram Community Hospital and Sengkang Community Hospital

In collaboration with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS Economics Alumni Group hosted patients of Outram Community Hospital and Sengkang Community Hospital online with highlights that included a game of Bingo, a sing-along session and a care pack delivered to each participant.



Packing Welfare Packs at Kampung Senang

NUS Senior Alumni and NUS Alumni Relations contributed their time and efforts to gardening and packing 250 welfare packs for beneficiaries of the Kampung Senang Charity and Education Foundation.



NUS Alumni Yangon Alumni Circle

Volunteers from NUS Alumni Yangon Circle visited the Buddhist Nuns Monasteries located in Mingaladon Township, Yangon, to donate food and essential items.



Pawlunteer Day for Prince George's Park Residence Volunteers

In collaboration with Animal Lovers League, a registered charity and home to over 500 dogs and cats, volunteers from Prince George's Park Residence gave their services to vagrant strays and rescued animals.



Garden Clean-up at College Green

Alumni from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy took time off to clean up College Green at Dunearn Road.





What Lies Ahead

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Alumni Engagement in the New Normal

When COVID-19 hit, things altered dramatically in all aspects of people's lives. As new variants emerged, the corresponding peaks in cases were unsettling. Faced with a changing landscape and evolving Safe Management Measures (SMM), in-person engagement with alumni took a hiatus as the community pledged to stay safe and socially responsible.

New opportunities always arise amid major changes. In 2020, our office pivoted online and we were able to reach out to more segments of alumni – both locally and overseas – than before. As SMM slowly eased, we brought back a scaled down version of Film Festivals, allowing alumni to return to their Home on Campus, Shaw Foundation Alumni House.

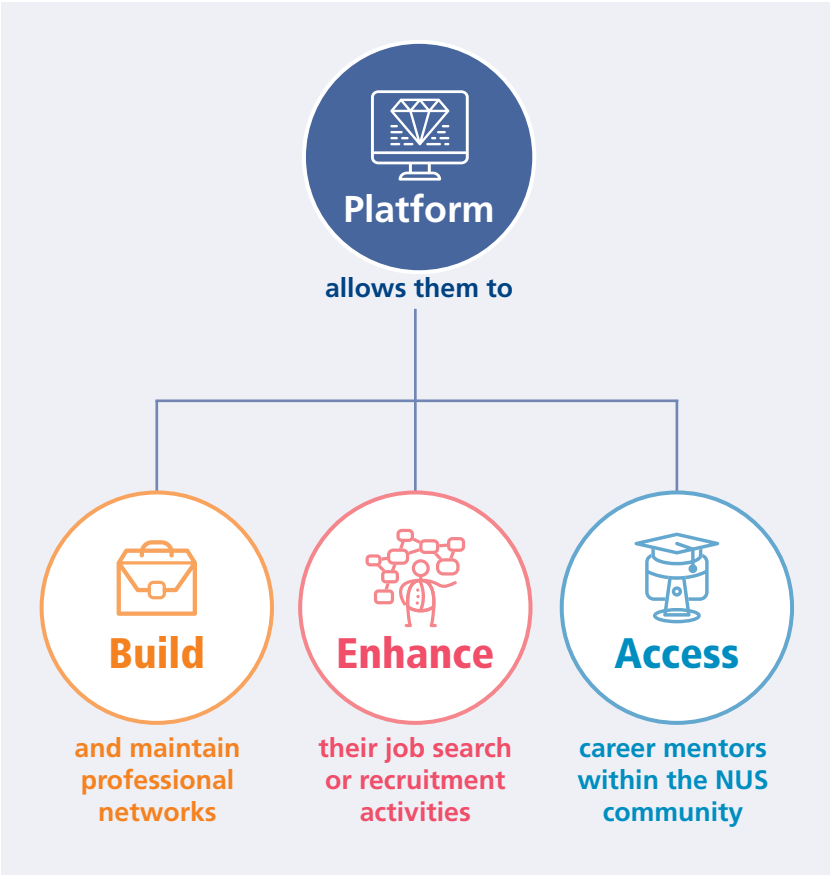
So, what's next? To keep up with the new way of working, we are prepared to enhance our events and programmes to allow for a greater flexibility for online and in-person engagement. From 2021 and beyond, you can look forward to enjoying the array of activities which we offer.



Bringing Us Together

Officially launched on 28 January 2022 by Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education and NUS President, Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85), conNectUS is a new digital platform which aims to connect NUS students and alumni in a professional, gated networking space. Developed by a multi-departmental taskforce led by NUS Centre for Future-ready Graduates (CFG), the platform allows students and graduates to tap on the rich and diverse NUS community to assist in their career development.

Since its soft launch in July 2021, more than 10,000 NUS students and alumni have hopped on the platform, which allows them to:



Connect with like-minded NUS alumni and students now!

Find out more and register at

connectus.nus.edu.sg

A New Beginning for NUS

At the onset of COVID-19, the University made bold but strategic strides ahead to complement the transformation journey it has embarked on for the past decade, to prepare undergraduates for an increasingly complex world. Implementing flexible academic pathways and an interdisciplinary education, the University has earned a strong reputation as a trusted and forward-looking institution.

College of Humanities and Sciences (CHS)

Launched in December 2020, CHS is the enhanced undergraduate experience for students of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Science. With a common curriculum for most of the undergraduate degree programmes, CHS marks a deeper emphasis on an interdisciplinary, student-led learning experience where students have unparalleled flexibility and choice to build breadth and depth in skills and knowledge. CHS offers three cross-disciplinary programmes, 28 primary majors, over 50 minors, a wide array of specialisation, and around 1,000 modules in each academic year.

chs.nus.edu.sg

College of Design and Engineering (CDE)

CDE marks the official merger of the School of Design & Environment and the Faculty of Engineering. CDE will welcome its inaugural cohort of around 1,600 students for all 14 undergraduate programmes from Academic Year 2021/2022. Undergraduates would be able to go deep in their chosen area or go broad and pick up complementary skills, empowering students to choose their own path. Along with the formation of CDE comes two new educational programmes, a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Infrastructure and Project Management, and a new interdisciplinary second major in Sustainable Urban Development.

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NUS College (NUSC)

In August 2021, NUS announced the formation of a new undergraduate honours college that will offer a broad-based, interdisciplinary education through deeper integration with the rest of the University. It entails the merging of the best features of the University Scholars Programme (USP) and the Yale-NUS College, along with its own distinctive approach to honours education. NUS College features a unique educational experience built upon an innovative curriculum, global exposure, residential learning, and a supportive, inclusive community. Open to undergraduates from 50 majors across the University, NUSC will admit its first intake in Academic Year 2022/2023.

nuscollege.nus.edu.sg



Year in Review

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APRIL					
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		2	Thirsty Thursdays (Online): Insanely Delicious & Nutritious Plant-Based Meals		
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Alumni Pillars

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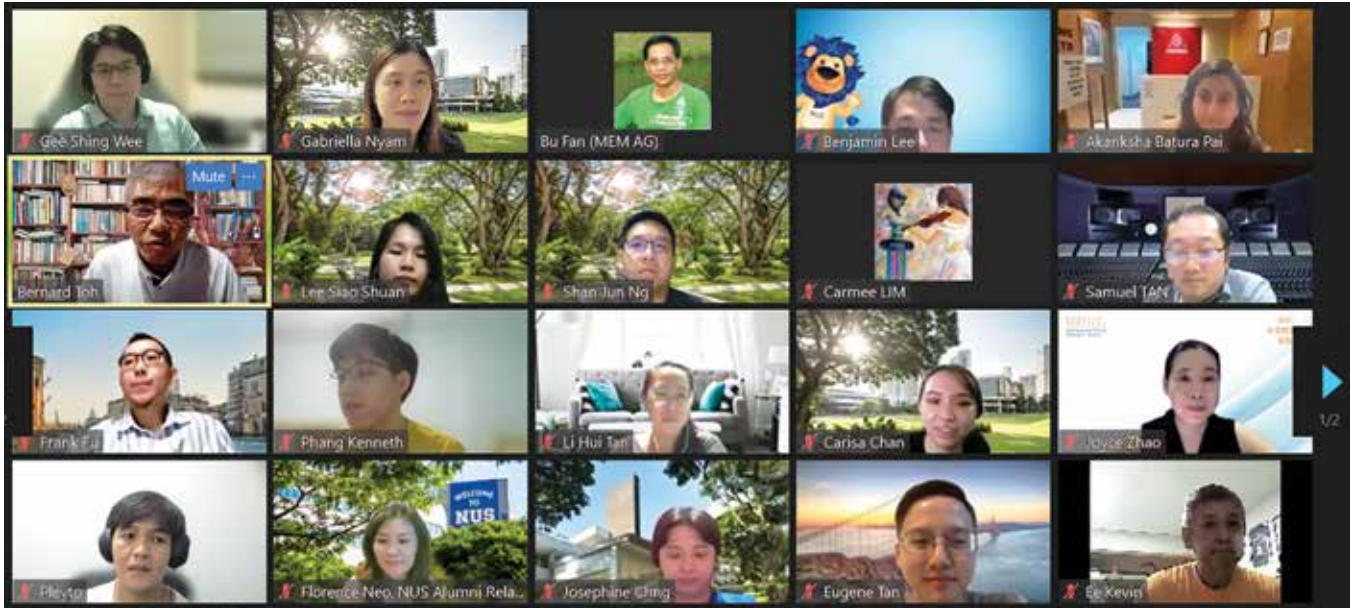
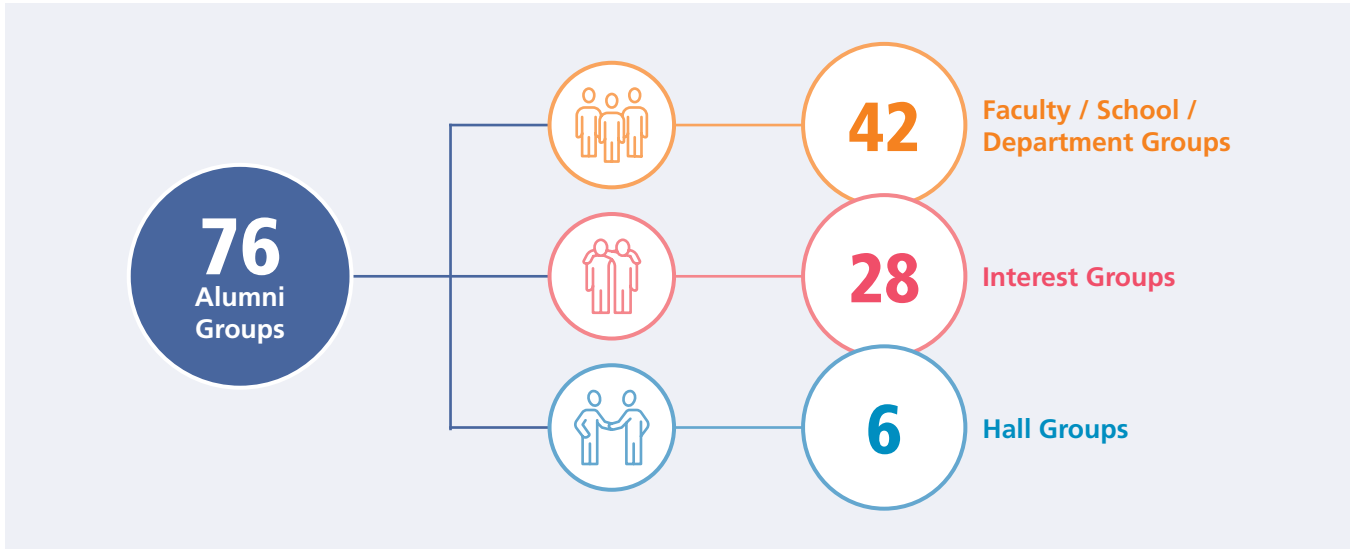
NUS Alumni Advisory Board Retreat



March 20

Members of the NUS Alumni Advisory Board gathered for an insightful retreat at Temasek Club. The session, led by Chairman Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85), gave members the opportunity to have in-depth discussions on alumni-related matters for the University. During this session, Prof Tan also shared upcoming NUS developments with the Board.

Alumni Groups



nus.edu.sg/alumnet/community/alumni-groups

Overseas Engagement

20 Overseas Chapters

Formalised committees with Chairpersons approved by NUS President and appointed by Director, NUS Alumni Relations

Australia Melbourne Perth Sydney	China Beijing Chengdu Chongqing Hong Kong Shanghai Xiamen	Indonesia Jakarta	The Philippines Manila
Canada Toronto Vancouver	India New Delhi	Japan Tokyo	United Kingdom London
		Malaysia Kuching	United States of America Boston San Francisco
		New Zealand Auckland	

1 Global Ambassador

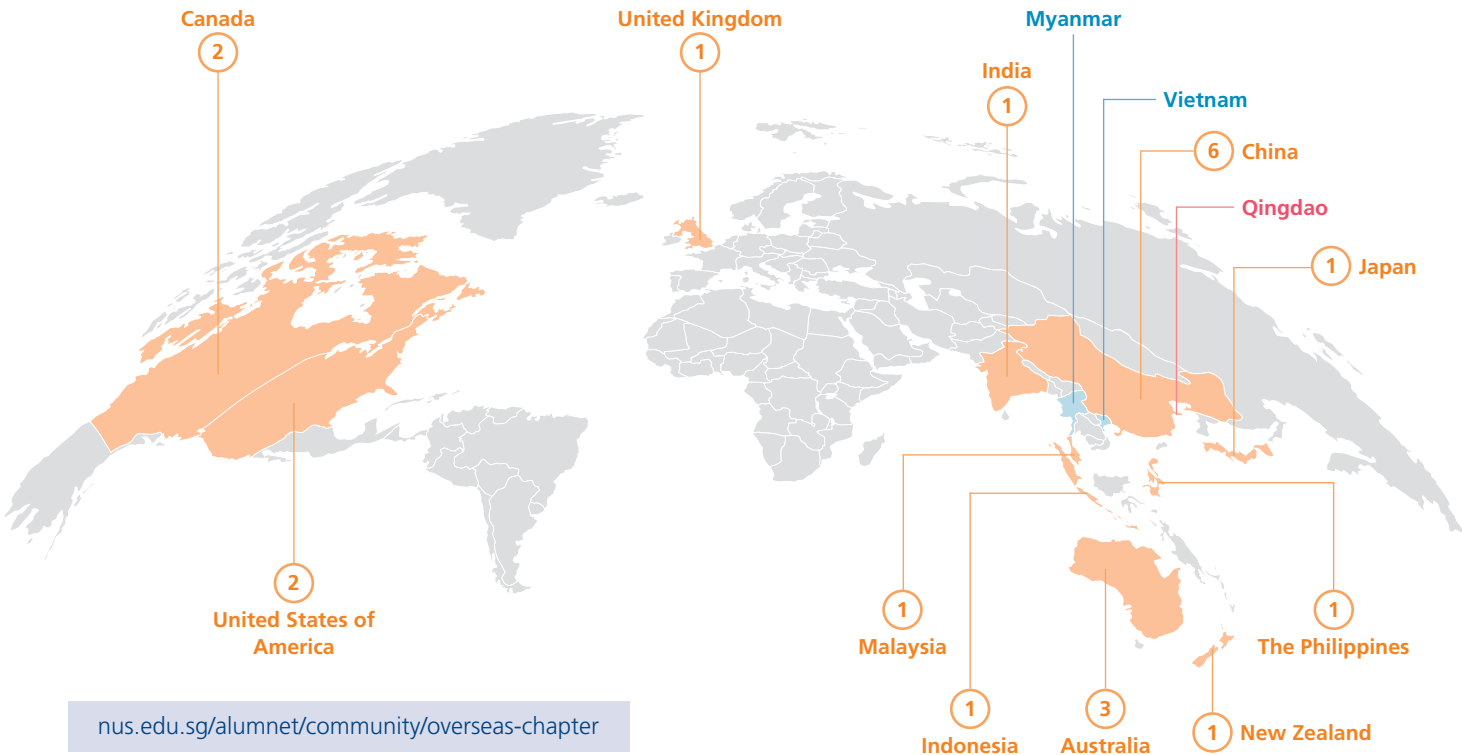
Well-connected individuals keen to reconnect with NUS and fellow alumni

Qingdao, China

2 Alumni Circles

Formalised committees endorsed and appointed by Director, NUS Alumni Relations

Vietnam
Myanmar



Students, New Alumni, NUSSU/GSS Dialogues, Associate Directors

Students

Class Ambassadors

Class Ambassadors are key connectors for the University and they ensure the continual engagement of the class with Faculty, School, Hall or Residential College and alma mater after graduation.

151 new Class Ambassadors were appointed from the Class of 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, faculties and schools were encouraged to hold their own Class Ambassadors Investiture online or in-person (with safe management measures in place).

151
New Class
Ambassadors

November 2

NUS Students' Union and Graduate Students' Society Dialogue

This annual dialogue aims to foster closer ties between student leaders and to explore possible collaboration opportunities between students and alumni.

nus.edu.sg/alumnet/community/class-ambassadors



New Alumni

Commencement

NUS Commencement is traditionally celebrated in July each year. In 2021, however, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted campus life and events, including the Commencement ceremonies.

With the gradual easing of measures, commencement ceremonies for both Classes of 2020 and 2021 were held in October 2021.

Graduands received

- *AlumConnect* – a starter kit for new alumni
- Graduands' first copy of *The AlumNUS*

12,457
New
Graduates

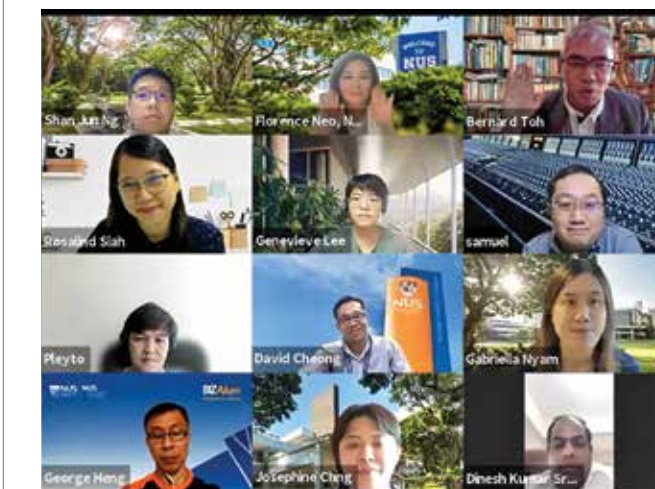


Associate Directors for Alumni Relations

30
Associate
Directors

Responsible for engaging alumni from their respective Faculty, School, Hall of Residence, College and Department, to strengthen and deepen their relationship with their alma mater.

NUS Alumni Relations held four meetings with the Associate Directors, in January, April, July and October, to update one another on alumni-related matters, and to discuss opportunities and challenges.



nus.edu.sg/alumnet/community

OAR Team

Directorate

Provides strategic direction for the office in its global outreach efforts in line with NUS' aspirations.



Mr Bernard Toh
Director & Head of Department,
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Ms Florence Neo
Director & Head, Alumni
Communications and
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Ms Nancy Chia
Associate Director &
Head, Administration

Ms Maureen Oliveira
PA to Director

Administration

Manages SFAH Operations and provides Information Management, Finance, Human Resource, and Administrative support.



SFAH Operations

Ms Chloe Chua
Assistant Manager

Ms Niki Chong
Senior Executive

Mr Muhammad Murshid Bin
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Senior Executive

Ms Hamidah Bte Ithnin
Management Assistant
Officer



Information Management

Mr John Pleyto
Assistant Senior Manager

Ms Khine Zin Thet
Assistant Manager

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Senior Executive

Human Resource and Administration

Ms Amy Wu
Assistant Manager

Ms Wendy Ng
Operations Associate

Alumni Communications and Engagement

Strengthens bonds with alumni through programmes and activities; and develops branding and communications strategies to better reach out to alumni.



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