

**Citation – Outstanding Educator Award
Dr Susan Ang**

Dr Susan Ang teaches Literature at the Department of English Language and Literature. As a Humanities educator, her desire is to help students realize their fullest human potential. What does this mean? For her, this means nurturing in students a curiosity about life, a zest for questions, and the courage not just face but also work with ambiguities.

Susan's students are the best testimony of her passion, commitment and consummate skill as a teacher. Consider what her students have to say about each academic encounter – “I leave her class each time and every time excited over new ideas and ways of thinking.” “I cannot remember how many times I feel positively challenged in hearing the mechanics of her thoughts, and by the end of every class, she leaves us both drained and nourished.” “She is always pushing us to make clear our thoughts; to always go back a few steps to explore how we got to that particular point.” “She forces us to want to confront difficult text, even when our instincts are to run away. In this way, she is teaching us to be brave and to deal confidently with unfamiliar ideas, situations, concepts”.

Susan certainly walks her talk. Pioneering the use of iBook-technology in Literature, she has charted an untrodden path by integrating Romantic and Contemporary Literature with cutting-edge videos, web-links and current affairs. Through her work, literary texts come alive for a 21st Century audience, young minds find new ways to think, to imagine and to create, and we are reminded once more of the life-giving power of literature. Please join me in saluting our Outstanding Educator of 2014, Dr Susan Ang.