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President’s Message

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The future is often imagined through the lens of new technologies and discoveries. Yet what truly shapes the future is not technology alone, but the people, values and purpose behind it.

Our responsibility at the University is not simply to keep pace with change, but to prepare students, researchers and innovators to use new tools wisely and with care. Artificial intelligence (AI) can accelerate discovery, expand access to knowledge and open new possibilities across disciplines. But it cannot decide what matters. It cannot exercise compassion. It cannot imagine a better future on our behalf.

That is where philanthropy makes a profound difference. Your giving helps us keep people at the centre of progress. It allows us to move early, act boldly, pursue emerging opportunities and ensure that the benefits of progress reach those who need them most.

This Report celebrates the power that you hold.

In these pages, you will find stories that show the impact of your generosity in real and personal ways. Tiffany Koh (Arts and Social Sciences ’25) shares her journey navigating financial aid. Dr Keane Ng (Dentistry ’20) reflects on giving back as a Dentistry alumnus and on how this support is shaping his junior Joel Lim’s path towards becoming a dentist. And students Ng Zhi Ying and Kwan Yi Rui share what they have gained from building meaningful connections with the elderly through our Communities and Engagement (C&E) service-learning courses.

This is the power of philanthropy: in the past year, 13,619 of you invested in the future with us. Many of you

prioritised student financial aid, enabling us to award 2,801 bursaries and 3,079 scholarships in AY2025. Some of you even joined me during our Plant-It-Forward Day last November, planting trees as a living commitment to a greener, more sustainable campus for generations of students to come.

Families like the Gohs, the Laus and the Lims are honouring the lives and legacies of their parents through gifts that support the next generation. Alumni such as Mr Foo Jixun (Engineering ’93) and Mr Charles Zhang (EMBA-C ’07) are returning to campus, bringing both business expertise and a strong desire to give back to their alma mater.

Corporations are stepping forward in important ways. RSM Singapore celebrated its major milestone with a gift, while Google.org’s support for our NUS Artificial Intelligence Institute (NAII) is fostering a campus-wide AI ecosystem to improve communities in Singapore and beyond. Generous contributions from Mapletree Investments and Crocodile Foundation have also helped our C&E service-learning courses engage more than 4,000 student volunteers each year in support of over 60,000 beneficiaries.

With every gift, philanthropy is powering our way forward, ensuring that tomorrow is shaped by purpose, compassion and responsibility.

To every one of you, thank you.

Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science ’85)
NUS President



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Powered by Generosity

You can't generate generosity—every meaningful gift begins from the heart. Our donors exemplify this passion-led philanthropy, sowing towards groundbreaking change that blossoms into real-world impact. From our newest donors to those who have kept pace with our vision for years, we're grateful to all our generous partners powering this great move forward.

Orchestrating Greater Purpose

A lifelong lover of music and the arts, Mrs Jean Ngiam is familiar with the power of music to lift one’s spirits and soothe the soul. Having played the piano since young, Mrs Ngiam attended the Sydney Conservatorium of Music High School before graduating from the University of Sydney, where she studied music.

However, Mrs Ngiam had never considered how her passion might have the ability to orchestrate greater purpose. It was only after a painful personal loss in the family that Mrs Ngiam and her husband, Mr Ngiam Tong Yuen, started seeking out ways to help people overcome emotional challenges.

Through a timely discussion with an alumna from the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (YST), the Ngiam’s learnt about YST’s Centre for Music and Health (CMH), Southeast Asia’s first dedicated research centre to

spearhead evidence-based practices that leverage music for health and well-being.

They had already previously made gifts to support scholarships at NUS, but CMH’s unique mission struck a chord for the Ngiam’s. “When we found out about the work being done at YST, we wanted to look further and find out how music could help people suffering from emotional issues,” Mr Ngiam said.

Discussions with CMH and YST soon led to the establishment of a fellowship at CMH. This contribution will bring greater emotional health to the community, while also honouring Mrs Ngiam’s longstanding passion for music.

The fellowship will support research efforts at CMH as it continues to develop music-based interventions to improve lives.



YST Orchestral Institute and The TENG Ensemble performing at the Healing Arts Singapore Opening Concert co-organised by the Centre for Music and Health at YST, NAFA-UAS and Jameel Arts and Health Lab in collaboration with the World Health Organization.

Give now to support music talents at YST



Harmonising Music and Wellness

In September 2025, Dr Gladys Heng was appointed the inaugural Jean Ngiam Research Fellow. Having previously served as Research Fellow at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and as Visiting Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Empirical Aesthetics in Frankfurt, Germany, Dr Heng now brings her rich breadth of experience to CMH.

“Through this appointment, I aspire to translate scientific insights into real-world applications that leverage the benefits of music to support health and well-being,” said Dr Heng.



Dr Gladys Heng is the inaugural Jean Ngiam Research Fellow.

Her research focuses on using a combination of behavioural and neuroimaging techniques to explore how engaging with music can evoke emotions, support memory and promote well-being in healthy ageing.

The generosity of Mr and Mrs Ngiam has come at an optimal time, as the need to find solutions for youth mental health challenges is becoming increasingly urgent.

“We are immensely grateful for Mr and Mrs Ngiam’s gift, which enables the Centre for Music and Health to advance research on the neuropsychology of emotion regulation through music and develop evidence-based music interventions that support mental health and promote well-being in participants from young to old,” said Assistant Professor Dr Kat Agres, Founder and Director of CMH.

The Ngiam’s’ visionary gift shows the perfect harmony that music and healthcare can create together.



Assistant Professor Dr Kat Agres, Founder and Director of CMH.

Lending a Helping Hand

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Mr Goh Chong Khing (pictured) and his sister Ms Goh Peck Hong established the Soh Bin Seng Bursary in honour of their late mother.

“She was always willing to help people.”

The warmth in Mr Goh Chong Khing’s (Science ’67) voice is palpable as he speaks about his late mother, Mdm Soh Bin Seng. The “Big Aunt” of the family, Mdm Soh had been devoted to looking after her relatives and those around her.

Today, Mr Goh and his sister Ms Goh Peck Hong are carrying on their mother’s values of compassion and generosity through the Soh Bin Seng Bursary.

Having seen many students struggling and taking on part-time jobs to fund their studies, the Goh siblings hope the Bursary can ease this pressure and enable financially needy students at NUS to focus on their studies.

“With a transformative higher education, these students will be better prepared for employment and opportunities,” Mr Goh explained. “We hope this will further their personal development and inspire them to one day go on to help others too.”

They also hope that more people will choose to remember their parents and loved ones with gifts to support various causes at the University.

“Anyone who has had a loving father or mother can make a gift in honour of them,” Mr Goh said. “We hope others would agree that a helping hand in need can contribute to the betterment of lives.”

Developing Future Leaders in Engineering and Medicine

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scholarships



For the next generation of innovators, a single opportunity can change everything.

A generous gift from Dr Wong Ngit Liong, Executive Chairman of Venture Corporation, will open new doors for Master’s and PhD students at the College of Design and Engineering (CDE) and Duke-NUS Medical School (Duke-NUS). Formalised at a signing ceremony on 29 January 2026, the Wong Ngit Liong & Family Scholarship will empower promising scholars to pursue advanced studies in engineering and medicine, shaping solutions for a rapidly evolving world.

The gift is especially significant as it builds on Dr Wong’s enduring legacy at NUS. As Chairman of the NUS Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2016, Dr Wong was instrumental in driving major reforms that propelled NUS into the ranks of the world’s top universities. In recognition of his exceptional service and outstanding contributions, NUS conferred the Honorary Doctor of Letters on Dr Wong in July 2025.

“Dr Wong may have handed the reins of the NUS Board of Trustees over to Mr Hsieh Fu Hua eight years ago, but today he is still spurring us towards greater ambitions, through his incredible generosity,” said NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science ’85) at the gift signing ceremony.

Sharing his vision for the Scholarship, Dr Wong expressed hope that it would make a tangible difference as technologies grow increasingly complex.

“Throughout my years at NUS, the University has consistently proven itself an ideal environment for inspiring excellence and innovation in its students,” Dr Wong shared. “I see this gift as a conduit to drive Singapore’s transformation through education, and I hope these students will be the ones to lead the charge for our nation’s future.”



The newly established Wong Ngit Liong & Family Scholarship will support postgraduate students at CDE and Duke-NUS. From left: Prof Teo Kie Leong, Dean of CDE; Ms Wong Su-Yin; NUS President Prof Tan Eng Chye; Dr Wong Ngit Liong; Prof Patrick Tan, Dean of Duke-NUS; Mr Lachlan Wong Ower; Mrs Wong Siew Hoon; and Mr Edi Fung, Vice President of NUS Development Office.

AI for the Public Good

Artificial intelligence (AI) is unlocking new possibilities in everything from healthcare to education. But behind every breakthrough are the people, ideas and support needed to turn innovation into real-world impact.

Orchestrating these groundbreaking collaborations has been the focus of the NUS Artificial Intelligence Institute (NAII). Building on over 50 years of expertise in AI research at NUS, NAII was established in March 2024 to create a university-level ecosystem that connects AI research across NUS and extends its benefits to the wider community.

In 2025, NAII reached a key milestone with its first philanthropic fund from Google.org. Beyond a vote of confidence in the Institute’s mission, the contribution underscores how philanthropy can power innovation, strengthen collaboration and help new ideas blossom.

Unlike institutes focused on a single branch of AI, NAII is designed to catalyse interdisciplinary collaboration.

In two years, it has organised over 45 events with local and overseas academic and industry partners, enabling broader and more impactful partnerships. Through its seed grant programme, NAII has also kickstarted 38 bold, multidisciplinary AI projects by NUS researchers.

Looking ahead, Google.org’s support will significantly expand this momentum.

“Google.org’s contribution will foster a coordinated, campus-wide AI ecosystem that prioritises societal benefit, accelerates interdisciplinary research, enables open collaboration across faculties and translates innovations into tools and practices that serve communities in Singapore and beyond,” shared Professor Mohan Kankanhalli, Provost’s Chair Professor of Computer Science and Director of NAII.

The opportunity is clear: with sustained philanthropic support, NAII is well-positioned to shape the future of AI for the public good.



Prof Mohan Kankanhalli (second from right), Director of NAII, with researchers from the Institute.

Solutions for the Super-Aged

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Dr Mary Ann Tsao (first row, extreme right), together with three generations of the Tsao family and Dean of NUS Medicine Prof Chong Yap Seng (first row, extreme left). The Mary Ann Tsao Family Professorship in Longevity is an NUS Medicine International Council (NIC) initiative.

Longer life spans and rising life expectancy are often viewed as signs of a thriving society. Yet longevity also introduces complex challenges—reshaping how families care for one another and how societies support ageing populations.

For Dr Mary Ann Tsao, Chairwoman and Founding Director of the Tsao Family Foundation, these questions of dignity, caregiving and family have long guided her commitment to advancing healthy longevity.

As Singapore rapidly progresses towards becoming a super-aged society by 2030, Dr Tsao has identified a crucial need for deeper, more focused research into healthy longevity. The Tsao Family Foundation has thus made a gift to establish the Mary Ann Tsao Family Professorship in Longevity at the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (NUS Medicine).

Since 1993, Dr Tsao has championed issues of ageing and eldercare. Her influence now carries on through this Professorship, the latest extension of the Tsao Family Foundation’s longstanding support for ageing research

at NUS Medicine. As the Professorship’s appointment rotates to welcome new scholars every two years, it will enable an interdisciplinary exploration across multiple areas of longevity and ageing for years to come.

“My hope for the Professorship is that scholars with different expertise will come in to look at priority research areas that the University hasn’t yet focused on, and they can catalyse interest for future generations of researchers,” Dr Tsao shared.

She envisions an ever-evolving cycle of multidisciplinary learning and growth, where Professorship holders work closely with graduate students who will carry their research forward even when they have finished their tenure.

The Professorship reflects the Tsao family’s shared legacy of service and compassion, and the belief that ageing does not have to be a challenge to fear. With the right research and interventions, it can become a season of new and exciting opportunities to look forward to.

Not Just a Drop in the Ocean

In 2022, Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), home to Asia's leading ocean-focused destination Singapore Oceanarium, joined forces with NUS, Asia's leading global research institute. Together, they formed the RWS-NUS Living Laboratory to enhance biodiversity conservation, accelerate decarbonisation and shape education.

Driven by exceptional results and shared purpose, the partnership has grown beyond its original five-year scope into a long-term philanthropic commitment. In 2025, RWS made generous pledges to support research at the NUS Tropical Marine Science Institute (TMSI) and the NUS Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions (CNCS).

The original RWS-NUS partnership uncovered a multitude of crucial scientific insights, including a first inventory of marine biodiversity in the Southern Islands' public lagoons.



Ms Lena Lee, Resorts World Executive Vice President of Attractions and Destinations Experience. (Photo Credits: Resorts World Sentosa)



Laboratory cultured giant clams, *Tridacna crocea*.

Building on this success and excellent rapport, RWS has decided to support marine conservation initiatives at TMSI, enabling research on plankton diversity and ecology, Asian horseshoe crab conservation, giant clam breeding and dolphin-assisted therapy.

RWS' further support for CNCS will also contribute towards Singapore's climate goals, while aligning with the organisation's holistic approach to sustainability. Together, these efforts highlight how corporate philanthropy drives meaningful, research-driven impact.

Looking ahead, RWS hopes to work with NUS to co-develop more applied research programmes, expand conservation initiatives and explore new ways to bring science to life for the public.

“As sustainability expectations rise globally, we believe our continued partnership with NUS will position Singapore as a leader in responsible tourism, marine protection and environmental education,” said Ms Lena Lee, Resorts World Executive Vice President of Attractions and Destinations Experience.

Seeds for a Better Future

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For the Khetan Foundation, philanthropy is a long-term investment that goes beyond standalone acts of charity. This conviction was reaffirmed on 12 September 2025, when the Foundation formalised three significant agreements with NUS to open doors, create opportunities and invest in talents for generations to come.

“These gifts are not just acts of generosity; they are investments in the future,” said Mr Nirmal Singh, Chairman of the Khetan Foundation. **“These commitments are our way of planting seeds that may not bear fruit just yet, but will surely blossom tomorrow.”**

Firstly, the Foundation made a major gift to establish the Khetan Medical Scholarship at the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (NUS Medicine), providing 10 medical undergraduates with full support for tuition and living expenses over a five-year study period.

The Foundation's second investment fuels innovation, supporting a new launch pad initiative at NUS Enterprise through a five-year collaboration with Stanford University. Outstanding teams of students and scholars will benefit from mentorship, resources and networking opportunities, inspiring them to translate their ideas into globally relevant solutions.

Further strengthening the local innovation ecosystem, the Foundation, through Lotus One Investment Pte Ltd, supported a co-investment collaboration with NUS Enterprise. This commitment backs NUS start-ups and selected funds, with returns invested into innovation initiatives at the University.

Through its support of education, healthcare and enterprise, the Khetan Foundation is sowing seeds of long-term impact. Together, these investments are nurturing talent, sparking innovation and shaping a better future for generations.



The Khetan Foundation's gifts to NUS will support education, healthcare and innovation. Standing (from left to right): CEO of Khetan Foundation Dr Jonathan Chang and NUS President Prof Tan Eng Chye. Seated (from left to right): NUS Senior Vice President (Innovation & Enterprise) Dr Tan Sian Wee; Chairman of Khetan Foundation Mr Nirmal Singh; and Dean of NUS Medicine Prof Chong Yap Seng.

First Time’s the Charm

Sometimes, the simplest things can spark the most joy. NUS120 festivities have been in swing all year round in 2025—and one special campaign brought a little extra charm to the celebration. By making a gift of S\$20 on NUS Giving’s Give.NUS platform, NUS alumni would receive an exclusive NUS120 bag charm, featuring a mini LiNUS plushie among several other NUS-themed accessories.

All funds raised through the campaign went towards the Plant-It-Forward Challenge, which supports financial aid for students under the Enhanced Financial Aid Scheme (EFAS), while advancing NUS’ sustainability goals through tree-planting on campus. For many NUS alumni, this campaign was their first time experiencing the fulfilment of giving back to their alma mater.

Smiles for the Whole Family

Though he graduated over two decades ago, Mr Elden Kua (Science ’99) still recalls fond memories of his time playing for the varsity bowling team. Today, Mr Kua has become a proud donor to his alma mater—inspired by his young son, Kayden.

“My boy always asks me and my wife to give for a good cause,” he shared. When Mr Kua saw the LiNUS plushie on the bag charm, he immediately thought of his son’s love for animal toys. Coupled with the campaign’s meaningful impact, he knew that making this gift would be the perfect way to put a smile on Kayden’s face.



Mr Elden Kua and Kayden Kua with the NUS120 Alumni bag charm.

A Reminder to Give Back

For many years, Mr Hor Chor Kiat (Arts and Social Sciences ’14) had completely forgotten about giving back to his alma mater—until a lunch walk at University

Town, where a large NUS Giving banner caught his eye. Intrigued by the bag charm and its “alumni donor” tag, he decided it was time to rekindle his giving journey. Having personally benefitted from the opportunities he

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received during his time at NUS, Mr Hor is now excited to pay this forward for current students. As the Director of Educational Programmes and Events at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, he has come to understand how important it is to give towards a student’s future.

“This initiative gently reminded me that giving back doesn’t have to be difficult,” he shared. “Even though the gift is small, every dollar counts towards something bigger. I hope this small step becomes the start of a more regular and lasting habit of giving back.”

Reconnecting with the Past

When Mr Pua Lip Seng (Engineering ’96) held the NUS120 Alumni bag charm in his hands, it brought him back 30 years to his days in university. Beyond its cute design, the simple keepsake was a reminder of a formative chapter in his life.

“Those four years were filled with challenges, growth and unforgettable moments,” Mr Pua reflected. “The journey was not always easy, but it was undeniably rewarding.”

Until today, the application engineer at Applied Materials

still maintains a strong connection with the friends he made at NUS. Giving back for the first time has reminded him to look back on his university years with gratitude and appreciation. He hopes that more alumni will find similar meaning and fulfilment as they decide to take this step to make a difference.

“I am grateful to NUS for creating opportunities like this, and allowing alumni to reconnect to their past in such a meaningful way,” he said. “I hope this campaign can continue for many years to come!”



Mr Pua Lip Seng still treasures his years with the Engineering Class of 1996.

No Price on Potential

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Mr Lim Heng Toh (right) and Mdm Chan Pek Lin (left) established two bursaries to support financially needy NUS students.

For Mr Lim Heng Toh (Engineering '78) and his wife Mdm Chan Pek Lin, education was the turning point that transformed their families' trajectories. Now, the couple is committed to giving others the same opportunity by embarking on their giving journey at NUS.

The inspiration for these bursaries is rooted in deep gratitude to their parents who came to Singapore in search of a better life. Driven by a keen desire for a better future, the couple's parents worked tirelessly for their families, despite having limited skills and resources.

To honour this legacy, Mr Lim and Mdm Chan established the Lim Yee Kim & Liang Yee Eng Bursary at the College of Design and Engineering (CDE) and the Chan Siew Chat & Muey Chwee Ngan Bursary at NUS Business School, respectively. For the couple, these gifts go beyond philanthropy: they are a loving tribute to their parents' courage, determination and dedication to give their children a better life.

It is also a full-circle moment for Mr Lim, who is giving back through CDE, his alma mater.

The couple hopes that by easing students' financial burdens, the Bursaries will give them the freedom to focus on what matters most: learning and personal growth.

"Money should never be a hindrance to the development of young people," shared Mr Lim. **"Everyone should enjoy equal opportunities to be educated and be equipped to craft a meaningful career. Furthermore, we believe that developing a continuous pool of engineering and business talents is important to Singapore's development too."**

Beyond practical support, the couple hopes to inspire the Bursaries' recipients with the spirit of paying it forward: to remember their own roots and extend opportunities to others in turn.

A Gift Named with Love

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Some dreams take time to find their way forward.

Mr Charles Lim once hoped to study law in England, while his wife, Mdm Lee Moy, ended her schooling at a Chinese primary school. While they never got the chance to further their studies, the couple's belief in the power of education to change lives never wavered.

This conviction took root and now lives on through their three children's generosity. The Charles Lim & Lee Moy @ Lee Kwee Siew Bursary will support financially needy Malaysian undergraduate students at NUS, creating opportunities for the next generation to fulfil their dreams.

Preferring to remain anonymous, their children have chosen to let this gift carry their parents' names instead.

"The Bursary honours my parents, who have always valued the importance of education as a stepping stone to improving one's life," their eldest daughter shared. **"My siblings and I thought that it would be a meaningful tribute to have an NUS bursary named after them."**

As a Senior Administrator at the NUS Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Mr Lim and Mdm Lee's eldest daughter witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of a world-class university education. However, she had thought supporting students at NUS was beyond her reach.

It was only in her final year of working that she discovered otherwise. A conversation with the NUS Development Office led her to establish this Bursary with her siblings upon her retirement, providing Malaysian students access to quality education at NUS. For those with the courage to venture abroad, she believes NUS offers an optimal environment to thrive and grow.

Today, the Bursary stands as a lasting testament to their parents' values. Their belief in education has become a gift that will change countless lives, affirming that meaningful impact is always within reach for those who choose to give.



Mr Charles Lim (left) and his wife, Mdm Lee Moy. Their three children established a bursary in their parents' honour.

Quiet Strength, Lasting Impact

When NUS alumna Ms Low Hui Ping (Economics + USP '08) thinks of her grandmother, she pictures the silent engine of the family. Widowed young, Mdm Wong Yoke Lin raised seven children with grit and love, believing that doing her best every day was the greatest form of dignity.

“She didn’t have much, but she gave everything,” recalled Ms Low. Mdm Wong’s steely resolve shaped her granddaughter’s life and core values.

“My grandmother’s life was a lesson in quiet generosity,” Ms Low shared. “She showed me that once you have enough to stand on your own two feet, you should use your strength to help others find their footing, too.”

This belief inspired Ms Low to establish her first bursary at NUS, in honour of her grandmother.

The NUS College Alumni - Wong Yoke Lin Bursary will support students at NUS College (NUSC), ensuring that talent is never held back by financial circumstances. In this way, Mdm Wong’s spirit will continue to uplift students who are working hard to build their futures against the odds.

Creating Opportunities for All

Financial aid is a cause close to Ms Low’s heart. Raised in a household where money was always tight, she had attended NUS on a government scholarship that would prove transformative far beyond the classroom.

Through the University Scholars Programme, she travelled beyond Asia for the first time, broadening her horizons and opening her eyes to a world waiting to be explored. Back home, the scholarship freed her



NUS alumna Ms Low Hui Ping established a bursary to honour her late grandmother.

to immerse herself fully in campus life. Without the weight of financial worry, she flourished. She was recognised as the top graduating student and awarded the Joanna Wong Medal for her academic excellence and commitment in co-curricular activities.

She has never forgotten what made that possible, and she wants the same for others. “I want to ensure that current students have that same level playing field to excel and launch their own global careers,” she said.

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(From left) NUS Alumni Student Advancement Committee member Mr Yeo Keng Joon, Ms Low Hui Ping and NUS President Prof Tan Eng Chye, at the Celebration of Love & Giving 2026 donor appreciation event.

Bringing Diversity to the Classroom

As an honours college committed to providing a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum, NUSC is an excellent environment for students from different backgrounds to flourish.

“Supporting financial aid is about ensuring that the interdisciplinary nature of NUS College isn’t just about subjects, but about people,” Ms Low explained. “When students from different walks of life sit together, the conversation changes for the better.”

To a student in need, the Bursary’s impact runs far deeper than dollars and cents. Ms Low said: “Financial aid isn’t just a cheque. It’s a vote of confidence. It tells a student that their potential matters more than their bank balance.”

That gesture of faith is what gives students the courage to reach further.

“I hope this Bursary gives students the breathing room to dream bigger. I want them to have the freedom to travel, explore and say yes to opportunities they might otherwise pass up due to costs,” she added.

Strength That Lives On

The NUS College Alumni - Wong Yoke Lin Bursary is a fitting tribute to everything Mdm Wong stood for. Thanks to Ms Low’s generosity, NUSC students today will honour Mdm Wong’s indomitable spirit and quiet strength through their own hard work and academic success.

Together, We Scale the Summit!

Summit Planners has built its success by making dreams come true. The integrated financial services provider has spent years helping its clients navigate life's most important financial decisions, making sure their loved ones are cared for when it matters most.

“We feel that every promising young person deserves the chance to grow and succeed, regardless of their background or financial situation,” said Mr Stephen Chew of Summit Planners, sharing the motivation behind the gift.

This year, Summit Planners is reaching greater heights of impact with its first major gift to establish a bursary at NUS. The Summit Planners Bursary will unlock opportunities and realise dreams for financially needy students pursuing their educational ambitions.

Coming Together to Give

True to its values, Summit Planners brought a strong spirit of camaraderie and teamwork into its approach to giving, turning philanthropy into a shared endeavour.



Summit Planners' partners came together to raise funds for students at NUS.

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Beyond a single executive decision to give back, the firm launched a collective fundraising campaign for the Summit Planners Bursary on NUS Giving's public giving platform, Give.NUS. In this way, the gift became an open invitation, encouraging each partner to contribute directly and create impact together.

“We believe that it is a privilege and a blessing to give back to society in meaningful ways,” shared Mr Chew, explaining why the firm had chosen to contribute in this unique way. “We hope to involve and inspire the people of Summit Planners not to take their earning power for granted, but instead to give back and help improve the lives of others.”

What followed was a heartwarming show of collective goodwill. Partners came forward, contributions rolled in and the movement gained momentum. In just four months, the campaign hit its target of S\$250,000. It is proof that generosity, once set in motion, has a way of multiplying.

“Seeing the people of Summit Planners come together to support this cause fills me with pride,” said Mr Chew. “It encourages me to know that our people not only have the capability to earn but also the heart to contribute to society.”

Planting Forward Impact

On the NUS campus, the impact of this gift will be visible for years to come. Summit Planners' contribution goes towards the Plant-It-Forward Challenge, a university-wide fundraising initiative that supports the Enhanced Financial Aid Scheme (EFAS) while advancing the University's sustainability goals.

Every S\$1,000 given to the Challenge will be recognised with a tree planted on campus, symbolising both



Mr Stephen Chew of Summit Planners.

opportunity for students and a greener future for all. To celebrate establishing the Summit Planners Bursary, the firm plans to gather for a tree-planting event in August, a moment to celebrate what the community built together.

For every student who receives the Bursary, Summit Planners hopes the support will spark something lasting—that today's recipients will one day become tomorrow's givers and keep the cycle going.

“Our wish is that the Bursary can allow students to know how their actions can make a difference in someone's life. Most importantly, they can use their expertise to serve the people of Singapore, and continue Summit Planners' values of giving back to society,” Mr Chew concluded.

Giving Back at 40

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With every celebration of past achievements comes an opportunity to look ahead. For RSM Singapore, its 40th anniversary was a chance to affirm its vision for the future: raising up the next generation of business leaders.

To mark this milestone, the professional services firm established the RSM Singapore Financial Scholarship at NUS Business School (NUS Business). The gift is part of the larger RSM Endowment Scholarship Fund, created to support nine local tertiary institutions.

RSM Singapore’s commitment is rooted in its own humble beginnings as a home-grown company, shaped by people from all walks of life. Because of this, Senior Partner and CEO Mr Chio Kuan Huat has experienced firsthand how great talent can come from any social class, and he believes that financial constraints should never prevent such gifts from flourishing.

“If the Scholarship enables even one student to rise beyond his or her circumstances, to innovate and to uplift others in turn, the impact will multiply across generations,” Mr Chio said.

The firm hopes this new partnership with NUS will also empower scholars to grow into strong leaders with a mindset grounded in empathy and social responsibility.

“Students at NUS Business will be the business leaders of tomorrow. They will shape future-ready organisations that are competitive and socially conscious,” shared Mr Chio.

RSM Singapore’s gift shows how corporate milestones can become opportunities to create lasting impact through education.



RSM Singapore established a scholarship to commemorate its 40th anniversary.

Investing in Asia-Pacific Leaders

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deepening ties between Singapore and its Asia-Pacific neighbours.

The Scholarship’s name notably honours former Deputy Prime Minister Dr Goh Keng Swee, a key architect of Singapore’s economic and financial foundations.

“Carrying Dr Goh’s name is a reminder of the standards he stood for—rigour, integrity and service to society,” said Mrs Ong-Ang Ai Boon, Director of ABS. **“Through this Scholarship, we look forward to supporting students who will lead and strengthen the communities they are part of.”**

Every scholarship is a statement of belief. Since 1993, the Goh Keng Swee Scholarship—established by The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS)—has empowered outstanding students from the Asia-Pacific to pursue undergraduate studies in Singapore.

From 2026, the Scholarship enters a new chapter. With a renewed commitment by ABS, the fund will be administered exclusively by NUS. The Association of Banks in Singapore—Goh Keng Swee Scholarship will attract, support and nurture promising talent from across the region while

Each year, about four exceptional students from 15 Asia-Pacific countries are given the opportunity to study at NUS, selected based on academic excellence as well as leadership qualities.

The Scholarship fully covers tuition fees, accommodation, living allowances and airfare, enabling recipients to focus on learning, growth and leadership development. Upon graduation, scholars commit to a three-year bond, applying their skills beyond the classroom.

As a first-time corporate donor through NUS, ABS’ gift reflects a thoughtful evolution in giving. The Scholarship supports education while also investing in people who will go on to contribute meaningfully in Singapore and their home countries, shaping the future across the region.

Driven by Gratitude

Give now to support
business students



For the founders of Shanghai Baolong Automotive Corporation, entrepreneurship and education go hand in hand. This belief has inspired the company to establish its first bursary at NUS Business School (NUS Business).

Over two decades ago, Chairman and President Mr Charles Zhang (EMBA-C '07) began his journey at NUS Business through the NUS Executive MBA Chinese (EMBA-C) programme.



NUS alumnus Mr Charles Zhang established a bursary at his alma mater.

It was there that he grew into the successful businessman that he is today.

Since then, over a dozen executives from Baolong Automotive have gone on to attend the same EMBA-C programme. They all returned having experienced major growth to their personal and professional skillsets.

Built on these success stories, the Baolong Automotive Bursary is a natural expression of gratitude and of paying forward the opportunities that have shaped its people. The Bursary will support financially needy undergraduates at NUS Business, enabling them to fully focus on their education and excel in their entrepreneurial ambitions.

Having experienced a crucial broadening of his worldview at NUS Business, Mr Zhang hopes that recipients of the Bursary will cultivate this same global mindset. More importantly, he envisions them becoming future business leaders who bring Baolong's values of being responsible, enterprising and sharing into society to help more people.

“Although the beneficiaries are not members of our company, extending the benefits we have received from a transformative NUS education to more people is also a very meaningful thing,” Mr Zhang said. **“We hope that the Bursary will help talented young people better complete their studies and lay a good foundation for their future career development.”**

10 Years of Creating Impact



Guest-of-Honour Mr Baey Yam Keng (extreme left), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Transport, witnessed the presentation of a \$S1 million gift from Crocodile Foundation—represented by Ms Pearlyn Ng (second from left), Chairperson of Crocodile Foundation—to NUS—represented by Professor Peter Ho (second from right), NUS Vice Provost (Undergraduate Studies & Technology-Enhanced Learning)—in support of the NUS Communities and Engagement (C&E) Pillar. They were joined by Ms Jessica Tay (extreme right), Deputy Chairperson of Crocodile Foundation. *(Credit: Crocodile Foundation)*

Crocodile Foundation Ltd (CFL) is stirring up a new wave of community impact at NUS, championing meaningful learning that reaches far beyond the classroom. This inaugural gift enables students to contribute meaningfully to the lives of seniors and vulnerable families through structured service-learning courses under the NUS Communities and Engagement (C&E) Pillar.

Announced during the Foundation's 10th anniversary celebrations on 1 September 2025, this gift reflects CFL's commitment to nurturing a caring society. As part of the University's General Education curriculum, the C&E Pillar embeds service learning into the NUS undergraduate experience, allowing students to engage with societal issues and apply their learning through meaningful volunteer service.

Since its establishment in 2015 by the late Dato' Dr Tan Hian Tsin and To' Puan Dr Tsao Sui Lan, CFL has generously supported causes in Singapore and beyond. CFL's inaugural gift to NUS marks the start of a strong philanthropic partnership, reaffirming the Foundation's commitment to creating lasting societal impact.

“The objectives of the C&E Pillar align closely with our late founders' vision of helping the marginalised in our society,” shared Ms Pearlyn Ng, Chairperson of Crocodile Foundation. **“It's a meaningful way for us to commemorate 10 years of making a difference.”**

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Powered by Legacies

The best gifts are passed down through generations. Through legacy giving, our donors are honouring the people and journeys that shaped them, investing in a future that keeps their values alive for years to come. That's a legacy worth celebrating.

From One Family to Many: The Living Legacy of the Laus



The Lau family's legacy will impact many more generations of families through education. (From left to right: Mr Lau Chee Nien, Mr Lau Kok Min, Mdm Seet Siang Hong, Ms Low Mei Wah and Mr Lau Chee Nam)

Every legacy gift has a life story to tell, and precious values to pass on. For Mr Lau Chee Nam (Science '89) and his family, the story is one that already spans generations.

Long before Mr Lau was born, his parents had already discovered the importance of education. As educators in the remote areas of Singapore, Mr Lau Kok Min and Mdm Seet Siang Hong witnessed firsthand how quality education can uplift families. They passed on these lessons to their two sons, who both pursued their studies at NUS.

With these values inculcated from his parents, Mr Lau knew he would start his philanthropic journey by supporting education.

“Education is something that we know will always help the next generation,” he explained. “I think it’s really a great feeling to be able to help young people to explore and develop their full potential.”

Both alumni from the Faculty of Science, Mr Lau and his wife Ms Low Mei Wah (Science '90) had enjoyed their undergraduate experience at NUS and knew they wanted to give back to their alma mater. This led to the establishment of the Lau & Seet Bursary, which will support financially needy undergraduate students at NUS.

“While now a majority of young people are able to afford a university education because of government support and other initiatives, there are still some that really need help, and we wanted to do our part to help these students,” Mr Lau shared.

He encouraged more alumni to come together to create a bigger impact: “One person might not have enough on their own, but when a few of us come together and pool our resources, we can really do our part to help.”

Find out more
about legacy giving



Committing to Long-Term Impact

The Laus’ gift is unique because it is made through the NUS Gift Annuity Programme, which offers donors not just the opportunity to support the University’s mission to make a positive impact, but also receive fixed annual payouts for life with a one-time contribution. Upon their passing, the payouts cease and the gift goes towards a cause they care about. Currently, the Gift Annuity Programme is open to donors aged 60 years and older.

“I see the Gift Annuity Programme as a long-term commitment—you pledge a desired amount and it’s set aside for good,” Mr Lau shared. **“The plus point is that while we commit, we still receive some payouts during our lifetime. It also makes giving simpler, since the gift is already decided and my family won’t have to worry about handling it later.”**



Mr Lau Kok Min and Mdm Seet Siang Hong were both teachers who witnessed the importance of quality education in uplifting families.



Mr and Mrs Lau both enjoyed their time in NUS as undergraduates, and wanted to give back to their alma mater.

Through the lives of students who will benefit from the Lau & Seet Bursary, the Lau family’s passion for uplifting families through education will be commemorated for generations.

It is a heartwarming picture exemplifying the true meaning of legacy giving: being grateful for life’s blessings and passing them on for others to enjoy.

Keeping Heritage Alive at NUS Baba House

Standing at 157 Neil Road is a quiet three-storey townhouse where visitors can step back in time. Once the ancestral home of a Peranakan Chinese family, namely the Wee family, it now houses more than 2,000 artefacts from early 20th-century Peranakan Chinese history. Its ornate architecture and furnishings tell a story of legacy, tradition and culture.

This was the vision of the late Ms Agnes Tan Kim Lwi, the founding donor of NUS Baba House. Her generosity enabled NUS to acquire the townhouse in 2006 for restoration and preservation.

Even after Ms Tan’s passing in 2021, her strong commitment to preserving Peranakan heritage lives on. The Tun Tan Cheng Lock Trust, set up by Ms Tan and her sister Mrs Alice Scott-Ross, has made a generous pledge to establish an endowment that will support NUS Baba House’s vision of becoming a global hub for heritage conservation, research and education over the next two decades.



The restored facade of NUS Baba House at 157 Neil Road, captured in 2008.



Alice (seated) and Agnes in their Chancery Hill Road home, 1994. Photography by Wah.

“NUS Baba House stands as a lasting testament to my late aunt Agnes’ belief that heritage should be carefully preserved and meaningfully shared,” said Mr Peter Lee, Ms Tan’s nephew and advisor to the Trust. **“This gift ensures that the House remains a vibrant site for research, learning and public engagement for generations to come.”**

Through exhibitions, regional collaborative research projects and educational programmes, NUS Baba House will raise greater awareness of the history and cultural practices associated with Singapore’s Peranakan community.

“We will carry forward Ms Agnes Tan’s legacy by continuing to uphold her values,” shared Associate Professor Daniel Goh, Associate Provost (Undergraduate Education), NUS, who oversees the NUS Museum and NUS Baba House.

“Her generosity made it possible for this historic home to become a place of learning, where future generations can continue to explore the history and cultural contributions of the Peranakan community.”

Shaping a More Inclusive Singapore

Give now to support the Social Inclusion Project



Ms Janet Lim, Ms Diana Koh’s cousin and trustee of the Estate.

How does one woman’s last wish make waves throughout society?

When cancer struck Ms Diana Koh in 2019, she made a final request to leave her entire estate to charity. Today, the impact of her final wish continues to ripple across society through the power of legacy giving.

As a foreign student in Singapore, Ms Koh worked hard to overcome significant challenges on her path to a successful career in accounting and advisory. To honour her journey of perseverance, the Estate has established the Diana Koh-Social Inclusion Fund at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP).

This contribution will strengthen the LKYSPP Social Inclusion Project’s (SIP) research to advance a more inclusive society, expanding access and opportunities to disadvantaged and marginalised social groups.

“The Estate’s support enables the Social Inclusion Project to study a range of pressing social issues,” said Dr Ng Kok Hoe, Senior Research Fellow and Head of SIP. **“We hope to honour the Diana Koh-Social Inclusion Fund through our research, which at its heart aspires to a society where everyone can lead a flourishing life.”**

The Diana Koh-Social Inclusion Fund is a testament to Ms Koh’s enduring legacy: important research funded in her name, working towards the kind of Singapore that had once made her own journey possible.

“It is hoped that there will be some tangible results over time, in the realisation that Singapore has much to gain from giving opportunities to foreigners and disadvantaged social groups. Such has been the legacy of Diana’s life,” shared Ms Janet Lim, Ms Koh’s cousin and the trustee of the Estate.

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Powered by Many

When many hands come together, a powerful movement begins. So much of the impact we're creating at NUS comes from groups rallying for a shared purpose—with friends, alumni and cohorts revealing the strength within a united collective. This is the heart of giving: where every voice is heard and every gift counts.

A Homecoming with Heart

Give now to support Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students



Across generations, the Pharmily community came together to celebrate their 120th anniversary and raised funds for generations of future healthcare leaders.

Joyful celebration filled the NUS Central Library on 13 December 2025 as close to 300 alumni, staff, students, family and friends from the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences gathered for the 120th Pharmily Homecoming Carnival.

The celebration was the brainchild of the Pharmily community, with every activity planned and led by staff, students and alumni. From *guzheng* and acoustic band performances to caricature art, jagua tattoos and Tahitian dance, the day’s activities reflected the creativity and heart of a community whose care extends beyond its profession.

The festivities began with a nostalgic 1.2km Heritage Walk around campus, where attendees revisited treasured memories through old photographs, historic apparatus and pharmacopoeias. At the Central Library, Professor Giorgia Pastorin, Head of Department, and Professor Ho Han Kiat (Science ’00), Dean of Students,

welcomed the crowd before a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony marked the milestone. A visual exhibition of Singapore’s pharmacy education history and an immersive short film further brought the Department’s journey to life.

Beyond the celebration, the event raised over S\$62,000 for the Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences Bursary—a meaningful show of collective generosity in support of financially needy students who will go on to become future healthcare leaders.

United in celebration and purpose, the event is a testament to the Department’s academic excellence, generosity and camaraderie. Across generations, the community came together to give back, shaping the next chapter of pharmacy and pharmaceutical science education for years to come.

A Swinging Success

Give now to support CDE students



Ask any golfer about their ultimate goal, and they’ll speak of the elusive hole-in-one, a rare feat achieved against daunting odds. But sometimes, success is not about a single perfect shot. It is about accomplishing a goal together.

On 16 July 2025, what began as a day of friendly competition became a powerful show of collective generosity. More than 100 alumni, industry partners and friends of the College of Design and Engineering (CDE) gathered at Sentosa Golf Club’s Serapong course for the NUS 120th Anniversary Charity Golf @ Sentosa.

Championed by the Alumni Student Advancement Committee (ASAC), the event surpassed its original fundraising goal of S\$700,000. Together with contributions from a year-long campaign launched in December 2024, over S\$2.87 million was raised in support of undergraduates in financial need.

For Mr Seah Cheng San (Engineering ’82), Co-Chair of the Alumni Advisory Board and a member of the event’s organising committee, giving back is deeply personal.

“One of the best things about being an NUS volunteer champion is that it keeps me interacting with the students,” Mr Seah shared. “Every year, I am inspired by their desire to better themselves despite their circumstances. And I come away motivated to fundraise and help even more students.”

Thanks to the strong support from CDE alumni, donors, ASAC and the wider golfing community, these students can focus on their studies without the burden of financial worry—a reminder of what is possible when a community comes together.



Alumni, industry partners and friends of CDE gathered to play golf for a meaningful cause. The event raised over S\$2.87 million in support of undergraduate financial aid, far surpassing its initial goal of S\$700,000.

The Mentor Behind the Medal

Give now to support
Master of Public
Health students



Excellent mentors do more than give guidance; they instil in their mentees the right set of values for their work. For a wide community of alumni, faculty members and students across the Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health (SSHSPH), Professor David Koh (MBBS '80) is the epitome of such a mentor.

Inspired by his work and values, his mentees have decided to give back. Many alumni and friends have come together and established the Occupational Medicine Excellence Medal at SSHSPH. The Medal honours Prof Koh, and will be awarded to Master of Public Health (MPH) students who show outstanding academic talent and passion for giving back to the community.

As a field that stands at the intersection of work and health, occupational medicine is a specialty that greatly impacts a population's health and safety.

Prof Koh's teaching, volunteer work and publications have established him as a pioneer in the field, inspiring many students and trainees to follow in his footsteps of translating academic excellence to real-world impact. Not surprisingly, many of them now serve as leaders in healthcare and academia, continuing the work he has helped to nurture.

“This Medal is a collective expression of gratitude to Prof Koh, a mentor who helped shape our values and professional journeys,” shared Associate Professor Gan Wee Hoe (MBBS '99), the lead fundraiser for the Medal. **“The overwhelming support for this fundraising initiative is a reflection of the power of alumni giving, demonstrating how the fruits and impact of mentorship can ripple across generations.”**



Assoc Prof Gan Wee Hoe (left) and his mentor Prof David Koh (right) with copies of the Textbook of Occupational Medicine Practice.

A Community's Tribute to a Life of Service

Give now to support
the Anne Yeo Prize



In the final days of her last semester, NUS College (NUSC) student Ms Loh An Lin (History + NUSC '25) found herself stumped. Somehow, she'd met with an unsolvable technical issue in her academic project, and the submission deadline was approaching fast.

With anxiety levels rising, An Lin reached out to the one person who might help her: Anne.

This was Madam Anne Yeo, former Senior Associate Director of NUSC, whom students simply called Anne. Though An Lin's issue fell outside Anne's purview, she went out of her way to resolve the problem within minutes.

“What struck me was not just her efficiency,” An Lin shared, reflecting on Anne's act of goodwill. “It was the security that she would be there to solve problems as they came. It was her steadiness and kindness that gave students the quiet confidence that Anne and her team were looking out for us.”

Throughout NUSC, students like An Lin knew they could turn to Anne for help whenever they needed it. And time and again, Anne showed up for them.

However, after a lifetime of caring for those around her, Anne passed away in 2025, leaving behind a community that felt her absence dearly.

“Anne had a huge impact on the community and losing her has impacted us all. She was always ready to help those around her and went above and beyond her role,” said Mr Shaun Song (Law + NUSC '25) who had worked closely with Anne as faculty coordinator for the NUSC Mentorship Programme.

To honour her profound impact, Shaun and An Lin rallied the NUSC community to establish the Anne Yeo Prize in her name. Together, small gifts from those



The late Madam Anne Yeo, whose dedication to the NUS College community inspired a lasting tribute in her name.

whose lives Anne touched—students, faculty, former colleagues, alumni, friends and family—are building a lasting legacy in her memory. Once S\$75,000 has been raised, the Anne Yeo Prize will be established and awarded to a graduating student leader who goes the extra mile for others.

In this way, the Anne Yeo Prize is both a tribute to Anne's life of selfless service and a torch of kindness to be passed on, generation after generation.

“We hope that this Prize will recognise those in the NUSC community who follow in Anne's footsteps and emulate her spirit,” Shaun concluded.

Eusoff Hall Plants Gifts That Grow for Generations

The third iteration of NUS' Plant-It-Forward (PIF) Day took root at Eusoff Hall (EH) on 1 November 2025 when 158 participants gathered to plant 120 trees in celebration of NUS120. More than a milestone event, PIF Day reflected a shared commitment to support student financial aid while cultivating a greener campus.

Since its launch in 2023, the PIF Challenge has raised over S\$2.17 million, advancing two causes that matter deeply to the NUS community—supporting students

through the University's Enhanced Financial Aid Scheme and strengthening environmental sustainability. Every gift of S\$1,000 to the Challenge will be recognised with a tree planted on campus, transforming generosity into something that grows and endures.

To date, EH alumni have collectively raised S\$74,000 for the Challenge. Their contributions now take root across the Hall's landscape, each planted tree standing as a living legacy of their generosity.



Members of NUS and the Eusoff Hall community came together for the third Plant-It-Forward Day, where 120 trees found their new homes at Eusoff Hall to mark NUS120.

Give now to support the PIF Challenge



This spirit of giving is also captured in the donor tree, a permanent installation at EH designed by EH alumnus Mr Terence Tan (Architecture '25) and NUS Architecture undergraduate Damienn Foo. With each leaf representing a donor, the installation pays tribute to a community that continues to give and grow alongside the trees planted.

The event also marked the launch of the Plant-It-Forward Eusoff Hall Bursary, expanding financial support for students and complementing existing bursaries established by the EH community.

The event was graced by special guest Datin Hajah Ragayah, the daughter of the Hall's namesake, Dato Panglima Kinta Dr Haji Mohamed Eusoff. A tree was dedicated to Datin Ragayah to commemorate the University's enduring ties with the Eusoff family.

NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85) also attended, planting a tree alongside Dean of Students Professor Ho Han Kiat (Science '00) and Joshua Freeborn, an NUS Business undergraduate and President of EH's 38th Junior Common Room Committee.

For EH Master Associate Professor Lynette Tan (Arts and Social Sciences '93), an EH alumna herself, the significance is both personal and enduring.

“We are deeply grateful to all donors of the 2025 PIF Challenge,” shared Assoc Prof Tan. “It is especially meaningful for me as an alumna to contribute tangibly to beautify our grounds while empowering students. Together, we are extending NUS’ world-class education to even more students, giving them the environment to thrive and reach their full potential.”



(From left) NUS President Prof Tan Eng Chye, Dean of Students Prof Ho Han Kiat and EH 38th JCRC President Joshua Freeborn.



EH Master Assoc Prof Lynette Tan (front row centre, in blue shirt), together with members of the EH Green Committee, who led a workshop at the event to upcycle old t-shirts into new recycled bags, as part of their efforts to champion sustainability education and causes in the Hall.

The Power of a Simple Ask

Give now to support
our students



Every year, graduating students at NUS mark the end of their journey through giving. Since 2007, Commencement Class Giving (CCG) has brought final-year cohorts together by raising support for their juniors.

Last year, CCG efforts raised over S\$50,000 from 2,630 donors, supporting NUS undergraduates in financial need. Contributing to this strong show of support were two standout CCG champions. Together with their peers, Mr Cyrus Xu Zhiyi (Engineering '22) and Mr David Sebastian Hartono (Business '26) rallied their networks for this meaningful cause.

Cyrus focused on reaching out to his peers from the School of Continuing Lifelong Education (SCALE), and received an overwhelming response. Many of his peers viewed their gifts as a way to honour the value of education.

David’s approach as a CCG champion was simple: telling peers about the cause and finding people around him who were willing to contribute. His motivation came from seeing how education transformed his and his peers’ lives. “I wanted to give others the same chance to shape their lives, regardless of circumstances,” he shared.

What surprised both David and Cyrus was the generosity they encountered. Over and over again, people gave readily, with some even pitching in before they were asked. As they graduate, both see giving as part of a larger continuum.

“It’s about passing on the spirit of NUS,” Cyrus said. “If each batch contributes a little, it grows into something bigger.”

Their stories are a reminder that giving doesn’t have to be complicated. Sometimes, it just starts with a simple ask. When people come together, many small contributions add up to something meaningful.



David witnessed firsthand how education transforms lives.



Cyrus (middle, taking the photo) rallied his peers (pictured) to support the meaningful cause.

A Dose of Generosity

Give now to support
the MBBS Class
of 2000 Bursary



Generosity took centre stage at the MBBS Class of 2000 reunion dinner when the class came together to establish a bursary that will support future medical students at their alma mater.

What happens when you put the Give.NUS progress bar on the big screen at an alumni reunion dinner?

For the MBBS Class of 2000, giving became a live celebration. Generosity took centre stage as laughter and friendly banter gave way to a shared mission unfolding in real time. Cheers filled the room as classmates watched the bar move closer to the target with each gift, spurring one another to give, and to give fast.

“Live giving created incredible energy in the room. Everyone could feel that what we were doing was real and happening together,” shared Dr Darren Chua (Medicine ’00). “It wasn’t about us, but about building something lasting for future generations.”

In just 20 minutes, the Class raised more than S\$100,000. By the next day, they had surpassed their original S\$150,000 target and established the MBBS Class of 2000 Bursary, an endowed fund that will support future medical students at the NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine in perpetuity.

The evening’s theme, Our Legacy Begins, was captured in both spirit and intent. As Dr Chua reflected, the Class’s legacy is the Bursary itself: a gift designed to create lasting impact, generation after generation.

The MBBS Class of 2000 showed how reunions can go beyond catch-ups. They can become a spark that inspires a class to give together and shape a brighter future for their juniors.

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Powered by Our NUS Community

The heart of philanthropy at NUS begins with our people: the ones who lead with passion, belief and influence. From our alumni to staff members, our NUS community is championing an inspiring spirit of generosity, taking their impact beyond campus and into society.

The Rhythm of Regular Giving

For two NUS staff members, giving looks like regular monthly commitments and a quiet resolve to keep going.

Ms Dolly Teo (Business '91), Associate Director at the Provost's Office (Academic Affairs), is an NUS alumna who enjoyed a rigorous education and numerous opportunities at the University. Grateful for the experiences she had in her student years, she now feels compelled to give back.

During her staff orientation, an NUS Giving video produced by the Development Office was played for all attendees. The video, which featured a student recipient and the transformative impact of financial aid, moved Ms Teo deeply and reaffirmed her belief in making a difference to someone in need. "Giving back feels like the least I can do in return," she said.

Today, Ms Teo makes a monthly recurring gift to the Enhanced Financial Aid Scheme (EFAS), supporting bursaries for financially needy students who are pursuing their education at NUS.

"Through EFAS, I hope students are given the chance to pursue their dreams and aspirations without any financial stress," she shared.

By giving, Ms Teo also hopes to inspire the beneficiaries to one day pay it forward and contribute to improving the lives of others.

Inspired for Impact

While Ms Teo's giving is rooted in personal gratitude, Ms Tharshini Pathmasanan (Senior Assistant Manager at the Asia Centre for Health Security, Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health) found her way to giving by watching people around her step up as regular donors. This prompted her to ask herself: Why not me?

She first heard about the NUS CatCafé initiative from a colleague, Ms Delia Quek, who contributed regularly. When she came across a mention of it again during her staff orientation, it felt like a clear sign for her to get involved.

Ms Tharshini's deep passion for animal welfare connects with NUS CatCafé's dedication to providing a safe environment and high standards of care for every animal in its care.

"It's a campus-based initiative where the impact is immediate and tangible. You can really see and feel what your support goes towards," she shared.

She now makes a monthly recurring contribution to the student-led initiative, which dedicates itself to caring for the welfare of the University's campus cats, and one dog.



Ms Dolly Teo gives regularly to support financially needy NUS students.

Find out more
about NUS
Staff Giving



Ms Tharshini Pathmasanan gives regularly to support the NUS CatCafé initiative.

More Than a Gift

For both Ms Teo and Ms Tharshini, the rhythm of regular giving carries a significance beyond the dollar amount.

Ms Teo described it as an ongoing commitment—her way of remaining part of a collective effort to provide students with stability and security. To Ms Tharshini, it's about participating in a culture of care and responsibility. "It's a way of staying connected to a cause I genuinely believe in," she affirmed.

Both were also quick to encourage fellow NUS staff who may be on the fence about making a gift.

"Start with what feels comfortable to you," advised Ms Tharshini. "Regular giving can be modest, and you can adjust your contribution anytime."

Ms Teo echoed this idea: "Put yourself in others' shoes. If everyone assumes their contribution does not matter, then students who really need the financial support will be the ones who suffer."

As both Ms Teo and Ms Tharshini have shown, giving does not begin with a large sum. It begins with a reason: gratitude for a journey, care for a cause or the quiet inspiration of someone who has paved the way.

"Every contribution, regardless of the amount, adds up—and collectively we can make a meaningful difference," Ms Teo concluded.



One of the many cats on campus, M33y Thai (Muay Thai) is a familiar sight at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Championing Purpose Through Giving



The Foo family and Dean of NUS College Prof Simon Chesterman celebrating the official launch of the J&S Aspiration Room.

For the past 10 years, one word has guided Mr Foo Jixun’s (Engineering ’93) approach to philanthropy: purpose.

An entrepreneur and venture capitalist, Mr Foo is familiar with investing in what he believes in. This clear sense of purpose has led him and his wife, Ms Serene Siar (Business ’92), to give generously to support scholarships and programmes at the College of Design and Engineering (CDE) and NUS College.

In recognition of Mr and Mrs Foo’s generosity, the J&S Aspiration Room, housed at NUS College (Cendana) has been named in their honour. Through his acts of giving, Mr Foo has also inspired those around him to find their own purpose and realise it through philanthropy.

The Power of a Conversation

Both Mr and Mrs Foo are proud NUS alumni who credit their time at NUS with instilling a deep appreciation for the role of education in shaping their personal values.

This experience has foregrounded their partnership with NUS, as they believe in giving back to the communities that have shaped them. This belief underpins Mr Foo’s conversations with his entrepreneur friends about giving back.

“I share with them that everything we build comes from society and community,” he said. “As we gain our wealth through the support of others, we have to learn how to give back in return.”

One day, during a walk in the Singapore Botanic Gardens, one of Mr Foo’s friends mentioned that he had seen an article about a gift that Mr Foo had made through NUS. He asked if Mr Foo could tell him more. This sparked an organic opportunity for Mr Foo to share his own motivations for giving.

Not too long later, the friend decided to make a major gift and establish a bursary at NUS, and continues to generously support University causes today.

Give now to support NUSC students

Recounting this experience, Mr Foo reflected that it wasn’t a strong business pitch that drove his friend’s decision: “It’s really about the purpose they have in mind when they decide to give,” he said. “Our causes can be different, and that’s perfectly fine. Everyone has their own passions and beliefs, and people should follow what resonates with them.”

Making Giving Relevant

With a large part of his work based in investment technology, Mr Foo has always had a keen eye for identifying possibilities and challenges on the horizon.

Lately, artificial intelligence (AI) has become the hot topic of his dinner conversations. Central to these conversations is how AI is revolutionising the world, and the important role that institutions like NUS play in shaping an AI-powered world.

These discussions bring purpose to the forefront of philanthropy. Once a pressing need is realised and people recognise how their own values and convictions interact with the current societal landscape, philanthropy simply becomes the vehicle through which they decide to make impact.

A Collective Family Purpose

Beyond inspiring friends and colleagues to join him in giving, Mr Foo is also bringing his family along for the ride. Recognising the major efforts and sacrifices made by his wife and three children that have allowed him to achieve his present-day success, he sees his wealth as a collective family achievement.

Because of this, Mr and Mrs Foo have decided that giving must also be a collective family decision. For their

recent gift, the couple were intentional about involving their children throughout the entire giving process, hoping the experience would inculcate the importance of giving with purpose.

Giving From the Heart

Mr Foo’s story is one of purposeful philanthropy. His philosophy reaches deep into the core of what makes giving so powerful: beyond a simple transaction, giving is always about achieving a bigger purpose aligned with one’s personal values and beliefs.

“At the end of the day, the act of giving has to come from the heart,” he concluded. “That’s the most important thing.”



Prof Simon Chesterman presenting a token of appreciation to Mr Foo Jixun and Ms Serene Siar (Mrs Foo).

A League of Champions

Behind many gifts at NUS are champions who ask, connect and believe.

Their conviction has mobilised philanthropic support for various causes across the University, strengthening NUS and shaping lives far beyond campus.

Professor Kishore Mahbubani (Arts '71), Professor John Eu-Li Wong (MBBS '81) and Mr Yeo Keng Joon (Business '85) are among NUS' strongest voices for philanthropy. Through trust, vision and purpose, these three champions demonstrate how simple connections can unlock powerful impact.

Leading With the Heart

In his 33 years of diplomacy and 13 years in academia, Prof Kishore Mahbubani has learnt one big lesson: success in any venture comes after building long-term relationships of trust and confidence.

This philosophy lies at the heart of how he champions causes for the University: through friendship and connection. Once, a chance encounter at East Coast Park brought about considerable support for the Asian Peace Programme (APP).

"I ran into a friend whom I hadn't seen for years," he shared. "He said to me, 'Let's have a drink.' Fortunately, I was free that evening. Towards the end of our chat, I mentioned the importance of peace in Asia and the APP. He immediately offered to host a dinner for his businessmen friends to see if they could all contribute. And indeed, everyone at that dinner contributed to the APP. Just imagine how different it would have been if I hadn't had a drink with him in East Coast Park."

For Prof Mahbubani, such moments reveal the tremendous potential for fundraising within the NUS community. He calls for the University to cultivate a league of champions: advocates among NUS alumni who speak passionately for causes they believe in.



Prof Kishore Mahbubani believes NUS alumni can be powerful fundraising champions.

"Many alumni I know have not contributed only because no one has asked them," he reflected. **"However, if a friend or fellow NUS alumni member approaches them and suggests a small initial contribution, the answer is almost always positive."**

Rallying for a Shared Vision

Since its launch in October 2021, Health District @ Queenstown (HD@QT) has built a growing community of residents and partners who are empowered to stay healthy, engaged and connected throughout their lives.

This initiative was made possible through the advocacy and vision of Prof John Wong, Isabel Chan Professor in Medical Sciences at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and co-chair of HD@QT. Prof Wong helps align philanthropists with HD@QT's healthy longevity initiatives and evidence-based research.

Prof Wong shared that "More than 60% of the factors impacting premature disability and death are social, behavioural and environmental. I need to work with and outside of the healthcare system to improve physical, mental and social well-being in Singapore."

Reflecting on how his relationships with people who share the same beliefs have resulted in impact, Prof Wong said: **"I search for people who share a similar vision, and work with them in realising this."**



Prof John Wong believes a shared purpose is key to garnering philanthropic support.

Addicted to Making a Difference

For over four decades, Mr Yeo Keng Joon has served the NUS community through his work with NUS' Alumni Advisory Board and the Alumni Student Advancement Committee (ASAC). His commitment as both champion and donor is constantly inspired by seeing the tangible difference that giving makes in students' lives.

"Bringing joy to these students is almost addictive," he said, sharing how he finds fulfilment in reading students' heartfelt letters of gratitude. **"It's that sense of purpose and connection that drives me to continue this work, year after year."**

Having worked with alumni from diverse backgrounds and giving capacities, Mr Yeo understands what inspires them to give: a cause that resonates deeply.

This insight has inspired initiatives such as the NUS Campus Couples Bursary, which appeals to alumni who met their spouses on campus. As an expression of gratitude for their love stories, happy alumni couples have contributed over S\$1.4 million to support juniors at their alma mater.

However, Mr Yeo recognises that several alumni are still hesitant to give, thinking that there is adequate financial aid at NUS. He gently corrects these perceptions by sharing about the number of financially needy students and the amount needed to support them. "Once alumni understand the real scope of the need, they are often moved to help," he explained.

Personally, Mr Yeo is committed to giving back through mentorship for NUS students embarking on their careers. Through this, he hopes to create a virtuous cycle of giving and guidance for future generations of students.



Mr Yeo Keng Joon is a longtime champion of alumni giving at NUS.

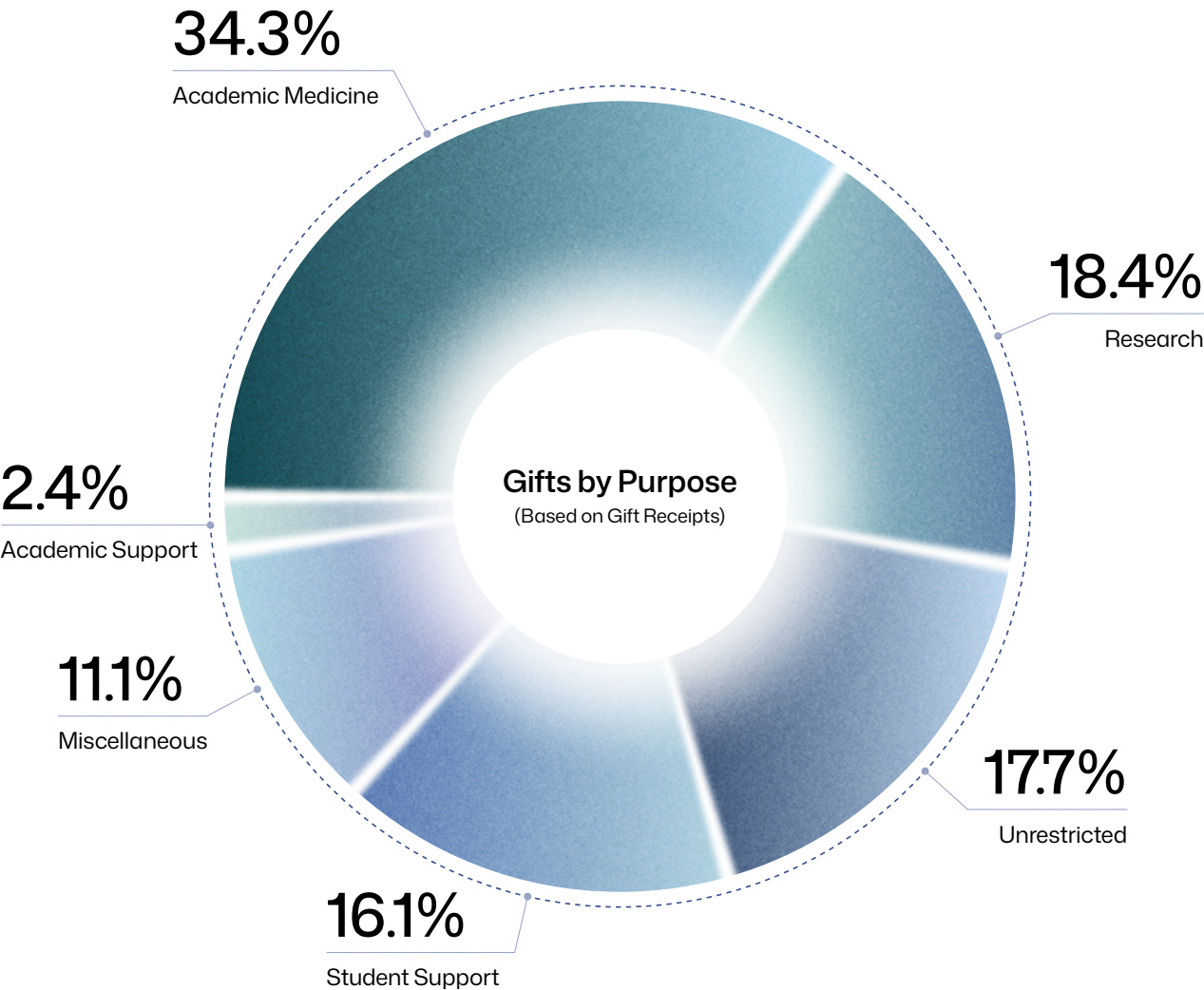
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Giving by Numbers

One year. Immeasurable impact. More than figures on a page, every gift from our donors symbolises the endless possibilities that arise when we give, believe and make a difference together.

Gift Receipts

Thank you for creating positive impact through NUS. A total of 13,619 donors gave S\$355.2 million in gifts in FY2025, from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.



At the time of publication, gift receipts for FY2025 are unaudited.

Bursaries & Scholarships



Named Professorships



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Stories of Impact

Your gifts are just the beginning of a larger story—all across campus and their community, our student recipients are carrying impact further and touching the lives of those around them. Take a closer look at how they're choosing to pay it forward.

Empowering Youths, Transforming Communities

When Madam Eng stepped into Gardens by the Bay for the first time, her face lit up at the sight of flowers she had previously only seen in photographs. Beside her were Science student Ms Kwan Yi Rui and Business student Ms Ng Zhi Ying, who had planned the outing as part of their Communities and Engagement (C&E) course. Through the course, they befriended seniors like Madam Eng, who would otherwise have limited social interaction.

“Beyond what we’ve given, we’ve received so much in return,” Zhi Ying shared, reflecting on the deep fulfilment the course has given her. **“This experience taught us patience, empathy and the value of cherishing relationships. It showed us that care and encouragement go both ways.”**



Guest-of-Honour Ms Low Yen Ling (sixth from right), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth & Ministry of Trade and Industry, witnessed the presentation of a S\$3 million gift from Mapletree—represented by Mr Edmund Cheng (seventh from left), Mapletree Chairman—to NUS—represented by Professor Aaron Thean (fifth from right), NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost—in support of the NUS Communities and Engagement (C&E) Pillar. They were joined by representatives from both institutions, students and senior beneficiaries from Adventist Active Centre @ Golden Peony participating in NUS C&E Pillar’s befriending programmes. (Credit: Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth)

This transformative experience is at the heart of the C&E Pillar of NUS’ General Education curriculum. Since its inception in 2021, the C&E Pillar has grown into one of Singapore’s largest student volunteering initiatives, contributing over 280,000 service-learning hours and benefitting more than 115,000 seniors and 2,000 vulnerable families. More than clocking hours, these courses empower students to become compassionate and socially responsible agents of change.

The impact of the C&E Pillar has been strengthened by a generous gift from Mapletree Investments (Mapletree). The global real-estate powerhouse has pledged S\$3 million to support service-learning courses focused on seniors and vulnerable families.

As the Principal Founding Donor and one of the largest donors towards the C&E Pillar with a focus on seniors and vulnerable families, Mapletree’s gift builds on its longstanding support for education causes at NUS. Over 160 awards have been disbursed through the Mapletree Bursary since its establishment in 2012.



Mapletree’s S\$3 million gift empowers NUS students to create engaging activities that enhance seniors’ cognitive, physical and overall well-being.

The gift towards the C&E Pillar is also part of Mapletree’s US\$10 million commitment to Temasek Trust’s Philanthropy Asia Alliance (PAA), an initiative launched in 2023 to address pressing challenges across Asia, such as Singapore’s rapidly ageing population, through philanthropic partnerships.

Mr Edmund Cheng, Chairman of Mapletree, said, **“Mapletree’s latest Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative with NUS aligns with two of our four CSR pillars—Healthcare and Education. These courses create beautiful bridges to facilitate relationships between students, seniors and vulnerable families, enriching the lives of all involved. We will continue to invest in the communities where we operate, strengthening the social fabric in meaningful ways.”**



NUS students Ms Kwan Yi Rui (left) and Ms Ng Zhi Ying (right) befriended Madam Eng (centre) during the GEN2060 course under the C&E Pillar.

As Singapore ages, philanthropic contributions like Mapletree’s ripple far beyond the classroom. Donors who invest in service-learning are not only supporting students, but also shaping a more compassionate society.

Bringing Smiles to the Silver Generation



Nigel Chia was touched by the meaningful interactions during his visit to the nursing home.

NUS Dentistry student Nigel Chia stood by the bedside of a 90-year-old woman at the Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (KWSH) nursing home and prepared to examine her teeth. Before he could begin, she started to cry.

Her tears came from the unexpected comfort of Nigel's company. She rarely had visitors and often felt lonely. This visit reframed Nigel's idea of what a dental visit could be—from a routine appointment to a meaningful interaction.

Such human connections are at the heart of a new collaboration that brings NUS Dentistry students to KWSH's nursing homes. The KWSH Foundation Silver Smiles Fund was established in August 2025 to support geriatric dentistry at NUS, supporting direct dental care

for seniors in residential settings, while backing the research and education needed to improve their oral health and quality of life.

“Bringing dental students and seniors together creates meaningful two-way learning,” said Mr Patrick Lee, Chairman of the KWSH Foundation. **“Seniors benefit from accessible care in a familiar setting, while students gain real-world exposure that builds empathy and understanding of ageing beyond clinical training.”**

The Silver Smiles Fund was inspired by a simple observation: many seniors quietly live with dental problems that affect their nutrition, confidence and quality of life.

Give now to support geriatric dentistry



Mr Patrick Lee, Chairman of the KWSH Foundation.

“Oral health is closely linked to dignity and well-being, yet it is often overlooked,” Mr Lee explained. “We wanted to support preventive care and make services more accessible, so that seniors can age with comfort and confidence.”

Beyond bringing care to seniors, this initiative has also realised intergenerational impact, inspiring meaningful takeaways for students assigned to the screenings.

Nigel was struck by how transport costs of S\$60 to S\$80 each way can make even basic dental care inaccessible for financially needy seniors, underscoring how philanthropic support bridges critical gaps.

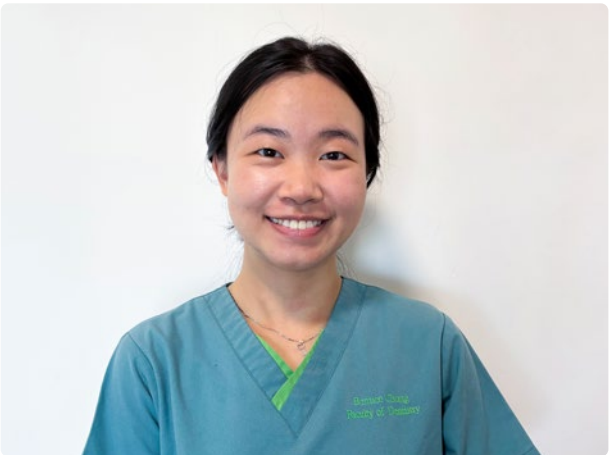
For NUS Dentistry student Bernice Chong, the experience deepened her understanding of patient-centred care. She learnt that treatment decisions must balance clinical ideals with seniors' comfort, familiarity and lived realities.

What began as a volunteering stint ended as something more—a sense that dentistry could also be a way to give back.

“This experience reminded me that dentistry is not only a profession, but also a platform to serve,” Nigel reflected. **“The generosity of donors makes it possible for students like me to learn, and for seniors to receive care. That is something I hope to carry forward in my own practice, both in the way I treat patients and in how I choose to contribute to the community.”**

That same sense of purpose resonates with Bernice, who looks forward to exploring geriatric dentistry further as she continues her training.

“The visit to the KWSH nursing home has widened my perspective on the dental needs of elderly patients in institutionalised care,” she shared. **“I am now inspired to return as a volunteer dental officer and give back in the future.”**



Bernice Chong is inspired to give back after taking part in the initiative.

Modern TCM Gets a Boost

When a Food Science student meets a Business undergraduate, innovation begins to brew. Putting together their complementary skillsets and strengths, Ng Jian Zhi (Science '25) and Sean Tan (Business '24) found the perfect recipe to tackle a problem they knew well: stress and sleepless nights.

The duo met at the 2023 NUS FoodTech Challenge and developed Boost Vitalitea, a start-up offering Singapore's first Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)-inspired beverages designed to support mental wellness and sleep.

Sean, who studied Business Administration with a specialisation in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, leads business strategy. Jian Zhi, from the Department of Food Science and Technology, oversees product development. Together, they have reimagined TCM as modern, enjoyable and part of everyday wellness.

Building a start-up while studying full-time, however, is no small feat. Financial aid was what made that journey possible.



Sean has always had a passion for social entrepreneurship.

Give now to support our student entrepreneurs



Jian Zhi oversees the research and development arm of Boost Vitalitea.

Supported by the Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Bursary, the Philip Yeo Grant (for NUS Overseas Colleges) and other NUS bursaries, both founders gained the freedom to focus on growing Boost Vitalitea.

“The bursary didn’t just support my education,” Sean shared. “It gave me the confidence to take risks and build something meaningful without constantly worrying about finances.”

For Jian Zhi, financial aid removed the need for part-time work, allowing him to pursue opportunities that deepened his expertise and strengthened the start-up’s foundation.

Today, Boost Vitalitea has educated over 650 seniors and youths on sleep health. Their story is proof that when donors invest in students, they’re empowering future founders to turn ideas into real-world impact.

Rooting for Future Dentists

NUS Dentistry student Joel Lim grew up watching his brother with special needs navigate the healthcare system. Through the years of medical appointments, one memory has never left him: a dentist who sang to his brother during a complex procedure, just to keep him calm.

Experiences like these fuelled Joel’s drive to hone his clinical skills and knowledge, strengthening his resolve to be attentive and empathetic towards every individual he treats. Financial support from the Chew Chong Lin Dental Bursary and the Dental Bursary has played a large part in enabling him to pursue these aspirations.



Grateful for the financial support he received, Joel Lim hopes to pay it forward in the future.

Give now to support Dentistry students



The Dental Bursary is supported by donors like Dr Keane Ng (Dentistry '20), who began giving just a year after graduating from NUS Dentistry, and has continued to do so every year since.

“Coming from a humble background, I was a beneficiary of the Dental Bursary,” Dr Ng shared. “Education equipped me with the ability to contribute. I believe we do not need abundance to give—only contentment and willingness. I hope today’s beneficiaries will one day experience the same joy of giving and pay it forward.”

Joel is a prime example of how students can thrive when given the right support. Thrice on the Dean’s List and a recipient of multiple student awards, he has been able to immerse himself in his education and seize opportunities that would otherwise have been out of reach. He has also come to understand how dentistry is as much about understanding a patient’s story and needs as it is about treating them.

That same compassion lies at the heart of the Dental Bursary. At its core, it is an act of empathy—one generation of dentists looking out for the next.

While Joel has not yet graduated, Dr Ng’s story is already inspiring his future steps.

“Dr Ng’s willingness to pay it forward is deeply inspiring,” Joel said. “His example motivates me to one day extend the same generosity to future students, continuing the cycle of support and compassion.”

From Profound Loss to Healing

Out of profound loss can grow an unwavering resolve to heal. For students like Muhammad Amir Thaqif Shah (Engineering '22) and Huang Shiyong (Science '20), that resolve put them on the path to medicine to Duke-NUS Medical School (Duke-NUS).

Now members of the Duke-NUS Class of 2028, both Thaqif and Shiyong have seen their journeys made possible through the generosity of donors who believed in their calling.

When Thaqif was 12, his four-year-old brother Danish passed away from a rare cancer. The loss plunged his family into grief and financial strain. There were days Thaqif missed school because he had no money for meals.



In memory of his younger brother, Thaqif chose to become a paediatrician.



Thaqif practising tracheal intubation on a training dummy.

As an engineering undergraduate at NUS, Thaqif stretched his financial aid to support his family while working part-time. After graduating in 2022, he stepped up as the family's sole breadwinner. At the same time, he saved diligently, knowing he wanted to take the leap to pursue medicine.

Receiving the Duke-NUS Bursary lifted a huge burden off his shoulders.

“Without the Bursary, studying medicine would not have been possible,” Thaqif shared. **“I wake up every day grateful to chase my dreams of becoming a doctor.”**

At the heart of this dream is Thaqif's desire to become a paediatrician, in memory of Danish. Just as paediatricians had helped his family through Danish's illness, Thaqif hopes to one day work with children and families to alleviate their pain and be a listening ear amidst their suffering.

Give now to support Duke-NUS students



A bursary enabled Shiyong to pursue a career in palliative medicine.

For Shiyong, the turning point was her grandmother's stroke during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unable to visit her in hospital or attend her funeral, Shiyong experienced both distance and a painful communication gap with the medical team. That experience cemented her resolve to become a doctor who places humanity at the heart of care.

“I was extremely grateful to receive the Chua Hock Tat and Lee Pui King Bursary,” said Shiyong, recounting how the Bursary eased her family's financial strain after her parents' business was affected during the pandemic. **“It allowed me to pursue my medical degree without constantly worrying about how my family would manage the cost.”**

She looks forward to pursuing a career in palliative medicine to provide not only medical expertise for patients, but holistic care and support for their caregivers.

Today, thanks to the generosity of donors, Thaqif and Shiyong can pursue these dreams with confidence and purpose. While their stories are still unfolding, the compassion they will one day extend to future patients and their families has already been set in motion.



Shiyong was a former cancer research officer before pursuing medicine.

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Our Recipients Say Thank You

Our students have overcome personal obstacles and unlocked their full potential at NUS—and it's all thanks to your generosity. As they share these stories of gratitude, witness the transformative impact that your gifts have had in their lives.

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A Message From Tiffany, NUS Class of 2025

Inbox ×

From: Tiffany Koh ▾

To: NUS Donors & Friends ▾

Dear kind donors,

My name is Tiffany Koh, and I am a recent graduate from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and a beneficiary of the FASS Alumni-Hua Family Bursary. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and belief in supporting financially needy students through higher education.

My parents did not have the opportunity to pursue extensive formal education. My mum graduated from secondary school and my dad's formal education ended at primary school. As my parents worked demanding jobs for most of their lives, I grew up aware of the sacrifices they made to provide for our family.

Growing up, I had to rely on food coupons for meals at the school canteens as I could not afford to purchase them on my own. Because of this, I used to have a difficult relationship with financial aid. However, I sorely believed that education was the greatest social leveller and I harboured the hope that it may one day open doors to a different life for me.

That hope quietly brought me through junior college, then into university. It was then that I finally realised the hope and opportunity that financial aid gave me—your bursary played a crucial role in making my university journey both possible and meaningful. It eased my financial concerns and allowed me to focus fully on my studies and personal development.

I graduated in May 2025 with a B.A. (Hons) in Linguistics, a field of study I thoroughly enjoyed and felt deeply invested in. I joined several student clubs, volunteered to teach English to migrant

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Tiffany with her father at the Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony.



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The FASS Alumni-Hua Family Bursary enabled Tiffany (second from left) to pursue her university dreams.



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Magazines published by the NUS Science Journalism Club. Tiffany was the President and Editor-in-Chief in 2025.



workers, and took up internships during school breaks instead of part-time work. Additionally, I worked as a student researcher with FASS through my final year. These experiences exposed me to a wide range of careers and perspectives beyond what I had previously encountered.

One of the most formative experiences the Bursary supported me with was the ability to pursue my exchange programme at King's College London. It broadened my perspective significantly and gave me exposure to academic and cultural environments that shaped my learning journey in important ways.

Today, I work in the civil service, where I analyse the information landscape surrounding issues of concern in Singapore. While it may seem like an unassuming office role, being able to work in a 9-to-5 job is not something I take lightly. It has given me the space to grow professionally and reflect on the different paths education can open, made possible in part by the support of donors who believe in the transformative power of education.

In the future, I hope to continue developing my skills and exploring different directions in my field. I remain open to further study or other learning opportunities, depending on where my interests and circumstances lead me. More broadly, I hope to contribute to improving systems that support students from diverse backgrounds in accessing education.

Thank you for believing in higher education, and for giving me a chance to try my best at this life. I truly hope to be able to carry this forward and to one day give back in the same kindness and generosity that you have shown, and to place the same sense of hope into the lives of others.

Warm Regards,
Tiffany Koh (Arts and Social Sciences '25)
FASS Alumni-Hua Family Bursary

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Today, Tiffany (second from left) hopes to pay it forward by uplifting others through education.





Introduction to Psychology

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Balancing the Beam and Textbooks

From: Emma Yap

To: NUS Donors & Friends

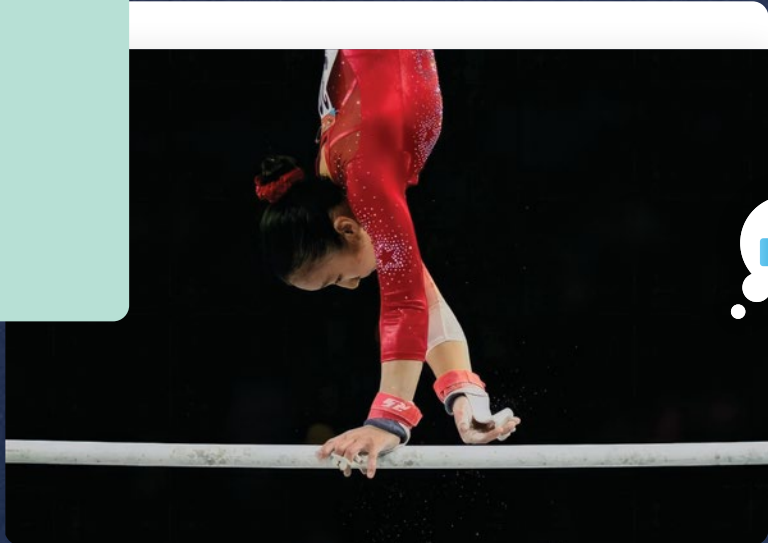
Dear kind donors,

The Scholarship allows me to work with sports managers to plan my academics and sporting pursuits, making it easier to manage both. I just want to say a big thank you to all my donors who supported me through this journey. I definitely couldn't have come all the way without you all.

Best regards,
Emma

Emma Yap
NUS Psychology Year 1
NUS Sports Scholarship

SEA Games 2025 Silver Medallist in Gymnastics (Women's Artistic Floor)



Giving Beyond Myself

From: Gabriel Ong

To: NUS Donors & Friends

Dear kind donors,

Your generosity has encouraged me to continue to give back to society and pay it forward. I have been providing free virtual tuition and mentorship to pre-university students, and I hope to support the education of those who need it in the future. Your support will go a long way in helping me complete my degree, provide for my family and contribute to society. I will work hard to achieve these goals.

Best regards,
Gabriel

Gabriel Ong

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