

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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**OUTSTANDING HALL
STUDENT AWARD 2015**

ABOUT HALL EDUCATION



Hall Education is a learning process throughout years of hall life, during which students' learning experience can be enhanced and the university educational aims can be achieved.

Students learn to gain, deliver & reflect in their hall lives. By participating in diverse hall activities, students will develop various interests and improve their communication and interpersonal skills. By organizing hall functions, students will understand the gist of leadership and management. By interacting with a large number of hall peers from different faculties and back-

grounds, students will gain life-long friendships and memories. Along with all the above elements, students will realize the importance of both passing the core values of hall education from generation to generation based on what they have experienced and making good use of the huge manpower within the hall community to fulfill their social responsibilities.

Critical self-reflection of students' different roles is of equal emphasis during the learning process, so as to allow them to enjoy a more fruitful and meaningful university and hall life.

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2014-2015**

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AU Hoi Ting Ally

SIMON K.Y. LEE HALL

Hall forms an important part in my university life. I experienced a lot in hall. I joined drama team, hockey team and band team. In my secondary school life, I never did sport. Hockey is my first new try in hall. Although hockey team practice is harsh and tiring, I did not give up because I received encouragement from my teammates. I experienced team spirit and the never-give-up attitude in team. These help me a lot in my career now. In Year 3, we won the second runner-up in the interhall hockey competition. This is the achievement that recog-

nized our hard work. I will never forget this moment. I always remember hard work will eventually pay off.

Band team is another new try for me. I am a bass player in team. When I first participated in band show, I felt really nervous and I nearly forgot what I needed to play. My teammates helped me a lot. They shared their experiences and techniques to me. Now I can even play a few bars of bass solo in band show.

Jump out of your comfort zone, you will experience a lot more in hall life.



CHAN Wai Chi William

MORRISON HALL

There are countless precious moments in my hall life, but the following are among the best I have within the 4 years of my hall life. The first one is the 2014 Interhall Choir Competition. We got the 2nd place, yet the most memorable part was not the competition, but the practice sessions 3-4 nights a week before it. Everyone in our choir team spent immense amount of time and effort to strive for the best. I enjoyed the burning Morrisonian spirit shared by our teammates and I'm very glad to be in the team for four years. Being a co-organiser of our hall's social service group is another precious identity to me. We altogether

learned, explored and tasted failures and successes in our planning of local services and service trips to the mainland. The event planning and resources management skills I've learnt benefit me for all my life. I also had lots of unforgettable and priceless moments with my 10/F brothers. We spent tonnes of fun and silly times together. We were all different but we had great time living together. The interpersonal skills I've learnt are: always accept the differences between yourself and the others, always consult and notify others before making group decisions, and always aim for genuine communication in face of conflicts.



CHAU Chi Hang

SWIRE HALL

The three photos preserve my previous but unforgettable moments in hall. People stands around me are my floormates and OC mates. With these groups of people, I have tried organizing Festival for hallmates, handled disputable issues in floor and prepared orientation camp for freshmen. Apart from the happiness and friendship gained during these group works, personal growth achieved is also remarkable.

I truly believe that HKU hall experience makes me a better man. People always say that associating with different people is a key component of hall life. I can't agree more. In hall, there are definitely people with different strengths and backgrounds. It is undeniable that, by appreciating diverse personalities of people we interact with, we can always find ways to improve ourselves.

With regards to my improvement, I have learnt to be an active and confident person. I do realize that many successful hallmates, who have diverse abilities or achievements, are often active and confident. They are willing to face challenges and step out of their "comfort zone". As a result, they often receive a multitude of opportunities to explore themselves and develop skills.

In fact, apart from simply connecting you with people from distinct backgrounds, hall provides adequate opportunities for hallmates to take up different roles. From participating in it, I have enhanced my leadership and communication skills greatly. To conclude, I believe my hall experience in these few years has made me a well rounded person.



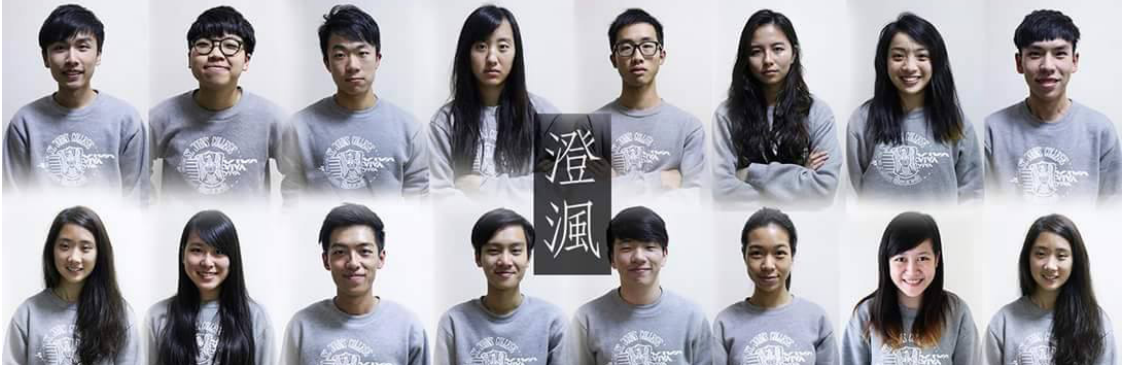
Chu Jonathan Lok Ting

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

It is quite right to say that hall life is an indispensable part of university life. A hall is a gathering place for students across disciplines, to live together under the same roof, share a common identity, and pursue a common goal. It is a place for fun as well as for learning about how to treat others and to form a better character. It is also a place for testing your ability by devoting your efforts to the betterment of the hall.

In HKU hall culture, students are given an extensive role in a hall's leadership. One of the things I've learnt is that, as leaders of halls, we should constantly reflect on the ways in which our hall life is composed of and embrace necessary changes. Indeed, many say that hall education is out of fashion today. I disagree. Hall educa-

tion itself is not that which has to be discarded. It is the way we perceive hall education that has to be changed. Throughout the history of St. John's, the emphasis of our College education has been placed at nurturing excellent leaders of our society. Despite that, is our hall life nowadays in line with this aim? Are we promoting the qualities of outstanding university students? Or are we inhibiting the development of those with potential? There is a general thinking across the hall community that "traditions" are so important that they should always be dogmatically followed. This in turn creates rigid systems in our hall life that only carry with them the form and no substance. As leaders, we have to understand the purpose of hall education in today's context and align it with what we do.



DARYANANI Amrita Sanju

SIMON K.Y. LEE HALL

When in SKY Lee, Be a SKYER!

My life as a SKYER began 3 years ago when I entered the University of Hong Kong as a Bachelor of Journalism (with a second major in Business Design and Innovation) student. Time has flown really quickly and now there is only one more year left before I have to say farewell to my current home in Hong Kong, Simon K. Y. Lee Hall.

Looking back at the past few years, I have been involved in activities relating to integration between locals and non-locals and social service activities including the Social Sub-Commit-

tee, Non-Local Orientation Camp, Integration Committee and Social Education Group in addition to the Belle Femme floor programs. So, with this platform if you have a goal, then take a step forward to implement it.

All I have to say is that this is the place where I grew, fell and climbed up again, the place where I found the most supporting friends and the place where I discovered my innate passion to care for the society. I would like to treasure my last year in this place as I will miss being a SKYER at Simon K. Y. Lee Hall, where you realize the SKY is not the limit!



FUNG HIU WAI

STARR HALL

Entering university marks the start of a new journey in my life. Have I not lived in Starr Hall, it would not be a memorable, meaningful and fruitful one.

In Starr Hall, I stepped out of my comfort zones and better understood my characteristics and capabilities. Being involved in different teams and communities within the hall, I better understand my personality and capabilities. Thus, I can reflect on the role that I can take up in a team and the desirable career path that suits my character in the future.

Moreover, my university life is not confined to hall life. I also joined the union philharmonic orchestra and participated in different exchange programs. Balancing activities inside and outside hall and a good academic performance also allows me to have better time management and maturity to handle pressure.

Have I not joined the hall community, I would not have met so many inspiring people and make life-long friends. I am grateful that this experience shaped me to a better person.



KWOK CHUN YIU

LEE HYSAN HALL

Lee Hysan Hall is a genuine place for nurturing talented individuals as well as cultivating leadership strength as a team. My village (floor) comprises the largest part of my memories in hall in which brothers gather to share laughter and tears each of us has gone through. I find loads of supports and care whenever encountered any difficulties. My hall life would not be fruitful without my experience as an Organizing Committee and Group Leader for Hall Orientation 2015 & 2016 respectively. The effort paid in crafting value-adding programs for incoming freshmen is unquestionably rewarding. I am more

than grateful to have witnessed the growth of freshmen under our guidance. Another puzzle that constitutes the full picture of my hall life is Lee Hysan Debate Team. Regardless of the result of each match, teammates and I have learnt valuable experiences from analyzing current affairs to challenging our own perspectives. Being critical and open-minded to ideas are always the key characteristics an university student, the future pillar of the society, should uphold. All these equipped elements contribute to my greater sense of responsibility and add values to my future development.



LAW KA HO

HORNELL HALL

‘Work hard; play hard’ is always my motto since I was young. Joining Hornell is a great thing that definitely changed my life. Although Hornell Hall is not a residential hall, we still have a strong connection among our hall mates. We played together, learned together and sweated together.

I have joined Hornell Hall for three years. In these years, I had a chance to organize different activities for my hall mates. Despite the traditional high table dinner, band show and Chinese New Year gathering,, we organized a Muay Thai training course and an oversea study tour to Japan. It was a great experience for me to develop my leadership skills and communication skills.

Hornell Hall is a hall with strong brotherhood spirit. I joined the Hornell Hall mentorship program and met many alumni who are successful people in Hong Kong. They brought us to Happy Valley Racecourse to experience how they mingle with others and taste wine. These are the unforgettable experiences that I have never imagined.

The most important thing is that I met a lot of true friends who come from different backgrounds. Now, I have joined the Hornell Hall Alumni Association for continuing my Hall journey.



LI Chun Yi Jenny

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

When asked to recall my precious moments in hall, they mainly revolve around my floor brothers and sisters, and my teams. Biggest thank-you goes to 8/F Florence Heights. I can't imagine my hall life without you all... especially my floor vice-chairlady partner Ankie and my tns. We've been through ups and downs in these three years and experienced the changes of hall culture and reforms of orientation. I love how new ball games are incorporated into hall life and I never regret joining softball team. We have the best coach, team and spirit. We put so much efforts to strive for excel-

lence and try to push our limits-thank you for the amazing memories. The experience as a hall exco (of beloved Chingfung), academic tutor and floor chair help me develop more comprehensively and I learn to better manage my time in these positions and responsibilities. As a past Alumni and non-local secretary, I am glad to see that there are generally more interactions between the current jongmen, alumni as well as international residents. I look forward to seeing more intellectual exchange between the parties and a more diverse and vibrant hall culture!



NG Wing Kit

RICCI HALL

“Ricci is a treasure house”. This was one of the first things that my seniors told me during Orientation while I was still a freshman.

Indeed, there are ample opportunities provided; not because we are rich in resources, but quite the opposite- we are often short of manpower. Having roughly half of the population compared to most halls, every Riccian is expected to shoulder as much responsibilities as he is able to take. We learn and gain experience through active participation and contribution. Yet, we have no system to record your contribution and to compute a score.

Ricci is just like every treasure house, there will be no reward without exploration and making an effort, and it is up to each individual how much he decides to take.

Amongst all other things, all Riccians hold most dearly is the BROTHERHOOD among us. As many might know, hall life in Ricci is not always delightful, and it is this bonding that motivates us to sacrifice for one another.

To sum up what I have learnt these years in Ricci, three words would suffice- Unity, Loyalty and Sacrifice.



PO Wai Kit

UNIVERSITY HALL

Living in University Hall is the most important part of my university life. During the past years, I had many new and unforgettable experiences such as debate, drama, hockey, dragon boat, social service and being an ex-co of the Students' Association, etc.

Not only did these experiences enable me to make new tries and acquire new skills, but they also taught me how to allocate my time amid various commitments, how to co-operate with

people with different opinions and to handle conflicts, how to handle stress, and ultimately, how to improve myself and be a better person.

However, what I cherish most is the brotherhood with my fellow hallmates. We have spent together moments of happiness and hardship. Even though university life and hall life can be challenging and stressful at some points, my brothers will always stand by me, and it is this kind of bonding that brings Castlers together.



WAN Chung Ming Boyce

LEE SHAU KEE HALL

Through this four-year hall life, I have meet a bunch of friends, explored a lot and found my direction in life. I had been the cultural secretary of Lee Shau Kee Hall student association in 2013 and have explored a lot with my beloved jongmates. Thanks to the opportunity given, I have learnt more and experienced first-handed activities organizing skills. Besides, I have initiated social services in my hall and aimed to raise the hall community awareness on this. With the support from hall-mates, “Hong Kong for Every Child”

which is a social inclusion program open for all HKU students was commenced. This program was a huge success that contributed to Sai Wan community in a down-to-earth manner and linked children in different races closer. I truly encourage putting more emphasis on society as one of the biggest responsibility a university student should possess. For those who cares about social services, you shall keep doing it and invite more to join and you may be the game-changer one day.



YUEN Yan Ian

STARR HALL

Hall life was definitely one of the most important parts of my university years. I will never forget how I and other O-camp-OCs worked days and nights for the whole summer hoping to bring an unforgettable orientation camp to our freshmen, and how hard our soccer team trained and became the unexpected champion of the Interhall Soccer Competition; nor will I forget the days I spent with my floormates, when we were always there sharing

each other's ups and downs and accompanying each other for late night snacks no matter how late it was. To me, hall life is about give and take – nobody is in the position to judge you even if you do not get involved in any of the circles at hall, but when you pay more efforts, you will only get more – be it experience, friendship, or memories. Although I have already graduated, the tears and laughter I have gone through at hall in the past four years will always stay in my mind.

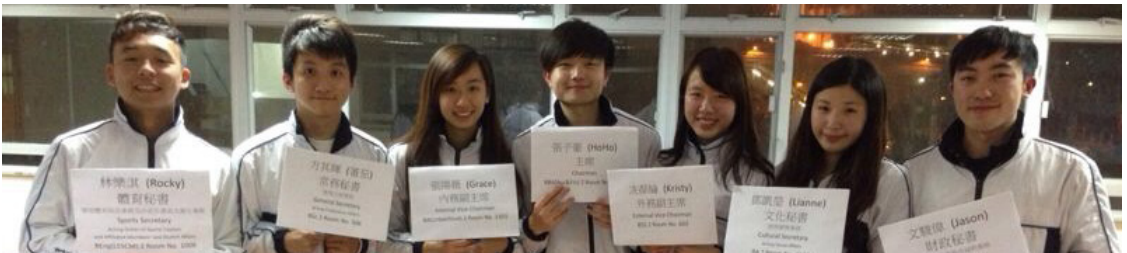


Cheung Yeung Mei Grace

LEE HYSAN HALL

Hall is a place that provides a platform for us to achieve whole person development. In the past four years, I have been through lots of memorable and wonderful moments in my hall life. I truly believe the old sayings about 'give and take', how much you gain depends on how much you involve. The most precious moment in my hall life is the year when I was the Internal Vice-Chairperson of Lee Hysan Hall Students' Association. It was a challenging and tough year to hold loads of hall activities and to handle

numerous ad-hoc tasks, especially the 10-day Orientation Programme. Yet, it strengthened my sense of responsibility and sense of mission in hall. Not only do we learn how to organize different events or to win competitions, more important is that the true friendship we gained in achieving the same goal and supporting each other. As a fresh graduate, I really miss the time I work and play with hallmates, the moments we share our joys and sorrows in uncountable days and nights.





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