Undefeated ... by COVID-19!

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SITizens continue to learn, play, and work—pandemic or not! They made the shift to full Home Based Learning, had their exams and played the Inter Cluster Games 2020—E-Sports League online. One SITizen even started a home-cooked food delivery business when she could no longer go to New York for her one-year internship.

Life Goes On, so Learning and Games Go Online!

With the shift to full Home Based Learning (HBL), SITI acquired licenses for learning tools such as Zoom, and organized hosting workshops to familiarize faculty, staff, and students with how to engage students through online learning. Experts were even hired by the students to see the value of online learning. Students played on a laptop or desktop (2G) on a Classroom License (2G). Two suspected with online learning engaging in SITI were given the opportunity of fully attending the Inter Cluster Games 2020—E-Sports League, which is a first for the university.

SITI was given an extension of the discount on all physical and student access licenses since converted to online essential. Technical Support helped answer and provide support in the event of glitches during the competitions, and the new measures were put in place.

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SITizens put their game faces on for first-ever E-Sports League

SITI may not be able to gather in a traditional setting for the Inter Cluster Games 2020 but it didn’t stop them from earning together online to play the Inter-Cluster Games E-Sports League. Both SITizens and their faculty members were put in place. SITI actively identified students in need and delivered more than 130 laptops and 100 tablets to them nationwide.

Whipping up a storm, COVID-19 or not

Chef trainingonline with him, from UCSI University of Business Administration in Food Business Management, Culinary Arts degree programme. Chef achieved fame through TikTok, social media, where he created his own buzz and has over 1,000,000 followers.

He was featured on Channel News Asia for his initiatives. He feels very successful and, he says, adding, “Chef has become a way to cut the pandemic and keep the servers of culture going, when I tweet that he tweets a lively business during the pandemic.”

What the graduate school in the school such as cooking, marketing, and management, all but added to the good fortune for his online business. SITI says the COVID-19 pandemic has taught him a lot: anything, “I need to be more open up and should be my best self on the first date. There are still opportunities. I look for them.”

He has now secured an internship as a chef in training in The Mansion, serving up French cuisine with Asian influences while wearing a mask. Two friends—two Bridges on the bridge. Watch out for his going online to share some of his culinary art!
New Bursary Uplifts Future Healthcare Professionals

The Ti Sui Tsu Bursary at SIT will provide permanent support for Nursing and Allied Health undergraduates – thanks to a new endowed gift made by the Ti Sui Tsu Memorial Fund.

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In honour of Ms Ti Sui Tsu’s 100th birthday on 12 April 2020, the Ti Sui Tsu Memorial Fund made an endowed gift to the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), to establish the Ti Sui Tsu Bursary in support of Nursing and Allied Health students at the university.

The late Ms Ti was a pioneer in the nursing profession in Singapore and had a career spanning over 30 years. She was among the first batch of six local nurses who were promoted to Ward Sister at Singapore General Hospital in 1951, and retired as Matron in the 1970s. She was passionate about helping those in need, especially nursing students. After her passing in 1988, she bequeathed her estate to several charities including the Barker Road Methodist Church, which set up the Memorial Fund in her name. In accordance with her wishes, they have supported many needy students.

The Ti Sui Tsu Bursary, valued at $5,000 each, will support deserving undergraduates in SIT’s Nursing or Allied Health programmes. At least seven bursaries will be awarded annually and in perpetuity.
Helping Community Physiotherapists Provide Safe Treatment in a Pandemic

SIT’s Professional Officers conduct mask fitting and Personal Protective Equipment training to community and home-based physiotherapists

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The Vesak Day Public Holiday on 7 May 2020 was a little different for four of SIT’s Professional Officers, Justine Vincent Ramos, Mohamed Shazni Bin Badaruzaman, Tan Yong Ming and Lazarus Samuel Gill all stepped up to answer the call from the Ministry of Health (MOH) to conduct training for frontline physiotherapists to keep them and their clients safe during the extended Circuit Breaker period.

MOH had reached out to SIT to conduct the training for these physiotherapists, following the announcement that various allied health services outside of public healthcare institutions would be re-classified as essential services and allowed to operate during the extended Circuit Breaker period from 29 April.

Within a week, logistics and safety measures were in place for the training to take place at SIT@Dover.

About 20 physiotherapists, who come from a variety of settings – from community hospitals to day rehabilitation centres to nursing homes and rehabilitation-based residential care facilities – attended the session the session, where they learnt the principle of hand hygiene and the use of Personal Protective Equipment. They also underwent an N95 mask-fit test on specific N95 respirator models.
Passionate SITizens Step in to Lead Ground-up Initiatives

Supporting the community through initiatives such as Project CBK, #MyBHChallenge, #StayFLY/1Home Challenge and more, they are making an impact amid the outbreak even as they shape their COVID-19 narratives.

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Project CBK

Project CBK (Circuit Breaker Kitchen) provides steaks with much-needed manoeuvres and currently comprises 24 regular volunteers – 22 of whom are SITizens from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), Singapore – and about 10 or two helpers. The volunteer initiative was founded byotelier, a food and beverage undergraduate from the Food Business Management (Culinary Arts) programme and Bryan Ling, owner of The Masses Restaurant.

Just was initially offered an internship under celebrity chef Dominique Crenn in San Francisco, but it was retracted due to the pandemic. However, that did not deter him from coming forward with his vision to deliver a wholesome and quality experience to the masses.

"As someone involved in the food and beverage industry, I feel we need to bring about a single thing for the industry I trust being is as well as our peers. I understand help in some ways or another," Just said.

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World Gourmet Summit Honours Healthcare Heroes at SingHealth General Hospital

SITizens from CIA also cooked for other food and beverage establishments in preparing food for CLSC staff at SingHealth General Hospital. The activity is part of World Gourmet Summit's initiative to thank healthcare heroes for their fight against COVID-19.

Year 1 student Caucasian Yes shared that it was a great experience being able to contribute as the Volunteer. "The experience enabled me to realize that chefs can also contribute meaningfully to the community during this pandemic. I am extremely honoured to be able to help others."

Who Needs My Help? – An Interactive Guide to Charities and Organizations

Deana Randolphi and Nick Kohn from the National School of the Arts (NSA) recognized the importance of reaching out to people in need of extra support. They created "Who Needs My Help?", a comprehensive interactive guide that provides easy reference to charities and organizations that excel donations to help Singaporeans in need, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The COVID-19 situation has taken its toll on everyone. While I was looking for ways to contribute to those who need it, I observed friends and families sharing various resources on social media. I decided to create this guide, which I hope will be a source of help to those who are looking to support others," said Deana Randolphi.

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A Scent-sational Workshop from Home

SITizens learn about the complex world of perfume with Oo La Lab at the Perfume Mixology Workshop

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Participants used blotting papers to "test" scents from their mixology kits, before combining them in a vial.

The circuit breaker period may have had Singaporeans stuck at home, but SITizens didn’t let this stop them from enjoying fun activities as they participated in online workshops specially. One such workshop was the Perfume Mixology Workshop, led by craft fragrance lab Oo La Lab.

Organised by the SIT Alumni Leisure Network, the workshop taught participants how to experiment with scents and craft their own unique fragrance. Participants were sent a Perfume Mixology kit that included 12 unique scents, and a formula card to record formulas that they had concocted. A useful tip provided by perfume mixologist Mr Van Bruce was to pick out scents based on how they made them feel, as one’s sense of smell is also linked to memory and emotions.

The participants then had to select scents that would make the top, middle, and base notes of their fragrance. They spent the evening trying out scents such as Tea, Dahlia, and Vanilla, finally combining them in vials to create their own unique formula.

Happy SITizens with their completed formulas! The workshop was held over three sessions to accommodate more participants.

Besides the Perfume Mixology Workshop, the SIT Alumni Networks have been conducting a variety of Leisure, Career, and Sports workshops for SITizens to enjoy from home.

Follow the SIT Alumni Instagram (@sitalumni) to check out recent online workshops such as the Concrete Stationary Holder Workshop, Yoga Basics, and Acting The Virtual Interview!
Giveaway: Share Your Stay Home Story and Win Food Vouchers!

Singaporeans have been picking up creative ways to pass the time at home amid the COVID-19 outbreak. Share with us the interesting activities you have been up to this period, and stand a chance to win a $50 Food Voucher from Hatter Street!

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Did you use this stay-at-home golden opportunity to pick up a new skill, work on your fitness, start new hobbies or other interesting activities? We would like to hear what you’ve been up to!

Here’s how to enter our Instagram Giveaway:

1. Post a photo or video that best represents your story! It could be about anything, from a brand-new hobby you finally had the chance to pick up, positive causes you decided to support, or even activities to bond with your family.
2. Follow and tag us on Instagram (@sitalummi) and use the hashtags #sitalumnigiveaway! Don’t forget to make your account public so we can find you!
3. Tag 2 friends on our Instagram post here!

The top 3 entries will win a meal on us, delivered from Hatter Street!
Contest ends on 21 July 2020.

About Hatter Street

Co-founded by Alumnus Yvette Chua (Culinary Arts Management, Class of 2012), Hatter Street is a quaint and cozy café in Hougang, known for its popular waffle desserts. Hatter Street’s culinary movement is characterized by comfort food influenced by Asian culinary traditions versus the implementation of avant-garde techniques. Hatter Street will also be introducing brand new savoury options.

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Operating Hours: 1 – 10 pm daily
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/HatterStreet/
Instagram: @hattersstreet
With Their Powers Combined

SET alumni battled together in DOTA 2 and CS:GO during SET’s first-ever e-sports Cluster Games (eSGC)

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From 25 May to 29 May 2020, SET held its first ever e-Sports Cluster Games (eSGC) in place of the traditional sports based IST held every year.

SET students and alumni formed teams in their respective clusters and competed from the comfort of homes in DOTA 2 and CS:GO. SET Planned Buzz had more about the experience from two alumni from the Engineering Cluster who led their teams to 2nd place in both games.

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The Engineering Cluster’s team won the Cluster Games. They were represented by four members from the cluster who were trained ISSI trained sources.

Karthikkrishnan S K (Freshman), a Class of 2020 alumnus from the Engineering Cluster, was the team lead for the engineering team. That took second place in DOTA 2. He shared his experience with us.

Q: What is your level of DOTA 2 experience?

I used to play a-roots competitively during secondary school, when it was DOTA 3. As for Dota 2, when I was playing more regularly around two years ago, I was playing at Silver rank.

Q: Describe your playstyle.

I like to keep myself as a fast dynamic player, and don’t have a particular preference. Usually, I’m the one who plays support in a competitive setting but I’m comfortable playing other roles and filling in. My team lacks a certain role. My favorite hero is Crystal Maiden.

Q: Were you and your team expecting that you would be able to take second place?

We joined with no expectations and just wanted to have fun and support the event. Getting second place was a bonus for us. Although I was initially looking forward to the traditional sports, this eSGC event showed that the organizers were quite open-minded and had alternative solutions to dealing with the effects of COVID-19. They really put us in a situation to organize the game.

It was nice teaming up with my juniors to play together and they were cooperative and engaging as well. DOTA 2 is quite a heated game but we were quite encouraging of each other and it was nice to see this rather than everyone getting heated up and being every competition.

CS:GO

First left to right: Swapna, Swapna, Swapna, Swapna, Swapna. [A photo was sent of the team members of the second placed engineering team in CS:GO]

Q: What is your level of CS:GO experience?

I’ve never played competitively before. My CS:GO rank is Distinguished Master Guardian.

Q: What do you think your team did better than others?

I’ve known my team mates for around three to four years and played with them for a few years. I think we did better simply because we had more experience. We’ve played for a long time together, although we’ve never played playing competitively.

Q: What do you think is the fastest way to improve in CS:GO?

Watching more competitive players online, follow their strategies, and learn what to look out for from them.

Q: Do you think e-sports should be a regular feature for future ISTs?

Games are popular anywhere, so it’s a regular feature. It’s not bad. But it misses some people to have problems with studying or to focus too much on games than it’s not good. There are pros and cons.