

FoE Commencement Class 2012



Graduating Engineering cohort gives to juniors to celebrate end of uni days

Chen Wei Kean is in the last lap of his four-year slog through the Engineering programme at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Graduation is around the corner, but Wei Kean has taken on one last challenge before he leaves the campus – encouraging his cohort to make gifts to the annual Commencement Class Giving campaign, which supports bursaries, scholarships and student development programmes at Faculties.

Wei Kean, who volunteered to be a Commencement Class Champion for the Faculty of Engineering (FoE), says, “When running a lap, you don’t just dash through the finish line and celebrate your own victory. You look back to see who is behind you and lend a helping hand if needed.”

To raise funds and awareness of giving, Wei Kean and his team of about 19 FoE students are speaking to fellow students and setting up “Giving” booths as a part of FoE’s Commencement Class campaign. He is also speaking to juniors about Commencement Class Giving and the need to help others as he feels that the awareness needs to be created early on. Quoting businessman Russell Simmons, he says “If you learn late, you pass it on to people so they can learn early. It’s a step process.”

Wei Kean, who received the NUS Awards for Study Abroad (Exchange Awards) and the Sembawang Shipyard Scholarship, adds, “I have received so much during my years at NUS and I want to give others the opportunities that I had. This is about doing your bit to create a level playing field and giving everyone a chance.”

Assoc Prof David Chua, who is facilitating the students' Commencement Class Giving programme, is proud of the students' efforts to help their juniors. He says, "Commencement Class Giving instills in these young men and women, who are stepping out into the world, a sense of their responsibility to society. With this gift, they celebrate their own success but keep in mind that they are a part of a bigger world and they have a duty to help those who come after them. And it also makes for better bonding between the cohorts."



Find out more about Commencement Class Giving at <http://giving.nus.edu.sg/annual-giving/class-giving>.

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