Esther Wong 陳芷婷 (MSc(EnvMan) 2011)

Esther developed her interest in the environment, specifically conservation issues, when she was young and has developed more affection towards the subject through participating in various activities abroad. Gradually, she aligned her studies and career to concentrate on the environment. After attaining her undergraduate degree in the United States, Esther attended The University of Hong Kong for a Master of Science in Environmental Management and, thereafter, worked at The Kadoorie Institute as a researcher, focusing on open innovation networks as well as renewable energy.

In October 2012, she noticed that the WWF – Hong Kong had launched an online photo competition, with the stipulation that participants had to submit their conservation-related photos via smart phone photo-sharing social media favourite, “Instagram”. Since Esther is an avid Instagram user, which coincidentally contains several environmental-related pictures of hers, she entered the competition almost instantly. Without expecting to win anything, and to her surprise, Esther’s photo was selected out of more than 200 entries as a top 100 finalist, and was then voted by the public as the best photo!

Of the photo, she said, “Oftentimes I looked across the harbour and saw this exact view, but on most occasions the air quality was so poor that all I saw was grey skies. On this particular day, everything cleared and, to me, it felt like it was a reminder as to how beautiful our city is, and can continue to be, if we act more responsibly and adopt a more environmentally conscious lifestyle”. Through the lens, Esther has captured the beauty our planet offers. “Having my photo recognised by both the WWF and the public was gratifying,” Esther grinned.

Next, Esther is extending her footprint to Antarctica with the hope of bringing back a greater conservation message.

Excerpt from the article “Love the Planet! – Interview with Ms Esther Wong” by Ella lee on HKUAA Blog http://blog.hkuaa.org.hk/
**Realising dreams**

**Lo Yuen-yi 卢婉怡 (BEd(LangEd) 2005)**

Dr Lo got her desired job as an English language teacher after graduating from HKU. To realise her dream of studying abroad, she applied for the China Oxford Scholarship Fund and was successfully admitted to Oxford University.

“The time in Oxford was extremely inspiring and enlightening. I very much enjoyed studying in an environment where there were always academic dialogues and intellectual exchanges. After my doctoral studies, I was offered the opportunity to work as an academic at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and now at HKU. By helping with teacher education and conducting research, I hope to make some contributions to education in Hong Kong.”

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**Leonie Ki 紀文鳳 (Arts)**

The book 二十四橋明月夜 was published by the Wu Zhi Qiao (Bridge to China) Charitable Foundation to commemorate its 5th anniversary. In the past five years, the Foundation has mobilised university students and professionals to build 24 bridges in the remote rural areas of China. By sharing their stories, Leonie, editor of the book and Honorary Secretary of the Foundation, hopes to inspire more people to contribute to society and to pursue their dreams.

2011年8月在麗江山區建造港大清華百年無止橋期間，黃永來探班，我告知「無止橋」快五歲了，由當初一時衝動提出成立基金，然後凝聚眾人，再經過不少困難和努力，至今天竟然成績不錯，已完成國家住房和城鄉建設部推薦給我們建造二十四條便橋的建議。

黃永聽罷，打趣的給我一個燈謎，要我猜一個字：「二十四橋明月夜」！其中一位義工搶答：「是個『夢』字嗎？」

我也反應奇快，隨口就說，怎麼是二十四橋？太巧合、也太浪漫了，我們就用它來做書名，慶祝「無止橋」成立五周年！

紀文鳳
摘自《二十四橋明月夜》

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**Luk Yiu-fai 陸耀輝 (LLM(HR) 2004)**

Yiu-fai has suffered from total sight impairment since early years. To realise the dream as a lawyer, he paid extra effort to his studies and finally became a legal practitioner in 2010.

However, he contracted meningitis, while suffering from depression, and was admitted to Tuen Mun Hospital in June 2011.

“I have to stay in bed and feel helplessness. I am especially miserable when I see my mother tirelessly looking after me over the days and nights. Yet, with all the support from my family and the community, I am confident that I will overcome this difficulty and regenerate my life soon.”
**Ambrose So 蘇樹輝 (BSc 1973)**

Congratulations to Dr So (centre) who was conferred an Honorary Degree by the University of Macau for his contributions to the region. Dr So also delivered a public lecture entitled “Macau’s evolving Tourism Brand – Integration and Diversification”. Accompanying him were his wife Dr Christina Cheng 鄭妙冰 (BA 1989; MA 1991; PhD 1996) and his son Dr Anthony So.

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**Mentors and Mentees in Boston**

Professor Selina Siu Wong Sau-fong 黃秀芳 (BA 1964; DipSocSt 1965) and Professor Siu Yum-tong 蕭蔭堂 (BA 1963; Hon DSc 1990) are two supportive mentors in Boston. Since 2004, they have been taking care of 23 mentees and extended their hospitality to other HKU students on exchange.

Back from left to right: Roy Lam 林子豪 (exchange at Harvard University), Jesse Zhou 周嘉懿 (exchange at Boston College), Skelton Zhou 周正 (exchange at Tufts University), Dr Louis Lau 劉紹昌, Professor Siu Yum-tong.

Front from left to right: Professor Selina Siu Wong Sau-fong, Milly Ng 吳妙麗 (BNurs 2006; MNurs 2008) who was a member of the HKU Alumni Network of New England during her studies at Harvard School of Public Health (2009-2010) and recently returned to Boston.

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**Bonnie Chen 陳可兒 (MIPA 2004)**

After graduating from HKU, Bonnie pursued another master degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science with a scholarship. Studying in London gave Bonnie a marvellous experience and she shared her British life by contributing a weekly column in Headline Daily, which eventually become a publication《英倫話語》.

Despite her busy life as the Business News Editor at The Standard, Bonnie was able to share her book at the Hong Kong Book Fair and at shopping malls.

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**Alex Lau 劉冠倫 (PCLL 1984)**

In 2012 Dr Lau became an International Taekwondo Referee, which was awarded by the World Taekwondo Federation, Republic of Korea. He also passed the Black Belt 4th Dan as well as Class One referee, both awarded by the Hong Kong Taekwondo Federation.
Samantha Li 李楚洳 (BA, Year 3)

Samantha has a passion for art and a love for less-privileged children. She is the creator of “P on P” (Painting on Photo) art form which combines painting and photography. She is one of the first batch of artists at the Jockey Club Lei Yue Mun Plus 賽馬會鯉魚門創意館. Recently, the “P on P” series was exhibited at City Hall, Jockey Club Lei Yue Mun Plus and the Gallery by the Harbour in Harbour City, receiving widespread praise.

Edward Ho 何承天 (BArch 1963)

Edward loves reading, art, music and travel. He plays the violin, cello and the Chinese musical instrument Erhu. He is a self-taught artist, having started his first painting in 2009.

Edward’s recent publication, Watercolour Journey includes images of mostly far off places in his travels, is published in conjunction with his first solo exhibition of his watercolour paintings at the Exhibition Gallery of Hong Kong City Hall in March 2013. His paintings continue the tradition of watercolour paintings as spontaneous graphic expressions in the purest form, without regards to following particular styles or trends. He believes that watercolour painting is one of the most democratic forms of visual arts, and that basically anyone can attempt to do it.

“I have been fortunate to have a group of friends who like to travel with me to fairly exotic places, to Africa, the Middle East, South America, the Antarctic and countries such as India, Iran, Jordan, Sri Lanka and Bhutan. Images of these places have provided me with interesting subjects for my paintings and wonderful mementos of my journeys. I wish to share those memories with those who enjoy the experience of different cultures, and the pleasure of watercolour painting.”

Edward is an architect. He is Group Chairman of the architectural firm of Wong Tung & Partners Limited, and has worked on many prestigious projects in Hong Kong, Chinese Mainland and the United States.
Football Teams – St John’s College vs Ricci Hall

“It started about three years ago when a group of old HKU football team members organised a match of 80s vs 70s. In 1970-1990, the HKU football team competed in the 3rd division of the Hong Kong Football Association League and won the Championship of the 17th TIG in Singapore in 1982. The team of the 80s becomes a very close group of friends.

That match was fun, although there weren’t too many 70s who could really play. So, we relived the fierce competition between St John’s and Ricci of the 80s and 90s.

We had our first game in Sandy Bay in 2009, and we play roughly every six months or so. It really does not matter who is winning the series. I remember that there were a few draws, that St John’s won 2 or 3 times, and Ricci won 1 or 2 times. Let’s say we are level.

The contest between the two biggest football teams of the 80s is still fierce after thirty years. You can still hear the yelling from the captains of each team during the games. Nonetheless, the get-together is priceless.”

Albert Wong 黃克強 (BSc(Eng) 1983) captain of St John’s College
Gallant Sin 洗國熊 (BA 1983) captain of Ricci Hall

Nelson Chang 張偉文 (MBBS 2003)

Nelson, who was a “Young Leaders of Tomorrow” scholar in 1998, shared his vibrant experiences after graduating from HKU:

“It’s been 10 years since I graduated from HKU. During my university days, I was the Chief Team Captain of the HKU Rowing team in 2000 and our team firmly beat the CUHK team in the 2000 Intervarsity Rowing Competition!

I graduated in 2003 and worked as a doctor for 6 years before I finally joined Cathay Pacific Airways as a pilot in 2009. Right now, I am working both as a full-time pilot and a part-time Medical Practitioner.

I have been a member of the HKU Marathon Team for many years. Every time when I run on Hong Kong island side and the HKU cheering team yelling at the road side, my power is suddenly boosted and that makes me run faster and faster!! It’s really good to be a member of the HKU family!

I recently made a donation to the HKU rowing team for an upgrade of their equipment and joined the HKU Foundation. I am proud to be an HKU graduate, and I would like to maintain a close relationship with my university and participate more in future events.”
Queen’s College old boys and HKU alumni produced and preformed in the drama “Another Last Lesson” to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Queen’s College.

「袁立勳、陸偉雄、鄧樹榮、盧偉力、關頌陽和筆者，有兩個共通點：都是皇仁校友兼戲劇發燒友！去年組成創作小組，做資料搜集、腦震盪、與教育界朋友座談，寫成劇本大綱；由最貼近年輕一代的關頌陽執筆編劇，找中英劇團合作，製作皇仁一百五十周年校慶劇：絕非圍內趣味，而是面向廣大群眾，發出關於教育、保育與歷史傳承的呼聲！無獨有偶：去年和港大盧景文古天農校友的創作組，為港大百年校慶炮製中英製作《鐵獅子胡同的回音》；今回《完不了的最後一課》，同樣八字！」

Rupert Chan 陳鈞潤 (BA 1971)

Raza Razi Nasir (BEd(LibSt), Year 4)

Born to a Pakistani family in Hong Kong, Raza was raised and received his education in Hong Kong. He was awarded the HSBC Overseas Scholarship Scheme and able to go abroad to study at the University of British Columbia in Canada during his Year 3.

“Coming from a grass-roots family, being able to study abroad was once a distant dream. I believe very strongly that it is my duty to reciprocate to the community. I plan to work as a secondary school Liberal Studies teacher in Hong Kong, utilising the knowledge and teaching skills attained from overseas to further benefit the Hong Kong community in the foreseeable future.”

Winnie Siu Davies 蕭愛冰 (BA 1996)

Winnie participated in the Hong Kong International Sculpture Symposium 2012 with her sculpture titled “Transformation.”

The concept of her sculpture was inspired by the history of the venue where the Symposium took place. The specific site – Quarry Bay Park and the adjacent area used to be a shipyard half-a-century ago, which have been developed into a large scale residential estate and high rise buildings. The base of her sculpture is a symbolised boat with modern high rise buildings erecting inside. The boat is built with recycled timber-sleepers, and even the buildings are also made of timbersleepers, but with addition of glass, stainless steel and bronze windows. The basic materials are using the recycled old timber-sleepers, which add a sense of historical value for the boat, while the stainless steel and bronze windows on the buildings give the reflection of modernity.
A New Page in Life!

Mentors Annie Lee 李安麗 (BA 1978; CertEd 1980; MEd 1993) (1st left) and Sheridan Lee 李沙嵐 (BA 1978; CertEd 1980; MEd 1993) (1st right) congratulate the newly weds, Perri Chan 陳沛延 (BA 2006; PGDE 2008) and Kenny Mok 莫宇航 (BA 2006)

Emily Chan 陳敏煥 (BNurs 2009)
Raymond Chan 陳釗榮 (BEng(EComE) 2008)

Linda Lui 呂桂英 (MBBS 2010)
Jimmy Chan 陳偉鴻 (BEng(EcomE) 2007; MSc(Eng)(EEE) 2010; PCMDPath 2012)

Sally Wong 黃珮珊 (BSc 2002)
Pak Lui 雷天柏 (BA(Arch) 2001; MArch 2004)

Jacqueline Cheuk 卓靜萍 (BA 2003; MSc(UrbanPlanning) 2005; MSc(RealEst) 2009)
Antony Wong 黃育訓 (MSc(ITE) 2008)
Mandy Fung 馮嘉茵
(BSocSc(Govt & Laws) 2006; LLB 2007; PCLL 2008)
Alvin Ho 何保圻
(BSocSc(Govt & Laws) 2006; LLB 2007; PCLL 2008)

Inez Lee 李熙敏
(MA 2008)
Frankie Au 區肇龍
(MA 2008)

Lesley Chan 陳文欣
(BEd(LangEd) 2006; MEd 2009)
Linus Lam 林耀宗
(BEng(ME) 2004; MSc(Eng)(IELM) 2008)

Emily So 蘇宛兒
(LLB 2005; PCLL 2006)
Tony Yuen 袁達堂
(LLB 1997; PCLL 1998)

Jacey, new member of the Sze family, with mum Janice Chong
莊詠怡 (MStat 2007) and dad
John Sze 施會豐 (BEng(EComE) 2004; MPhil 2006; MStat 2009).

William Kwok 郭偉賢
(PCEd 2001; MStat 2009) celebrated the first birthday of Royce Kwok with a party.