



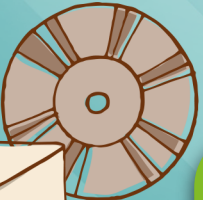



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SYAHREENA ZAINUDIN


Specialist Diploma in Supply Chain Management



After graduating from the Diploma in Supply Chain Management in 2017, Syahreena Zainudin embarked on a Work-Study Programme with ST Logistics, where she was a distribution executive in the healthcare vertical. In 2019, she obtained a Specialist Diploma in Supply Chain Management.

Syahreena's role involves overseeing and planning the deliveries in accordance with daily manpower strength and customers' KPI. Leveraging on the vehicle telematics and distribution tasks demand tracking system via the SiTadeL Supply Chain Control Tower, she plans and assigns tasks to the drivers, monitors the progress of tasks in real-time, and assist in incident management and customer service management.

In the RP-ST Logistics Healthcare Supply Chain Lab Launch in January 2020, Syahreena represented ST Logistics to host the supply chain control tower exhibit and explained how she had used the supply chain control tower to GOH Dr. Lam Pin Min and other VIPs.



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ANG KENNETH

Specialist Diploma in Aviation Management and Services




Kenneth is currently pursuing a Specialist Diploma in Aviation Management and Services (SDAMS) under a Work-Study Programme with ground-handling agent dnata, where he works as a Load Controller.

He relishes the opportunity of joining the competitive aviation industry and believes that his first-hand experience of working at the airside will benefit his future career.

Q: Share with us what is a typical day in school or work is like for you.

A: Be it in school or work, I always approach the start of the day with an open mind and positive mind-set, with an excitement of getting to learn and experience new things. Each day presents a brand new opportunity for learning, hence I always believed in the saying, "Tomorrow will be a better day than today".



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Q: How do you feel this course (SDAMS) will help in your pursuit of a career in aviation?

A: I am grateful for the opportunity that SDAMS have presented. It is not easy for a fresh graduate from Poly who have just completed NS, to secure a full time job in the competitive aviation market. SDAMS provided me with a unique job opportunity of getting to work at the airside which personally was an eye opener for me as I get to experience first-hand how airside operations are carried out. This valuable experience is no doubt beneficial for my future career in aviation.

Q: What would be some things you'd say to the younger ones who are similarly interested in a career in aviation?

A: Do not be afraid or hesitate in making the first step of trying out any jobs in the aviation market. Everywhere is a start of something and these job experiences will come in handy both in school and at work. It is good to have a dream job in mind but do not be disappointed if you are unable to secure it now because the future of aviation is ever-growing.

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Republic Polytechnic successfully launched “Meet-up, Link-up for Start-ups” on 22 November. The event saw more than 100 RP Alumni, guests and start-ups in attendance.

The programme included a Fireside chat on how eco-system partners – such as *SCAPE, Republic Polytechnic (RP), Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE) – can support existing and aspiring start-up entrepreneurs.

The morning also saw an MOU renewal for nurturing youth entrepreneurs and innovative start-ups from RP and *SCAPE.

Our success stories



JONATHAN TONG

Diploma in Restaurant & Culinary Operations

"Kitchen is where I spent most of my time with my mother because she's passionate about cooking very much."

That's how I pick up cooking and my passion to pursue even more in this industry. My dream is to open a cafe in the future, that's how I enrolled in Republic Polytechnic's Diploma in Restaurant and Culinary Operations. The chefs there are all kind and helpful to teach us the basics and techniques which will be useful to us in the industry.

During my internship, I worked in a French restaurant, Bistro Du Vin. That's how I pick up French Culinary and grow into it. Using all the fresh ingredients and the French techniques to bring out the flavors of the ingredient itself without complicating it. I enjoyed myself very much cooking French food.

On how I met my business partner, Kristoffer Tian who was a cook before he enlists into the army. He too shares a great interest in cooking French food as he's more into fine dining. We started having more conversations about food and eventually, we plan to cook dinner for our friends. Our friends all encouraged us to start cooking for more people, that's how our private dining started. Kristoffer guides me about fine dining while I provide fusion ideas and rustic French food which I've learned during my internship. We exchange ideas in order to craft our menu carefully to fulfill customer's diet and requirements."

Jonathan Tong is the co-founder of Little Bites Bakery who graduated in 2017 from Diploma in Restaurant & Culinary Operations. In 2019, his F&B venture, Wearelittlebites, won Deliveroo's inaugural Foodiepreneur competition and the opportunity of kickstarting their business at the Deliveroo Food Market.

Read more about Jonathon's journey to F&B entrepreneurship:

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Chia Chee Hwee, 23, graduated from Republic Polytechnic's Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Learning (DOAL) in 2017.

During his course, the 2017 Valedictorian interned at an experiential learning provider in Australia, Higher Ground. There, he gained valuable insights into outdoor education and his desire for youth development work was fuelled. Even as a young boy, giving back to his community was important to Chee Hwee, who tagged along on his dad's frequent community service projects.

After graduating, Chee Hwee joined the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), where his first tour of duty involved coaching Artillery Officer cadets. Chee Hwee found himself working with young men, nurturing them during their 2 years of National Service. Chee Hwee shared, "I am driven by the belief that youth development can empower the next generation to be key drivers of our society."

Stirred to improve the quality of his cadets' training, Chee Hwee embarked on a full-time degree in Sports Science and Management at Nanyang Technological University under an SAF scholarship. His goal is to incorporate sports science into the training of servicemen, to enhance the efficiency and safety of their training regimen.



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Long gone are the days we rushed to complete our Reflection Journal (RJ) before 2359, scrolling through the 6th Presentation (6th P) to look for keywords that would help us to answer the open book examination questions. But memories that we forged with our friends and lecturers starting from the Freshmen Orientation Programme (FOP) to the daily presentations, School Overseas Trip (SOT) and finally, Graduation, remain fresh in our minds.

Graduation is when we are no longer students of RP but instead, proud alumni of RP. Some of us may not know the purpose of calling ourselves alumni. We are brand ambassadors of RP; the output of RP education. Being an 'alumni' is not just a label but we can be part of a community that help us to network and connect with fellow alumni for various opportunities such as career opportunities or even come together to become entrepreneurs.



Speaking of networking, let me take this opportunity to introduce the **School Of Hospitality Alumni Advisory Committee**, in short, **SOH AAC**. This committee was founded in 2018 with the purpose of reconnecting all SOH alumni.

To bring back the bond and fun times we had when we were still students, we organise social events and community engagement projects for alumni, including Networking Coffee Masterclass, Mixology Masterclass and SOH Gives Back, where we worked with a local social service organisation, Lion Befrienders.

Besides the social aspects, we are also founded for the purpose of helping our alumni to stay ahead in the workforce by providing professional development courses that are relevant to the current needs of the workforce. With the large number of courses, we are able to provide for alumni who are no longer in the hospitality industry. We are also constantly seeking feedback from alumni and industry partner to improve the current courses offerings and to curate new relevant courses.

Most of us part ways and move on to the next phase of our life; gentlemen will serve the nation, while ladies continue with their education or enter the workforce; but the connection with our polytechnic alma mater will always be there. **Stay connected with us!**

Article contributed by Alumnus Wilson Koh, Upcoming AAC Vice-Chairman

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As a student who did not do well for GCE “O” Level, Michelle Ng was not enrolled in any polytechnics. She had to work full-time to fund her tuition fee so that she could study at night and to retake her “O” level subjects. The peer pressure was strong, seeing other schoolmates moving on in their life. Thankfully after a year of hard work, Michelle was enrolled in Republic Polytechnic Diploma in Supply Chain Management, and that was where her adventures begins.

Through her three years of polytechnic life, Michelle had not only gain knowledge through academics. She had also picked up soft skill along the way, giving her the ability to adapt into working force quickly and independently. Being assigned to different groups every day enabled her to know her classmates better, and became friends beyond the polytechnic life. The affinity is priceless.



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In RP, Michelle joined Tennis IG and learnt new life skills with the guidance of her tennis coach. Under the trust of her tennis coach and seniors, she was appointed the vice-captain in Year 2. This allowed her to attend the leadership camp and met new friends. This is where her love life blossom too – my boyfriend then, my husband now.

Even though Michelle had graduated from Republic Polytechnic for more than 10 years, she had maintained good relationship with lecturers from DSCM. As a working adult who wants to give back to the diploma, Michelle suggested to her company to apply for the Industry Immersion Programme in 2017 and volunteered to be the IIP supervisor. Since then, she has been the supervisors for her DSCM juniors. Apart from IIP, Michelle has also interacted with the juniors well. She likes to hear from her junior on how RP have grown and evolve, and how she missed her favourite food stalls.

To strengthen the collaboration, Michelle also led a team of DSCM students for Final Year Project after one of the students finished the IIP at the company in 2018. Through the FYP, Michelle provided advice and guidance and that brings back memories of how she spent sleepless night to rush through her FYP back in 2010.