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2023/2024 1st Semester HC Events and Seminars

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College Activities



Afternoon Break with HCers

Aug 28, Sep 19, Oct 26 & Nov 24



"Afternoon Break with HCers" is a regular gathering for HC members and students. Students are free to talk about not only study and work, but also news, hobbies, films and even family. The event is with the purpose of providing an opportunity for students to communicate with each other in a relaxing atmosphere outside of daily study and work



Dr. Manuel NORONHA (MCMC), Prof. Dennis WANG (FED), Dr. Gary FUNG (MLC) and Prof. Anna VONG (FBA) are the hosts for this semester.

HC Orientation (C2026, C2027)

Aug 23 & Oct 18



Prof. Rose Neng LAI introducing HC to newly admitted students at the orientation



Mr. James LAW, President of HCAA, introducing Honours College Alumni Association (HCAA)



Mr. Damien LAO and Mr. Jimmy WONG, President and Vice President of HCSA, introducing Honours College Student Association (HCSA)



Honours College Volunteer Programme (HVP) Certificate Presentation & Sharing Session

Aug 30



Prof. Dennis Ping-Cheng WANG,
Programme Coordinator of HC,
presenting certificate to the volunteer



HC students who joined the HVP
Programme being awarded certificates



Sharing by the volunteers

Resume & Personal Statement Correction Workshop by Dean of HC

Oct 10-11

Prof. Rose Neng LAI hosting a “Resume & Personal Statement Correction Workshop” for HC students, to better prepare for their job hunting



HC Retreat Oct 15

Group photo of the HC Retreat



Prof. Rose Neng LAI (Dean of HC), Prof. Victoria LEI and Dr. Kevin HUANG, coaches of HC Retreat, greeting the students and explaining the games to students



Students preparing for the drama performance



Students playing Ice-breaking games

Community Service Talk by Dr. Saul CHAN Nov 1



Dr. Saul CHAN, Resident Fellow of SEAC, hosted a sharing session about the community service. He shared his experience dealing with Inclusive Education Students when he was a teacher and his time as community worker helping the poor.



Honours Forum Webinar Series by Prof. Luciano RILA

Nov 15

Prof. Luciano RILA, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics at University College London (UCL), spoke about "Paying Forward: Nurturing Inclusive Environments In STEM For A New Generation LGBTQ+ Scientists"



Prof. Victoria LEI, FAH Coordinator for HC, and students asking questions to Prof. Luciano RILA



Student Activities

HC Promotion Month Series

HCSA organized an HC Promotion Month Series

***HC Booths at Residential Colleges** Sep 4-19



HCSA booths in different RCs to promote HC

***Meet with HCers** Sep 6



*Escape Room

Sep 16

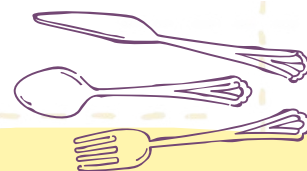


*HCSA x World Vision Workshop

Sep 20



HCSA Mentorship Camp Sep 9-10



The Mentorship Camp aims to provide an opportunity to foster closer relationship between HCSA and students through a series of games and activities. All participants got familiar with each other at the camp



News Discussion Forum by Dr. Ka Lon SI

Oct 13



Dr. Ka Lon SI hosting a discussion forum for HC students on the topic "Opportunities in the Greater Bay Area"



Mr. Jimmy WONG, Vice President of HCSA, presenting HC souvenir to Dr. Ka Lon SI



Visit to the Macau Youth Patriotic Education Base

Students visiting Macau Youth Patriotic Education Base
(青少年愛國愛澳教育基地)

Oct 14



HCSA Election

Nov 8



New batch of HCSA for academic year 2023/2024



Candidates introducing themselves and presenting their goals and visions



New and old batch of HCSA

HCSA Turnover Ceremony and Study Abroad Pre-departure Gathering

Dec 15

Prof. Rose Neng LAI delivering an opening speech at the Ceremony



The new batch of HCSA having group photo with the invited guests



Ms. Jasmine DENG, President of HCSA, delivering a speech to all the participants



Ms. Candy UN, graduate of HC Class of 2018, and Mr. Oliver HONG, HC student of Class of 2024, sharing their study abroad experience to HC students who are about to depart for the United Kingdom, the United States and Portugal





Alumni Activities

Alumni Sharing by Ms. Kitty KUONG

Sep 11



Ms. Kitty KUONG, graduate of HC Class of 2013, who is currently a Manager of International Marketing Analytics, Sands China Limited, gave a speech on “Will ChatGPT replace the role of analysts?”



HCAA Annual General Meeting Dinner

Sep 16



Ms. Cheryl CHEANG, President of HCAA, presenting the events in the past year and the upcoming events



HCAA Cabinet members and HC Alumni having a good time at the annual dinner

Number of newly admitted students in AY 2023/2024

Open Application / Recommendation
by RC/SAO:

53

Welcome

Direct Admission:

68

Current HC students:

323

C2023: 5

C2024: 68

C2025: 91

C2026: 91

C2027: 68



Honours College Student Association

HCSA 2023/2024

澳門大學學生會榮譽學院學生會2023/2024
HONOURS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION, UMSU, UNIVERSITY OF MACAU

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The Honours College Student Association (HCSA) aims at providing students opportunities to foster their leadership skills and promote personal growth through enriching community services, social and academic activities. In addition, it is of great importance to promote the Honours College to the surroundings.

Preview of Events in AY 2023/2024 2nd semester



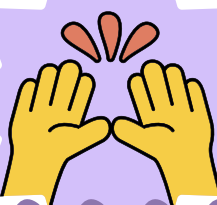
College Activities

JANUARY

- Afternoon Break with HCers I

FEBRUARY

- Afternoon Break with HCers II
- World Vision Talk



MARCH

- Afternoon Break with HCers III
- HC Volunteer Programme (HVP)
- Etiquette Workshop

APRIL

- Afternoon Break with HCers IV
- Honours Project Symposium (C2024)
- Graduates Photo-taking

MAY

- China Trip
- Graduates Gathering



Student Activities

JANUARY

- News Discussion Forum

FEBRUARY

- Minions Retreat
- Street Dance Workshop

MARCH

- HC Day
- Book/Film Sharing with character cosplay

APRIL

- Rap Tutorial
- Visit Activity: Macao Customs Service

Alumni Activities

JANUARY

- Alumni Sharing



HCer's Stories

Recollections of honours college students in 2018-19

Dr. Yaning Qi, CKYC Liaison Officer for HC



During AY2018/2019, I taught the HONR 1002 course on leadership and positive influence, and organizing various events for the Honours College in collaboration with HC students. One of my fondest memories was organizing the HC talent show with the HONR 1002 class students (Class of 2021) and HCSA. The students wrote their own screenplay, directed, and acted in a wonderful musical show, which demonstrated their versatility and team spirit. Although the talent show was a course requirement, the students exceeded my expectations and formed lifelong friendships among themselves. The show was a great success and received positive feedback from the audience. It was a testament to the students' creativity, hard work, and dedication.

In addition to the talent show, the students also worked on the LEAP project to promote social responsibility, civic engagement, and ethical leadership. One of the key components of the project was to encourage students to engage in small acts of kindness, such as giving out hugs, picking up litter, and raising awareness about food waste in the dining hall. It was wonderful to see students take an active role in creating positive change and making a difference in the UM community. The students also organized Honours College workshops to connect students who are interested in Honours College. The workshops provided students with an opportunity to learn more about Honours College, its programs, and its benefits. Lastly, I had the pleasure of organizing a retreat for all Honours College students with the help of HCSA. The retreat provided students with a chance to relax, bond, and form strong friendships and camaraderie. I am proud of my HONR 1002 students who have graduated over the past few years. Many of them have furthered their studies abroad, while others work for great companies in Macao, Hong Kong, and other regions of the world. It was an honor to teach such talented and motivated students.

HC, a place to help you achieve your future

Mr. Kilma Chan Tong H0, Graduate of HC Class of 2015

First of all, I am very grateful to the Honours College and it's an honour for me to become an HCer. Not only did I learn what leadership is, I also gained a lot of friendships here. Everything I gained here will provide me with a solid foundation for my future after graduation.



The most impressive thing was the study abroad to Portugal in 2014. Without this experience, I believe that my career development would not have been so rapid after graduation. Once again, I would like to thank HC for providing me with this opportunity, which will greatly help me grow in the legal field in the future. In the blink of an eye, I am now a lawyer, but I still miss the good old days of studying at HC. Therefore, I still have strong connections with the HC family after graduation. I actively participate in Alumni Association and the relating activities hoping to share my experience with the other HCers. I believe that sharing and learning with each other is the spirit that the HC family should have, because only in this way can we grow better. Finally, I hope that all HC students can find what they need in HC. HC is a place that can help you achieve your future.

HCer's Stories

Teaching teaches teachers

Prof. Kei Kei NG, FLL Coordinator for HC

When HC invited me to write something to share with you here, I was thinking about what we, as teachers, can do for our students. My answer is as follows: first of all, don't think you can "teach" students anything. Mencius said, "the evil of men is that they like to be teachers of others." (孟子曰：「人之患，在好為人師。」) Students need to be guided (指點), not judged (指指點點). Instead of wanting to "teach" students, it is better to SHARE with them.

In fact, your students are sometimes the ones who teach you something – or at least remind you of something that you held on to when you were a student, when you were young. If you just keep thinking you are teaching them, you are assuming that you know more than they do – well, maybe so – and you may end up missing out on what they really want. I mean, what they actually desire is to learn, not to be "taught". Think about the difference.

The word "teacher" (師) here does not only refer to teacher in professional sense. Dear students, one day you will have your own subordinates, students or at least younger generations. Hey, remember, **SHARE with them, don't "teach" them**. This is what I am sharing with you today (instead of "teaching" you).

Global engagement, a brilliant opportunity for HCers!

Mr. Jeffrey Zhijie LI, HC Class of 2024

Hello everyone! I am Li Zhijie, Jeffrey, a senior HC student. When we talk about HC, apart from academics, we have often noted the opportunities it offers for global engagement. In my junior year, as one of the first group of HCers to study abroad after pandemic, I was fortunate and delighted to study at the Queen Mary, University of London with tremendous support from HC.

At the beginning of that extraordinary trip, I struggled to overcome all my difficulties, which included English proficiency, academic pressure, and culture shock. The best part of the study abroad experience was that many of my classes were very small and interactive, with less than five students in many of them, and even one in which I was the only student! Therefore, I was more emboldened to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to have immersive discussions and debates with the professors, especially in an international context based on cultural differences. I enjoyed that journey immensely. During that semester, my self-confidence and critical thinking skills have significantly improved. I highly encourage HCers to take favourably advantage of the valuable global opportunities provided by HC and be proactive and passionate in enhancing your global engagement!





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