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2023/2024 2nd Semester Event & Seminar

College Activities

Jan 29, Feb 22, Mar 4, Apr 9, 2024

AFTERNOON BREAK WITH HCERS



“Afternoon Break with HCers” is a regular gathering for HC Faculty and RC members to have chats on any topics not only about school or work, but also news, hobbies, movies or even family. It is hoped that the students would share their interests with each other in a relaxed ambiance after the morning classes or work. This semester, “Afternoon Break with HCers” was host by Prof. Anna VONG (FBA), Dr. Kevin HUANG (CKLC), Dr. Sisi SUN (LCWC) and Prof. Hongjie ZHANG (FHS).

// Dr. Sisi SUN, LCWC Liaison Officer for HC, and some international students from LCWC joining the “Afternoon Break with HCers”, sharing their life in different counties and culture



DEAN'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

Apr 2-12, 2024



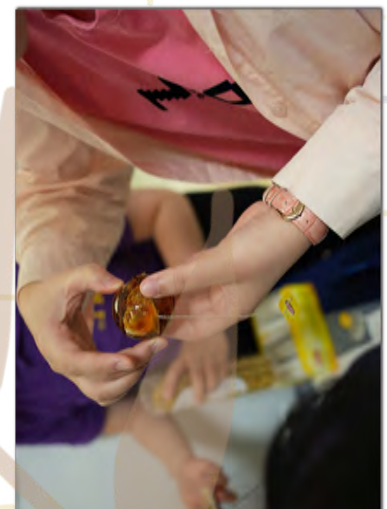
In April 2024, Prof. Rose Leng LAI, Dean of HC, visited HC's partner universities in the United States, namely Boston College, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame and University of Rochester. During the visit, Prof. LAI met the management of the partner universities, and also had very nice and fun chats with the HC students who are currently studying abroad at those universities.

The students expressed that they had broadened their horizons significantly while studying abroad. They experienced different living and learning cultures. They also enhanced their personal development in overcoming the challenges encountered. Overall, they found their Funded HC Study Abroad Semester very rewarding and valuable.

College Activities

World Vision Talk

Mar 13, 2024



Ms. Susanna LAI, speaker from World Vision, doing a Talk Series "World peace – Refugee and food crisis" to HC students. In the workshop, Ms. LAI mentions that World Vision organizes workshops to teach refugees how to make some crafts like tea bombs, allowing refugees to feel self-worth. Refugees will use these skills and sell their handicrafts at flea markets. HC students at the workshop have the chances to make tea bombs to gain a hands-on experience and feel the meaningfulness in it.

College Activities

HONOURS PROJECT SYMPOSIUM

Apr 24, 2024



The Honours Project is a compulsory course in the fourth study year of the Honours College Certificate Programme. Students are required to complete a scholarly project about a real-life problem and with practical applications under the supervision of faculty advisor in their respective field of study. Each student is required to present the project at the Honours Project Symposium which was held on April 24, 2024.

// Prof. Dennis Ping Cheng WANG, Course Facilitator for HONR4001 Honours Project, giving a speech to express the gratitude to the advisors and co-advisors, and express the sincere congratulations to HC students for the completion of the Honours Projects.



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// Students presenting their project findings at the Symposium



// Group photo of the advisors, co-advisors and HC students

College Activities

CHINA STUDY TRIP TO SHANGHAI, CHINA

May 20-24, 2024

With the great support of Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (國務院港澳事務辦公室) and invited by Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao S.A.R. (中央人民政府駐澳門特別行政區聯絡辦公室), this year, Prof. Victoria LEI led a team of 25 HC students to Shanghai for a 5-day study trip, dated May 20-24, 2024. During the trip, the team met with the local leaders of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal People's Government, and interacted with the students of Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Fudan University, as well as visited state enterprises and showrooms, like Shanghai Auto Museum, Site of the First National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party and Sihang Warehouse Memorial Hall, etc.



// A group of 25 HC students joining a 5-day study trip to Shanghai, China



// Students interacting with the official leaders of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal People's Government

// Team members sharing what they have learnt and experienced from the trip on the last day



// A group photo at the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China, Ltd.



// A Chinese traditional culture workshop about the Thread-bound book binding at Fudan University

Student Activities

UM OPEN DAY

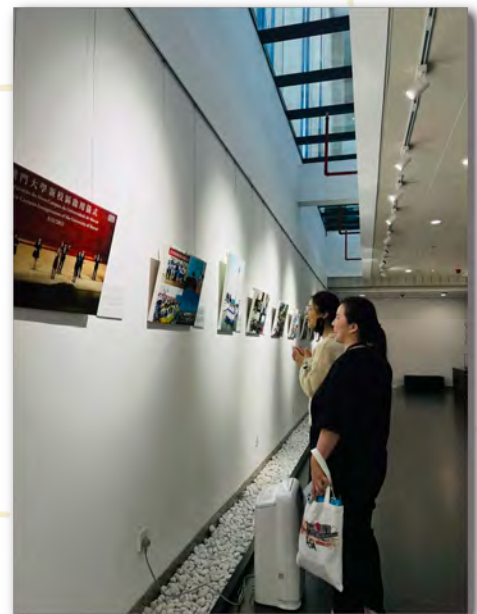
Jan 14, 2024



// Game booths



// Sharing session by Honours College Student Association (HCSA) board members to introduce Honours College



// Photo exhibition to showcase the photos of Honours College since 2009



Student Activities

News Discussion Forum

By Prof. Glenn TIMMERMANS

Jan 31, 2024



Prof. Glenn TIMMERMANS, Programme Coordinator of MA in English Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, exchanging ideas with Mr. Daniel DE JESUS, Vice President of HCSA at the News Discussion Forum.

‘Stage Star’ Street Dancing Workshop

Feb 21, 2024



In order to stay active and promote physical well-being, the Honours College Student Association (HCSA) held a Yoga workshop for HC students. The event was led by HC students who have extensive experiences in Dancing and Yoga.

Student Activities

HC DAY

Mar 10, 2024

// A series of on-stage performance by students like dancing, Chinese martial art and singing



// Performers being awarded certificates by Ms. Jasmine Liyu DENG, President of HCSA



// Prof. Rose Neng LAI having group photo with the lucky draw winners

The Talent Show “HC Day”, which was held on March 10, 2024, is one of the activity held by HCSA to promote Honours College during the student recruitment month. This show provides a stage for students to showcase their talents and enrich their university lives. In order to build closer relationships among all UM students, the performers of this show is a combination of HC and non-HC students.

GRADUATION GATHERING

May 17, 2024



// Prof. Rose Neng LAI, Dean of Honours College, delivering the opening speech at the graduation gathering



// Ms. Angel WU, graduated student of HC, sharing her career life and also her student life at the Honours College

// Prof. Rose LAI and Prof. Kevin HUANG, CKLC Liaison Officer, and HC graduates enjoying the building blocks game



// Performance by Ms. Mimi WONG and Ms. Jasmine DENG

Alumni Activities

ALUMNI SHARING

By Mr. Chon Lam LIO, Ron

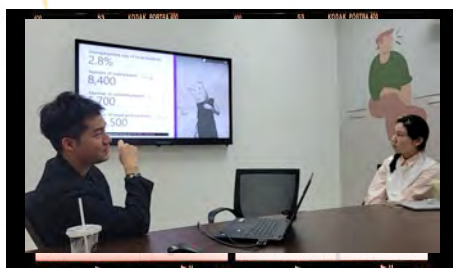
Mar 22, 2024



Mr. Ron Chon Lam LIO, who is a graduate of HC Class of 2015 and currently working as an Analog and Mixed Signal IC Designer, doing a sharing “From Small Comes Great - A Glance of Chip Design” to HC students.

HC ALUMNI COFFEE SESSION

Mar 28, 2024



Mr. James LAW, Chairman of HCAA, and Mr. Cavin CHEONG, 3rd President of UMHCAA, sharing interview tips and job market outlook at the “HC Alumni Coffee Session”



HCer's Stories

“ Reflection on serving as the FSS Coordinator for the HC

I have had the privilege of serving as the Faculty of Social Sciences Coordinator for the Honours College the past few years. This position has brought me a number of different opportunities and memories.

I have seen how engaged and thoughtful HC students are. This is on display in the workshops and retreats that I've had the pleasure of joining. HC students have an admirable openness to new approaches and willingness to try new things. Whether this involves reaching out to underrepresented members of the Macao community or taking on the task of writing, staging and performing their own original plays in a one day workshop, I have regularly been impressed by the teamwork and earnestness of HC students.

It can be all too easy to disengage when facing new challenges, especially ones outside of your own academic discipline or field. The value of taking interdisciplinary risks comes in the chance to learn from new people and experiences and through this gain the opportunity to see things from a new vantage point. This is also increasingly true in the wider academic community; in academia there is a renewed push to work across disciplines to gain insights from different methods and approaches to research.

As part of the Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives on Global Issues series of workshops I had the chance to host the workshop, “Future Folklore: Imagining Futures through Worldbuilding.” With this workshop we challenged HC students to envision what Macao might look like in 50 years. Whether one is studying to be an economist, sociologist or biologist we can all imagine and think about what new issues and possibilities might be facing us in 50 years. In seeing the creative designs and illustrations that the student teams developed it was encouraging to see the consistent playfulness and ecological awareness in the designs. There are clearly any number of challenges facing us now and in the future; but the will to listen and learn from each other gives me hope that academia has a part to play in finding some solutions.



Prof. Benjamin Kidder HODGES
FSS Coordinator for HC

HCer's Stories

Teaching and Learning: A Two-Way Journey of Inspiration

As the Honors College Liaison Officer, I have cherished many wonderful moments with our talented, passionate, and active HC students. One particularly memorable experience was our “Afternoon Tea Talk”, where I had the pleasure of sharing my knowledge and skills with our HCers. Our discussions ranged from exploring Chinese tea and culture to delving into personal development using tools like the Life Career Rainbow for past and future aspirations, from the Role Identity Pie Chart focusing on understanding different identities, time management to engaging exchanges between our HCers and international students, enriching our cultural experiences.



Dr. Sisi SUN
LCWC Liaison Officer for HC

Being in this role has been incredibly fulfilling. I am constantly inspired by the passion, creativity, and openness of our students. The supportive and collaborative atmosphere within the Honors College has made my role as Liaison Officer both enjoyable and rewarding. The students' creativity, open-mindedness, and willingness to share ideas and thoughts, along with their insightful questions, never fail to impress me.

Reflecting on our interactions, I realize that teaching and learning is truly a two-way journey of growth and inspiration. The exchange of knowledge and ideas, combined with thought-provoking questions from students, creates a dynamic learning environment where everyone has the chance to both teach and learn from one another.

“Give and Take” for an HCer

During the journey as HC students, we all received some privileges on meeting with leaders from different fields, studying abroad and knowing alumni who come back for sharing. The above are “takes” and according to Adam Grant, the author of his bestseller “Give & Take”, the happiness of giving can be greater, which is not an uncommon personal trait of successful leaders in the world.



Mr. James Chon Ieng LAW
Graduate of HC Class of 2012

Below are some of my suggestions for giving. First, you can help others based on your talent or strength when you are still a student, for example, joining the tutor program. Second, after graduation, you can stay connected with HCAA, including but not limited to, becoming a mentor, sharing guest or HCAA cabinet member. Third, maintain a group with your fellow batch mates from HC so that you can have some unexpected (good way) connections with them later in your life.

All in all, helping others who are in need could effectively increase your happiness, feel a sense of achievement and nurture your skills on people interaction, which is the most important quality (I think) that will be cherished by your family members, friends and your manager/business partner. Sharing is caring as well, why not?

HCer's Stories

"Expanding Horizons: Journey in the Honours College"

Hi, I am Kevin, from FBA major in the financial engineering.

My journey in the Honours College has been an incredibly enriching experience. One of the key aspects that made my time in the Honours College memorable was the wide range of forums and workshops it provided. These platforms not only exposed me to diverse perspectives but also allowed me to engage with guest speakers. The insightful discussions and thought-provoking sessions sparked my intellectual curiosity and broadened my horizons.



Mr. Kevin Qinkai YIN
HC Class of 2024

Furthermore, I seized the opportunity offered by the Honours College to participate in a study abroad program at Washington University in St. Louis during the spring of 2023. This invaluable experience allowed me to immerse myself in a different academic and cultural environment. Interacting with students from around the world and studying under esteemed professors challenged me to think critically and adapt to new perspectives.

In addition to academic pursuits, I actively engaged with the Honours College Student Association (HCSA) during the 2021-2022 academic year. As a member of the HCSA, I collaborated with a group of talented and passionate students to organize various activities and events. These experiences not only enhanced my leadership and organizational skills but also provided a platform to connect with talented individuals.

News and updates from HC Alumni

Congratulations

My new journey in Denmark

– Mr. Wanjun LEI, Jim, Graduate of HC Class of 2022

“I’m thrilled to share that I’ve recently submitted my master’s thesis on leadership and philosophy, and I’m about to graduate from Copenhagen Business School (CBS). Participating in the ‘MSc in Business Administration and Philosophy’ has been a transformative experience, blending insights from humanities sciences with cutting-edge business research.

The attached photo captures a memorable moment from the 21st International Studying Leadership Conference (ISLC) held at CBS last December. There, I had the privilege of presenting my paper, which offers a Daoist philosophical critique of authentic leadership. The enthusiastic response to my presentation at the conference has been incredibly affirming and has seamlessly paved the way for my next academic venture. I am excited to continue exploring my intellectual intrigues as I will embark on a PhD program this September within the CBS Department of Business Humanities and Law. My doctoral project will delve deeper into philosophical perspectives on entrepreneurship and leadership as portrayed in cinema and television.

Living in Copenhagen has been a delightful adventure – its mild summer and enchanting Christmas seasons are brand-new experiences for me. I look forward to sharing more of my ongoing journey in Denmark with the HC community and hope to reconnect during future alumni events.

Stay tuned for more updates!”



News and updates from HC Alumni

Startup of Jewellery Business MISSA & KISSA in UK

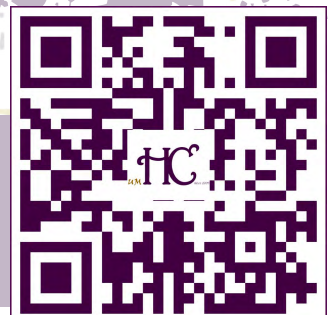
– Ms. Cecilia LAI, Graduate of HC Class of 2014

“We’ve recently won the Emerging Jewellery Brand of the Year in the prestigious UK Jewellery Awards 2023 by Retail Jeweller. It was not an easy ride to set up my own business and to get on stage in front of so many industry leaders still feels unreal to me! Crazy to think that my career path has changed so much since I graduated from UM 10 years ago.”



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