

METAMORPHOSIS: ROOTED TO GROW BEYOND SCIENCE



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Major Achievements

- President of the Hong Kong University Science Alumni Association (HKUSAA)
- Member of the HKU Science Oak Anniversary Organising Committee
- Chairman of the Growing Partners Project Steering Committee at The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (BGCA)
- Vice President of the Shamshuipo Tsung Tsin Church Affiliated Schools Alumni Limited (SSPTAA)

First, I wish to thank Faculty of Science for inviting me to contribute as part of the “80 Science Stories” campaign.



Happy times fly fast, here we are celebrating the Oak Anniversary in 2019. Back in the summer of SARS, I still recall how privileged I was being granted a conditional offer by HKU Faculty of Science after a nervous JUPAS interview, with the help of my secondary school Principal's recommendation letter for serving as the Head Prefect.

Having that said, I would like to thank Professor Frederick C Leung, Dean of Faculty of Science during my HKU days. Thank you for accepting me as the first batch of Summer Science Institute (SSI) participant back in 2002, which completely amazed me how fun university life can be with a short but sweet lacrosse and Starr Hall experience.

I am always proud for dedicating my 3-years of Bachelor degree as a science student and drilling-deep academically on a major I truly adore. I aspired to pursue a hospitality career upon graduation as a dedicated forensic science crime drama fan of *Crime Science Investigation* (CSI). Yet it was Professor Leung who inspired me how a scientific mindset could also benefit even if I work in a non-science sector, say business. His teaching still has impact on me nowadays that I still find one of Professor Leung's lines very encouraging – “Work hard & play hard, only in this order but not the other way around.”

As a 2006 Biotechnology alumnus, most of my fond memories took place at the Kadoorie Biological Sciences Building. In addition to the insightful experiments, the small glass area at the bottom of the back staircase was a secret garden to me, for it could be a quiet place for studying and even serve as a secret dating hideout at night.

After over a decade of closely serving our alma mater on various alumni projects through Faculty of Science, Development & Alumni Affairs Office (DAAO) and Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), I was fortunate to be elected as the President of HKU Science Alumni Association (HKUSAA) since 2017. Simultaneously as an enthusiast in project management, I have volunteered to join the HKU Science Oak Anniversary Organising Committee as well.

How will you be celebrating this special occasion with Faculty of Science? Attending our Oak Anniversary Dinner or contributing your own stories like I did? Whether you are a current student, alumni or staff, let us all express our love and support for our alma mater's 80th birthday together.



Once again, I sincerely hope you have enjoyed my story so far. Wishing the HKU Science Oak Anniversary a huge success!

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If you want something go get it. Period.”

–The Pursuit of Happiness, 2006