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**Nazratul Husna – Recipient of Dimension Bid Sdn. Bhd.**

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By: SHALFARINA SHAHRIMAN, UMP PUBLISHER

The experience gained when she was a participant in a student exchange programme to Turkey two years ago, Nazratul Husna Yatim Selamat, to complete her studies with flying colours.

Nazratul Husna, 23, the recipient for Dimension Bid Sdn. Bhd. Industrial Award, is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Technology.

She received her scroll during Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held at the UMP Auditorium on November 10 and 11, 2018.

She was also on the Dean's List for six semesters, consecutively.

On the trip to Turkey, Nazratul Husna said it was the most memorable experience.

She went there under the Mevlana Scholarship of Sakarya University and the experience gained was a valuable one for her as a successful chemist.

"I was very fortunate to be picked for the programme because the exposure gained throughout the stay in Turkey was a great one."

"I met many experts and we shared ideas on new findings in the chemistry field and others as well," she said. She is currently working at CITREX early this year.

On her academic achievement, Nazratul Husna said she had no tips nor secret except that one must start from the beginning and believe on one's capability to attain success.

As a university student, Nazratul Husna said there were a lot of memories and it was an episode in her life that she will never leave campus.

She also reminded university students to make the most of their time in campus and learn as much as possible.

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**Positive and focus are the keys to success - Yong Shi Yun, Recipient of the Dimension Bid Sdn. Bhd. Industrial Award**

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Being positive and focused were the keys to success, said Yong Shi Yun, 24, who received the Srikandi Murni (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held at its Gambang Campus Sports Complex on November 10 and 11.

Shi Yun obtained her B.Eng. (Hons.) Electrical Engineering (Electronics) and is now an engineer at Intel Corporation.

Daughter to Yong Siew Kee, 57, and Chan Yoke Fong, 54, Shi Yun said she had set a goal to do well in her studies and achieve it by scoring a CGPA of 3.85.

Shi Yun who is from Ipoh, Perak described the challenges faced throughout her study years as something she never expected.

“I have always stayed positive in any situation including when studying and this has helped me to overcome my challenges.”

“For me, being positive is important and should become a practice for all so things that are planned can be achieved.”

Shi Yun shared an unforgettable experience when completing her final project, ‘IOT Weighing Scale Application’ to detect and monitor a person’s level of health.

“It was one of the biggest challenge that I have to face because it involved skills in using several software packages and hardware components.”

“However, I managed to pull it through due to patience and support from friends. I really learned a lot from this experience.”

Shi Yun also said she was involved in many activities and held various posts such as the secretary for Murni Club and UNESCO Club.

She added that there had been challenges when organising events in the university especially when it comes to budgeting and activities.

“However, these only served as lessons that taught her to be patient and creative in her initiatives to ensure the success of her projects.”

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**Smart time management – Douglas Timot**

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By: SHALFARINA SHAHRIMAN, UMP PUBLISHER

Smart time management and being optimistic are the keys to success for Douglas Timothy Tan Choon Community Award.

He received the award during Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held at November 10 and 11, 2018.

Douglas Timothy is a graduate of B.Eng. (Hons) Electrical Engineering (Electronics) and is on the Dean's L

On his good academic achievements, Douglas Timothy said he would fully utilise his free time doing classmates.

"We need to be humble and not to be egoistic. This can make us digest knowledge better and refrain from others.

"That is why I prefer to have discussion with friends because I want to hear their opinions. This way too Douglas Timothy who now works as an electrical engineer with a company in Kuala Lumpur.

Douglas Timothy, whose parents are teachers, said he also played basketball because it was a healthy a and helped boost his confidence.

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**Hong Wai Siang – Recipient of Sapura Industrial B**

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By: SITI NURFARMY IBRAHIM, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION DIVISION

His father was a labourer and the hardship that he faced had been the impetus to spur Hong Wai Siar. To his surprise, all the struggles and burning the midnight oil was rewarded when he was named the recipient of S

He received his scroll and the award during Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony on November 10 and 11, 2018.

Hong, who is from Lumut, is a graduate of B.Eng. (Hons) Mechanical Engineering (Automotive). He is as or

He said having experienced the hardship of a labourer's son moved him to work hard to excel in his studies

His father, Hong Bong Leong, 54, worked as a labourer to support his four siblings while his mother, Ting M

"Despite the hardship, my parents never showed their sufferings and never gave up on their efforts to educate us, but also in our manners.

"They worked so hard so they can provide to their children's needs," said Hong, who wanted to be an engineer for his family.

He also said as a graduate, one needed to be smart in tackling the globalisation trend that was becoming m

He added that one must be more communicative, critical-minded and should be effective in problem-solving. It is also important, a plan for the future.

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**Norlinda attributed award to parents**

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By: SITI NURFARMY IBRAHIM, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION DIVISION

There was nothing more joyful for Norlinda Adsun than to have her parents witnessed her graduation but it was a challenge for her as her father had suffered from a stroke about a year ago and her mother had to take care of him in Kudat, Sabah.

Norlinda said fate had it that her farmer father, Adsun Santi, 69, and mother, Sinulihing Bahood, 55, could not attend the Soho Niaga Excellence Award during the Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony at the UMP Main Complex on November 10 and 11, 2018.

“I hope what I have achieved today will make my parents happy. I always pray that my father will fully recover from his stroke. I know fate has it and I have to accept it,” said Norlinda, the youngest child of four siblings.

Norlinda is a graduate of Bachelor of Project Management with Hons. with a CGPA of 3.72.

She is also the winner of UMP Calligraphy Competition (Non-Chinese Category) 2016-2017.

On her academic achievement, Norlinda said she would try to strike a balance between her studies and co-curricular activities. “I would focus on my studies first if there were too many activities.

Norlinda, a recipient of Public Service Department Scholarship, also said she held on to this principle of ‘value for money’.

She also said positive, constructive and happy environment were the best influences for success.

“To be successful, an undergraduate must be smart in maximising the opportunity available. Do not give up your opportunities and experience as possible,” she added.

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**Fisherman’s Son Kee Keing Lee hard work paid off with Industry Award from  
PETRONAS Chemicals Sdn. Bhd.**

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By: NORHIDAYAH MOHAMAD, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION DIVISION

Kee Keing Lee, 24, a graduate of B.Eng (Hons.) in Chemical Engineering, was named as the recipient of the Excellence Prize at the Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held at its Sports Centre on 10 and 11, 2018.

This young man from Teluk Intan, Perak believed that success was not an easy feat to accomplish without hard work in order to advance oneself while finding one's own weakness and work to overcome it.

He also believed that self-management and time management were important so as not to compromise his studies.

However, there was nothing more inspiring than seeing his fisherman father, Kee Cheng Peng, 51, toiling hard and his mother, a housewife, as the light of his motivation.

As the eldest in the family of four siblings, Kee said he would strive to make a better life for his family and himself, who had been his main driving force to excel.

"I want to make a career and a living that they will be proud of," he added.

On his experience in UMP, Kee said there were many sweet memories.

"I was involved in a lot of programmes such as the Pahang Engineers' Run, UMP Career Carnival Day with my friends and was a president of a club, a member of the Student Representative Council and an exco member.

Kee was on the Dean's List for every semester.

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**Gold Award for Tai Jia Yee**

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By: NOR HIDAYAH MOHAMAD, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION DIVISION

Tai Jia Yee strived to do his best so he would be able to give his single mother a better life. He would mother, Lee Whai Leng, and that spurred him to do well.

Mummy did know well because the good advice given and heeded by her son also earned him the Un Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held recently.

Tai, a graduate of Diploma in Computer Science from Faculty of Computer Systems & Software Engineer Point Average of 3.84.

Tai said he had always given focus on his studies and was now pursuing his Bachelor's degree in compute

The only child in the family, Tai is from Kota Bharu, Kelantan. He wants to be a successful businessman.

He is not only excellent in academics but is also actively involved in various associations and programmes

Lee, 50, a beautician, said she did not mind working hard for her son so he could have the best education p

"I am very grateful and happy with the award received by my son. I hope that he will continue to strive for she said.

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**Nurhuda Dini – Recipient of Setegap Ventures Petroleum Sdn**

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By: SITI NURFARMY IBRAHIM, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION DIVISION

Nurhuda Dini Faridon was named the recipient of Setegap Ventures Petroleum Sdn. Bhd. Excellence Award.

Nurhuda Dini, 21, from Rawang, Selangor, received the award during the Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) convocation held at the Gambang Campus Sports Complex on November 10 and 11, 2018.

She graduated with a Diploma in Chemical Engineering (Process Plant) with a CGPA of 3.57 and is now pursuing a degree course in UMP.

Nurhuda Dini said she firmly believed in the principle of not to give up easily and that there was a silver lining in every cloud.

She looked up to his father, Faridon Talib, 55, and mother, Hasbah [Abdullah@Joned](mailto:Abdullah@Joned), 53, for inspiration and support. "My parents are my biggest source of inspiration to be successful. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to them since I was small," she added.

On her academic achievements, Nurhuda Dini said it was important to have a good planning and to have a well-structured curriculum.

One of the things that she would do was to make notes on the soft board so she could have better focus on her studies.

Nurhuda Dini, who preferred to be called Dini, also said she would ensure that assignments were not prepared last minute and to seek explanations from her lecturers on things she was unclear of.

She added that as a student, one must have self-confidence, be attentive, responsible and respectful to others.

"Take the example of when doing a group assignment where every member should be reasonable and at the same time, in order to complete the assignment," she said.

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**2 siblings shared success at Convocation**

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Two siblings shared a joyous and memorable moment when both graduated with Masters' in Engineering (MEng) during the Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) 13th Convocation Ceremony held at its Sports Complex, Gongoh, Kuantan, Pahang, on 12 July 2018.

They are Ahmad Fakhruddin Ahmad Faudzi, 29, and his sister Norul Solihah Ahmad Faudzi, 27. They are from Kuala Terengganu.

Fakhruddin now works as technical lecturer at MARA High Skill College in Kemaman while Norul Solihah works as a teacher in Kuala Terengganu.

When met after the convocation, both expressed their happiness with their achievement. Fakhruddin attributed their success to their parents whose prayers and sacrifices were the impetus to their success.

Fakhruddin began his studies in UMP in Diploma in Chemical Engineering (Process Plant) in 2007 before pursuing his BSc in Chemical Engineering in 2010.

At the same time, Norul Solihah also started her studies in UMP and obtained her bachelor's degree in 2010.

"After both of us started work, we also pondered on the idea to continue our studies at the masters' level and we decided to do so."

"Although we live quite far apart, one in Setiu and the other in Kemaman, it did not stop us from attending the convocation. My brother took the bus to go to Kemaman and we then proceeded to UMP," he said.

They worked hard to get good grades in their studies and now they were enjoying their fruit of labour, fulfilling their dreams.

Norul Solihah described her achievement as the most wonderful reward and despite being heavily pregnant, she managed to attend the convocation and receive her scroll on the stage.

She said she and her brother would study, have discussion and do revision together.

She also said it was not easy to juggle her time as a teacher and student but most importantly, they must keep their goals and dreams.

The two years of travelling to and from Terengganu paid off and she expressed her gratitude to her brother for his support and motivation.

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**Being a disabled is not a handicap for success for Mu**

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By: SIRI NURFARMY IBRAHIM, CORPORATE COMMUNICATION DIVISION

Muhammad Zabri Abu Bakar, 32, wears a prosthetic leg to replace the right one which he lost in an accident. However, it was never an issue for him in his pursuit for higher education.

He now has a Master of Engineering (Electrical). He received his scroll at Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) held on November 10 and 11, 2018.

Muhammad Zabri, who has been using the prosthetic leg since 2004, said his leg could not be saved because of the accident.

“However, being a handicapped is not a hindrance for me to attain success and fulfil my ambition to be a professional. It only spur me to strive for excellence,” he said.

He added that he held firmly to the principle of not wanting to burden other people and that life was a struggle.

Muhammad Zabri said he was happy with his achievement, after facing a lot of obstacles for the last three years.

“I am very happy because finally, I have this Masters’ degree despite having to go through a lot of obstacles,” he said.

Muhammad Zabri, who is the second of nine siblings, said his source of strength came from his family especially his parents and their encouragement, he would not have managed to complete his studies.

He also called on those with disabilities to not to allow the status to get over them and that they should not let their condition be an excuse.

“Learn to stand on your own two feet without relying on others,” said Muhammad Zabri, who is from Pekan, Pahang.

Muhammad Zabri now works as a temporary teacher at Sekolah Kebangsaan Pahang Tua in Pekan.

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## **3 siblings shared sweet memory at Graduation Day**

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It was a day to be remembered for three siblings who all received their scrolls upon graduating from university's 13th Convocation Ceremony held at its Gambang Campus Sports Complex on November 10 and 11, 2019.

The siblings are Satish Rao Pothorajoo, 27, Loshyini Devi Pothorajoo, 25 and Tarshwini Devi Pothorajoo, 23.

Satish Rao has a Masters' Degree in Science, Loshyini Devi has a Master of Business Administration and Engineering (Industrial Electronics).

Their parents Pothorajoo Sanasee, 58, and Appalarasie Subramaniam, 52, supported their decisions and their choice of university.

"Words of encouragement from our father became the main driving force for our success and we obtained our degrees at the same convocation.

"This is indeed a sweet memory for me and the rest of the family.

"Father always reminds us not to waste the opportunity given because he and my mother did not get to finish their degrees. Satish Rao who is the eldest brother.

Loshyini Devi said she had already completed her Diploma and Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Engineering before deciding to join her brother to pursue a Master of Business Administration and managed to complete it.

Pothorajoo also said he never failed to give them support and encouragement to his children to continue their education as the result of their hard work.

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