

## PROFILE OF SCHOLARS

Scholar	Ms Ng Mei Xin
University	Nanyang Technological University
Pursuing	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) In Chinese

Mei Xin's love for the Chinese language started when she encountered a pleasant teacher who constantly gave her encouragement during her primary school days.

Her teacher's encouragement spurred Mei Xin to work hard who eventually won an award for "Best in Chinese" in Primary Two, and once again in Primary Four. The awards affirmed Mei Xin's love for the language and boosted her interest to learn more about Chinese and its culture.

Mei Xin's participation in the Chinese Orchestra in her secondary school days also exposed her to different aspects of the Chinese culture through music.

With a strong foundation and keen interest in the language, Mei Xin is passionate about Chinese and yearns to learn more during her course of study at NTU.

Mei Xin summarized her feelings on receiving the scholarship, "I was elated. To me, it is not just a form of financial aid, but also an affirmation that students pursuing language studies are not neglected. It is certainly a milestone in the educational scene, and I do hope that this scholarship and the efforts put in by the SPH Foundation will encourage more students to walk the path that I have chosen to take."

Mei Xin is the elder of two children in the family. She has a younger brother who is currently studying at Singapore Polytechnic. Her mother works as a machine operator while her father is currently in-between jobs.

Scholar	Mr Lee Chong Leong
University	Nanyang Technological University
Pursuing	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) In Chinese

An avid learner, Chong Leong has tried many things – creative writing, soccer, Chinese chess, *wei qi*, story telling, abacus, playing the *yang qin* and *wushu*.

Chong Leong enjoys reading. Chinese chivalrous fiction novels, English thrillers, science fiction and fantasy novels are amongst his favourite reads. But history is what fascinates him most. Be it a book or someone who is talking about art history, modern history or music history, these topics never fail to attract his attention.

Chong Leong feels that his Chinese teachers have contributed greatly to inculcating his interest for the Chinese language, as well as the ones who have molded his character. And because of his teachers' impressionable influence, Chong Leong also aspires to be a teacher some day, to shape others' lives the same way his teachers have shaped him.

On receiving the Lim Kim San Memorial Scholarship, Chong Leong said, "I am very glad to be given this scholarship but I feel happier knowing that needy students who still chose to pursue their interest in language studies are not a forgotten bunch. I urge others who share the same circumstances as me to be persistent in pursuing their ideals because there are people out there who believe in your dreams and are always willing to stretch out their helping hands."

Besides an elder brother who is studying at NTU, Chong Leong also has a younger twin brother who is currently serving National Service. Chong Leong's father is a dish washer at a restaurant while his mother works part-time at another restaurant.

Scholar	Ms Mangeswary Eravanan
University	National University of Singapore
Pursuing	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in English

Manges has always been fascinated by languages, especially English, from young. She was the President of the English Literary Drama & Debating Society (ELDDS) in CHIJ St Theresa's Convent and an active member of the Drama Club in St Andrew's College. She had participated in several stage productions and drama competitions since her secondary school days.

With a strong belief that the best thing that one can do with the education that she has received is to use it to help others and be of use to others, Manges started volunteering her time to mentor young girls aged 13 to 16 years on weekends earlier this year.

As a teacher for "Education in Human Values", a programme run by Sathya Sai Centre for Educare, Manges feels that she has learnt much from her time imparting values such as love, peace, non-violence, truth and righteousness to the young girls.

Coming from a close-knitted family, Manges' dad is retired while her mother shuttles to and fro to Johor Bahru everyday, where she works as a Vice-principal in a school. Manges also has a younger sister who is currently in Secondary One at CHIJ St. Theresa's Convent.

"I feel really blessed to receive this Scholarship. The late Mr Lim's contributions to the society have really inspired me to follow in his footsteps. Moreover, this

Scholarship supports my pursuit of English and will definitely encourage me to work harder to achieve my ambitions,” said Manges.

Scholar	Ms Siti Nurhani Binte Kamsani
University	National University of Singapore
Pursuing	Bachelor of Arts (Malay Studies & Sociology)

Siti, or Hani, as she is more popularly known, is particularly fond of Malay literature and believes that understanding of one’s language and culture plays an important role in defining one’s race.

“I’m honoured to be one of the first recipients of The Lim Kim San Memorial Scholarship. When I heard about the Scholarship, I was overjoyed because to date, there’s not one scholarship award that is dedicated to the study of languages,” said Siti.

Attributing her love of the Malay language to her teachers, Siti hopes to give back to the community and be a Malay language teacher someday so that she can propagate the next generation of language-loving individuals.

Siti’s father is the sole breadwinner in the family, working as a training instructor at the Institute of Technical Education. Siti has two younger siblings, with one studying in Nanyang Polytechnic and the other in secondary school.