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SCUPI Student Award
SCUPI Student Award (SSA) is one of the feature programs at SCUPI and SSA ceremony is held annually in May. SCUPI recognizes and rewards SCUPIANS who have made significant contributions to student life and the surrounding community. Deserving students are nominated by students, faculty, and staff at SCUPI during the spring semester, and self-nomination is also encouraged. The selection committee, formed by five faculty and staff will select award winners based on their applications, including CV, nomination form, and personal statement.

List of Student Awards

Individually:
- Athletic Leadership Award
- Community Contribution Award
- Diplomat Award
- Emerging Leader Award
- Entrepreneurship Award
- Innovative Engineer Award
- Outstanding Leader Award
- Residential Leadership Award

Group:
- Outstanding Program of the Year
- Outstanding Organization of the Year

Special Awards:
- King of the Year
- Queen of the Year
**Latest News**

**2016 SCUPI Admission Information Session Is On**
On December 3, 2015, the first 2016 SCUPI Admission Information Session was held at Chongqing High School in Chongzhou, Sichuan Province. (More)

**Debate Contest**
On March 20, the Debate Club successfully held a debate on the theme of “Should we have quizzes in physics classes or not?” (More)

**Passion and Vitality: Basketball Tournament**
On April 15, the Basketball Team held a Basketball Tournament. Class 2 triumphed with the score 52 to 44, and Demi Yu won the MVP for her outstanding performance. (More)

**2016 SCUPI Open Day**
On Saturday, April 17, SCUPI held its first Open Day. Approximately 170 prospective students and parents attended the event. Visitors participated in model English class and Engineer class; visited MakerSpace project laboratory; toured around SCUPI facility; and enjoyed lectures facilitated by Dr. Shuman and Dr. Besterfield-Sacre from Pitt. (More)

**Mentoring/Advising System Kick-off Meeting**
Mentoring/Advising System Kick-off Meeting was held on Friday, March 18, 2016. Students were initially grouped according to their majors. Each group was led by one faculty mentor and one administrator. Mentoring/Advising System aims to provide suggestions in terms of majors, courses, academic planning, research projects, internships, and so on. (More)

**Lecture by Dr. Shuman**
On April 12, 2016, Distinguished Service Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering, delivered a speech on "The Key to 21st Century Engineering Education." Dean Minking Chyu, Associate Deans Michael Reed and Jie Wang, faculty representatives and students attended the lecture. (More)

**Girl's Talk**
On April 20, Dr. Besterfield-Sacre from Pitt facilitated a discussion on "Female Engineers' Career Path." All female students at SCUPI joined the discussion. Students shared their unique insights on what they want to achieve by the age of 25 and 35, and what they wished were different being female students at SCUPI, etc.
I view SCUPI as an outstanding educational institute. SCUPI, for me, attracts students who strive to create and attain the qualities below:

**S**upportive learning environment creation.

**C**lear communication skills development.

**U**nique personalities.

**P**erseverance to push oneself.

**I**ndividual educational goals and dreams.

Within my English SCUPI classes these core elements are encouraged and developed for students by students. Through students’ efforts and positive attitudes they strive to be the best they can be. In classes in the first semester there is a focus on developing students’ interactive communication skill set. Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions to debate relevant engineering topics and enhance their presentation skills. Students really enjoy creating and developing their own presentations.

Furthermore, presentations give students the chance to highlight their knowledge and entertain fellow classmates with interactive, engaging and interesting powerpoint presentations.

The second semester has a greater emphasis on the development of students’ academic writing skill set. This is SCUPIANS' first experience of writing an academic paper in English and through this SCUPIANS develop a range of academic writing skills which will stand them in good stead for their future academic study years. In this semester students take control of their educational experiences in the form of weekly writing groups. Students really enjoyed developing their writing skills with the support of their friends.

As a student in Andrew’s class, I really enjoy the interactive atmosphere in class. Any ideas are welcomed as long as you bravely express them. We discussed interesting topics about engineering in groups with different classmates, and gave presentations in front of the class. In this way, our communication skills and group working skills developed well.

The second semester was a great challenge but also a meaningful experience full of achievements and happiness. Though there was so much to learn in regard to academic writing, such as structure, reference, and source searching, with the help of professor and classmates, there was nothing to worry about. Sometimes I was struggling to accomplish my long paper, but once it was finished, I found it amazing that I could write such a great paper, which was completely beyond my imagination.

In all, it is awesome to be a SCUPIAN here, and unimaginable improvements can be found after a year of study.
Word from Award Winners

Leo Li
"Tonight, I want to give my special thank you to Prof. Quan. He guided me when I was in the darkness and taught me how to communicate with professors. Being a bridge to connect the teachers and students is a glorious mission to me. Without your guidance, I wouldn't be able to get this award. I hope I can do more and better in the future. Thank you again for your trust and support."

Abner Liu
"It's such an honor to receive this award, especially among talented and inspirational people. The experience of studying and working in SCUPI this year seems a watershed in my life. This is also a process of becoming mature for me. I benefited a lot from being here. It allowed me to transform from an introvert to an extrovert."

Theresa Tong
"Participating in this group helped us learn more about how to effectively organize activities and serve our peers, and develop ourselves at the same time. Thanks to the group, we could devote ourselves to designing interesting activities for SCUPIANS and offering happiness to them. On the other hand, during those passionate discussions, we created a strong friendship with each other in our family, and we gradually became better individuals. What made us gratified is our efforts paid off. SCUPIANS love activities planned by us, and we could win this great prize. Finally, we'd like to express our thanks again to all of our teachers who directed us, all the active members who helped us, and all SCUPIANS who shared the same feelings with us. Without you, we couldn't have made such a great achievement."

Award Winners

Individual Awards:
- Abner Liu, Outstanding Leader Award
- Gangnam Jiang, Community Contribution Award
- Harry Zhu, Residential Leadership Award
- Leo Li, Diplomat Award
- Lee Li, Athletic Leadership Award
- Maggie Wen, Entrepreneurship Award
- Park Liu, Innovative Engineer Award
- Theresa Tong, Emerging Leader Award

Group Awards:
- Christmas Party, Program of the Year
- SCUPI Student Council, Organization of the Year

Special Awards:
- Abner Liu, King of the Year
- Theresa Tong, Queen of the Year
Generally, when people tap into time management, they’re talking about prioritizing. Mark Zuckerberg once put, “No two tasks ever hold the same importance. Always prioritize.” In Economics, prioritizing relates to opportunity cost. Resources are limited, and people make trade-offs all the time. As a freshman in SCUPI, prioritizing could mean whether to spend three hours on video-game playing or on intensive TOEFL tutoring. Yet being willing to sacrifice short-term pleasure-seeking activities is far from enough to claim an individual is a master of time management.

Typical education in China is in short of establishing an individual’s consciousness or ability of making choices proactively and wisely. The beginning of managing one’s time is to identify the most significant tasks. If prioritizing is the procedure of how, goal identification is the overarching question of what.

When people chose SCUPI, they chose a different way of prioritizing their time. Compared with their peers, SCUPIANS’ preparation for studying abroad is condensed into two years, including achieving a decent GPA, gaining a satisfactory TOEFL score, polishing their presentation skills, developing an effective learning and communication style, etc. With so many goals on the agenda, an individual needs to tell the difference between do the right thing and do things right.

‘Do the right thing’ calls for proactive action that, in the beginning may make one feel uncomfortable, and eventually change the flow of the tide. It is more than deciding which flavor of ice-cream one’s girlfriend desires in a scorching day or choosing A over B for one’s Physics Clicker questions. Instead, it may amount to grabbing an English-speaking professor in her office hours to crack a difficult question other than sticking to the habitual mode of working individually for hours over the weekend, or converting a classmate who used to generate his answers out of an online program into an academic integrity ambassador.

Do the right thing seems to take a detour at first, yet it rewards much more than one can imagine in the long run. I wish all the SCUPIANS propose the right question before jumping into answering it, make the right choice, and be a proud SCUPIAN.
Upcoming Events:

September
- 9/5 First Day of Class
- 9/9–9/15 Orientation Week
- 9/15 Matriculation Ceremony

October
- 10/14–10/16 Student Forum
- 10/28–10/29 SCU Sports Game
- 10/31 Halloween Party

November
- 11/11 Debate Contest
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Party

December
- 12/9 Robot Expo
- 12/25 Christmas Party

January
- 1/9–1/13 Final Week
- 1/15–2/22 Winter Break

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