



# Newsletter

## Summer

## 2021

# HKAC

### *A Message from HKAC President Dan Cheung (July 2021)*

As I reflect on the past school year, I can clearly see God's blessings on the campus of Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC). Although the clouds of the coronavirus pandemic have hovered over the college for the past 18 months, our college continues to excel in many areas, as God has worked with us.

Academically, our new program, Higher Diploma in Health & Rehabilitation Services, has recently been accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualification (HKCAAVQ) and also licensed by the Social Welfare Department of Hong Kong. This new program will start in the upcoming Fall 2021 semester. Moreover, our Diploma in Pre-University Studies (DPUS) program has gone through the review process, was given preliminary approval in July, and the official, triennial, reaccreditation approval letter is anticipated to arrive by 31 August.

Even though most of the college's class lectures were presented online this past year, both students and teachers have adapted to this new learning mode very well. Over 20% of our students qualified to be on the Dean's List, during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. In addition, twenty students were awarded Chan Shun Scholarships, which is the highest number of scholarship beneficiaries to whom our college has ever had the pleasure of bestowing these academic merit-based bursaries.

Furthermore, many of our campus buildings and classrooms have been remodeled during the past year with new windows, walls, ceilings, and air conditioning units. The biology laboratory was completely remodeled to accommodate many new healthcare-related classes, and our old chemistry laboratory was converted into a 68-seats lecture hall. Windows of the HKAC Administration Building have been replaced with new ones, and the outside walls were improved by washing, grout work, and a new coat of paint. In spite of the cost of all these renovations, the financial picture of the college remains positive.

Much of this financial success comes from our continued financial support from our friends and alumni in North America. Since the beginning of 2021 through mid-July, our college has received close to US\$470,000 of donations from the U.S. to support our IT upgrade, building renovations, and scholarships and to help to defray the day-to-day operating expenses of the college.

We sincerely appreciate the trust and encouragement of our friends and alumni who have sacrificed their comforts to provide for the needs of the college.

Thank you and God Bless you and your family!

This newsletter provides greater details concerning these projects on the college campus, so I hope that you enjoy reading the articles and browsing the photos, as much as I enjoy reporting this good news to you. I also invite you to come to visit our campus overlooking Clear Water Bay and see the transformation of our college in person. Undoubtedly, you would be inspired while seeing and appreciating the good work God provides to our beautiful college campus and academic community. Perhaps, you would recall cherished, happy memories of your own former school years spent on campus or that of family members. The college has that effect on those who studied here, including me, since I was once a campus-based Sam Yuk pupil too.

Let us continue to pray for His blessings on and His guidance for our college as we work together to uphold our commitment to Christian education.

**In Christ,**

**Dan Cheung, PhD**  
President of HKAC

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*Photo at the top is by Jenifer Shiu*

2020-2021 Academic Year-End and Farewell Party Part 1

(June 2021)

Photos by Jenifer Shiu  
Text by Jenifer Shiu



HKAC President Dan Cheung presents a lucky draw prize to Dorm Dean Ms. Kat Ma



Thank You For Your Good Work During This Challenging Time!



Left to Right: Dr. B. Choi, Ms. C. Pak, Ms. S. Suen, Dr. C. Cheung, Ms. M. Lam



Mr. John Lau (Campus Operations) receives his lucky draw prize from Pr. Ben Seo Se Kwang



Business Manager Mr. Hosea Yeung presents a lucky draw gift to Mr. Leo Wong (Marketing)



Ms. P. Wong (Chair, Dept. of Psychology) checks her mobile phone camera while Ms. T. Lau (Chair, Dept. of Religion) signs peace!



HKAC Dean of Students Mr. Paul Song presents a lucky draw prize to Dr. Anna Liu-ChimYuet Ching, HKAC Fitness Center Service School Counselor



Mr. Richard Cheng (Faculty, Dept. of English), Associate Academic Dean Dr. Corjena Cheung, HR Manager Alice Wong



Pr. Ben Seo Se Kwang presents a lucky draw prize to Mr. Andrew Yip (Marketing)

2020-2021 Academic Year-End and Farewell Party Part 2

(June 2021)

Photos by Jenifer Shiu  
Text by Jenifer Shiu



Mr. A. Yip and Ms. Y. Liu of the Marketing team get ready to capture yearbook photos



Mr. Jeriel Chuah, Pr. Ben Seo, Ms. Priscilla Wong



Associate Academic Dean Dr. Corjena Cheung presents a farewell gift to Ms. M. Lam (English)



HKAC President Dan Cheung presents a top prize to Ms. Debby Lau Wing Yu (Business)



HKAC Registrar Mr. Henry Ya'ang wins a nice prize from HR Manager Ms. Alice Wong



HKAC President Dan Cheung at his table and Mr. Jeriel Chuah presents a lucky draw prize



Pr. Ben Seo Se Kwang presents Assistant Librarian Mrs. Leong a lucky draw gift



Marketing Director Mr. Freddie Ma presents Mr. L. Wong (Marketing) a farewell gift  
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Food Service Director Mr. Joseph Tong is presented with a lucky draw gift from Pr. Seo

**Administration Building Renovated Classrooms & New Windows (June 2021)**

**Renovation PM by Hosea Yeung & John Lau**  
**Photos and Text by Jenifer Shiu**



Peering into the newly renovated classroom 205 with its ceiling lights switched on



Facing the front and back door of classroom 204 with the overhead projector above



The new classroom 205 door frames the scenic view of part of King Huy Hall and hilly regions



Window seats in classroom 203



Green chalkboard front view of classroom 202



Light blue back wall, wrap around green paint band, seats, projector, classroom 203 windows



Scenic view of Clear Water Bay from the HKAC administration building's stairwell landing's new latticed window



HKAC administration building stairwell new windows facing the painted bell tower



HKAC administration building stairwell interior view of a project worker and the ladders he used to install new windows

**HKAC Fundraising Report 2021-2022****(July 2021)***Fundraising and Projects Data by Hosea Yeung  
Article and Photos by Jenifer Shiu*

This is a fundraising summary report about Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) in 2021 and what we hope to achieve in 2022. This year, HKAC had a fundraising goal of approximately HK\$ 901,270 or the equivalent of US\$116,000 to help us finance extensive Clear Water Bay campus' building renovations, scholarships, and ongoing school operations. Happily, as of the first half of the year, we surpassed our goal through the generosity of our overseas alumni and friends of HKAC. However, we continue to fundraise, since there remains much to do in terms of upcoming renovations, funding future scholarships, and campus daily operations for 2022 and beyond. You may have seen the fundraising letters in the Winter 2021 and Spring 2021 newsletters from HKAC President Dan Cheung plus Ms. Doreen Leung Liem (a daughter of Principal H.S. Leung who was the first to lead name predecessors of HKAC on the Clear Water Bay campus) and alumna Ms. May-Ying Pierce. For those of you residing in the United States or are US citizens living abroad, there are a few simple ways to donate and obtain tax deduction receipts, per the instructions provided in those letters. For residents of other countries, there may be similar ways to obtain tax deductions for your donations to HKAC.

In addition, through the generosity of a foundation, HKAC was honoured to receive HK\$ 1.1 million (which is equivalent to approximately US \$141,578) to do road improvement work in the area leading to King Huy Hall / Bayview Church (right photo). This project is now complete.



King Huy Hall

Moving forward into 2022, HKAC will need to fundraise approximately HK\$5.5 million (which is equivalent to approximately US \$708,000) to finance the following hoped for infrastructure improvements:

- College Dormitories Renovation Project
- Updating the Air Conditioning System in the Gymnasium
- Replacement of the Volleyball Courts Fencing

We depend on the generosity of alumni and friends, now and in the years to come, to help us financially stay afloat, particularly during these perilous pandemic times, when education sector institutions have suffered losses of enrolment and funding from other sources. I hope that those of you who are in a position to do so to please consider future philanthropic donations to HKAC as a single, monthly, or a recurring annual gift. You can also donate to HKAC as part of a long-term estate planning gift bequest in your legal will. Thank you very much!

***We are always grateful to our  
HKAC / Sam Yuk / San Yu  
alumni and friends!!!***

Principal H.S. Leung  
Lecture HallRenovated Biology  
Laboratory

As of mid-July 2021, we've received philanthropic pledges of US \$466,000, which is equivalent to approximately HK\$ 3,620,620 (depending on the daily exchange rate for the currency). In the first half of 2021, that fundraising has paid for the following campus projects:

- Conversion of the old chemistry lab into a lecture hall (in memory of Principal H.S. Leung)
- Renovation of the biology lab (in memory of an anonymous donor)
- Improvement work on WiFi connection in the student dormitories (This is taking place during Summer 2021.)
- Setting up the following scholarship funds:
  - Low Family Memorial Fund (Merit-based scholarship from the US-based family of a couple who were devout Hong Kong SDA Church members and friends of HKAC / Sam Yuk / San Yu)
  - Dormitory Students Fund (US-based group of alumni funds boarding students in financial need)

**HKAC / AU Graduation Ceremony 2020 & 2021 Part 1**

*(June 2021)*

*Photos by Jenifer Shiu  
Text by Jenifer Shiu*



HKAC DPUS and AU Bachelor 2020 & 2021 graduates ascend the stairs of King Huy Hall / Bayview Church



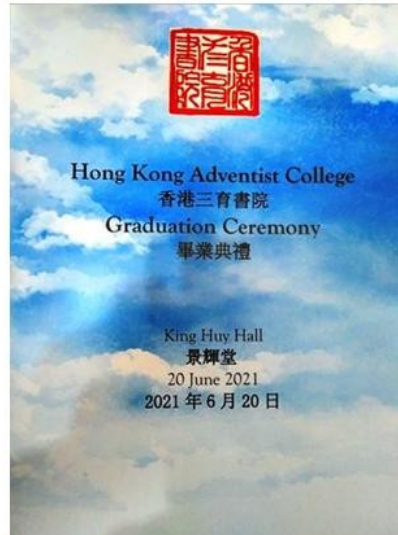
HKAC DPUS and AU Bachelor 2020 & 2021 graduates are greeted by HKAC HR Manager Ms. Alice Wong



HKAC Marketing Director Freddie Ma awaits guests inside King Huy Hall / Bayview Church



Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, Director of Education of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, gave an inspiring speech via Zoom



Cover of the HKAC graduation ceremony



HKAC President Dan Cheung and HKAC Associate Academic Dean Dr. Corjena Cheung



HKAC Dept. of Psychology Chairwoman Ms. Priscilla Wong presented an AU Bachelor of Psychology degree to Samuel Suen Ming Ho (2020)



HKAC President Dan Cheung presented Carina Yu Si-lok (2020) her AU Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree as a Magna Cum Laude graduate



HKAC Dept of Health Chairwoman Dr. Barbara Choi presented an AU Bachelor of Health Science degree to Peony Ng Hong Yee (2020)

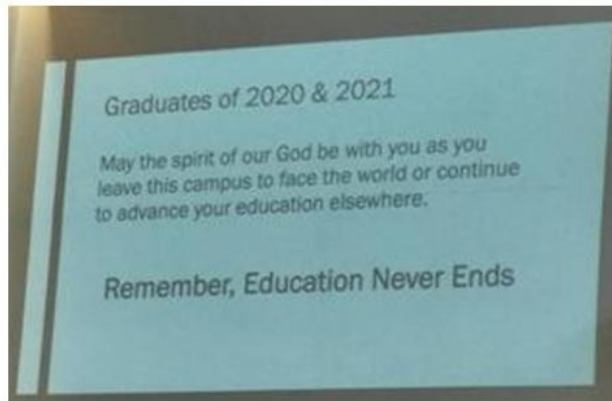
**HKAC / AU Graduation Ceremony 2020 & 2021 Part 2**

**(June 2021)**

*Photos by Jenifer Shiu  
Text by Jenifer Shiu*



Khadeeja Khan (2020) zooms in from the UK for her graduation ceremony. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Andrews University (HKAC affiliate)



An important take away for graduates is to remember the importance of never ending education throughout one's life.



HKAC President Dan Cheung and HKAC Associate Academic Dean Dr. Corjena Cheung



Jacky Chau Chun Yin (2020), an AU graduate, poses with his family member and Ms. Charlene Pak, his teacher in the HKAC Dept. of Health



HKAC President Dan Cheung, Dr. Barbara Choi, Dr. Mark Mak, Pr. Alphon Fung, HKAC full-time faculty



Jonathan Yeoh Zhu-Wei (2020) zooms in from overseas to be in the commencement ceremony. He received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree from Andrews University (HKAC affiliate)



Anne-Marie Ilunga (2021) received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree from AU (HKAC affiliate) and is shown with her family



A panoramic view of inside King Huy Hall / Bayview Church during the graduation ceremony



Ms. Charlene Pak, Peony Ng Hong Yee (2020), Jacky Chau Chun Yin (2020), HKAC President Dan Cheung, Dr. Corjena Cheung, Dr. Barbara Choi, and Felix Pang Tat Him (2020)

**HKAC / AU Graduation Ceremony 2020 & 2021 Part 3 (June 2021)**

*Photos by Jenifer Shiu  
Text by Jenifer Shiu*



Pastor Alphon Fung, Executive Secretary, HK-Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and HKAC President Dan Cheung



The 2020 and 2021 fine graduates of HKAC and Andrews University (HKAC affiliate), on the front steps of King Huy Hall / Bayview Church, after the commencement ceremony



Dr. Mark Mak, Director of Education, Chinese Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists and HKAC President Dan Cheung



HKAC Dean of Students Mr. Paul Song, HKAC Registrar Henry Ya'ang, and Dept of Health Chairwoman Dr. Barbara Choi



HKAC DPUS graduates await their turn to receive diplomas: Ning Wai Lok (2021), Brian Lai Siu Yuen (2021), Dixita Gurung (2021), Bi Bi Maryam (2021)



Dept. of Psychology Chairwoman Ms. Priscilla Wong moved the tassel for Christy Cheng Wai Lam (2020) who received an AU Bachelor of Science Psychology degree



HKAC DPUS Program Director Mr. Simon Chua prays with DPUS graduate Ning Wai Lok (2021)



Dr. Anna Liu-Chim Yuet Ching and AU graduates Samuel Suen Ming Ho (2020), Carina Yu Si-lok (2020), and Christy Cheng Wai Lam (2020)



HKAC President Dan Cheung presents the Diploma in Pre-University Studies (DPUS) to Dixita Gurung (2021)



**Dean's List Spring 2021**

Fathima Nushka ABDUL MANAF  
 CHAN Kin Long  
 CHENG Sheung Ching  
 Caleb Cheung  
 Candy CHEUNG Cheuk Kwan  
 CHEUNG Ka Wing  
 CHEUNG Ki (Jim)  
 CHONG Kam Yin  
 Calebe DE ALMEIDA CARLOS  
 Sara DE ALMEIDA SANTANA  
 FUNG Yat Long  
 Ho Man Sze  
 Zuriel Tagle ILAGAN  
 Liane KWONG Tsz Yan  
 LAM Hiu Tung  
 Elmus LIM Khye Heng  
 Maninderjeet SINGH  
 Mahum NAJMAL  
 NG Wing Shan  
 Joseph Charles PAK Han Shinn  
 Evangelina PEREVERZINA  
 Nadege RANJIRA  
 Sanna SAJEID  
 Fumie TAKASHIBA  
 YIP Yuk Ying

**Dean's List Fall 2020**

Fathima Nushka ADUL MANAF  
 Candy CHEUNG Cheuk Kwan  
 CHEUNG Ka Wing  
 CHONG Kam Yin  
 CHOW Sing Han  
 Calebe DE ALMEIDA CARLOS  
 Sara DE ALMEIDA SANTANA  
 FUNG Yat Long  
 Isaiah V. GORRES  
 HAN Jeonghyun  
 Zuriel Tagle ILAGAN  
 KWAN Wai Hang  
 Liane KWONG Tsz Yan  
 LAM Hiu Tung  
 Elmus LIM Khye Heng  
 Mahum NAJMAL  
 NG Tik Shun (Dixon)  
 NG Wing Shan  
 Joseph Charles PAK Han Shinn  
 Evangelina PEREVERZINA  
 Fumie TAKASHIBA  
 YEUNG Ho Yan (Danny)

**Chan Shun Scholarships Winners**

Fathima Nushka ADUL MANAF  
 CHENG Sheung Ching  
 Caleb CHEUNG  
 Candy CHEUNG Cheuk Kwan  
 CHEUNG Ka Wing  
 CHEUNG Ki (Jim)  
 CHONG Kam Yin  
 Calebe DE ALMEIDA CARLOS  
 Sara DE ALMEIDA SANTANA  
 FUNG Ya Long  
 Zuriel Tagle ILAGAN  
 Liane KWONG Tsz Yan  
 LAM Hiu Tung  
 Elmus LIM Khye Heng  
 Mahum NAJMAL  
 NG Wing Shan  
 Joseph Charles PAK Han Shinn  
 Evangelina PEREVERZINA  
 Fumie TAKASHIBA  
 YIP Yuk Ying

**HKAC Received Preliminary Approval for the DPUS Program's Triennial Reaccreditation**

**Text by Dr. Paul McGraw,  
HKAC Academic Dean**

On 30 June, Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualification (HKCAAVQ) came to the Clear Water Bay campus for a site visit, as part of the triennial reaccreditation process of our Diploma of Pre-University Studies (DPUS) program. The HKCAAVQ visitors were impressed with the maintenance of our program and gave us preliminary approval in July. This is exciting news for HKAC and for students! By the end of summer, we anticipate receiving the official approval letter for a three-year DPUS reaccreditation by HKCAAVQ. HKAC looks forward to continuing our college preparatory education of students, through this vital program.

## Welcome Back to Dr. Arlene Siagian (Faculty, HKAC Dept. of Music, Fall 2021)

Photo by Leo Wong

Bio by A. Siagian Article by J. Shiu

HKAC is so pleased to welcome back to the Clear Water Bay campus Dr. Arlene Siagian, a former choir musical theatre director here! She is a newly minted Doctorate of Arts degree holder in Musical Composition from the University of Northern Colorado who will be teaching academic courses in HKAC's Department of Music, beginning in the Fall 2021 semester. Dr. Siagian's written PhD dissertation was in the form of an original opera, based on the classic novel "Pride and Prejudice" by the popular British author Jane Austen!

Arlene was a music major at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, during her undergraduate years. Moreover, she has two masters degrees, including one in Education from Andrews University and one in Choral Conducting through the Department of Music at Illinois State University.

Dr. Siagian grew up in Tamparuli, in the state of Sabah, in Malaysia. Her family spent some time in Berrien Springs, Michigan, when Arlene's parents were continuing their studies at Andrews University. While her folks are residing in Malaysia, Arlene's siblings live in the United States. Therefore, Dr. Siagian has a wealth of US higher education and multicultural life experiences with great insights to share with her students.

Dr. Siagian enjoys myriad avocations, including: photography, writing stories and poems, creating artwork, reading, traveling, watching films of historical fiction, watching and reading detective stories, hiking, playing with dogs, and so forth.

Because Dr. Siagian believes that teaching at HKAC would be very fulfilling and rewarding, she's really looking forward to being back on campus to teach various music courses.



Dr. Arlene Siagian, HKAC Dept. of Music, will be teaching beginning in Fall 2021

One day, if it would be possible to have a full bachelor's degree in music at HKAC, then Dr. Siagian thinks that would be truly wonderful indeed!

## Welcome Back to Ms. Richla Sabuin (Faculty, HKAC Dept. of General Studies, Fall 2021)

Photo provided by Richla Sabuin

Bio by R. Sabuin Article by J. Shiu

It's wonderful to welcome back Ms. Richla Sabuin, who was once a student at HKAC for an entire year!



Ms. Richla Sabuin during a blue skies, sunny day. She will be an English Instructor in the HKAC Dept. of General Studies.

Hence, she is an alumna of the college with fine memories of her experiences on the Clear Water Bay campus.

Ms. Sabuin graduated from Andrews University with a Bachelors degree in English with an emphasis on writing. She is an August 2021 graduate with a MA degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Andrews University. Ms. Sabuin will be an instructor tentatively teaching college writing and other English courses.

Per Richla, her year at HKAC was one of the best years of her life! She enjoyed most of her classes and felt that HKAC teachers had their best interests in students' academic growth. Many of them also integrated faith and learning in the classroom.

Other than the learning experience, Ms. Sabuin met lovely people with whom she built life-long friendships. She is a strong believer that her prior experience at HKAC will help her connect with her students in her roles as a teacher. For fun, Richla enjoys singing, cooking, visiting new places, connecting with friends, and taking pictures. She enjoys taking part in church activities and the children's Sabbath School. Ms. Sabuin also likes learning languages and writing.

At HKAC, Ms. Sabuin hopes to help students grow academically and appreciate English in a different light. She looks forward to helping students enjoy their learning experiences, as they build an educational foundation for their future!

**Alumni & Friends of HKAC / Sam Yuk / Sam Yu, Please Update Your Contact Details!!!**

When you have a moment, please kindly update your contact details online on the HKAC website at the following web address: <https://bit.ly/aucirS2021n>

We are relying more and more on digital communications and would like to be able to continue sending you our newsletters via email and update you via social media posts to HKAC's Facebook page, Instagram page, and through WhatsApp messaging. Therefore, please send your updated email address and mobile number (with area code) to us!

If you have an affiliation with HKAC (or its predecessors such as Clear Water Bay Sam Yuk Middle School or South China Union College), please indicate on the form which school you attended, campus years, and any career details\*. It would be helpful to also know where our alumni and friends reside and your mailing address.

\* For your career details (if applicable), please type in the form your organization, industry, job title, and LinkedIn networking address. Thank you for updating HKAC and helping us keep in touch with you!

**HKAC Faculty Lecturer Spencer Li's Article is Included as W.H.O. Global Literature**

Photo by Spencer Li  
Article by Jenifer Shiu

HKAC faculty Department of Business lecturer Spencer Li's January 2021 published article "How Does COVID-19 Speed the Digital Transformation of Business Processes and Customer Experiences?" can be found as part of a search on the World Health Organization's database of COVID-19 global literature on coronavirus disease.

View it at: <https://bit.ly/072821WHOsl>

Mr. Li's article was first published this year in St. John's University Peter J. Tobin College of Business' semi-annual online journal *The Review of Business*.

Recently, Spencer was also honoured to have been invited as an author and speaker to present at a global conference, during 9-11 July 2021 in Turkey. It was the International Conference on Advanced Engineering, Technology, and Applications.

As Mr. Li is a faculty member of Hong Kong Adventist College, we are proud of his academic research and publication accomplishments this year!

**HKAC Summer 2021 Campus Vistas**

*Photos by Jenifer Shiu*



HKAC student dormitories surrounded by the beauty of green trees and shrubs



Social Committee leaders Alice Wong and Pr. Ben Seo Se Kwang planned a fun party!



A sunny football game in front of King Huy Hall / Bayview Church



Summer day camp tents pitched one Sunday



Chinese Hibiscus flower with rain dew drops



High Junk Peak and a nearby village



Clear Water Bay and a volleyball game



Summer day Page 12 camp dining



Wedding photo in the HKAC Admin. Building