

Campus Bytes

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By Student Voice



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Welcome Message

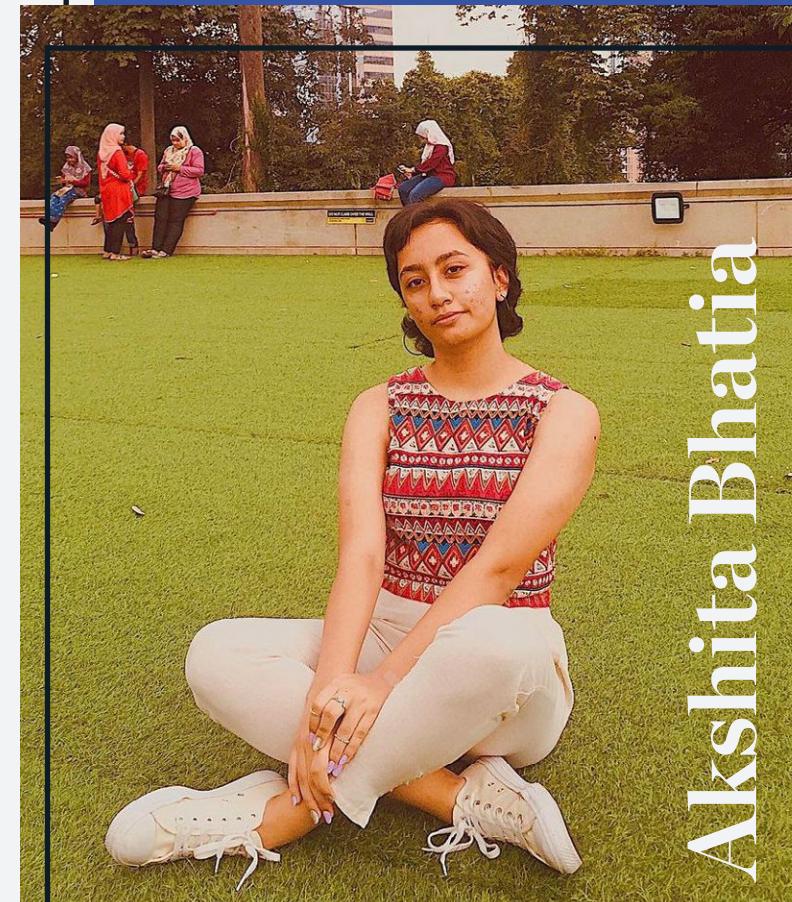
by Student Voice President

Hi everyone! A warm welcome to Campus Bytes' November 2022 issue. This issue is the first publication fully done by the newly-formed media club in JCU, Singapore — Student Voice.

In the same vein, SP53 2022 is a semester full of firsts for many of us: be it the international students who are coming to Singapore for the first time, or local students who will have the chance to fully enjoy campus life for the first time since COVID-19.

To the new SP53 freshman in 2022, I wish to extend a sincere welcome to the Singapore campus. Facing the first few weeks of school can be difficult and unpredictable, especially for freshmen. I'm hoping that when you enter this new stage of your life, you'll approach it with curiosity and an open mind. Please keep an eye out for the several events that the University has planned for you!

To the rest of the students, a warm welcome back to school from your holidays! As we face the new trimester, I am excited to see more connections being built and a more active and dynamic campus. I applaud your successes in



SP52, and hope that SP53 will inspire you to keep up the good work! For all the faults we may have all made, we can use this new trimester to accept them and to grow from them.

In this issue, you can find articles that vividly capture campus life alongside the different events that were held in the previous trimester. Get to know about how the clubs in JCU in Singapore are impacting their communities through various events held across the Study Period.

To all fellow students, if any of these stories about clubs have piqued your interest, we warmly encourage you to reach out and connect with them, and perhaps even join as a member! I hope the November 2022 issue of Campus Bytes is an enjoyable read for everyone, and that SP53 2022 brings vibrant events and opportunities for all to enjoy.

Warmest regards,
Akshita Bhatia
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Student Voice President

Explore JCU, Singapore



NEWLY-OPENED STUDENT HUB

Great news for incoming and returning students of JCU in Singapore: renovations have been completed! This paved the way for brand new Student Hubs that became ready for operation from Monday, 7 November. The new Student Hubs are a one-stop centre equipped with booths and collaborative working spaces to meet growing demands, and are a great avenue for students to study, bond, collaborate and everything in between.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

On 8 December, the Campus is hosting a Christmas carnival with an exciting line-up of games and food vendors. The event will last from 11am-3pm, and students enter for free. Get in the holiday spirit and put your game face on for a day of excitement and fun!

OFF-CAMPUS: CATS!!!

Take some time to know thy neighbour — the many friendly cats in the neighbourhood! The area surrounding campus is teeming with the most adorable kitties, and thanks to community efforts to feed and take care of them, they are incredibly friendly and approachable. It's not surprising to find many students crowding around the neighbourhood cats on the walk from campus to the MRT station. Join the unofficial Cats of JCUS Telegram group at <https://t.me/+iEF8VmwmulxIMjU1> for more.





Dean's List

James Cook University places great value on recognising academic excellence. As such, a great personal accomplishment for a student in the University would be getting on the Dean's list, every trimester. The Dean's List is an honorary title given to students who have achieved a high level of scholarship and exceptional performance. This requires great amounts of determination, hard work, and consistency. The criteria for this is obtaining a Course Grade Point Average (cGPA) of 6.5 or higher, or being in the top 2 per cent of their cohort

based on cGPA. The Dean's list ceremony in SP52 2022 proudly celebrated 74 such students across all courses offered by the University, and the event was joined by esteemed guests, such as the Head of Campus, Campus Dean, Academic Heads, and a few other lecturers. In SP51/2022, Associate Professor Kerry McBain and Associate Professor Nat Llyod from JCU Australia were also invited by the Campus Dean to grace this momentous occasion.



Internships

Over the course of your university education, participating in at least one internship offers a number of benefits, including the opportunity to get useful work experience while exploring future career paths. It also helps university students hone and pick up new skills, and build confidence as they enter the job market. Did you know that JCU, Singapore provides ample internship opportunities for students? Aye Zar Zar Myo (Eliza), who is pursuing a Master of Business Administration (Majoring in Creative Marketing) degree, had a fruitful experience interning at JoyfulPerson, which provides e-learning solutions for businesses. She's been able to explore what it would be like to work in a start-up, along with the roles she would need to fulfil to become an entrepreneur. It's certainly an enriching experience! If you would like to explore internship opportunities, head over to jcu.sg/internships. Alternatively, come on down to have a chat with the Student Careers office and learn more about the internship opportunities at JCU in Singapore!

School-Wide



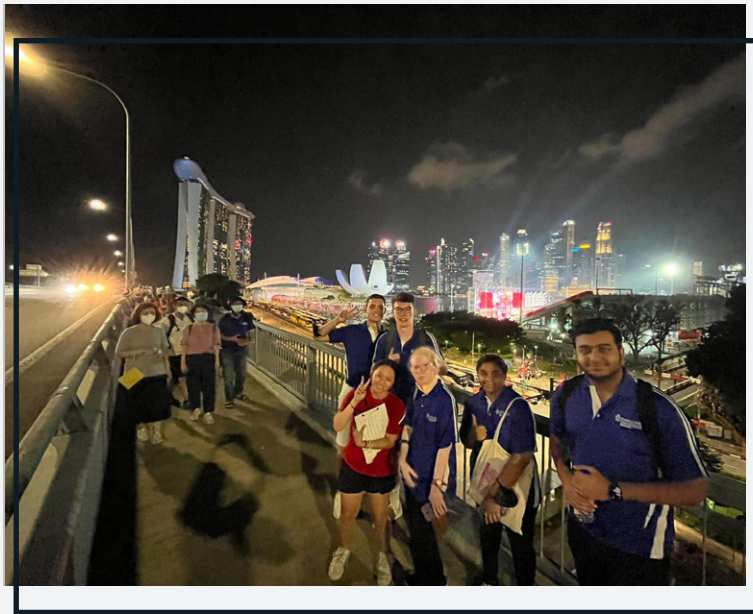
CLUB DRIVE

Club Drive is an excellent opportunity for JCU, Singapore students to socialise and familiarise themselves with the myriad of clubs offered at the University. Joining a club grants access to opportunities and workshops that can enrich and supplement your University experience, promoting a more holistic educational experience.

Clubs also offer crucial social experiences and community bonding for international students who are new to Singapore. In SP52/22, the Campus was finally able to host a physical club drive since the spread of COVID-19, and were able to interact with members from other clubs alongside potential members.

EAT, PLAY, RUN

Eat, Play, Run is an event for international students to learn more about Singapore and explore the cities various locales. Attendees can expect to interact with fellow international students and connect with people from different backgrounds to learn more about other cultures. In SP52/22, students explored Singapore by trying local cuisine, going on trails, and learning more about local culture with students who have lived in Singapore for a longer time.



Cultural Wing



PPIS ORIENTATION

PPIS (Perhimpunan Pelajar Indonesia di Singapura), or the Indonesian Students Association in Singapore, is an organisation that facilitates activities for Indonesian students in Singapore. Members of the IndoJCUS club participated in the PPIS Orientation in SP52/22, an event that aimed to welcome and introduce Indonesian students to life in Singapore. The programme spanned two days — with the opening taking place on the JCU campus — and included games, a beach day at Sentosa, talent shows, and more! The orientation facilitated connections and friendships between JCU and the 12 other universities present.

HOME SWEET HOME

Home Sweet Home was the theme for the welcome party organised by the Vietnamese Community Club in SP52/22. The event cultivated a space for the Vietnamese students in JCU in Singapore, and forged a stronger foundation with the community. Participants got to play fun and exciting games during the event, and also got to build new bonds with each other over dinner!



SP52 at a Glance — Clubs and Activities

Common Interest Wing



PURPLE PARADE

This event was organised as a joint effort between clubs and campus staff of JCU, Singapore towards the end of SP52/22. As the first event of its kind since the pandemic, it saw over 40 students and staff volunteering at Suntec City to represent the University in showing support for the disabled and special needs community in Singapore. The event sought to spread and promote inclusivity and acceptance. The Music Club pitched in with a rousing live performance at the end of the parade, joining in the effort to raise awareness and celebrate people with disabilities.

KIDSREAD MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

KidsREAD is a programme where children from low-income families living Campus are read stories and taught basic English by the Volunteer Club. Approximately 30 children and their family members were taught about the importance and significance of the Mid-Autumn Festival. Participants also enjoyed mooncakes and took part in a recyclable lantern-making activity to understand the importance of sustainability.



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Academic Wing



HAPPY HEART

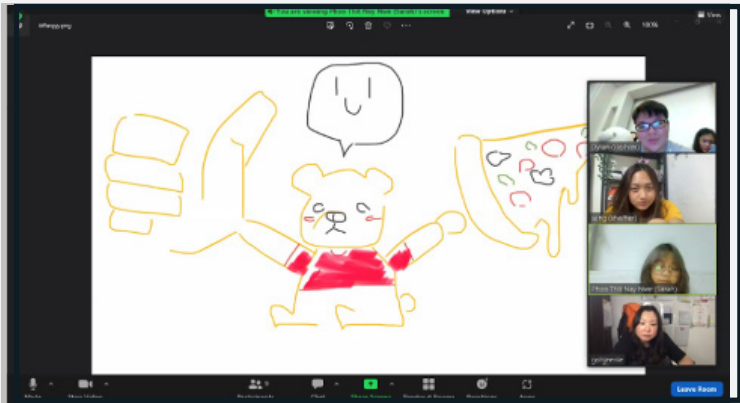
Happy Heart, organised by the Psychology Society, is a week-long series of events introducing techniques for self-care and therapeutic activities. Each participant was given a self-care package with snacks, face masks, and more items to help them unwind. In SP52/22, the event included an art workshop and a yoga session, and ended with a fun movie night to ease some of the stress from the trimester.

Trivia: The JCU Privilege Programme offers exclusive discounts with multiple vendors such as Chirotherapy, River Physio, and Weety Orthodontics Specialist Care. It's self-care made accessible. Head over to the JCU, Singapore website to find out more.

FRESHIES

The Psychology Society organises the Freshies party at the start of every trimester for all incoming psychology undergraduate students. Freshies gives participants a safe space to interact and form connections with their fellow cohort members. In SP2/22, freshmen were able to forge friendships by playing exciting ice breakers and winning prizes.

Trivia: The Singapore campus of James Cook University is conveniently located in Aljunied, situated right next to Geylang and Paya Lebar! One train ride over to Paya Lebar brings you to KINEX, a hotspot for great food — at great prices, too, with the help of the JCU Privilege Programme! Simply register yourself on the Deelish Brand Rewards platform to receive e-vouchers for unlimited use within the stipulated agreement period.



SP52 at a Glance — Clubs and Activities

Sports Wing



WORLD TAEKWONDO CULTURE EXPO

Representative members of the Taekwondo Club participated in the 15th World Taekwondo Culture Expo 2022 in SP52/22. This 8-day trip to South Korea was a rich cultural experience and gave competitors valuable exposure to competitive taekwondo. The participants had a chance to visit Taekwondowon (Muju-gun), the world’s largest training space for Taekwondo practitioners for the Culture Expo, and attended three different Taekwondo seminars - Poomsae, Self-defence, and Taekwondo Gymnastics. They also participated in the Poomsae and Kyorugi (Sparring) exposure competition and won three medals for the Poomsae for their presentation, technique, and skills, and got another two medals for the Sparring.

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING TRAINING WITH F45 BY TAEKWONDO CLUB

The Taekwondo Club also had an exclusive opportunity in SP52/22 to partner up with F45 Training Aljunied for a strength and conditioning building session. F45 is a team-based workout system that focuses on functional High-Intensity Interval Training within 45 minutes, making it perfect for the busy-bee on the go.

Trivia: Did you know that being a JCU, Singapore student entitles you to discounts as part of our JCU Privilege Programme? F45 and JCUS have partnered up to offer discounted rates for JCU, Singapore students, staff, and alumni at \$60/week with no lock-in contract and unlimited workouts per week!



SP52 at a Glance — Clubs and Activities

Performing Arts Wing



MUSIC GOT TALENT

Music Got Talent is one of the biggest flagship events organised by the Music Club. In SP52/22, this event was organised in conjunction with the Student Council. This activity was open for both students and staff in the University to participate in. After intense deliberation by judges, five contestants made it through to Phase 2 of the contest. In Phase 2, competitors were whittled down to three finalists. Then, in early September, the finalists of Music Got Talent were put to task with a Live Performance in the courtyard, where the JCU community voted for the winner. Nguyen Thuy Chi won first place, walking away with \$100. The runner-ups, Arvin John Gallardo and Zhu Junying, won prizes of \$50 and \$25 respectively.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

For many of us, we plan to make the best out of this novel university experience, so why not pick up a new skill by joining our clubs? Here at JCU in Singapore, there is a club for everybody. From sports to performing arts, to experiencing and better understanding other cultures and degrees offered at the University, or even giving back to society; there is a place for you! You can reach out to the clubs via their Instagram pages to find out more and sign-up to be part of a club (or many).

SPIKE BALL

Spike ball is a sport played in a 2-versus-2 format. When a player from one team serves the ball onto the Spike ball net, a point begins. The returning team then has a maximum of three hits, to score a point. Truly an exciting and fast-paced game, great for those who are quick on their feet.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football is a variant (phew, not covid-related!) of American football where players tackle opponents to the ground and remove a flag or flag belt from the ball carrier to the end and touch down. Come join our very own community of players that are not afraid to make an impact on the field!

TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis is a fast-paced, competitive game that requires quick reflexes and great hand-eye coordination. It's also one of the most commonly played sports around the world today. Do not be deceived or intimidated by the sport, table tennis only takes minutes to learn. If you're interested in learning more, join the JCUS Table Tennis team to learn more.

ID8

If you have a mind for ideating, creating, innovating, and being enterprising, look no further than the Id8 Club. They have organised hackathon competitions, game creation sessions, access to novel IT courses, such as using python for business analysis, and entrepreneurial activities. Have an idea? The Id8 team is here to help you realise it.

DANCE CLUB

It's interesting how dance can be vaguely summarised by these song titles "On the floor", "Dance Again", and "Gonna Make You Sweat". Let's pray that we will never see "Blood on the Dance Floor". We're just kidding. The revised Dance Club is back for MORE. More genres, more choreography, more bounce, more laughs, more friends, and hopefully more performances! Dancer or not, the Kanga Crew is here for you.

STUDENT COUNCIL

• Instagram: scjcus

ACADEMIC WING

• Aquaculture Club

Instagram: jcus_aquaculture

• Banking and Finance Club

Instagram: jcusbaf

• Marketing Club

Instagram: jcumktclub

• Psychology Society

Instagram: jcuspsychologysociety

• THEs Club (Tourism, Hospitality and Events Club)

Instagram: thesclubjcus

• Wallstreet Club

Instagram: the.wallstreetclub

• Id8

Instagram: id8lab.jcus

**CULTURAL WING**

• Chinese Student Community

Wechat: jcu_cscc

• Indian Cultural Club

Instagram: icc.jcus

• IndoJCUs

Instagram: indojcus

• Myanmar Community

Instagram: jcu_myanmarcommunity

• Nuri

Instagram: nuri_jcus

• Vietnamese Community

Instagram: jcusingapore_vn

For registration for clubs and further information,
please contact Campus Activities
campusactivities-singapore@jcu.edu.au.

**COMMON INTEREST WING**

• Art Club

Instagram: jcuartsoc

• Christian Fellowship

Instagram: jcuscf

• Volunteer Club

Instagram: jcuvolunteer

• Yoga Club

Instagram: jcuyogaclub

• Student Voice

Instagram: jcusstudentvoice

PERFORMING ARTS WING

• Dance Club

Instagram: jcudanceclub

• Music Club

Instagram: jcusmusic

SPORTS WING

• Badminton Club

Instagram: jcubadminton

• Basketball Club

Instagram: jcubasketballteam

• Football Club

Instagram: jcu.fc

• Volleyball Club

Instagram: jcus_volleyball

• Taekwondo

Instagram: jcustaekwondo

• Spike Ball

Instagram: spikeballjcus

• Flag Football

Instagram: jcu_huddle

• Table Tennis

Instagram: jcusttc



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