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"Leaders know their values and the rules they will abide by, regardless of the circumstances they face."

In November last year, our current JC2 student leaders were given the opportunity to further hone their leadership skills at the annual CCA Advisory Board Camp. As they assume positions of leadership this year, they too, will learn that leadership is not just about position, but about who they are and what they stand for. I am confident that they will grow to be men and women who will inspire others to give of their best in the service of others.

Values-In-Action

Communication skills, creativity and cultural agility are distinctive ACSian qualities that the College hopes to imbue in our students as they put their values in action. To this end, we work closely with our community partners to identify real community needs and encourage our students to initiate action among their peers in their class and CCA groups to improve the lives of others. Through these VIA projects, students hone their project management and leadership skills.

In 2017, in collaboration with Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, our 4th annual Project Cheer series saw 12 classes of students designing and organising activities for the underprivileged children and elderly beneficiaries in 24 charities supported by the Foundation. As an exemplary platform for students to facilitate intergenerational bonding, Project Cheer was prominently featured in The Straits Times as part of a series on VIA in schools.

Since 2007, the College strives to develop our students as socially responsible citizens through the annual Grassroots Enrichment, Attachment and Training

(GREAT) programme in partnership with the Ulu Pandan grassroots organisations. After learning about the grassroots movement and the socio-economic needs of underprivileged residents, our GREAT students curated an exhibition in the College to encourage their peers to do their part to help improve the well-being of underprivileged residents.

As part of the College's service outreach to our neighbourhood, our Art Club students designed large art canvasses, which were draped over the parapets of an apartment block in Dover estate, forming a large vibrant art mural for the block's façade. In the same spirit of service, our Arts Council students embarked on an interdisciplinary research project and presented their estate profile on Telok Blangah during the constituency's National Day Dinner.

Beyond serving local needs, the students ventured to serve the underprivileged communities in the region. In November 2017, 2 teams of students continued their predecessors' good work in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Chiang Mai, Thailand. They conducted English lessons for local children and worked on basic infrastructural refurbishment projects. Another team of students organised environmental and sports activities through a new partnership with 2 local schools in Bintan, Indonesia.

Serving as inspirational role models to our students, 25 staff members accompanied 30 elderly beneficiaries of Concern and Care Society for a learning journey to Bollywood Veggies. A class of students organised a sing-a-long session for the elderly at the senior activity centre before joining the staff members to befriend the elderly. ►