

JIS ALUMNI

NEWSLETTER



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Dear JIS Alumni,

Greetings from Jakarta and happy New Year!

I'm pleased to be welcoming you to our second Alumni Newsletter of the 2019/20 academic year. Much has happened at JIS since I first addressed you all only a few short months ago.

We'll be sharing key moments with you from IASAS updates and the current status of our search for the next BTI Scholars to ways you can stay connected with us in this newsletter. All of these school events, achievements, community gatherings, and collaborative activities wonderfully highlight our continuous efforts to be Best for the World.

Through it all, we've received so many supportive gestures and comments from you, JIS alumni from across the globe. Every division of our school benefits so much from your continued involvement in our community; we are truly fortunate to have such an engaging, dynamic group of dedicated Dragons.

To those who have given back to JIS by volunteering your time organizing alumni-related activities or donating to JIS Peduli and the BTI program, thank you for your efforts and overwhelming generosity. I can't emphasize enough how much we appreciate your constant, invaluable support.

As Head of School, I have been fortunate enough to connect with many JIS alumni from all over the world and have enjoyed getting to know many of you, hearing stories about your time in Indonesia and the school we're all so fond of.

I will have the chance to meet some more of you in person later this week as I embark on a North American JIS Alumni tour of sorts with gatherings in [Los Angeles](#) at Sonoma Wine Garden on **Jan. 18**, [Toronto](#) at Bar Batavia on **Jan. 20**, and [Boston](#) at Catalyst Restaurant on **Jan. 22**.

If you are in the area on these dates, please drop by for an evening of catching up and reminiscing about your JIS days with me and some fellow Dragons. To register, simply click on the name of the city where you wish to attend and RSVP via their respective Eventbrite pages.

For those of you who are unable to make it, I hope to welcome you at the next round of alumni events or even at our ever-evolving campuses in Jakarta.

And remember: Once a Dragon, always a Dragon!

Warm Regards,

Tarek Razik
Head of School

Alumni Spotlight



Jamie Aditya Graham (class of 1988)

Jamie Aditya Graham has won Best Supporting Actor from the Asian Academy Creative Awards for his role in HBO Asia's *Grisse*.



Dyah Roro Esti (class of 2010)

Alumna Dyah Roro Esti Widya Putry was recently elected into Indonesia's House of Representatives, making her one of the youngest lawmakers currently serving Indonesia.



Kevin Aluwi (class of 2005) becomes Gojek CEO

Kevin Aluwi from JIS's Class of 2005 was recently appointed co-CEO of Gojek Indonesia.



Daniel Masrin (class of 2011)

Alumni Daniel Masrin finished in the top five of the 2019 BNI Indonesian Masters Golf Tournament.

Have you or one of your fellow alumni done or achieved something outstanding? Let us know and we can feature you in the next newsletter!

Dragon Sports

In the first half of the year, we sent our IASAS Sports teams to Manila for volleyball, soccer and cross-country competitions. All of our teams represented JIS well, with both our boys and girls soccer teams winning bronze medals!

We're thrilled to be hosting the second season of IASAS Basketball at the end of this month, welcoming young athletes from across Southeast Asia for three days of competition and sportsmanship. The tournament begins on Jan. 30 and you can find the schedule, teams, and a live stream of all the action [here](#). In April of this year, we'll be hosting the IASAS Golf Tournament, stay tuned for updates! For those of you in Jakarta, please come and support the Dragon teams!

How would the Dragons of 1972 fare in this year's IASAS tournament?

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

The J.E.S. students and teachers participated in a four team round-robin league with the Djawa Djocks grabbing first place.

In a post season tournament between the four teams, the previously winless J.E.S. Turkeys walked off with the trophy.

In the Generation Gap Bowl-All-Star Game held at Senejan Stadium with the students team consisting of mainly J.E.S. Hyenas, the younger set squashed the older crowd 12 to 7.



BASKETBALL

The J.E.S. Dragons in their inaugural year participated in a four team league and unfortunately did not come in first place.

A nine man combination basketball-boiley ball team went to Hong Kong and Manila, courtesy of Pan Am and Cathay Pacific Airlines, where they played the International school of both cities.

The team was made up of the following people: Frank Schumann, John Fortin, Ken Wesolik, Bob Lynch, Eric Boehlke, Tom Welch, Doug Matz, Jeff Miller, and Frank Kopenhagen.

Front row: Jon Fancher, John Fortin, Boris Circovich, Charlie Franklin, Bobby Lynch, Tom Welch. Back row: Eric Boehlke, Kenny Wesolik, Frank Schumann, Doug Matz, Jeff Miller, Mr. Horton.

Home of the Dragons

After we said goodbye to the beloved building that housed the High School Office, we have officially welcomed what will be built in its place, the new High School Library. We held a Groundbreaking Ceremony to usher in the first pillar of cement.



JIS Gives Back

Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Scholarship

In our previous JIS Alumni Newsletter, we announced the start of our latest search for JIS Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (BTI) Scholarship recipients. Since then, we've taken a step closer to changing the lives of exceptional state-school students with the launch of the BTI Roadshow. Members of our Scholarship Committee have already visited SMAN 8, SMAN 3, and SMAN 74 in Jakarta to speak to parents and potential recipients about the program. Of course, the BTI would not be possible without the generous contributions of our alumni. For more information on how you can help provide a unique opportunity for academically gifted Indonesian students, visit our BTI Scholarship page or email scholarships@jisedu.or.id.

Habitat for Humanity

Our school's connection to Indonesia has always extended beyond teaching and learning. One volunteering effort JIS has consistently been involved in is Habitat for Humanity Build (H4H Build), which involves students, teachers, and administrators traveling to Bogor, West Java, on Saturdays to help build the foundations of new homes for families in need. If you are in the area and would like to help us on our next build please let us know by emailing alumni@jisedu.or.id.



Stitch-It

Elementary and Early Years students recently teamed up with JIS Peduli for the annual JIS-Stitch It week — a proud PEL community tradition that is now in its 16th year! With the help of a very special guest, local machine-embroidery artist *Pak Dik-Dik*, the young artists offered up various useful items for sale, such as tote bags, pillow covers, and small pillow ornaments, which they helped design themselves. Every year, JIS Stitch-It proceeds go to a charity through JIS Peduli, with last year's funds used to pay the school fees of 19 children from low-income families. Do you remember JIS Stich-It? Maybe you still have something you bought back then!

Flood Relief

As some of you may have heard, the Greater Jakarta area was struck by widespread flooding at the start of 2020, and our sister school SMAN 8 was one of the many buildings that were inundated for several days. Though floodwaters gradually receded, the school grounds — including classrooms and furniture — were covered with mud and debris. Our hardworking JIS cleaners, custodians, and security personnel went above and beyond their day-to-day duties to help SMAN 8 clean up its campus.



Around Campus

40th Bluebird Anniversary

Recently we celebrated one of our longest-lasting partnerships and one that you all will be very familiar with. Last year marked 40 years of JIS and Blue Bird working together. They've helped all of us navigate through the Jakarta traffic we all know and love! Do any of you remember your bus driver? Let us know—they may still be here!



UN Day

One of our favorite JIS traditions is UN day which takes place at each and every campus for all students and parents to take part in. Look at UN Day from 1982!

UNITED NATIONS DAY



Upcoming JIS Family Fun Fair

On Saturday, Feb. 29, we will be holding our annual Family Fun Fair. If you are in the Jakarta area please come by for food prepared by parent volunteers, carnival games, to shop at the bazaar, and maybe even ride the flying-fox zip-line all with the JIS Community. Some of you older Alumni may remember the JIS Family Fun Fair by a different name- JIS Spring Fair! Take a look at what we found in the archives from JIS Spring Fair 1991.



Green JIS

Inspired by our increasingly aware and eco-conscious students, JIS has been taking significant steps toward minimizing our community's carbon footprint on the environment. Choose to Refuse, a campaign started by our 6th Grade Dragons, has been adopted schoolwide and aims to eliminate our dependence on single-use plastics. All of our new buildings, including the Early Years Center, Middle School Library, and S Module, are also equipped with energy-efficient systems and boast innovative designs that allow us to reduce our need for electric lighting.

Send us your photos!

Do you have any old photos that you would like featured in the next Alumni Newsletter? If so, please send them to us with a short note and we'll help share your memories of JIS with all of Dragon alumni worldwide. Not too long ago, David came back to JIS after 10 years with his family and took a photo in one of his favorite places.

