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Dear JIS Alumni,

Apa kabar dan salam dari Jakarta! My name is Maya Nelson and I am currently the Interim Head of School for JIS.



It is my great honor to be serving JIS students and the entire Dragon community. I've had the pleasure of filling several roles during my many years at JIS: teacher, Elementary School Principal, and Deputy Head of School. But maybe the most important role that I've held is being a student. At heart, I am a JIS alumna and a proud JIS parent.

My journey so far as a lifelong learner and international educator grew from the indelible experiences I received from JIS. I remember the many enriching lessons and activities, the service projects, the experiential learning both on campus and off, and the talented teachers who supported my development as a student many decades ago in the inclusive classrooms of this school. I also remember the lifelong friendships and connections we made within the hallways of this school — it is what carries me and fills my heart with joy.

My passion for the study of students with neuro-diversities and inclusive education took root here with the invaluable service-learning projects that opened my eyes to the needs of others. I am thrilled to have come full circle and

back to JIS and Jakarta to be part of this multicultural Dragon family once again.

JIS is a unique community. Not only does JIS provide a stellar education, but its motto of being *Best for the World* reflects a broader, forward-thinking mission of inspiring positive changes and making a difference both in and outside of school. Time and time again, people who have connected with JIS speak to the kindness, compassion, and care that this community demonstrates. I have always admired and been so proud of how JIS Dragons support one another and others in need during challenging times.

It is a privilege for me now to be Interim Head of School, and I will do my utmost to ensure that JIS continues to thrive, promote rigorous and joyful learning, and develop each child to their fullest potential.

I look forward to connecting (and re-connecting) with the global community of JIS Alumni. Thank you for your tremendous support of our school.

Warm regards,

Maya Nelson

Interim Head of School



70th Anniversary 1951 - 2021

Jakarta Intercultural School

September 1 was JIS's 70th anniversary! Throughout the academic year, we will be celebrating seven amazing decades of learning and growing together as an inclusive community — none of which would have been possible without the support of our Dragon families, teachers, and staff. Happy birthday to our wonderful school! Here's to many more years of unforgettable Dragon moments, memories, and milestones!

Did you know that JIS started as the **International School of Djakarta** with two teachers, seven students, and a makeshift classroom in the garage of a house? Our founders would be proud to see the Dragon community, seven decades on, with over 2,500 students and more than 100 teachers and staff from over 60 nationalities — all of us learning and connecting across three campuses to be Best *for* the World.

As part of our 70th-anniversary celebration, we're inviting you to share your fondest memories of JIS and leave a birthday message! Your comments will be posted on our anniversary webpage and social media channels.

Join us as we remember our school's founding and humble beginnings, reflect on our success, proudly celebrate the resilient, diverse



Let's celebrate together
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community we've built over seven decades, and look to the future to imagine the next 70 years of our amazing school. Through a series of fun, virtual engaging activities, we'll be honoring the past, celebrating the present, and envisioning the future.

Naga, Naga, Naga!





HOME OF THE DRAGONS

JIS Alumni Portal

Have you checked out our JIS Alumni platform? You can search for your fellow Dragons, network with other JIS Alumni, apply for a JIS Alumni ID, and browse our archive of past yearbooks. Last but not least, you have the chance to leave a message that everyone can read on the **Dragon Message Board**.

An additional section we have is **Dragon-Owned Businesses**. If you own a business (restaurant, hotel, etc.) and would like us to help you spread the word to fellow Dragons across the globe, you can fill out this form after you sign in to the Alumni Portal.

If you do not have access to the platform yet, **click here to register!**



JIS Recruitment

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JIS Podcast

Earlier this year, Indonesia witnessed the merger of two of its first tech unicorns, [Gojek Indonesia](#) and [Tokopedia](#), into GoTo. Instrumental behind this meeting of giants were Tokopedia and GoTo President Patrick Cao, Tokopedia Vice President and GoTo Head of Investments Randall Aluwi, and Gojek Co-CEO Kevin Aluwi. Not only are they leaders of their field, but all three are also JIS Alumni.



In this very special episode of the JIS Podcast, host **Joanna Sommers** speaks to **Patrick** (Class of 2002), **Randall** (Class of 2004), and **Kevin** (Class of 2005) about their time at JIS, how the school's multicultural environment and comprehensive academic program continue to impact their lives and careers today, as well as how their new venture GoTo will change the tech ecosystem of Indonesia. Don't miss their absorbing conversation! Follow The JIS Podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

JIS ALUMNI **Send us your photos!**

Do you have any 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 JIS memories with all Dragon alumni worldwide. For further information please contact: alumni@jisedu.or.id.



HOME OF THE DRAGONS



Back in School

We're back on campus!

We were thrilled to welcome our Dragons back to school on September 6 as part of our gradual return to face-to-face learning with a hybrid study model.

Although our students are not back on campus full time, it is wonderful to hear their eager and enthusiastic voices fill our hallways and classrooms once again.

You'll be proud to know that students did their very best to follow our health and safety protocols by always wearing their masks, physical distancing, and washing their hands throughout the day.

A huge thanks goes out to our dedicated faculty and staff for ensuring a successful return to campus!

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1960s

The Pattimura campus.

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ALUMNI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jim Burns

Class of 1959

I was an eighth-grader at JIS from 1958 to 1959. The school building was a long, single-story structure with a single line of classrooms and an outside walkway connecting them. I remember a covered patio at one end in the back and there was a big playing field on that side where we played soccer. The building was not air-conditioned, but we certainly never minded.

My father worked for USAID and we lived in what we called the FOA (or ICA) Compound (our street is now Jl. Brawijaya IV), with rice patties right across the road. Many days, my brother and I took a *becak* on the 2-mile (3.2 kilometers) trip to our 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM school day.

Like most kids, I did not live for school. We frequently attended dance parties at fellow students' houses (Elvis Presley, Ricky Nelson, Connie Francis, The Everly Brothers, Nat King Cole, The Platters, The Coasters — we had the best music), saw current movies shown with 16mm projectors in backyards (it was a rental service), took trips to the pool at Tjibulan, and shopped in the open-air market at Blok M. I particularly relished skin diving trips to the Thousand Islands

As kids, we felt completely free. We could go anywhere as long as we got home for meals, though treats like *kue putu* frequently blunted our appetites. However, the embassy, which held our passports, issued us identity letters in Bahasa Indonesia and English to show if we were stopped by "rebels." That never happened and I have no idea if that was an actual risk, or if that document would have made things better or worse, but we thought the air of danger was cool.



The pool at Tjibulan.



Jim Burns, *third from left*, leaving for Brent School.

We loved Indonesia, but the next year I went to Brent School in Baguio, the Philippines (JIS only went to the eighth grade then), where many JIS students attended high school. Quite an adventure for a 13-year-old, though not without its challenges. The following year we were off to Tripoli, Libya, though still loving Indonesia.



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Karishma Vaswani

Class of 1995

BBC News Asia Business Report has a new correspondent — guess who? JIS Alumna **Karishma Vaswani**! Part of the JIS Class of 1995, Karishma has worked in Indonesia and India for the BBC. Congratulations on your achievement!



Justin Barki

Class of 2018

Amazing news! JIS Alumnus **Justin Barki** (Class of 2018) represented Indonesia as part of the national tennis team competing in the 2021 Davis Cup, World Group II, in Barbados on Sept. 17-18! Justin ranks 403rd in the ATP doubles team rankings, which is the highest for junior players aged 18 and under, and No. 1 among under-18s in Indonesia. He also represented our host country in the first round of the 2018 Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group II competition in the Philippines in February 2018.

Erin McLeod

Class of 2001

JIS is very proud that Alumna **Erin McLeod** (Class of 2001) is representing the Canadian Women Soccer Team in the Tokyo Olympics. Erin played for the JIS Soccer Girls Varsity Team while in Jakarta. She previously played for Canada in the Olympics in 2008 and 2012. Both times, the team secured the Bronze Medal. In the Tokyo Olympics, they played for Gold against Sweden and won! Congratulations, Erin!





ALUMNI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Erik van Mechelen

Class of 2006

When did you first acquire an interest in writing? Did a teacher or class at JIS help you develop your skills/interests?

When I was young, my parents read to me often. That led to my love of reading. I borrowed books from my older brother's bookshelf. That way, I was reading books that were at the edge of my reading ability.

I remember writing a short story about settling on Mars in Grade 3 shortly after arriving in Jakarta at PIE. I even made a full-page illustration. My mom told me my teacher liked it. It helped to have people in my circle who encouraged creativity.

Can you tell us a bit about the books you have written and published?

I have self-published two books: [*Rise to the Razh*](#) and [*Sound of Stone*](#). I'm working on a third, *Eolian Dunes*. I'm planning to rewrite them to make a trilogy. Three nonfiction client books will come out this summer, one about a peanut butter company, one relaying how to build garage gyms, and another about the future of marketing given advertising's decline in effectiveness.

One dream: Inspired by one of my favorite authors, David Mitchell, author of *Cloud Atlas* and *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de*



Zoet who wrote a novel that won't be read by anyone until 2114, I'd like to write a novel this year that won't be read until 2121.

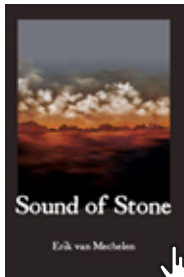
You mentioned a writing project in which you had help from JIS students. What was that about?

Two students, **Dewi** and **Rahul** — I believe from the classes of 2016 and 2017 — assisted with my novel, *Sound of Stone*. They both provided great feedback and a boost of energy I needed to complete the work.

I understand you're also involved in a writing course. Can you tell us a bit about that?

One of the best ways I've found to improve writing is by doing more of it. That should come as no surprise to anyone. Most crafts require dedicated practice. In my case, as I tinker, I see alternatives, whether word choices, arguments, or entirely different perspectives.

I've read many books on writing and the common takeaway is this: write and read. The learning is subtle, hard to measure. But our course asked: What kind of writer are you?



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Chiara Collette

Class of 2008

Have you ever heard of Tonga? If not, you are not alone! Click on this link, [Tonga School Site](#), then zoom way out and you will see it is in the middle of the Pacific Ocean; 3,000 miles from Hawaii, 2,000 miles from Australia, 1,200 miles from New Zealand, and 500 miles from Fiji. It is also the place where JIS 2008 graduate **Chiara Collette** and her husband Michael Hassett recently built the first cyclone and earthquake-resistant Early Childhood Education Center!

Chiara has deep JIS roots: She spent the entirety of her schooling at JIS (from first to 12th grade) and her parents were teachers at Pondok Indah Elementary (PIE) and the Middle School (**Rich** and **Kathi Collette**). She graduated from JIS in 2008 and returned to the United States to attend Goucher College. Chiara credits JIS with shaping and molding her life and putting her on her current trajectory.

Chiara then joined the Peace Corps, excited to return overseas. Chiara was sent to the Kingdom of Tonga, a welcome return to the tropics, where similarities to the Indonesian language (*ika* vs. *ikan*) and food (Pop Mie and Milo!) made her feel right at home. Chiara taught English in an outer-island school from 2012-2014. This was also where she met her future husband, a fellow Peace Corps volunteer, Michael Hassett.

In 2018, the worst weather event (Cyclone Gita) in recent memory battered the Kingdom of Tonga and devastated the main island of Tongatapu and the outer island of 'Eua, (where Chiara had lived). At the time, there was no direct way to assist in disaster mitigation, so they decided to create a way.

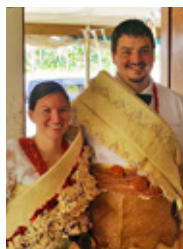


Chiara and Michael, along with a group of other impassioned returned Peace Corps volunteers, co-founded the 501c3 nonprofit [Friends of Tonga](#).

While back in Tonga for their honeymoon, Chiara and Michael were approached by the village of Ta'anga to see if they could rebuild their kindergarten, which was destroyed by the cyclone; the students were currently learning out of a donated UNICEF tent.

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Chiara Collette | Class of 2008



Over the past three years, Friends of Tonga (FOT) has fundraised, partnered with another nonprofit Schools for Children of the World (SCW), broke ground in June 2020, and officially completed the construction of the Ta'anga kindergarten — despite COVID-19 causing the border to close.

As they fundraised for this project, they were consistently blown away by the generosity of our wider community — and especially Chiara's JIS community — in supporting this project on an island nation few had heard of. One JIS Alum hosted a bake sale at their company, while another donated the entirety of their government stimulus check, and still another offered their architectural expertise for the building project — truly exemplifying the compassionate spirit of JIS. Recently, Friends of Tonga also added another JIS Alumni, **Reed Rising** (Class of 2010), to its board to serve as the Financial Officer and is excited to grow its JIS community!

Friends of Tonga hopes to be able to continue to build kindergartens in Tonga and provide early childhood education to support these students.

If you would like to contribute to this goal or support any of their other projects, including a **scholarship program**, please visit their **website**.

www.friendsoftonga.org



FOUNDERS

40 years in the making

By Heather Hendricks

Can you imagine returning to JIS after 40 years? Well, Mr. and Mrs. Stepanek did! The couple was responsible for everything about JIS today. Why? Because it was they who started JIS in the 1950s.

When Mr. and Mrs. Stepanek finally returned to Jakarta this March, they were amazed by the vast changes in Jakarta and Indonesian life in general. All the highways, roads, high-rises and malls that are so common to us now didn't even exist when they lived here.

They came to the middle school to pay us a visit, and Mrs. Stepanek gave a really nice speech, even if it did go over some of our heads. "...and you should get on your ships of life..." It was a really terrific way for us to learn about our school in an "unboring" way. We hope they come back again.

LEFT: "Nice to meet you," Mrs. Stepanek greets a well-wisher. **ABOVE:** Heather poses with Mrs. Stepanek. Don't they look cute!

ABOVE: The Stepaneks review the old days with Pattimura Principals Yaeli, Yaeli, Yaeli.

RIGHT: The very beginning of JIS took place here.



1991

Mr. and Mrs. Stepanek, the school founders, visited the JIS Pattimura Elementary campus after 40 years they started the school in 1951.

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Indah Gunawan

Class of 2016

What is your connection to JIS?

I'm an alumna from the class of 2016.

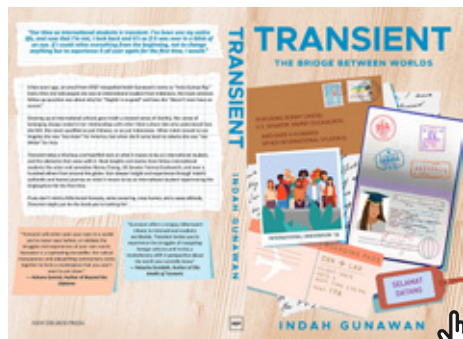
How did your time at JIS shape you into what you are doing now?

In the context of becoming an author, it's shaped everything. So much of the book is about my life spent at JIS, and all of the experiences I've had that could have only happened as a result of me going to this school and being in this particular community. My JIS Alumna status was also what helped me land an interview with United States Senator **Tammy Duckworth** (featured in Chapter 3 of the [book](#)), so that was cool.



What is your favorite memory?

One of my comfort things to do when I had a lot of free time (during honor pass, after school, during break times, etc.) was actually to randomly visit all of my favorite teachers, staff members, and just hang out and talk to them. In particular, I really liked to visit all of the staff members that worked in the High School Office (**Ibu Krista**, **Ibu Shinta**, **Ibu Madrik**, **Pak Harizal**, **Pak Herman**, **Ibu Enny**), as well as some of the faculty members that worked there, like **Mr. Clark** (the principal — I was pretty much always just hanging out in his office), **Mrs. Wiemers** (the vice principal — sometimes I'd be in there because I was in trouble though, not going to lie), **Ms. Burlock**. I'd swing by **Ms. Leizel's** classroom, **Mr. Hara's**, **Pak Tam**, **Ibu Sul**



Farouq, I was a music student (Joint Sound and IB Music), so I was pretty much always with **Ibu Debby**, and I loved to spend time with her. I've always considered many of the faculty and staff members at JIS to be my friends as much as

I considered them to be my educators or the people who worked at my school in general. It took a few years after graduating to look back and realize that the thing I largely lacked was support, both from family at home and friends at school. But at least I always felt like I was supported by many of the faculty and staff that worked at JIS. Even though I never really told them this, they played a much larger role in helping me tolerate getting through High School, more than they probably knew or will ever know.



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Indah Gunawan | Class of 2016

Another really fond memory was UN Day. I talked about this in my [book](#).

Everyone would come to school dressed in their traditional garments, and parents would cook food from their respective cultures. Different areas of campus would be dedicated to a certain region of the world; we would visit each of them and indulge in food from the different countries.

I almost felt like whatever petty high school beef (pun intended, again) any of us had with one another sort of went away for just that one day because everyone was just too busy stuffing their faces (that, and most of our parents were there). It was really what showed me how sharing cuisine is one of the easiest and quickest ways — and the most intimate way — for people to not only share our cultures but also bridge our differences.

What advice would you give to our current students?

One of the best things I realized after graduating was that a lot of people from High School actually still remembered me and mostly had overall positive impressions of me



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— not because I was ever the smartest kid in any class, because I was decorated with awards and had the best GPA, or that I landed certain roles/positions, made it into certain teams, or because I was one of the “cool kids” (spoiler alert, I wasn’t) — but because I was always one of the nicest and friendliest people in the room; because I was loud, cheerful, outspoken, and honest. I put myself out there and talked to everyone, tried everything, and every time I failed, I was never shy in letting everybody know that I was going to get back up and try again. I was always one of the more memorable students to all of my teachers, and many till this day still remember me very fondly, not because I had the best grades or I was the fastest learner, but because I wasn’t always so, but I still did my best anyway, every single time. It’s such a cliché because it’s so true. People don’t remember you for who you are, what you had, what you accomplished, they remember you for your actions, your words, and the ways all those made them feel or think deep inside. Effort, perseverance, generosity, compassion, patience, humor, and demeanor — all these internal, intangible qualities go a much longer way than anything else ever will.

Oh, and don’t take High School too seriously. In the grand scheme of things, High School is such a minuscule part of your life, and I promise you nobody cares about all of the superficial nonsense that so many of us tend to stress over in High School. Who you are in High School is not who you will always be in life, and so many of you are going to graduate, leave JIS, and become completely different people.

A more tangible piece of advice I’d like to give, actually, is if possible, start building the habit of working out and exercising regularly now while you’re still in High School. Health is wealth, and the earlier you start, the easier and better it is in the long run.





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Class of 1981



Forty years ago, these seniors graduated from Jakarta International School. It was the year Ronald Reagan was elected president of the United States and now-classic movies like *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *James Bond: For Your Eyes Only*, and *Superman II* thrilled audiences worldwide. History was made when NASA

launched the very first Space Shuttle mission. A cool accessory to have was the Casio wrist calculator. Some favorite chart-topping songs were “Endless Love” by Diana Ross and Lionel Richie, and “(Just Like) Starting Over” by John Lennon. What are your memories from 1981?



“We are the champions.” The senior class reign supreme at this year’s Cilandak Games.



Class of 1991



Thirty years ago, these seniors graduated from Jakarta International School. It was the year the first-ever website was launched and France elected its first female prime minister, Édith Cresson. It gave us box-office movies we will never forget, such as *Terminator 2: Judgement Day*, *Silence of the Lambs*, and *City Slickers* to name a few. It was also the

year we danced and sang along to hit songs “Dangerous” by Michael Jackson, “Losing My Religion” by REM, and “Nevermind” by Nirvana. What are your memories from 1991?

Pictures were taken from the yearbook, which can be found on the [JIS Alumni Portal](#).

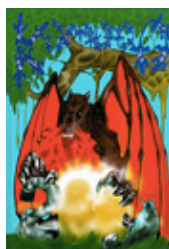
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Class of 2001



Twenty years ago, these seniors graduated from Jakarta International School. It was the first year of the third millennium and of the 21st century. It was also the year iTunes was launched and the first iPod introduced — remember the one with the mechanical scroll wheel? The first Xbox was also launched, and it was the year Pizza

Hut arranged for pizza delivery to the International Space Station for US\$1 million. Wonder if they considered sending it back as it was cold upon delivery? Movies we remember from that year were *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Shrek*, and *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*. It was also the year John Mayer debuted his first album and Train's "Drops of Jupiter" was on everybody's mix. What are your memories from the year 2001?



Presenting: The 2001 Senior Class



Top Left And Right: Girls And Graduates Of December 2000



Class of 2011



Ten years ago, these seniors graduated from Jakarta International School. Adele hit the charts with "Rolling in the Deep" and "Someone Like You", and Rihanna with "We Found Love". The rover Curiosity was launched on a mission to Mars. Three Stanford students launched Picaboo, which later changed to

Snapchat. This was the year Netflix started to move away from sending DVDs by snail-mail and started streaming movies. Can anyone imagine getting through lockdown without Netflix? What are your memories from 2011?

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Class of 2021



With their consummate passion for learning, the Class of 2021 will be heading to globally renowned universities such as Waseda University, KAIST, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Cornell, NYU, Brown University, and Yale-NUS to just name a few. No matter where our Dragons go, we are immensely proud of what they have accomplished. Congratulations again and good luck on your next adventure Class of 2021!

In staying in line with best health and safety practices, the Class of 2021 group photo was photoshopped by combining an individual image of each student.



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1970s

Construction of the Big Gym, now called the High School Gym.



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HOME OF THE DRAGONS

Call for Dragon Support

IB Business Management students (Junior and Seniors) are looking for companies to be part of their Internal Assessment (IA) project. Do you own a business or work for a company that would be interested to be part of this project?

In the IA, students are tasked with working with a business that faces a strategic decision based on the internal and/or external environment. To this point, the issue does not have to be “negative”; instead, it can be where the business is profitable and has to make a decision related to growth or expansion. This requires collecting primary research (interviews, focus groups, surveys, etc.) that can be supported by secondary research. The entire IA process for the students accumulates to 20 hours of the course.

It would be an incredible privilege for current JIS students to have the opportunity to work with an alumni as part of this IA. This means that these students would need to conduct some interviews with you and any relevant stakeholders to collect primary information. With this, these same students would act as consultants to attempt to evaluate this decision that you face. It would require some of your valuable time over the course of the next few months. Please know that details like the name of your business or yourself may be anonymized for the project upon request.

If you would like to find out more, fill in this [Google Form](#) or contact **Dan Slaughter** (dslaughter@jisedu.or.id) if you have any questions.

Dear Alumni,

The Dragon Council (a student organization supporting and promoting JIS athletics) is looking to share your past athletic endeavors with our current community! The medals, the laughs and tears, trips, coaches, and teammates are all a part of it, so fill in this [Google Form](#) if you're interested!

Contact:

JIS Athletics Coordinator **Mr. Stockman** (jstockman@jisedu.or.id) or the **JIS Alumni Office** (alumni@jisedu.or.id).

Thanks,
The Dragon Council



We would like to invite you or your organization to become a host partner with our JIS Internship Program. The internship program will provide our students the opportunity to gain relevant and useful skills over the summer school break, and learn and discover new passions while obtaining real world work experience. We are also looking to offer our current junior and senior students the chance to take up an internship during this year's LEAD (Leadership, Enrichment, Activity, and Development) Week (tentative date week of April 25, 2022). LEAD Week would be a short term internship opportunity that could develop into a longer opportunity over the summer school break.

If you are interested in providing internship opportunities to JIS students, for LEAD Week and/or over the school summer break, please complete this [Google Form](#). Please provide as many details as possible regarding your internship opportunity so we can understand the scope, difficulty, duration, etc. of the internship. Once we receive your application, we will contact you with more information.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact alumni@jisedu.or.id.



JIS GIVES BACK



Jakarta Intercultural School

Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Scholarship



The Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (BTI) Scholarship is getting ready for another year of recruitment!

We currently have seven scholars from across Indonesia who have had a great start to the school year. We are excited to announce that we have three new scholars that joined us this year! One scholar is coming to us from Jakarta while the other two are from East Java and Bali. This is our first BTI Scholar to join us from an island outside of Java.

The update that we are most excited to share is that we have our very first BTI Scholar Graduates! The Class of

2021 featured our first two scholars and we could not be more proud of what they accomplished over their last three years at JIS. The graduates were accepted into universities in North America and Europe and one of the scholars is attending university this year on a scholarship.

Congratulations again to both of these graduates and our current scholars whose time at JIS would not have been possible without our Alumni support!

If you're interested in supporting the Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Scholarship please click [here](#)

or if you are interested in supporting it in other ways, please contact scholarships@jisedu.or.id



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The Cilandak campus in South Jakarta under construction.



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Mike Brumby

Class of 1997

Mike Brumby (UK) and Lukas Gallu (Indonesia) started the **Bali Stand-up Paddleboard Challenge** on October 10 as part of an attempt to paddle their boards from Sanur in South Bali to Tianyar in North Bali. This adventure around the east coast of Bali took approximately five days and covered around 130 kilometers. It was the first time this feat had been attempted.

In July/August next year, they plan to take the challenge one step further and paddle around the entire island of Bali — which would be another first. The challenge has already been approved by the Indonesian Museum of Records (MURI) and the Guinness Book of World Records. The journey will take approximately three weeks and cover around 400 km.

Both challenges will also be completed for a good cause. Mike and Lukas are aiming to raise Rp 60 million (US\$4,208) to help North

Bali Reef Conservation (<https://northbalireefconservation.com>), an NGO that does a lot for the conservation and restoration of the coral reefs in Tianyar. A donation of Rp 3 million will allow 10 artificial reef units to be built.

All of the money will go toward North Bali Reef Conservation. If you would like to help support this amazing conservation program and support Mike and Lukas on their stand-up paddleboard challenge, there are two options to donate:

Option 1

<https://kitabisa.com/campaign/balipaddlechallenge>

Option 2

- **Name:**
I Ketut De Sujana Mahartana (program founder)
- **Account:**
460901004087531 (BRI)
- **Please mention as reference:**
SUP Bali Challenge

If you would like to see more updates about their journey, follow their Instagram profile: **@thebaliislandpaddle**

Build2Learn

Please join us and let out a rousing Dragon roar for JIS High School students **Delbert**, **Deva**, **Daksh**, and **Vasudev**! Together, they are the heart of **Build2Learn**, an organization that recently raised IDR 120.88 million (US\$8450) to help education non-profit Happy Hearts Indonesia build a library in Flos Carmeli, Sumba, East Nusa Tenggara. With their tremendous help, the library was completed in September!



Any excess funds will be used to add additional facilities to the library, which will be utilized by the students of SMPK Flos Carmeli junior high school to help them improve their learning and fulfill their dreams of having a quality education.

Thank you, **Delbert**, **Deva**, **Daksh**, and **Vasudev**, for inspiring us to be **#BestfortheWorld!** And thanks to everyone in the Dragon community who supported their hard work!