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Dear JIS Alumni,

Apa kabar and greetings from Jakarta! I hope this edition of the JIS Alumni Newsletter finds you well as the world continues to navigate through health protocols and mobility restrictions, including here in Indonesia and at JIS.



We started 2022 with great optimism, as we had received permission from local education authorities to commence face-to-face learning at full capacity. By mid-January, our students were finally back in the classroom, learning and growing together after nearly two years of online and hybrid learning! The excitement – from both teachers and students – was palpable, and we were once again reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of such a close-knit, vibrant community of passionate learners.

But if the pandemic has taught us anything, it's to expect the unexpected; to be prepared for whatever the tides of uncertainty may bring us. So, when schools were required to dial back to 50 percent capacity in the wake of Omicron outbreaks, we were ready to prioritize the safety of our students while still engaging them with the rigorous, high-quality educational experience JIS is known for. We owe our school's resilience to the dedication of our teachers and staff, as well as the immeasurable support of JIS parents and you, the JIS Alumni. We've received so many messages of encouragement from Dragons all over the world — for which I offer you my deepest thanks and gratitude.

For that reason, I'm very excited to be sharing this JIS Alumni Newsletter with you and give you the latest updates on our school and the global Dragon community. You'll hear from JIS Alumni reminiscing about their time in Jakarta, updating us on what they're doing now, and giving a new generation of Dragons some valuable words of advice. We also say goodbye to a former JIS Elementary School principal who left an indelible mark on our school, celebrate the achievements of both current and former JIS students, and much more!

I hope you'll continue to stay connected with us through the JIS Alumni Portal, as well as our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram. If you would like to be featured in future JIS Alumni Newsletters, please don't hesitate to contact our **Alumni Coordinator** at alumnicordinator@jisedu.or.id. We would love to hear from you!

Once again, I thank you for your unwavering support of our school as we navigate these difficult times. You make us all proud to be JIS Dragons!

Warm regards,

Maya Nelson

Interim Head of School



JIS Alumni Portal

Have you signed up yet?

By signing up to the JIS Alumni Portal, you can search for 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](#).

Make sure to check out the [Dragon-Owned Businesses](#) page to see what your former classmates have been up to. 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 signing in to the Alumni Portal.



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Dragon-Owned Businesses



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Search for Fellow Dragons



JIS Gmail for Recent Graduated Students

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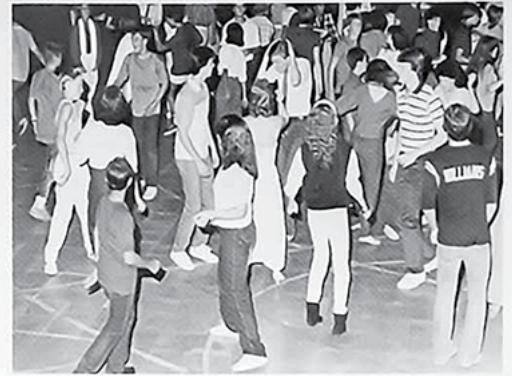


Update your profile

If you've already registered, please remember to check your details in the profile section. If anything is out of date, be sure to update that information — this is how we stay connected and make sure that JIS-related updates like the Alumni Newsletter make it to the right inbox! If you have any questions, comments, or just want to say “hi”, feel free to contact us anytime. We love to hear from our Alumni.

Back to School

The ‘Welcome Back’ dance is a tradition at JIS. To get all of the students, new and old, into the school mood again after the long vacation, the Student Council sponsors this dance. It is a good chance for the new students to get acquainted with other students.



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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.



70th Anniversary 1951 - 2021

Jakarta Intercultural School



Join us as we remember our school's founding and humble beginnings, reflect on our success, proudly celebrate the resilient, diverse community we've built over the past seven decades, and look to the future to imagine the next 70 years of our amazing school.



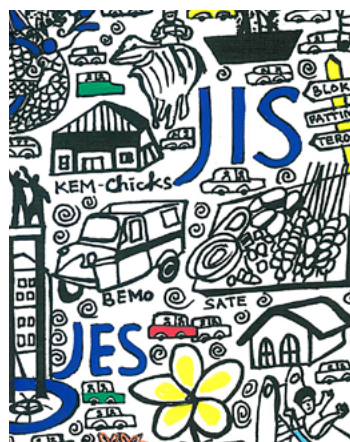
Celebrating the 70th School Day

In the last few months, we've looked back at the last five decades of JIS on our 70th Anniversary website. We recalled JIS's beginnings in a house on Jl. Kebon Sirih and how the school further evolved in student numbers and campus size. [Visit the JIS 70th Anniversary page to read the full story and to see more photos of our school's history.](#)

We're also 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.

In December, all three JIS campuses celebrated the 70th school day of JIS's 70th anniversary year. The Early Years children took part in planting one of the 10 trees being planted around JIS. They enthusiastically took part in filling a hole and watering the new addition to their playground. There were many other celebratory activities happening throughout the day — the highlight being the spot raffles that took place. There were 70 prizes given away to students throughout the day.

JIS Middle and High School also had many events planned for the day, including a special Community Time, tree planting, spot prizes, and collecting materials for a time capsule. On this day, children wore their JIS gear — JIS batik, T-shirt, or uniform — and 70th-anniversary gear. We are so very proud of our JIS heritage. Happy Birthday, JIS!



Limited Edition 70th Anniversary Painting

Be on the lookout for a limited edition JIS painting in April! JIS commissioned a renowned Indonesian artist to create a unique painting representing Jakarta and JIS for the 70th Anniversary. There are a limited number of copies that will only be available via a random drawing! This will be part of an online fundraising event to support the JIS Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (BTI) Scholarship. Stay tuned for more information on how you can win one of these limited edition paintings!



ALUMNI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Anna Rangkuti

Former JIS Parent & Faculty Member

Anna Rangkuti grew up in a small village in Germany close to the Danish border, and her first interaction with Indonesia was during a visit in 1956. It was an interesting and dynamic place, and the visit turned out to be the first of many interactions, as a few years later, Anna's Indonesian husband secured a position in his home country. Airplane travel was still uncommon at the time, so the couple and their young daughter went on a passenger boat from Den Haag (The Netherlands) to Jakarta.

Looking for a neighborhood to settle into, her husband initially suggested Pondok Indah, but they eventually decided on a different location. It is difficult to imagine now with all the hustle and bustle, houses, and malls, but at that time, Pondok Indah was very deserted and empty and consisted mainly of a few rubber trees and bamboo forest areas. Anna remembered the city in those days to be quite different from today's Jakarta. There was hardly anything available in the stores and it was literally a world away from the life she knew in Germany. She immersed herself in a completely new culture, experienced different traditions, and learned a whole new language. Because of the nature of the job of Anna's husband, the young family moved again after living in Indonesia for a year. They lived in several countries and 11 years later, the Rangkuti family came back to Jakarta in 1972. This time, their family situation was a bit different. They had three daughters by then and all three needed schooling. They considered various schooling options in Jakarta but it didn't take them long to settle for JIS as the school of choice. Their two youngest daughters went to Pattimura and the oldest one went to Cilandak.



Anna Rangkuti and her grandson Max Nelson. Max graduated from JIS in 2021.

Going to a new school for the kids, of course, meant a whole new experience of having to make new friends and adapting to a different school system from what they were used to in Germany. Jakarta was different for Anna as well; it had become much busier and more modern by then.

**1992**Valentine's Dinner-Dance
at Middle School.Scan the QR code to
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After settling into their new life in Jakarta, the following year, Anna became a parent volunteer. She also loved to help out in class, so it was no surprise that she was asked to become a Teacher's Aide. She truly enjoyed being with the students and her work did not go unnoticed. In 1975, she was asked to work for the principal in the Elementary School campus, and afterward, she moved to the Cilandak campus to work in the office there. A few years later, in 1978, Anna and her family moved abroad again. After her youngest daughter graduated, she came back to Jakarta in 1984 and was immediately rehired,

but this time, she was asked to support the Head of School and the Admissions team. Anna stayed in this position until it was time for her to retire in 1996.

Having spent so many years at JIS, Anna has met many Heads of School and has seen the enormous commitment required for the job. And now her daughter Maya is serving JIS as the Interim Head of School.

"I am so so so proud of my daughter and I know the enormous commitment required for the job, but I also know that **Maya** is more than capable of handling the responsibilities."



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Vivek Bammi

Former Faculty

When did you arrive at JIS and which subjects did you teach?

I arrived at JIS in 1990, having taught earlier at International School Manila for three years. At JIS, I taught High School Social Studies, IB History, and Theory of Knowledge (TOK).

How many years did you teach at JIS?

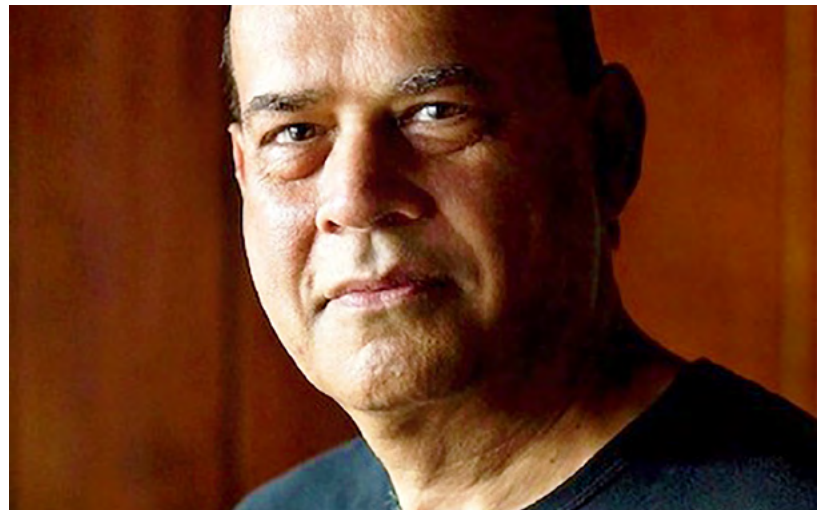
For 25 years, from 1990 to 2015.

How was JIS back then compared to now?

JIS was an exciting, buzzing place in an expansion phase — we had 60 new teachers in my first year! We could go in and out of the campus freely with no security gates or checks (difficult to imagine now); this was before the security scares of 2001 and 2002. The student body was entirely expats, since we could not admit Indonesian students until 2000. The beauty of the campus and the welcoming atmosphere created by the Indonesian support staff made us feel that we were in a lovely home ambiance — that hasn't changed over the years. PIE had not opened then, so Elementary School shared the Cilandak campus, though Pattimura was already a veteran! As soon as I stepped in at JIS, I knew this was a very special place; this is where I made the transition from teaching as “work” to a lifelong passion.

What do you think is so special about JIS?

Everything seems to come together in a magical way: visionary leadership, supportive administration and parents, inquiring and bright students, inspirational colleagues, incredible facilities, the tropical flourish,



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the beauty and grace of Indonesia, and its mellow culture. It was and is definitely a “second home”.

What is your fondest memory of your time at JIS?

There are too many to recount, would take a book! First and foremost, my students; with them, we enjoyed a beautiful exchange of thoughts and souls, they are embedded in the deepest parts of my being.

The JIS experience was so much more than the classroom. It was joyful to coach Model United Nations (MUN) and to witness our student teams flourishing as confident public speakers, collaborators, negotiators, and emerging diplomats. The graduation of my two sons at JIS — **Vihan** in 2005 and **Veer** in 2007 — were special moments, and I can never thank their teachers and mentors enough for shaping them as adaptable global citizens.



JQ: Joy Quotient – Life and Learning after Covid, written by Dr. Vivek Bammi.



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Vivek Bammi | Former Faculty

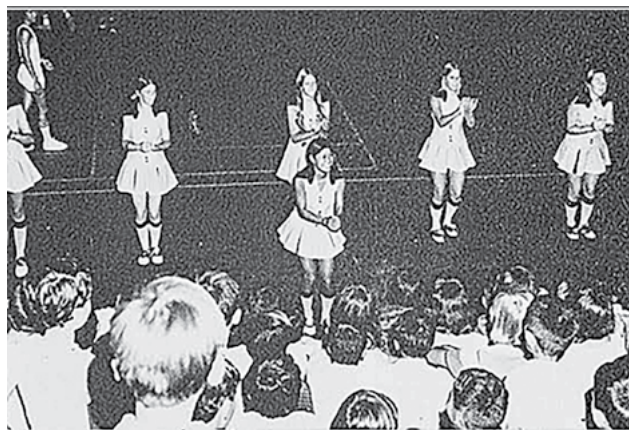
A field trip with my Cultures and Beliefs class to Solo in Central Java — which included a “dig” at the site where Java Man was discovered and dinner in a local village — was amazing. The opportunity to travel in Indonesia and Southeast Asia opened my eyes to the incredible beauty and human warmth of this part of the world, besides spurring my passion for photography. The camaraderie and professionalism of my colleagues were a constant source of inspiration. I particularly enjoyed being part of a faculty tennis group, which helped us tide over the week and prepare for the weekend with decidedly mediocre but fun tennis on Thursday afternoons!

Do you still stay in touch with other faculty at JIS?

Absolutely, many of them are friends for life; constantly supportive and we continue to engage in healthy conversations about the world and (hopefully) successful aging! Most importantly, we continue to laugh together.

What did you do after you left JIS?

I taught for two years at a new bilingual school in Beijing, Keystone Academy; among my most memorable moments there were team-teaching TOK in English and Chinese, in which I didn't understand a word of the Chinese teacher but loved the interaction between him and his students! Living in China gave me exposure to a grand civilization and a dynamic, rapidly changing country. I'm now enjoying the leisure time of “retirement” in India, and used the lockdown periods in 2020/21 to write a book, *JQ: Joy Quotient — Life and Learning after Covid*. Many of its ideas and learning activities stem from my stimulating experiences at JIS. As soon as the Covid menace blows over, I'm heading back for a visit to JIS and Indonesia — they maintain a magnetic hold on me!

**1973**

To promote the JIS Dragon spirit,
we even had cheerleaders!

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Mike Muhlherr

Class of 1977

What is your connection to JIS?

I attended the Joint Embassy School (JES) from 1973 to 1976 for my freshman to junior years. Unfortunately, I did not graduate from JES. My father was working for an oil Company — Huffco — at the time. He was always looking for opportunities to live overseas, so when Huffco offered him the job, he took it. I have two sisters and a brother who, along with my mom, went with him.

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

It was definitely a unique experience in my life, and I have so many fond memories and lasting relationships with people I met at that time and at the numerous reunions we have had over the years since I left. It's funny how that a three-year part of my life has stayed in my memory longer and more vividly than any other time I can think of.

I learned to appreciate other cultures and people during my time there. The number of students from other countries who attended JES and being immersed in the Indonesian lifestyle gave me an empathy and respect for people who had different backgrounds than mine. I think this definitely affected how I have tried to treat others throughout my life in how I relate to business situations, and to people I meet. Those were formative years for me.

What is your favorite memory?

There are so many, but if I had to choose one, it would be a trip several of us students took by train from Jakarta to Bali. We traveled third-class. People, chickens, ducks, and just



Mike with his wife and two daughters.



general mayhem on the trains. It was great. We stayed for several days in Yogyakarta, exploring the ancient Hindu and Buddhist temples, experiencing the art scene that was so vibrant, and making a pre-dawn trip up the side of Mount Merapi to see the sunrise over the rim of the volcano. When we reached Bali, we rented motorcycles and drove all over the island. It was a fantastic trip.

What advice would you give to our current students?

The single most important thing is, I would advise you to learn the language. It is the key to your having an enriching experience. When you can converse with vendors or others you meet, going deeper than just being able to get by, it opens so much more opportunities and one can immediately see an invisible wall go down. We take English for granted, but it shows your willingness to want to relate to a person on their level when you make that extra effort to speak to them in their language.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As I said earlier, the Indonesian experience has lasted me to this day. I have met so many people who went to JES/JIS at our almost yearly reunions, many of whom were not there when I was or who were in earlier grades. It doesn't matter — once a Dragon, always a Dragon!



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Deana Cotton Turner

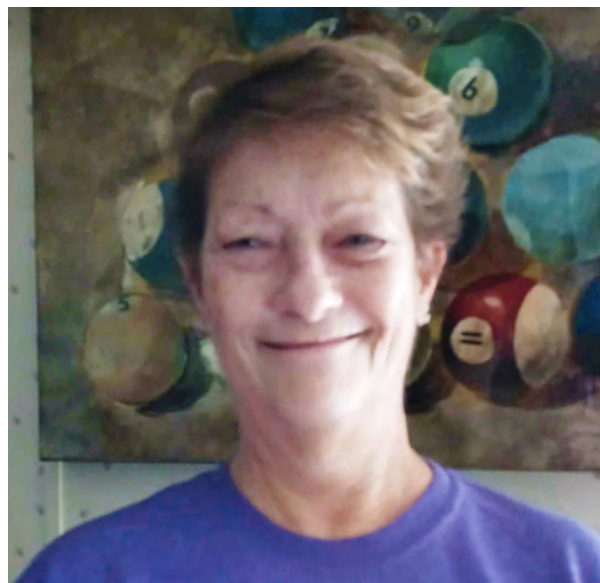
Class of 1978

What is your connection to JIS?

We arrived in Jakarta in late October 1975; this being our third home in 1975. Our previous home was destroyed by Cyclone Tracy hitting Darwin, Australia, on Christmas 1974, so we were transferred to Taipei, Taiwan, in February 1975. Then, in August, we were transferred to Jakarta. However, we waited for our visas for two months in Singapore, where I was enrolled in the Singapore American School (SAS) for seven weeks. Needless to say, I was glad to be enrolled in a school where I would spend at least one school year. I spent my Sophomore and Junior years at JES/JIS. Although I didn't graduate from JES/JIS, I do consider it my "graduating" high school as we were transferred to New Zealand in late summer 1977. I do consider myself very lucky to have lived in Indonesia and to have experienced its wonder and beauty.

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

My time at JES/JIS and Jakarta gave me a much wider view of the world when I entered my adult life. I was/am now more inclusive of others and other cultures. It made me more inquisitive of those things that I hadn't or haven't experienced, and helped me be more accepting.



What is your favorite memory?

I have to say one of my favorite memories — and this is so bad — is being sent to **Dr. Witmer's** office for, well, goofing off in **Dr. Ostrom's** class as he was talking about Egypt, and we had lived there for three years. When I got to Dr. Witmer's office, I explained what I did. He just looked disgusted and pointed me to the sitting area in the Admin building. He asked me, please, not to be "such a smart-aleck" in Dr. O's class. I have many great memories, but that one stands out.

What advice would you give to our current students?

My advice to the current class of JIS: Be inquisitive. If you are told no, keep asking why/why not. It is a big world out there; don't be afraid to take risks.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

These days I spend doing cross-stitching dragons for my fellow JES/JIS Dragons. It is good therapy and it has helped me quit smoking.



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IN REMEMBRANCE Susan Stengel

Susan Stengel moved from Copenhagen to Jakarta in 1994 to join JIS as Pattimura Elementary School Principal. After her time at PEL, she started a program called Foundation for Educational Excellence, (FEE) which was JIS's first host country teacher training program, and a highly regarded program at the time. To this day, teachers who graduated from FEE express how much it has impacted and continues to impact their professional and personal lives in a variety of positive ways.

Milly Clark

Class of 2007

Rosie Weber

Class of 2011

The [Nike Melbourne Marathon Festival](#) returned for its 43rd edition in 2021 with over 28,000 registered participants, marking a monumental milestone for the city and the running community alike.

The winner of the women's marathon was JIS Alumna and 2016 Rio Games Olympian **Milly Clark** (Class of 2007), who tackled the 42.195-kilometer course with a personal time of 02:26:59, nabbing the coveted US\$20,000 cash prize.

Another JIS Alumna, **Rosie Weber** (Class of 2011) came in at a time of 02:40:37 to place 65th out of 4,927 overall and seventh out of 969 in the women's category.





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For her work, Nashin was one of the five finalists of the 2019 Global Citizen Prize's Youth Leadership Award. In 2021, she was recognized by [Forbes Asia 30 Under 30](#) for her contributions to the region's social issues. Nashin was also one of five global semifinalists for the prestigious [Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award](#) in 2019, listed as a Southeast Asian Women Leader by YSEALI in 2020, and recognized as a Women Innovator by the Information Society Innovation Fund in 2018.



Nashin Mahtani

Class of 2009

Nashin is the director of [Yayasan Peta Bencana](#), an Indonesian nonprofit organization for which she leads the development of software to support disaster relief. Launched in 2017, Peta Bencana (Disaster Map) uses AI-assisted bots to monitor social media posts by residents in disaster-hit areas in Indonesia and map earthquakes, fires, and floods in real-time. The bots also send emergency alerts to residents. Nashin is adapting the software so it can be used for relief efforts in the Philippines. The platform now serves 50 million people in Indonesia and 350 million across Southeast Asia.

She is also the principal co-investigator of MERA, a research and design collective investigating the future articulation of governance structures foregrounded in ecological homeostasis.

Nashin's written, design, and film work has been widely published in numerous journals and exhibited across various international venues. She is a frequent speaker and presenter, and continues to be engaged as a guest lecturer with universities across the world, including the Royal College of Art in London, McGill University and the University of Waterloo in Canada, the Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB) in West Java, Semarang State University (UNNES) in Central Java, and Tarumanagara University (UNTAR) in Jakarta, among other schools.

Alumni Reunion

The **Class of 1981** is hosting a reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, and it's open to anyone who attended JIS, including teachers, staff, and administrators. Nashville is an amazing city known for its music scene, culinary experiences, art scene, museums, and shopping — there is so much to do and see. Stop by, reconnect with fellow Dragons, and enjoy all the city has to offer!

For more information please contact:

Bonnie Newman: +1 702 373 2102, bonnie.privetravel@gmail.com

[JIS Class of '81 - Nashville Reunion 2022 Facebook Page](#)





HOME OF THE DRAGONS



We Are Back on Campus

For JIS staff, teachers, and administrators, January 17, 2022, is a day we will remember for many years to come! We were thrilled to be back on campus and see everyone in school — and with so much enthusiasm!

While we are beyond excited about our return to school, we will remain vigilant while following mandatory health guidelines set by our own health team and the Jakarta government. The key to keeping everyone safe and ensuring our classrooms stay open for the rest of the academic year is for each one of us to be responsible community members.

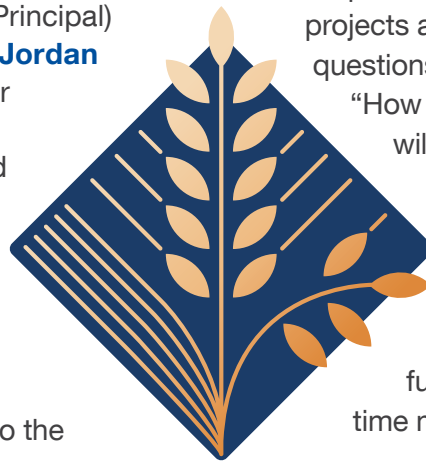
JIS Studio

JIS is known for many things; we hope, namely the commitment to individual student learning within our community of care. In the 2020/21 school year, we launched a new program in the Middle School called JIS Studio with these long-standing JIS ideals in mind. **Lauren Pool** (JIS High School Principal) served as the program's director and **Jordan Bowman** as the Lead Studio Designer and Facilitator. The initial cohort of 20 seventh grade students have wrapped up an incredibly challenging yet rewarding year of unexpected online learning, and through it all, demonstrated their JIS resilience and resourcefulness.

JIS Studio takes a different approach to the model of learning in school. Students' core classes are all combined into long blocks of time instead of several class periods that rotate with different teachers, students, and subject areas. That gift of extended time allows the small cohort of

students to go deep into their learning across subject areas with one teacher. Learning goals are focused on transdisciplinary competencies like communication and research skills. A lot of the work of learning is accomplished through small-group, collaborative projects and group discussions. Projects tackled questions like "Who am I as a Learner?" and

"How can we design experiences that will allow students to form meaningful connections during distance learning?" With longer blocks of time, students are expected to maintain their own schedules for their day, which allows for rich learning around executive functioning, project management, and time management skills.



It has been a fantastic year of learning in JIS Studio. We look forward to expanding the program to a new cohort of Grade 7 students, along with two new faculty facilitators.

Learn more at our website: <https://www.jisedu.or.id/academics/jis-studio> or on the **JIS Podcast**





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Call for Dragon Support

Looking for Internship Placements for JIS Students

We're inviting you and your company to become a host partner with our JIS Internship Program. The program will provide students the opportunity to experience first-hand the atmosphere and demands of a formal workplace environment, allowing them to gain relevant, "real-world" skills they will be able to apply for years to come.

Please complete this [Google Form](#) and 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 to confirm your participation.

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

IB Business Management Students in Search of Projects

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Business Management course, which is recognized as a university-level course (BUS 101 & BUS 102) by many American universities, requires students to complete a 20-hour internal assessment (IA) consisting of primary research (interviews, focus groups, surveys, etc.) that can be supported by secondary research.

Students are tasked with choosing a business that faces a strategic decision based on the internal and/or external environment, i.e. divestment, growth, or expansion. It would be an incredible privilege for these students to have the opportunity to work with you and your company as part of this IA. This would involve conducting several interviews with you and any relevant stakeholders, and acting as consultants to attempt to evaluate the decision that you face. The more financial information (sales forecasting, budgets, costs, final accounts) you would be able to volunteer, the better the evaluation would be for the IA. Upon completion of the IA, the students will present you with a copy of their report.

Interested? Fill in this [Google Form](#) or contact **Dan Slaughter** (dslaughter@jisedu.or.id) if you have any questions.



The Dragon Council

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 quick [Google Form](#) if you're interested!

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



FACES OF JIS

His 10 years at JIS taught him what it meant to be part of a multicultural community of tolerance and respect — values that he strives to uphold every day.

Alessandro Gazzini
Class of 1987



It was at JIS that she took her first steps of becoming a global citizen, a journey that continued after graduation with a career as a journalist and writer working for such respected news platforms as CNN.

Tallie Lieberman
Class of 1999



A JIS Class of 1979 graduate who may be better known in our community as a former parent, School Council chairman, and Board of Trustees (BOT) member. In short, much of his life was shaped by his experience at JIS — or as he knew it as a student, the Joint Embassy School (JES).

Joe Warren
Class of 1979



Highlighting people and their connections to our community



Taj Dharmaji
Class of 2021

As a JIS “lifer”, she credits our school and JIS teachers with preparing her for university and the many responsibilities of life after graduation, as well as for realizing the importance of being part of an international community.

She credits JIS for shaping her into the person — and leader — she is today, and especially for helping her realize that the definition of “success” is far from linear or black and white: *“(JIS) pushed me to look at success differently from a young age.”*

Dyah Roro Esti
Class of 2010



Doug Slusher
Class of 1990

He credits his time at JIS as both a student and an alumni with instilling in him the principle of paying it forward whenever and however he can, whether it's through social groups, non-profits, associations, or embassies.



Satya Hangga Yudha
Class of 2012

By spending time at JIS, I was able to be surrounded by a diverse group of people, which enabled me to adapt and adjust to different situations and conditions.





JIS ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

Health and Wellness for Grades 9 and 10

With the help of **Derice Sumantri** (Class of 1997), JIS High School organized a discussion about health and wellness geared toward Grade 9 and Grade 10 students on Community Day.

What Parents Should Know About Their Kids' Teeth

The JIS Pondok Indah Elementary (PIE) PTA invited dentist and JIS Alumni **Ivan Halim** (Class of 2008) to deliver a wellness workshop for parents and give them valuable suggestions on how to take care of their child's oral health.

The Stresses of Being a Student

JIS High School welcomed **Ariel Aldrin** (Class of 2015) from [noDokter](#) to speak to Grade 9-12 students about "Stress in a Student's Life" and how to navigate their worries.

Seniors Meet Recent Graduates

After receiving a positive response last year, the High School Activities Office held its second online social event for JIS Seniors and recent graduates. This year, six JIS Alumni joined us from all over the world via Zoom to talk about life after graduation, particularly the daunting move to university and then as jobseekers.

Our deepest thanks goes out to **Jade Dharmadji** (Class of 2016), **Nirhan Nurjadin** (Class of 2017), **Jeremy Angsono** (Class of 2018), **Joshua Blanch** (Class of 2019), **Farheen Shamdasani** (Class of 2020), and **Kaitlyn Gosakti** (Class of 2020) for taking the time to speak with our students!

If you have an interesting story to share or would like to be involved with JIS, please email us at alumni@jisedu.or.id



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JIS hosted IASAS Track and Field on a new all-weather facility.



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Jakarta Intercultural School

Bhinneka Tunggal Ika Scholarship

As the academic year continues, so does our search for a new batch of scholars to be part of the JIS Bhinneka Tunggal Ika (BTI) Scholarship program!

Past BTI recipients have been student artists, athletes, scientists, and service leaders who share our mission to be Best *for* the World. The very first scholars to join us graduated last year and have moved on to attend universities abroad, pursuing their dreams of academic excellence before returning to use their finely honed skills and knowledge as future leaders of Indonesia.

After a series of virtual “roadshows” in November and December, the JIS Scholarship Committee received a record 478 applications from state middle school and high school students across the country! The JIS Scholarship Committee is now reviewing the applications it has received and selecting scholars who are eligible to move on to the interview and presentation rounds.

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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JES' first gymnastics squad.

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JIS Service Club

What does it mean to be *Best for the World*? JIS students have exemplified our school mission in a variety of ways, from holding fundraising events to helping remote villages gain better access to clean water.

Covid Vaccination



distributed to participants of a vaccination drive in Tanjung Sari, Bogor, West Java — which they also organized!

They worked with the local Puskesmas (community health center) to spread awareness about the campaign, and on the day, welcomed 1251 residents who received their first or second shot of the vaccine. Thank you Darryl and Alexandra for your inspiring work!

Strings in Action in the News

Simo Gonzalo, JIS High School Strings Teacher, established [Strings in Action](#) (SiA) at JIS in 2015 with the aim of improving the lives of underprivileged children through music knowledge.

In only a few short years, the club grew from having just two student members to leading orchestras, employing two local music teachers, and working with schools and organizations across Jakarta. SiA officially became a foundation in 2019, welcoming more volunteers who were dedicated to sharing their skills, knowledge, and passion for music through the formation of string orchestras for children at centers around Jakarta who wouldn't otherwise have access to music education.

The project now has three orchestras: two in the Pondok Taruna orphanage, Jakarta, and one in Abigail orphanage in Pamulang, Banten. They accommodate students between the ages of 10 and 20.



Listen to a special episode of the **JIS Podcast** to learn more about SiA, with Simo Gonzalo and Grade 11 student **Alex**, one of the original members of the club and now SiA President.