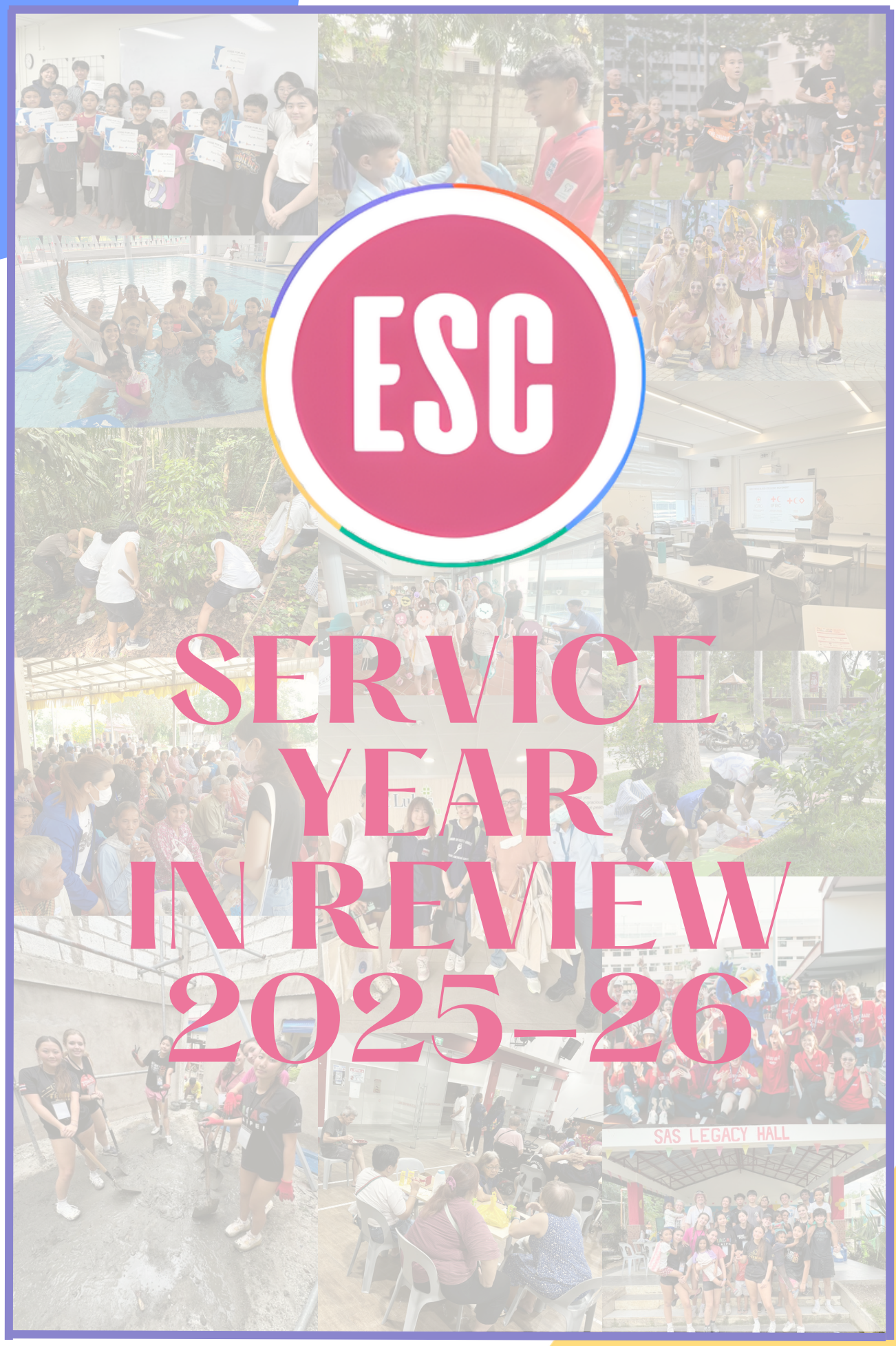

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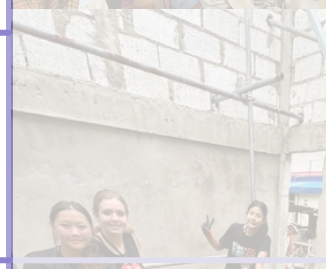
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A Message from the Executive Service Council President

Dear Members of Our Service Community,

Being a part of ESC for the past 4 years, I have had the incredible privilege of experiencing the growth of our community first hand. After COVID-19 left our clubs distanced from their beneficiaries and somewhat de-spiritied due to the period of inactivity that they experienced, we saw an incredible resurgence once restrictions lifted. With the creation of new service trips and events, as well as the re-introdiction of old traditions, service opportunties have truly flourished these past few years.

Furthermore, with the renewal of the Celebration of Service three years ago, the council and I are delighted to have the opportunity to recognise exceptional members of our community. Hearing about the phenomenal service carried out by the students and teachers of SAS is, by far, my favorite part of being on the service council. Hoping to share these stories with you, we have assembled this year's highlights below. Thank you to all service officers and sponsors who helped with the creation of the Year in Review. Happy reading!

Raina L.

Executive Service Council President 25-26

IN MEMORY OF

JANE GOODALL



The Roots & Shoots Club in Singapore sharing ideas and discussing their projects with Dr. Jane Goodall.

On October 1st, 2025, Jane Goodall—renowned ethologist and environmental activist—passed away, leaving behind a legacy that continues to shape conservation and climate action around the world. Having visited SAS in 2005 and again in 2009, her impact is one our community has experienced firsthand. At SAS, we honored her life and work through a meaningful tree planting event on December 8th, where students gathered to plant a nutmeg tree in recognition of her contributions to conservation both within our community and globally. The event began with a tour of the memory garden led by Dr. Early, a good friend of Dr. Goodall, followed by a student speech celebrating her achievements, and concluded with the planting of the tree as a symbol of sustainability and the continuation of her work. In further recognition of her legacy, this year's Celebration of Service introduced the Jane Goodall Impact Award, presented to one individual who exemplifies her values of compassion, advocacy, and leadership in the pursuit of a better planet through service in sustainability and education. Selected by faculty members, nominees demonstrate meaningful impact in environmental conservation, whether within the SAS community or beyond, carrying forward Dr. Goodall's mission to inspire action and lasting change.



Dr. Jane Goodall visiting Singapore American School in 2017. During her time at SAS, she worked with SAVE Club—the oldest service club at SAS — and hosted a panel for SAS students.





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Service Trips

Gawad Kalinga Trip



















This Thanksgiving break, our GK members embarked on another fulfilling trip. This year's service work included laying bricks for a new home, painting already occupied houses, and repairing a walkway damaged by heavy rainfall in the weeks prior to our arrival. Beyond the physical work, we spent meaningful time with the children, creating lasting memories and strengthening the sense of community that defines every GK experience. The trip ended with our traditional dinner where we performed songs and ate local home cooked food.

TASSEL Summer Trip





















TASSEL, an English education–focused service club in our community, organizes a yearly 10-day summer trip centered on meaningful service. Volunteers teach English through phonics while building connections with local students. Beyond the classroom, participants learn about Cambodia's history through family visits and memorial sites, while also supporting students' families by providing essentials like rice and medicine.

AID Taiwan Trip









AID Taiwan's trip in October of this year featured a two-day integrative teaching experience with seven students from SAS and Penglai Elementary School in Penglai, Miaoli. Through pioneering lessons in math, english, social science, students from SAS were able to experience what it means to lead in a cross-cultural environment. Students also engaged in fun physical activities which encouraged cooperation with the local kids in Penglai. This was our second trip to the school, and seeing the students from SAS meet their kids who they have tutored for the past couple months was really heartwarming. In the future, AID Taiwan hopes to expand tutoring horizons to the entirety of Pengali Elementary School, stressing the significance of accessible education for all.

Feeding Futures Trip









This past November, the Feeding Futures Leadership Team went on a service trip to Bangalore to better understand how our partner NGO, Akshaya Patra, operates on a daily basis. At the VK Hill facility, one of many similar large scale kitchens run by the organisation, they saw how efficient systems and teamwork allow thousands of meals to be prepared and delivered to schoolchildren each day. The officers and presidents also helped with simple tasks, giving us a closer understanding of the operation. They hope to take their members on a similar trip in the future so more people can witness this work firsthand.

Caring for Cambodia















The yearly Caring for Cambodia trip's goal is to connect with the children in Siem Reap's CFC schools and work on projects that will enhance the education of the young Cambodian generation. This year, the activities included paving a school pathway, painting desks and other school facilities, and shovelling sand and dirt to create a new concrete platform for children to play during breaks. Additionally, they were able to play volleyball, soccer, and other games with the local kids, helping create new connections and friendships with those whom the organization helps. The trip doesn't just include service but also small trips to other places in Siem Reap, such as Angkor Wat, the Cambodian Circus, and night markets, that help us connect with Cambodian culture.

Habitat for Humanity










After raising over $7000 in funds to cover the costs of building a house, 10 members from Habitat for Humanity at SAS were able to travel to Batam, Indonesia. There, they worked with the local Habitat for Humanity team and the beneficiary to help with the construction by building the foundation of the house. They were very grateful for the experience to help by doing hands-on work and to learn more about how H4H serves those in need outside of Singapore!

Service Interim Trips

Wildlife Conservation (AUST-6)








Students spent several days at the Australia Zoo participating in wildlife warriors educational workshop and service program. They spent the days shadowing zoo keepers as they learned about caring for a variety of animals and the rules of the zoo's place in wildlife conservation.

Life on the Water: Safe Water Gardens (INDO-4)










Students took part in a global goal of bringing lifelong, lifesaving water and sanitation to all tropical village communities. They to nearby Bintan too meet with families, where they will build lifelong water systems & a house alongside them.

Service Interim Trips

Bhutan Roots and Resilience (BHUT–1)





Students spent most of their trip focused around educational programming at the Jungshina READ Centre in Bhutan, where activities include storytelling, futsal, buddy reading, and a book-making workshop. Through the trip, they immersed themselves in Bhutanese traditions and values, helping them understand and respect perspectives different from their own.

Love for Singapore – Community Impact (SING–7)














Students supported the initiatives of Singapore-centric service clubs at SAS such as Jalan Besar Project and Dignity for Disabilities. Through the Jalan Besar Project, students distributed food and socialized with elderly communities. These interactions helped build stronger connections across generations while encouraging students to become more engaged with the local community.



Service Projects

Stumps and Stories: Building Community Through Cricket



Stumps and Stories organized a cricket tournament celebrating the staff members who help make life at SAS possible, including custodial staff, construction workers, cafeteria staff, IT staff, and facilities workers. Hosted on the West and Stadium Fields, the event brought together staff and students for a day of friendly competition, refreshments, and community-building through sport. Alongside the tournament, the project team conducted interviews and shared stories from participating staff members to highlight their hard work, dedication, and contributions to campus life. Through posters, digital media campaigns, and student involvement, Stumps and Stories aimed to raise greater awareness and appreciation for often overlooked members of the SAS community while creating a meaningful and inclusive experience for everyone involved.





















More Than a Meal: Stories from Singapore's Migrant Community



A Hand for Migrant Workers, a student organization that advocates for migrant workers and foreign domestic workers in Singapore, recently published a cookbook featuring the stories and recipes of migrant and migrant domestic workers living in Singapore. The cookbook includes personal narratives, diverse recipes, and photographs gathered through interviews, tasting events, and cooking sessions with the workers themselves. Available in both digital and print formats, all proceeds from the cookbook support the workers through Humanitarian Organization for Migration Economics (HOME). The cookbook can be purchased through the Booster Club or via their Instagram, @hmw.sas.


Binongey

By Celine and Elizabeth






Beef Kaldereta

By Theresa Del Mundo








Lemonade

By Agnes Ilano





Service Events

Service Events

Code For All – Community Impact







This semester, Code for All organized 8 service trips to PPIS Singapore, where members conducted tutoring sessions with students. In addition, 3–4 on-campus sessions were held in partnership with Re-PC, the NGO supporting the Technology Committee, where members helped refurbish and prepare devices for redistribution.

Student Athletic Trainers – Sports Events







Student Athletic Trainers consistently work hard at all of SAS's big events such as Friday Night Lights and IASAS, where they work alongside Tomo, the school's athletic trainer, to ensure that the athletes are taken care of. This can start before games by taping them up so they are ready to go, or by watching alongside the game to support Tomo with any injuries that may occur on the field, courts, or gyms.

Habitat for Humanity – Decluttering





Habitat for Humanity helped organise a project homeworks, with the help of the official Habitat for Humanity branch, earlier this year involving around 15 of their club members. For this service event, they had groups help clean HDB's where the living situation was deemed dangerous for the resident. This provided a direct service opportunity for members to improve someone's quality of life.

Jalan Besar Project – Soup Kitchen Volunteering






Jalan Besar Project has had continuous service trips after school to a soup kitchen in Jalan Besar that they've partnered with, and they've consistently helped the kitchen pack, serve, and deliver food for those in need at Jalan Besar, a historic, gritty, and gentrifying area that has a significant contrasts between low-income, older residents and new, affluent developments

Food From the Heart – Toy Drive

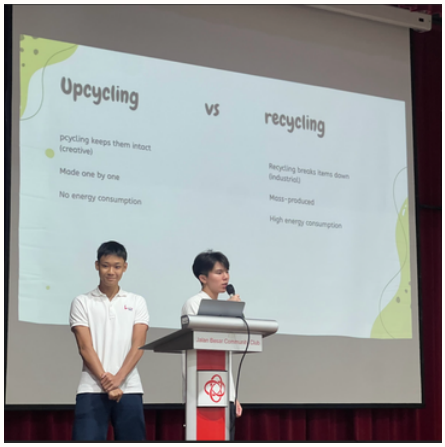




Food from the Heart hosted a schoolwide toy drive in the elementary, middle, and high school in support of Food from the Heart's Toy Buffet event. About a dozen full donation boxes came back and they wrapped the majority of the toys before sending them off to the organization. The toys are distributed to underprivileged children in Singapore. Additionally, they went to the Sheng Siong in Marsiling and bought $400+ worth of nonperishable food items to donate to the organization.

XS Project – ES Students Education





XS Project taught many lessons to the children at our elementary school. During the visits, they presented slideshows to teach them about different aspects of upcycling, and they would play interactive games to test their knowledge. The kids really enjoyed the sessions, and the success encouraged their members to be more engaged in each meeting. Additionally, in one of the meetings, they had the kids get involved in the SAIS collaboration project, where they let them paint a pot that they've made earlier by upcycling cardboard.

Dignity for Disabilities – Soup Kitchen





This year, Dignity for Disabilities built a meaningful partnership with Dignity Kitchen through multiple visits focused on service and connection. Their members engaged in Cook, Bake, and Service events, where they worked alongside elderly and differently-abled staff to bake local snacks, enjoy karaoke, and provide direct assistance.

Gawad Kalinga – Zombie Run





Zombie Run is GK's signature annula fundraiser, bringing the school community together for a high-energy, Halloween-themed experience. This event feature student volunteers who dress up as zombies to "chase" participatns as they navigate the school. Beyond these thrills, the event serves an important purpose, as all the proceeds are donated to the GK Foundation to support sustainable housing and community development for families in the Philippines.

Special Sports – Swimming Sessions





Every week, Special Sports hosts swim sessions that provide a supportive environment for athletes to develop their swimming skills. During these sessions, club members volunteer to provide personalized coaching and are focused on technical development, such as mastering various strokes and refining kicking techniques. The group also spends time to focus on building connections through engaging games such as water basketball and diving for pool rings, ensuring that each athlete had a rewarding and fun experience.

GIN – Planting, Beach Cleanups, and More!







Elementary teaching; Our club visited the elementary during flex to teach 5th graders about water pollution, raising awareness and providing examples of sustainable practices.Tree planting with NUS Toddycats; Along with members of NUS Toddycats, our club aided in planting tree saplings!

2026 STAMFORD SERVICE CONFERENCE







The Stamford Service Conference, hosted by Stamford in collaboration with Singapore American School, was held on the 21st of Feb 2026. This event gathered service clubs from both schools and local NGOs to discuss service initiatives while collaborating with other peers. Our Club Fair brought together the best service minds from SAS and SAIS. It was the ultimate space to exchange great project ideas, share resources, and grow our collective service network. Following the club fair, participants moved onto to workshops conducted by different service clubs, as well as guest speakers invited from Singapore Red Cross, Food from the Heart, and more! The Stamford Service Conference '25-26 was a day of connection and action. From the collaborative Club Fair between SAS and SAIS to insightful workshops with guest speakers from local NGOs, we walked away with a renewed mission to serve.

We are also proud to announce that next year's service conference will be hosted by SAS! Stay tuned for more updates!

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CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Celebration of Service is an annual event where we honor individuals who have made meaningful contributions to our service community at SAS. It brings together students, faculty, and club members to recognize the dedication, passion, and leadership demonstrated throughout the year. Nominees are put forward by service club officers or sponsors, highlighting those who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to service. Through this event, we celebrate individual achievements and reflect on the collective impact our community has made. This year, we had the privilege of welcoming a special guest, Dr. Wenstrom, whose presence and insights through her keynote speech added depth to the event and inspired continued commitment to service within and beyond SAS.







SERVICE AWARDS



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Service Leadership Award - Emma L.



"Emma has shown exceptional care for GK for the past 3 years. She has shown so much initiative and clear genuine connection to our club. As Vice President she has stepped up in her leadership role and has spearheaded countless opportunities for GK, growing us immensely. During our annual service trip is where her dedication and passion is truly exemplified, from the way she talks to our villagers, to the hours she spends coming up with ways to help them." - Gawad Kalinga Officer Team

Service Excellence Award - Caleb S.



"Caleb Shin has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication to Healthcare Helpers, going above and beyond by attending nearly every meeting and participating in over 10 befriending sessions. His genuine enthusiasm for engaging with patients and spreading positivity is evident in the meaningful relationships he has built, particularly with kidney failure patients. His passion for service is inspiring to every member and officer as he actively encourages others to approach volunteering with the same compassion." - Healthcare Helpers Officer Team

SERVICE AWARDS

Service Passion Award - Jamshed P.



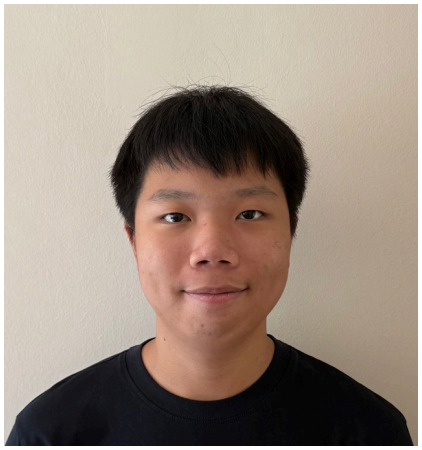
“Jam is a member of Stairway. He has been on the Stairway Interim Trip for 3 years in a row and he always comes back with amazing stories to tell our club. Not only is he committed to the cause, he is also passionate about it. This can be seen when he engages in conversations about the club. He prepared a 15 minute long presentation about the trip and its importance to share with the members of our club and its people like this who help make our club stronger.” - Stairway Officer Team

Environmental Umbrella Award - Kaegan P.



“Kaegan shows up to almost every event ready to roll up his sleeves and put in the hard work. You can genuinely see his passion for what we do, and his excitement to just jump in and help is contagious. Beyond his amazing work ethic, he gets along incredibly well with all the other students and just brings really great vibes to the group. He is exactly the kind of dedicated, caring member every service club hopes to have.”- Ms. Huang, Sponsor of SEED (Sustainable Efforts for Eco-Development).

Education for All Umbrella Award - Jayden C.



"Jayden has been one of the most committed, dependable, and genuinely service-driven members of Code For All over the past year. In our Tutoring Committee, he actively supports students and helping deliver our lessons effectively. In Curriculum, he has revised our Java curriculum and helping strengthen the materials we use to teach. In Technology, he played a major role in helping bring the committee back after a year-long hiatus, including supporting our work with a new NGO partner. Overall, he creates the positive, inclusive environment that defines Code For All, and his attitude and work ethic have truly helped elevate the club this year.” - Code for All Officer Team

SERVICE AWARDS

Aid & Accessibility Umbrella Award - Zahra T. B.



“Zahra deserves sincere praise and recognition at the end of this school year. Committing to Saturday morning sessions is no small task, especially alongside academic responsibilities, yet she has shown unwavering dedication. Her ability to connect with disabled and autistic individuals is truly special—it reflects not only compassion, but a genuine sense of grace and respect. Whether working behind the scenes or leading from the front, she remains highly responsive and communicates effectively with all members. She sets a powerful example through her regular involvement and commitment.”
- Ms. Ervedoza, Sponsor of Special Sports

Social Equity Umbrella Award - Veer S.



"As a first time officer, Veer clearly has a lot of passion for our club. He consistently shows up for every single event for as long as he can be, and has formed strong relations with Akshaya Patra—the organization we partnered with— during our service trip and when interacting with them online. Veer is a great team member and he’s always willing to take up responsibility and step in when he’s needed.” - Feeding Futures Officer Team

New Service Club Umbrella Award - Rishabh M.



“Under Rishabh’s leadership, Project Wish has developed quickly from just a shark tank idea into one of the strongest NSCs with an amazing, energetic membership base. As part of the backbone of their club’s captivating instagram reels, he has captured the heart and energy of their mission, making it accessible and exciting for the entire community. Overall, Rishabh’s commitment and dedication to this club and mission is truly admirable.” - Mr. Miller, Sponsor of Project Wish

SERVICE AWARDS

Jane Goodall Impact Award - Dr. Steve Early



"Steve is incredibly committed to the preservation of our planet. He is actively engaged in every single SAS event that involved environmental concerns. Whether it be back when Jane Goodall actually visited SAS, or recently when Sylvia Earle came to speak, Steve is at the forefront of the activity. Encouraging all of the students he encounters to attend. Every single vacation that he takes seems to be geared towards environmental concerns as evidenced by his recent bird-watching trip during spring break." - Mr. Knipmeyer

Nominees

Mehr B.
Shayne C.
Ines K.
Justin Lin.
Ayaan M.
Caleb S.
Madeleine S.
Shihan C.
Amber C.
Yejun C.
Peter D.
Aarna D.
Reyhan M.
Ishan M.
Letizia P.
Tirtanya P.
Veer S.
Priyana S.

Dia B.
Mia B.
Aria B.
Lara C.
Maya G.
Brady K.
Shyla K.
Lorena L.
Emma L.
Asha M.
Aditya M.
Rishabh M.
Harry M.
Kaegan P.
Hanyun S.
Farah W.
Aidan A.
Ying-Tong X.

Zahra T.B.
Amelie W.
Adrian W.
Haiying H.
Tzu-Chi H.
Royce K.
Isha K.
Raina L.
Vanessa L.
Joseph Yesung L.
Yiwen L.
Zianya L.
Aarya M.
Noori M.
Maanav P.
Jamshed P.
Mary V.
Yiyi W.

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EDUCATION FOR ALL

Code for All | ECHO | Outreach Vietnam | Project India | She's the First | Wish 4 Kids | TASSEL | Youth Aiding China and Singapore








AID & ACCESIBILITY

Dignity for Disabilities | Hoops for Change | Leprosy Home | Peace Of Mind | Ronald McDonald House | Special Sports | Student Athletic Trainers | Healthcare Helpers | Frontline SG










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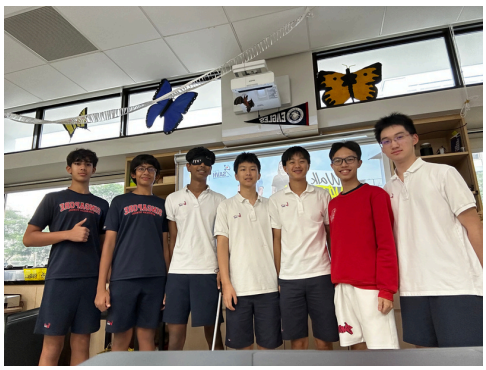



NEW SERVICE CLUBS

AID Taiwan | Project Wish | Read Bhutan | Resonance | White Cane Club







SOCIAL EQUITY

Gawad Kalinga | Stairway | Caring For Cambodia | Habitat for Humanity | Food From the Heart | Beyond Social Services | Feeding Futures | Jalan Besar Project





