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Are You?**



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*Olive Media Welcomes
all the 2017/18 Freshmen, to
Jiangsu University*

*Our greatest glory is not in never
failing, but rising everytime we fail.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*Don't look back you're not going that way.
- Unknown*



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Samuel Gatarayiha

"When defeat comes, accept it as a signal that your plans are not sound, rebuild those plans, and set sail once more toward your coveted goal." – Napoleon Hill

I have been greatly honored and privileged to work with The Olive Media Team, and I cannot start my message without thanking and acknowledging the hard work and efforts of every individual on the team. It is the machine that spreads information all over our campus and reports on all the events, affairs and programs. But most importantly, it is a team that aims for perfection and excellence, putting a lot of sacrifices in their work, with great collaboration and unlimited talents on all levels. I would personally like to extend an invitation to all interested students, to join the team and get a chance to improve their personal skills and talents.....Big props to the OLIVE MEDIA TEAM

Studying abroad gives us a great opportunity to broaden our horizons and get a deeper understanding of the way the world works. Studying in China has its many undeniable challenges, but it does no good, for anybody, to focus on the negatives.

There are many great opportunities provided to us here, by not just the school, but the environment around us. It is rare that individuals are exposed to such a variety of cultures and given opportunities to both socialize and learn from people of all races, nationalities and religions, and we must take advantage of this. We are presented with a chance to mingle with individuals from all over the world, and get first-hand knowledge on what is taking place in the world. I believe our primary job here is to harness as much knowledge as possible in all the various areas of life, and make long term connections with people from all corners of the world.

All in all, in my time in China, I have learned that it is more important to grab every opportunity by the neck and learn as much as possible -both in and outside class- than to dwell on all the various setbacks and challenges that we all surely meet at a certain point or another. Life will put you down at times, but the best moments in life are only appreciated when we rise up and decide not to be defeated. **From ashes, we rise.**



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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Prof. Jing Gao

With pleasure, I wish to welcome all our continuing, staff to the 2017–2018 academic year. Certainly! I can understand the feelings of our new students, feelings of how to realize their academic and Chinese dreams. May I seize this opportunity to assure you of having made the right choice to join the Overseas Education College (OEC) and Jiangsu University. In the previous academic year, the positive contribution and dedication of our students, administrative and teaching faculty enabled us to climb the ranking ladder as an enviable top-notch citadel of education. Recently, Jiangsu University was awarded 2nd prize for quality teaching in international education in Jiangsu Province and our teaching model has been adopted for replication by other Universities.

It is important for all students to know that China presents diverse opportunities to them. However, most students are unaware that their admission into Jiangsu University itself is a package wrapped in opportunity which most of them fail to avail themselves to. I often liken this to "sitting on gold while searching for gold". In regards to China's opportunities, there are currently two major platforms being deployed for talents hunt namely the China Access Programme (CAP) and the China Opportunity Platform (COP).

CAP provides capacity building, skills training and certification needed to access the COP. The certification confirms different level of skill sets that are desired by Chinese enterprises. In addition, on COP, there are several Chinese enterprises willing and ready to offer working opportunities to graduates and interns who have the requisite Chinese language skills, knowledge of Chinese business environment, culture and the required academic background. It is imperative that you familiarize yourself and sign up on these platforms to make your stay in the University and China fruitful and rewarding.

The success story of Jiangsu University rests on the double engine model, consisting of the University as one engine; and the students and teachers as the second engine. The University acts as an engine by providing leading-edge programmes, research centers and courses to turn students into work-ready graduates with international skillsets. The second engine represents the students and teachers, where both leverage on resources and opportunities provided by the University (first engine). Here, students come up with projects under the tutelage of their teachers to generate outputs that contributes to expanding the frontiers of knowledge, competitiveness in global job market and initiators of new venture startup. These engines run concurrently and are continuously evaluated by all stakeholders – students, teachers, and the University.

This strategy stimulates our graduates to attain two unique competencies – professionals without border and cross-international communication skills. Additionally, students develop skills that make them confident and versatile through mentorship programmes, participating in organized university conferences – Sino Conferences, seminars; as well as membership of associations on campus such as – International Students' Sports Association (ISSA), Innovation Development and Entrepreneurship Association (I.D.E.A.), Society of Agricultural Mechanization (SAM), Universal Hand-in-Hand, Association of International Engineering Students (AIES), International Ladies Association (JEWELS) among others.



Jing Gao

Dean of Overseas Education College (OEC)

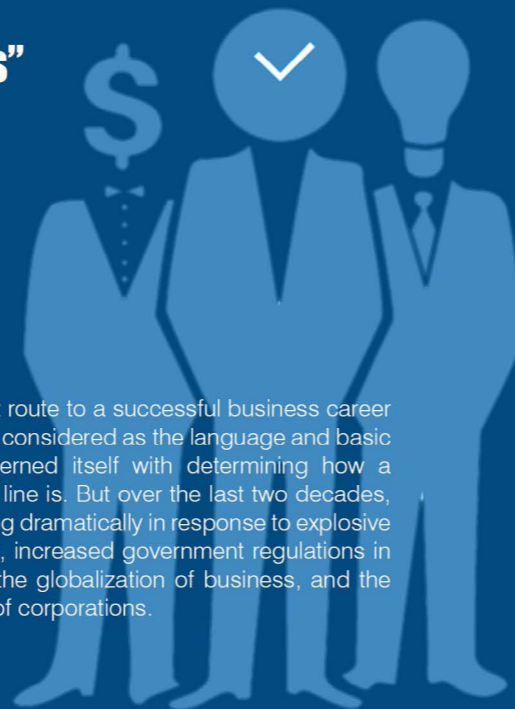
Furthermore, there are enterprise alliances that have come on board to provide students with hands-on training via industry internships toward career development. These alliances enable the creation of work-ready education to equip graduates to be competitive and pacesetters of innovation. China's one belt one road initiative has led to an increase in demand for international talents and many enterprises are signing up with the OEC to access our talented international student community. I would like all our students to challenge themselves and join projects that are available, so they can contribute and access these opportunities.

As students seeking to acquire knowledge, suffice to say that you must be disciplined, determined and work hard at your studies; submit to instructions from your supervisors, superiors and members of staff in your respective schools and departments. When all is said and done, you would indeed be glad you found yourself in the best Team! New students come on board the winning Team and stand out to be counted on the globe!

Finally, let us hold and cherish zealously the strategies that made us victorious as we innovative and take bold steps in our quest towards greater exploits in the journey ahead. I wish all of you well and looking forward to working with you. **Long live OEC Team! Long live Jiangsu University!**

“The One Degree with 360 Degrees of Possibilities”

You may already have an idea about what you want to do for a career. Then again, maybe you're not so sure. Either way, there's one degree that gives you the education to succeed at just about anything in the business world. It's an accounting degree. Accounting opens doors in every kind of business coast to coast. It can give you the foundation you need to go on and become a CPA. It can prepare you to become a partner in an accounting firm, to pursue a career in finance or corporate management, to work in government, or even to become an entrepreneur. In fact, no matter what you decide to do, having an accounting background can open doors wide."



The reason accounting may be the best route to a successful business career is because accounting has always been considered as the language and basic tool of business. It has always concerned itself with determining how a business is doing and what the bottom line is. But over the last two decades, the field of accounting has been changing dramatically in response to explosive trends such as the computer revolution, increased government regulations in trade, frequent taxation rate changes, the globalization of business, and the on-going downsizing and restructuring of corporations.

ACCOUNTING

as a major

In this increasingly complex and competitive business environment, accounting skills are very much in demand and accounting has become a dynamic career. Accountants have shed their stodgy image of green eyeshade's and thick glasses to assume the more prestigious role of financial experts, system professionals, management consultants, budget analysts and so many more. The demand for accountants appears to be growing and outstripping supply. Job opportunities in today's business climate are better than ever for accountants.

A career in accounting has a lot to offer! Whether you're planning your accounting career or exploring the career pathways open to you as a young professional, accounting is a field you need to take note of.

1. You'll be in-demand

No matter where you live or how the economy is doing, there is going to be a need for accountants. That's because governments, businesses and not-for-profit organizations (and sometimes individuals, too) continually need accountants and bookkeepers to manage their budgets, deal with taxes, do financial reporting, complete audits...and the list goes on. Through good times and bad, accountants help companies of all sizes create strategic plans to maximize success and limit chances of failure. Without accounting it would be very difficult for businesses to analyze their financial performance, which would make it harder for organizations to make smart decisions for the future. While no field can guarantee anyone a job, the prospects in accounting are egg-celent and are likely to stay that way.

2. You can make it your own

Accountants work in all kinds of places – you can find them in various departments within local, provincial/territorial and the federal governments; corporate and commercial businesses; charities and not-for-profit organizations; professional associations; or educational institutions. Accountants can work almost anywhere.

Accountants may actually work full-time within an institution or they may work for multiple clients at the same time (either on their own or as part of an accounting firm). It depends on where the demand is and what your preference is. The good thing is that there is often enough flexibility for you to shape your career into what you want it to be.

3. Your work matters (a lot)

Accountants have a lot of responsibility. They usually have a say in major decisions, which means that they not only have a lot of control over a company's day-to-day operations, but also the business industry in general. They can be leaders in financial recording and reporting and in planning and analysis. They can help to determine which practices and strategies survive, and which do not. Often, their vision for the future is the one that gets implemented.

4. You're an expert

Accountants are trusted. People look to them for advice and for counsel. They know what they're doing. They're respected because they get to see the big picture, and they have the knowledge and experience needed to make sense of it. Accountants are known for being organized, logical and rational.

We expect them to make sound decisions in the best interests of those they're working for. They're smart and they have integrity – and this is why the accounting industry is regarded so highly.

5. You'll never be bored

This one may surprise you, but the idea that accounting has to be monotonous is a myth! For many accountants, each day is new and exciting – they never have to worry about things getting dull. Whether it's because the accounting industry involves a variety of tasks, or because accountants are often involved in several aspects of a company's operations, chances are that you won't get bored working in this profession.

6. You'll enjoy stability

Accounting offers what many of us start to crave after spending years living as a struggling student: a dependable career. In other words, you'll enjoy stability. Those who work in accounting generally enjoy the benefits of regular hours, a salary (which will increase over time), benefits, and the ability to plan for the future with a degree of confidence.

7. You'll have the opportunity to explore

Given that young people are expected to change occupations several times over the course of their careers, working in an industry that presents you with new opportunities is a huge bonus. You could become a business leader, high-level manager or entrepreneur. From a career in accounting, you could move up within the profession (a vertical shift) – either at your own workplace or a new one – or sideways into something else like investing (a horizontal shift). You could even become a high-level manager or leader (think chief financial officer of a company) or start your own business using what you learned during your time as an accountant.

8. You'll meet interesting people

Whether they're clients, co-workers, bosses, mentors or people you meet by chance at a random event, your accounting career will bring you touch in with people from a diverse range of back grounds. (That's where a lot of the potential in your career comes from - think of the networking opportunities!)The relationships you build throughout your accounting career will play a big part in your personal and professional growth. You'll have a lot of possible relationships to choose from.

9. You'll learn constantly

Changes in technology and regulation mean that the accounting industry is constantly evolving. As a professional within the field, you'll likely need to stay up-to-date on best practices to be successful. It's a great way to work your way to the front of the industry, to become a leader and to get noticed.

10. There's room to grow

As you've probably realized by now, accounting is an important industry that offers all kinds of career options. Accountants can – and do – work almost anywhere. And because they're in such high demand, there are plenty of opportunities for advancement. With a little bit of hard work, a drive to succeed and a passion for your profession, you can reap the many rewards that this field has to offer.





" One starts an action simply because one must do something " - T.S. Eliot

CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION

On Saturday, May 27, 2017, the Society of Agricultural Mechanization (SAM-JU) held its maiden International conference in Jiangsu University at the PG Auditorium. Society of Agricultural Mechanization supported by Overseas Education College brought together scholars and practitioners with the One Belt One Road Policy to share on how Food Sustainability and Security can be achieved. The chairperson of the program Prof Wan You Ling who is the vice Dean of Graduate School in her speech said SAM has taken a good initiative in pursuing Food Sustainability and Security in response to the Belt and Road Policy by China. She expressed the prospect of cooperation between OEC and Chinese students in JSU and beyond, including talent cultivation, research exchange, and collaboration on an international industry-study-research project. Dr. Cui of OEC gave the closing remarks by saying SAM has set the standard high by the level of organization and presentation of various innovative ideas concerning Food Security and Sustainability.

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SIMULATED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION CONTEST

On the 21st and 22nd of May 2017 the 14th Simulated international Conference was held at the JSU Conference Hall. The event started with academic poster display at OEC voting for the best poster, then the conference presentations the following day. The chairman for the conference, the Vice President Shi Wei Dong of Jiangsu University in his opening speech said Jiangsu University has a fine tradition and this is to foster academic excellence. The Vice President said the 14th Simulated Academic Exchange Contest for postgraduate students aims to promote the development of postgraduate education of JSU, enhance the international academic competence of postgraduate students, develop innovative talents through international competition, and provide forum for postgraduate students to engage in scholarly work presentation and knowledge sharing. Thus, Jiangsu University consistently supports and encourages qualified postgraduate students to attend international higher level academic conferences.

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MISS WANG HONORED ON WOMEN'S DAY

International women's day was celebrated in Zhenjiang arts theatre on Wednesday, the 8th of March. The ceremony began with a speech delivered by the guest of honor, who enlightened the women of Zhenjiang to be successful and to excel in their fields of interest. The speech was followed by the awarding ceremony, from which one was awarded to the best women in Zhenjiang, our respected vice dean Ms. Wang. The program continued with various performances which included dance performances, a drama and also a beautiful sign language performance by the overseas students of Jiangsu University. Ms. Jing Gao, the Dean of OEC and other respected personnel graced the program with their presence. Some of the other OEC staffs and Jewels association of Jiangsu University were also invited to the program.

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SIMULATED INT'L CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION CONTEST



IMSA: MEDICAL SYNAPSE



HAND IN HAND GARAGE SALES



MISS WANG HONORED ON WOMEN'S DAY





"Do not exchange your dignity for popularity"
- Dr. Steve Maraboli

"NICE TO MEET YOU" EL WORKSHOP

Starting at 3:30 pm, OEC held an emotional intelligence workshop on the 24th of March. It was held at the Overseas Students Restaurant. Ms Yin responsible for psychology counseling at OEC was hosting the event. OEC freshmen, senior overseas students and Chinese MBBS students participated in this event to overcome culture shock and transitions. Some games and interactions were designed to help students develop communication skills and exchange positive energy. The event ended with Ms Yin concluding the essence of communication and dealing with day-to-day stressors. It was a very interactive event and a relaxing time where the atmosphere was very cordial. Those games and interactions were designed to help students develop communication skills and exchange positive energy. It was a very interactive event and a relaxing time where the atmosphere was very cordial.

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FRESHMEN PICNIC

This wonderful trip was organized by the OEC on 22nd April 2017 and it was led by Ms. Liu Lu from OEC. The students were accompanied by 8 staff members within the various dormitories and Language Center with about 70 students. The trip started from Zhenjiang Museum where students were introduced to the Chinese History of rich value. From the Museum, students were entreated to go the Boxian Park, the Xijin Ferry for the beautiful view of nature and see what Zhenjiang and for that matter China has to offer. The trip took a turn to the Zhenjiang Vinegar Culture Museum. It was made that, the Vinegar Museum is China's first professional vinegar yard and its themed Culture Museum. The museum contains a mill and three major halls which include the History Hall, the Old Workshop, the Exhibition Hall and an experiencing hall where some students were invited to experience an interactive way of the vinegar production process. The days' event came to a close with students deeply thankful to the OEC and asked for more of such trips in coming years to help release tension and also relax after all days' work.

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CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On the 1st of April, eight teams battled in Jing Jiang ground for the qualification to fight for the tournament trophy. It was a sunny day and the attendance was great. JU Royal Tigers, JUST United, JU Gladiators, JUST Sundarbans, JU Zimbabwe, Yangzhou Doctors XI, Yangzhou Extreme Blasters and JUST Warrior were the teams who played from which JU Gladiators, Royal Tigers, Extreme Blasters and JUST United qualified to the semi-finals. The second day of the JSU cricket tournament was every bit as exciting as the first. The tourney was expected to last the better part of the day and the fair weather coupled with a very busy set of speakers provided the perfect setting for the thrill of cricket to take over. Each armed with a fairly intimidating name and as much talent as the other team, they put up an exciting show. But only one must emerge victorious and the JU Gladiators proved to be tougher than the Extreme Blasters. At the end of the day we're all winners.

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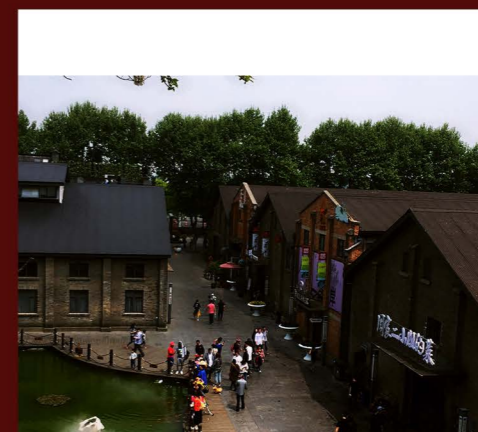
EMOTIONAL WORKSHOP



JEWELS EVENTS



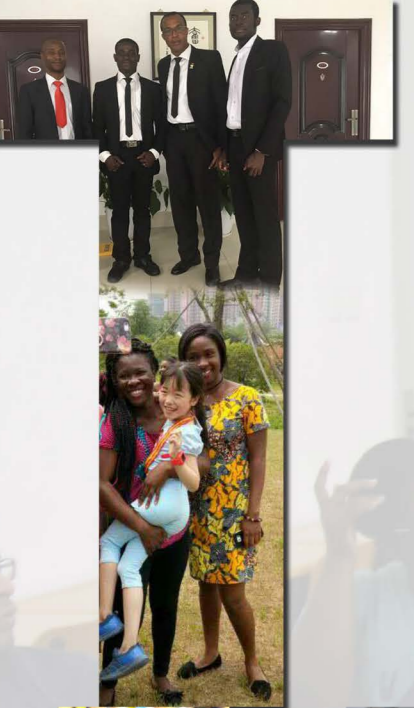
FRESHMEN PICNIC



CRICKET TOURNAMENT



Memorable days



10 THINGS THAT MAKE PEOPLE POOR

You have a favourite TV show and you stalk celebrities

If you watch TV shows, as the latest episodes come, you probably have a lot of yime which, well, you arent using wisely. Unless you are looking for success in the acting business, celebrating the premiere of a new series isn't something that the rich people do. Successful people aim to be on TV, not in front of it. One can say, TV helps distress, that's the problem, you are NOT DEALING WITH YOUR PROBLEMS.

You love to sleep

If you're not working hard in your youth, then you'll probably be working harder in your adult life. Cut back on sleep, learn a skill a thing or two. You'll be surprised, it will come in handy. Poor people are lazy, they don't educate themselves. They don't take time to better themselves waking up so that they learn a new basic skill.

You don't like to shower

People with personal hygiene attract more friends, go figure why. So next time you want to skip that winter shower, know that you're taking a step away from success. Human contact is essential. The more you take care of yourself, the more you can get along in life.

You watch NEWS

Don't get me wrong, but watching news is like going to the Amazon forest, and looking for one plant. News channels have a basket full of information. You might want to know everything happening in the world, but instead of sitting for an hour or more, go online and search for the news that are relevant to you. TV stations are always biased to suit their agenda

You hang out with poor people

If you surround yourself with people who have no goals in life, chances are you won't get anywhere in life. We are all an average of the Top 5 people we spend time with. Show me your friends and I'll show you whether you are rich or poor

You love fast food

There's nothing wrong with a burger a two once in a while, but if you don't eat healthy, you won't be successful. Poor people blast their brain with sugars, and they are not untreated in knowing what goes in their system. A poor diet results in a poor you.

You follow too much sport

We love Usain Bolt. But sport, like TV is a form of escapism. You are putting yourself in a position where you have no control. You end up making yourself a spectator of life, instead of going out to do things you have control over.

You buy clothes on sale

Buying clothes on sale means that you are going after that which the rich haven't bought, so that you look 'rich'. Rich people aim to increase what they have. Poor people stretch what they have, or don't have and they never

You are always a victim

Most of the time, the things that don't go well in our lives are our problem. Instead of blaming others, take control of your life and fix it. Y

You know everyone who gives out loans

Only when you are buying stock, or an asset that accumulates profit are you allowed to take a loan. Want to buy that phone DON'T! Want to move into that apartment DON'T! Earn money then spend it.



BUSINESS SEGMENT

Glimpse into the business world

iPhone 7+, Bread, Physiotherapy sessions, Concrete and cattle. Ever been told the price of something and wondered "How in the world??"

IS THE PRICE RIGHT?

THE THEORY OF PRICING

There are 6 main methods by which prices are set by businesses:

1



MARK-UP PRICING

The most obvious form and common method used is to put a standard mark up on top of total costs. This method is used in every field and can be applied to almost everything. However, the standard mark-up often depends on the demand and /or supply of that item. A small seller can buy shoes at 10RMB in China and retail at 15RMB, because people can easily get the same shoe at the 10RMB price, the 5RMB is simply to cover transport and packing costs. However, the same shoe being sold in another country can be sold for 50 RMB because they may not easily get that same shoe and the extra costs of transport are more complex. This is simply how it can be explained.



2

TARGET-RETURN PRICING

A price that can yield a target profit on the investment; that means, it should be able to repay the investors for their investment. This is the pricing used for school fees, medical procedures and hotel services that have high fixed costs (buildings and equipment) and relatively low variable costs (Disposable syringes and gloves). Initial investment to provide such services is high and skills for them are extremely technical.

3



PERCEIVED VALUE PRICING

A price that reflects the value that the product will demonstrate to the customer or how it will reflect the status of the consumer to other people. This pricing is used for gadgets, cars, clothes, etc. Branded items and famous franchises use this too. Therefore, price of a designer shoe doesn't necessarily mean it has extra capabilities beyond what normal shoes do, but it is a reflection of its authenticity used and the name that will give you a good view from onlookers.

5

GOING RATE PRICING

Prices that are based on competitors' prices. Normally smaller firms will follow or try to beat the price set by larger firms. This type is purely based on competition amongst sellers, and eventually it benefits the consumers. This is best demonstrated by the kind of competition on Taobao, where the smaller firms match and compete to beat prices of larger firms.



6

AUCTION-TYPE PRICING

When the buyers dictate the price, they are willing to pay, and the sellers will compete to win the order. This is how engineering projects are won by firms from customers through bids that companies send to the customer and he will decide on the most convenient.



4

VALUE PRICING

This pricing is for low cost producers who maintain high quality. That is to say the low price of goods doesn't reflect poor quality, but rather is to show the producer has managed to provide excellent quality at the most convenient price for the end consumer. This pricing is best demonstrated by companies like Walmart that provide us our favourite daily consumables at very convenient prices.



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OECIANS WIN JSU 14TH INTERNATIONAL SIMULATION CONFERENCE CONTEST



On the 21st and 22nd of May 2017 the 14th Simulation International Conference was held at the JSU Conference Hall and a team from OEC won the first position in the contest. OEC presented two teams of Postgraduate students known as the OEC Team to participate in the 2017 International Simulation Conference Communication Contest.

The OEC team that won the contest first took part in the poster exhibition as well as the oral presentation contest. At the end of the contest, the OEC team placed 2nd out of 52 posters exhibited and came out 1st out of 6 participating teams in the Oral Presentation.

The chairman for the conference, the Vice President - SHI WEIDONG of Jiangsu University in his opening speech said Jiangsu University has a fine tradition on conferences and seminars and this is to foster academic excellence. The Vice President said the 14th Simulated Academic Exchange Contest for postgraduate students aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Promote the development of postgraduate education of JS university.
- Enhance the international academic competence of postgraduate students.
- Develop innovative talents through international competition.
- Provide forum for postgraduate students to engage in scholarly work presentation and knowledge sharing.

Prof SHI ended by saying that, Seminars, conferences and workshop participation and attendance are essential requirements for scholarly research development. Thus, Jiangsu University consistently supports and encourages qualified postgraduate students to attend international high level academic conferences.

The OEC Team won the contest with Scientific research on the topic: "Organic Agriculture under Greenhouse using Sack and Deck Farm Approach" based on the following criteria of marks allocation: Academic value, Clarity in presentation, Norms of grammar, Innovation in design and marks were: Topic (20%), Content (30%), Pronunciation and Intonation (30%), PPT Design (10%), Overall Impression (10%).

The team members came from different academic backgrounds and research fields. From the School of Agriculture Engineering, Food Science and Engineering, Environmental Science Engineering as well as Management.

OEC team that won comprised of the following Students:

1. Opong Paul Kwabena - PhD Agriculture Engineering
2. Golly Moses Kwaku- PhD Food Science and Engineering
3. Asilevi Prince Jnr. - PhD Environmental Science
4. Nyarko Felix Kwame - Master Accounting

At the end of the conference, the head of Graduate School and the Dean of Jiangsu University Higher Learning CAI JIN talked about the wonderful presentations and encouraged all gathered to partake in conferences and seminars. She said the 14th Simulation Conference 2017, saw excellent presentation of scientific research topics from all the participating teams from the various schools in Jiangsu University and congratulated the winners after which certificates and other packages were handed over to the winners.



SPOTLIGHT

Personality Profile

Olive Media uses "The Spotlight" as a platform to explore the minds of noteworthy people on campus. In this coming edition, we chose to hear from an intellectual mind who was raised right here in Zhenjiang and is well liked and respected by her peers and students.

PERSONALITY PROFILE: PROF. XU XIAO



Who is Xu Xiao?

I am a teacher. Teaching is something that I genuinely enjoy because I really feel like I'm making a difference. I enjoy the time I spend with my students and have always wanted to be one because my family has so many teachers. Also, I was always good at telling stories from the time I was in primary school. Career wise, I am a Pharmacology teacher in the school of medicine and a researcher. I am currently pursuing a PhD and my research is focused on Stem Cell. I am also a wife and a mother.

The journey that led you to Jiangsu University (education & early career)?

I attended primary and high school right here in Zhenjiang. I then went on to study at China Pharmaceutical University in 1999. I then chose to pursue my master's degree in Pharmacology at the same university. I graduated in 2006 and joined Jiangsu University soon after. I chose pharmacy because I wanted to do something related to medicine and my parents were extremely encouraging, and helped me decide which field to go into since they were already healthcare personnel.

What would you say inspires you to keep learning?

Curiosity. I'm curious about the world around me. Also, beyond academia I read other things. Currently I am reading "A Brief History of Humankind" by Yuval Noah Harari, a novel about archaeology and books on nutrition and being a mother.

Relating with foreign students and foreigners in general.

I honestly don't see them as any different. Foreign students have their own highlights and low points (as do Chinese students). They have fantastic organizational skills and are active in class which makes teaching more interesting but they don't study as much as Chinese students do in general.



What drives you or what keeps you motivated?

The desire to be of value. I think as long as you are helping people or doing something that is of value then the motivation to continue with whatever task is at hand flows and it's easier to stay driven.

To one-person success is having money, to another it's having a baby. What does success mean to YOU as an individual. Success has many facets and I believe they are being needed and helping people, making use of one's time, doing your work to the best of your ability and having a good family life.

Who are some of the people that inspire you & why?

The people around me. When I lack inspiration, I look at how other people are doing it. My colleagues, for example Dean Gao. As a working mother, I especially admire her ability to balance work and family. The students. They remind me of my role as an educator and I also learn a few things from them as well. My family, my mother in particular will always have an encouraging story to share when I need a bit of wisdom to navigate through life.

Do you have anything you'd like to say to OEC students?

A few things actually. Stay focused on what you came to China for. Make a conscious effort to find the good parts about China as a whole. Instead of complaining about things you dislike, make it a point to discover things that you as an individual enjoys. Make the years that you are here count for something. Also, interact with as many people from other countries as you possibly can.

International Medical Students Association
Service to Humanity



Best moments in Jiangsu University?

I would say pretty much every (well prepared) class, the IMSA events and really any opportunity to see the students showcasing their talents

How have you overcome the lowest moments?

My husband & my family have been my support system. I also have a lot of close friends who always lend a listening ear. Lastly, having a job that you love, boosts your confidence and gives you a sense of value as a person so that's one less thing to worry about.

What does a day in your life look like?

It's quite ordinary. I wake up early, at around 6:30am, do a bit of laundry, prepare breakfast and water my plants. I leave home for work at 8 and prepare for the day. I use lunchtime as an opportunity to talk to my colleagues. Between 4-5pm I leave school, pick up my son and spend some time with him. We don't really watch TV so for us family time comprises of us reading together. Sometimes we even have mini competitions to see who can read the most in a certain amount of time.



MASTERPIECES

Poetry

WOW, THAT'S DEEP BRO.

The elephant strolled on the forest floor.
Hot winds blew past him, that he did abhor.
He cursed the earth, for its shortage of cool water
And cursed his friends, for he was much shorter.

Not once was he content,
Not once.
Not once was he gay,
Because hey, he wanted cold in May!

But once, he looked at this ant,
Who toiled hard in blood and sand.
And the elephant asked him, "Aren't you sick of life,
The difficulties, and the strife?"
The ant looked up, but first, adjusted his neck.
He smiled, and then he checked.
The elephant was huge, a mammoth creature.
He was powerful and a magnificent creation.

The ant said, "Oh dear elephant, what is it that you complain of?
You have so much strength, such might, why do you let your determination blight?
Life will knock us down, but we can choose,
whether or not, to get back up.
You must understand that you get but a single ride on this rock,
You can either enjoy the ride and mock the bumps on the way,
Or whine at every turn,
Until life takes you on a ride,
Completely void of yay."

The elephant, now enlightened by words of wisdom,
pledged to make perseverance a friend, rather than foe.
He was also quite stumped, and managed only to say,
"Wow, that's deep bro."

Poem by: Keshav Kherra



CAMPUS LIFE

Student Associations

MEDICAL SYNAPSE

INTERNATIONAL
MEDICAL
STUDENTS
ASSOCIATION
(IMSA)

Writer:
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The Synapse medical seminar, which is one of the best, most consistent and educative programs organized by the International Medical Students Association (IMSA) and OEC, was held on the 8th of April 2017. The theme for this year's edition was "Revealing Medical Wonders" and had seven groups presenting on various topics such as; Alzheimer's disease, stroke and aneurysm, treatment (potential) of type 1 diabetes using artificial pancreas, PCOS: The silent killer (Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome), SARS(the crisis that bonded nations), CD4+ HIV Cell death and Breast cancer. This mega and educative seminar was graced by the vice dean; Associate prof. Charles Lee, Mr. Wang, the patron of IMSA; Prof. Xu Xiao, Prof. Lu Xiaodong, Dr. Asad, Dr. Nitin, Dr. Malik and Dr Abdul who doubled as the judges of the program. The outgoing president of IMSA; Miss Monica Kharat thanked everyone for the support given them (the IMSA executives) during their tenure of office and hoped that the new executives will make IMSA bigger and even better than it is now. We are all looking forward to another exciting edition of the Synapse next year.

Discover initiative (DI) under the umbrella of the Universal Hand-in-Hand, on the 29th of April organized sales of clothing items at the local market. The clothes being sold were obtained through donations towards the 'Garage Sales' organized earlier on by DI, in a bid to raise funds that will be used to support children in selected orphanages around China. The main purpose of carrying out Saturday's sales was to observe and eventually learn how best we can trade our merchandise while at the same time gain some profit through sales. And thanks to some helpful advice from the Chinese association we worked alongside, we are able to realize both our goals. The turnout from the sales was successful, in terms of the profit, knowledge and most importantly experience that was gained. As such, DI plans to organize a second sales event, which when combined with fresh ideas, higher motivation and a bigger team promises to be a bigger and better event.

GARAGE SALES

UNIVERSAL
HAND IN HAND
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ACADEMIC FORUM

JIANGSU UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL
LADIES
ASSOCIATION
(JEWELS)

Writer:
Esther Agakpe

The maiden edition of Academic forum organized by Jewels international Ladies Association was held on the 6th of May 2017. The forum with the theme 'Advancing in Knowledge, cultivating excellence' was an academically oriented program. The opening statement was given by the Dean of OEC who urged students to show up for programs organized by the college and support other students. She further emphasized on the need to be punctuality as it shows to others the caliber of person one is. Ms Wang also gave a speech on power of having knowledge and went on to thank the international students for their cooperation and support. At the end of the competition Team 4 which comprised of Tithi Shah Vinushkumar, John Oti Eleanor Wukeh and Hasina Diamondralaina came first, Team 1 which comprised of Naidu Baburamesh ,Zainab Koroma and Munashe Sakarombe came in 2nd and Team 5 which comprised of Loren Skudder-Hill, Liliane Kabwe and Shirimbere Darlen came in 3rd place. Ms Natalie, former Jewels commissioner gave her closing remarks and urged the new team to lift the banner higher of Jewels and even do more than their team did.

AIES held the maiden edition of its career forum in partnership with IDEA dubbed "What's next?" This year's edition was held under the theme, "Positioning to be relevant". With this theme as a guiding principle, the organizers sought to provide participants with relevant skills and tools that can give them a more competitive edge once they graduate. Speakers at the event included Lu Yin (OEC Staff), Frank Li (Man Power HR Group), Gurcharan Singh (NIIT) and Sarah Feng, a reputable recruiter for companies. Every step we take in relation to our career must be decided based on an end goal. We should set a goal achievable in a set time. This end goal will be a guiding principle for choosing what jobs we take and it will show how easy the job hunt by graduates will be.

WHAT'S NEXT

ASSOCIATION OF
INTERNATIONAL
ENGINEERING STUDEENTS
(AIES)

OPENING CEREMONY OF 7TH INTERNATIONAL CULTURE FESTIVAL OF JIANGSU UNIVERSITY



A nation's culture resides in the hearts and souls of its people
Mahatma Gandhi

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The pomp and pageantry, the melodies and rhythms, the cuisines and delicacies and the enchanting regalia are what characterized the diversity of culture at the 7th International Culture Festival (ICF). There is indeed beauty and strength in diversity. Under the auspices of the Overseas Education College (OEC) and office of foreign affairs of Jiangsu University, the festival which seeks to foster friendly relations and understanding between the international students and China was held under the theme "I love you, Dear world"



This festival provides a platform for the university to encourage international students to showcase the rich cultural heritage of their various countries, under one umbrella in the spirit of unity and togetherness. Therefore, the slogan for this year's event, which is by far the best organized and most participated, was "One Belt, One Road, one team, one dream" which indeed was a testimony of how diverse Jiangsu university has become 'a school of many nations'. The high-quality participation that emerged from students and the university as a whole proves further how the ICF is arguably the most popular and well patronized activity on the academic calendar.

This year's opening ceremony wasn't just a one-day affair but a week long with lots of innovative and novel initiatives. It started on the 13th of May, 2017 when about 50 OECians extended a warm invitation to the good people of Zhenjiang in a spectacular flash mob at the sunning plaza. It was one of its kind and to the admiration of everyone around.

The display was simply awesome. Then on May 17, 2017 a carnival-fashion parade was held at the west playground for students to showcase the traditional costumes of their various countries. The parade was a spectacle to behold.

The main event was organized on 20th May to climax the week long activities. As early as 6am, the central basketball court was filled up with country representatives, staff of OEC and members of Hand in Hand ready and geared up for a great day. At exactly 9am, the MCs for the day; Rodrick Samuriwo and Grace welcomed everyone present and the performers of the flash mob gave an opening performance, after which OEC ladies' staff also displayed a stunning dance performance. A fashion show displaying the beautiful traditional clothing of all participating countries were displayed. There was an excellent show of

performances of over 40 countries starting from China to India. This year's event also involved about 15 companies in a job fair in collaboration with Innovative Development and Entrepreneurship Association (IDEA). These company representatives were ready and willing to provide students the opportunity to experience the job world in China.

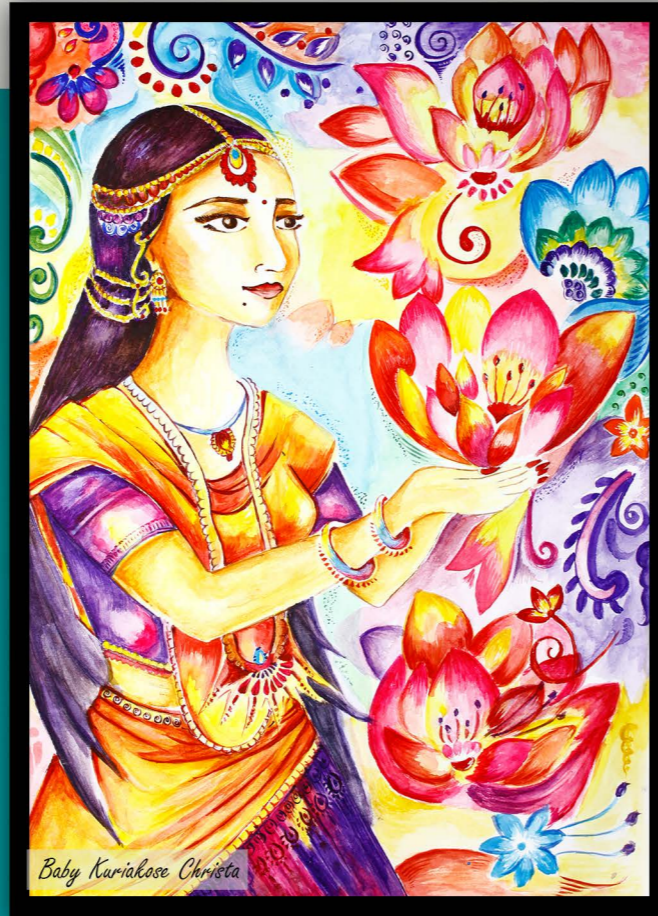
There were over 40 countries exhibitions with most of them displaying their ravishing cultures in costumes, foods and arts. The ceremony was graced by the Jiangsu University president, Professor Xiaohong Yan, Director of Foreign Affairs Office of Zhenjiang Municipal Government, Mr. Guoyun Zhang, Dean of OEC, Professor Gao Jin, staff of OEC and diplomats from Nigeria, Iran and Pakistan. The week long activities came to a climax with patrons having a fun filled day; experiencing the various cultural display, dancing to the beats of music and drums played by some country representatives and enjoying the various cuisines prepared by the country representatives. Everything that has a good beginning has an end, so was this year's opening ceremony. It ended with smiles, laughter, a sense of accomplishment and a feeling of belongingness among patrons. Now the question that lingers on everybody's mind is, considering the best outcome of the 7th ICF, what other standard can the next ICF set? Well to answer that, we all look forward to that come next year.

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BELT & ROAD

U nttitled Art Exhibition





Beverley Z.C.B-Madzikanda
3 Years · 🌐

I am **Beverley Z.C.B-Madzikanda** from Zimbabwe, my major is BBA and I'm currently part of The Olive Media. Studying here in China, I would say, one has to put an extra mile in for oneself, because the school will not teach us everything. Be adventurous and try new things!

Your Favorites?
Book: The Art of War -Sun Tzu
Band: Jesus Culture
Color: Purple
TV Show: Everything by Shonda Rhime
List some of your hobbies.
 Writing poetry, cooking, racing video games and crazy rides at Theme parks.
What motivates you in studying?
 The fear of my African parents! Well, I want to make them proud so, I always do my best.
Why BBA?
 I was good at too many things and couldn't choose a specific major, so this way I can do little bit of what I love, what I'm good and what makes me happy.
What's Your Greatest Dream?
 To make a tangible change in African Socio-Economic environment .
 Ten years from now I will be flying to Tokyo, Japan on business in my jet with my 2 years old.
Advice to fellow students:
 Never be afraid to try new things, you never know what you might be good at.

Maria Clara Bernadette Balahadia Dela Cruz
2 Years · 🌐



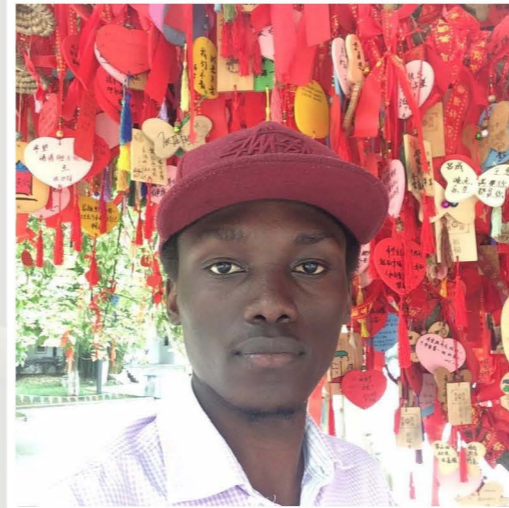
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I am **Maria Clara Bernadette Balahadia Dela Cruz**, but my friends and family call me Cladette, just to make it short. I am from the Philippines and I am taking up MBBS and also I have been in The Olive Media since 2015.

What's Your Favorite....
Book: I have a lot of favorite books based on their category. I like reading both fiction and non-fiction books.
Band: Westlife, The Script, The Chainsmokers and Lany
Song: A lot! I think they are too many to mention, I have different favorite songs depending on my mood. Hahaha
Color: Pink and pastel colors!
TV Show: I don't really watch TV shows, just mostly Anime and movies.
What's Your Greatest Dream?
 My greatest dream is to travel the world, to have a wonderful family of my own in the future and to become a Medical doctor. Since childhood all I've ever dream of is to become a doctor and to have my own hospital in the future. Now, that I'm older my greatest dream is not just to become a doctor but to be able to serve and help the patients without expecting anything in return.
What Keeps You Motivated?
 God, my family and everyone who believe in me are the ones who keep me on track and motivated.
Advice to Fellow Students
 Focus on your goals and believe that you are worthy of your dreams. There will be a lot of struggles and challenges on your way to success, you can stop when you're tired or change the way when you're lost but never give up!

"Do it with passion or not at all!"

Raymond, Adibaku
1 Year · 🌐



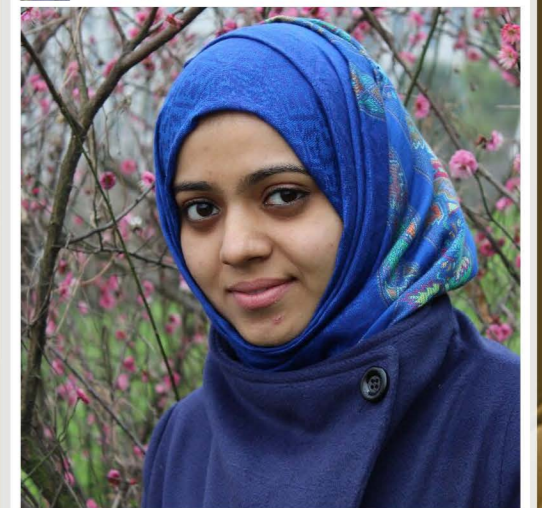
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I am **Raymond, Adibaku** from Uganda, studying Civil Engineering here in Jiangsu University and currently part of The Olive Media.

As for me, do not let the crowd make your decisions for you. Reserve following for Instagram. It shouldn't matter if your path is the same, different, right or wrong. What matters is whether it's genuinely yours.

Wants? Likes? Interested In?
Book: How to Win at the Sport of Business by Mark Cuban and The Gunslinger
Band: I hate bands, they highlight an inherent need for conformity.
Musician: Manifest (M.Dot)
Song:
 Smooth Criminal by Michael Jackson
Color: Color is an Illusion. (Google it!)
TV Shows: House of Cards (because of Kevin Spacey!)
What's Your Greatest Dream?
 I want to change the way people think about the government. Every government's priority should be to build a happy nation, not a rich one.
Ten Years From Now You Will Be?
 Healthy. Happy and wise. And if the Lord desires it...wealthy.
Advice to Fellow Students:
 When in Rome, act as the Romans would. The terrible things you do to the environment matter more than you think. Never commit a crime for money. You can still be caged for a crime long after the money is gone.
Listen more than you speak.
 There is no substitute for hard work. Be compassionate. Understand people before you judge them.

Nabila Kazmi
2 Years · 🌐

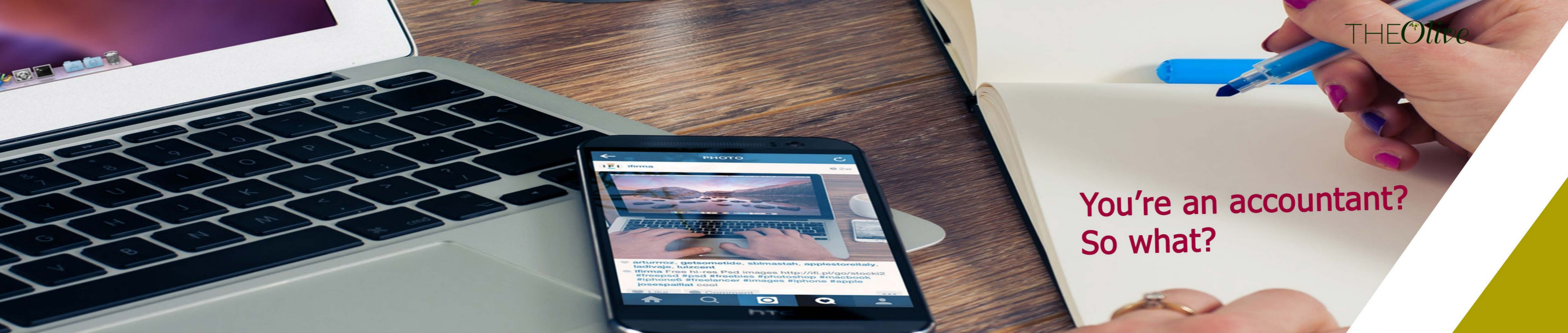


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I am **Nabila Kazmi** from India and I'm studying MBBS. I have been a part of The Olive Media since the year 2015 and also I am currently working as an Organizing secretary of HIH association.

What's Your Greatest Dream?
 I aspire to become a successful doctor in future and wanna build hospitals around the globe which would support millions of life mainly focusing on war prone areas of the world.
What Motivate You Most in Becoming a Doctor?
 The feeling that comes along after you cure someone suffering from pain motivates me to become a doctor.
Share With Us Some of Your Hobbies.
 I love interior designing as a hobby, I sometimes like to paint as well, also I like to travel. Once my friend said money spent on traveling is money spent on experience so never feel bad spending money on it. I like to talk to people especially those I am familiar with, and I prefer modesty over showing off.
What's Your Life Motto?
 I believe that "Simplicity is the best policy". But also we shouldn't be too much of anything. My friends and family have a great impact on my life. Surround yourself with positivity and you will always be happy.

Special
Feature



You're an accountant?
So what?

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THE QUESTIONABLE RELEVANCE OF AN ACCOUNTING DEGREE

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What makes you think you matter? Look at the state of the world today. Technology is coming. Professions that were once thought bastions of job security are being felled left, right and center. First, it was the manual laborers in the mines, and then the blue-collar workers in factories; remember those who kept saying they couldn't be replaced because their jobs required "skills". Those skills couldn't save them. Employees in 'management' positions thought they were safe until Amazon replaced most of the management staff in their order fulfillment centers with software that collects, analyzes and reports in depth data on every worker's productivity in real time. Goodbye middle management. (Their technology is still proprietary but who knows how long that will last?) And now virtually no one is safe, even the medical profession is being encroached by the machines, just flip open you tube and you'll be inundated by the numerous videos of robots performing open heart surgery on some hapless lab rats. The evidence is abundant. Low value employees out, machines in.

The last words my father said to me as I was leaving Uganda were "learn as much as you can". Now those are mundane words, every parent says them. But one word in particular catches my fancy. "Learn". My father did not say "get taught as much as you can", he said learn as much as you can. Learning is more than just sitting in class and being lectured on the nuances of soil structure or the difference between beams and girders. There is more than a single way to learn (reading, being taught, apprenticeship, discussions, observation, meditation; the list goes on) but schools all over the world have settled into the comfortable yet dangerous habit of bundling students in front of a blackboard for 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. It's a mind-numbing routine that has its roots in cost saving. They know they should be doing more and yet they aren't. Their excuse? It's too expensive to educate you properly. The result? Graduates have very little value in the real world. They are incapable of educating themselves because they were trained to learn from a lecturer. They have no creativity, no unique skill sets, business acumen, self-drive or interpersonal skills. They are mere shells of what their graduation certificates claim them to be.

Now, instead of accountants we have bookkeepers, instead of chemists, we have lab assistants; instead of pharmacists we have druggists. This is whose jobs the machines are coming for. This is who they will replace.

A quick Google search will tell you that accounting is one of the most desirable degrees in the world. Employment is plentiful and secure and salaries are stable if not rising. Accounting associations promote the major as being an all-rounder for a business focused student. They call accounting "the language of business" and tout accounting graduates as being able to pursue a career in any of the major business fields. However, on a lot of university specific career forums, accounting students are not so sure, and most of the worry is coming from the disparity between the advertised salaries and the actual salaries that accountants are being paid; for instance, in the United States the expected median salary for accountants is about \$55000 but in reality, students are receiving offers of less than \$20000 a year. This exact trend is playing out the same in most countries.

What is the problem? Doesn't the world need accountants anymore? Of course, the world needs accountants. With a world economy that's growing at the rate of over 1.5 percent year on year, the world needs more accountants than ever; but it does not need you. It does not need another book keeper. It needs the business all-rounder it was promised. And that business all-rounder is who the industry values at 55 thousand a year.



MY TURN

Accounting

Most accounting graduates today cannot tell you the difference between a CDO and an ABS. They cannot tell you how to short sell a stock or the causes of the financial crisis. (And if you think this is not what accountants do, then you are part of the problem). This is why an accounting firm would rather hire a single systems analyst to design and manage their accounting software or dedicate millions to licensing proprietary technology from research firms than spend on recruiting more accounting graduates. That is why whenever companies announce that they are letting part of their staff go, their stock price seems to rise. The software is more efficient and therefore valuable than the human employees.

The solution is simple, even obvious but make no mistake; it is not easy. Accounting students have to find a way to become more valuable than software. They have to learn to survive and thrive with or without a corporate structure. They have to learn to start businesses around their skills or even outside of their areas of expertise. They must be able to make decisions on their own. They must learn to become more than mere tools within their industry because when a tool gets old, it joins the trash heap. This is an uphill task indeed given that the education industry clearly isn't about to change to accommodate current industry trends.

Now that you are privy to the threat, why you are vulnerable, how you will be affected and where the path to a more relevant future lies. What are you going to do about it? What are you going to do about it?!

Article by
Raymond Adibaku

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Reflections IV

反思（第四部分）

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Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principles which direct them.

- Napoleon Bonaparte

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伟大抱负是一个伟人的激情。那些被赋予了激情的人可能会表现得非常好或者非常坏，一切皆取决于指导他们的原则。

——拿破仑·波拿巴

One thing is inevitable, our precious lives are going to come to an end at some point or another. It is common knowledge, and there is no hating or liking this fact, but there is a question we are left with. "What am I going to use my life for?". Reflections is a series of small articles, that simply want to clarify the importance of developing our lives in all aspects, for both selfish and selfless reasons. The world is filled with all types of people with different ambitions and goal, and in the self-development project, that Reflections urges you to undertake, we must always consider the bigger effects our choices have, as representatives of our societies.

In the previous article of reflections (Olive 8th Edition), I clearly pointed out one of the biggest DILEMMAS we, as young Adults, face of doing what we want to do and doing what we have to do, and how the best way to solve this is to reevaluate our passions in comparison to our ambitions and directions. In this article, the main focus is understanding passion and how our passions can best serve us in the long run. Most of us go through life, and we never really stop to ask how we are who we have become, and what path led us here. Our passions are what sets us apart as individuals, and they are what define our characters at times. They are slowly built in us, throughout our lives, and this makes them difficult to change, as we cannot change our histories. The power we do have, however, is directing our passions in the same course as our priorities and goals.

The process of directing our passions is difficult, as are all things worth doing, and there is no one direct route to this aim. We are all different individuals, and our paths and routes ultimately differ, but we share a lot of similarities, such as our need to better ourselves. Some of us are passionate about science, others about business or entertainment, and many other different career paths, and that is one of the best gifts nature gave us. However, there are times where our passions collide with other important aspects of our lives, and we are forced to choose one path or another.

I am not going to sit here and pretend to tell you the obvious solution to this DILEMMA, as there so often isn't one, but I will shed some light on a few points. First, we must always follow our conscience, as we undoubtedly, by this age, know right from wrong. Secondly, we must follow that innate selfish sense of self development, and try to make long term moves that positively affect our futures. Thirdly, we must work harder and improve on a regular and daily basis, and make sure that no passing day leaves us the same.

In summary, the road to development is a universal one, and every individual has a role to play, should it be in leadership, industrial, business or entertainment, and many others. As many different steps are taken by different people around us, we should not just move in the normal routine, but we must work hard to make a print, and leave a respectable image wherever we pass. As the common saying goes, "life is short", the best thing we can do for our Old selves is to find the balance between our passions and ambitions, and work hard to succeed.

有一件事是不可避免的，即我们宝贵的生命必将在某个时刻结束。这是个常识，不管你喜欢或是厌恶，但我们仍有一个疑问，“我要用我的一生干什么？”出于无私同时也是利己，反思包含了一系列小思考，旨在阐明我们生命各方面发展的重要性。这个世界充满了各种各样怀揣不同抱负和目标的人，在自我发展的计划上，反思会促使我们去学会承担，作为社会的代表人物，我们必须时常思考，我们的选择将会带来什么更大的影响。

在之前的反思文章中（橄榄杂志第8版），我曾明确指出，我们年轻人在“我想做的”和“我不得不做”的事之间面临着两难境地，解决这一冲突的最好途径在于从抱负和方向出发，重新审视我们的激情。本文重点在于理解激情以及如何使其在今后能最好地为我们服务。绝大多数人活着，却从不停下来去真正地思考，我是怎样的人，我将会成为谁，是什么引领我走到这里。激情使我们与众不同，同时也是激情界定了我们的性格。激情在我们的生活中潜移默化地作用于我们并使之难以改变，因为我们无法改变过去。然而，我们所拥有的力量，就是把我们的激情引导到与我们的目标相同的前进方向中。

引导激情的过程是艰难的，但所有的事情都值得试一试，因为世上没有直接通往成功彼岸的平坦大道。我们每个人都是不一样的个体，我们所走的路也各不相同。但我们彼此分享着很多的相似之处，比如我们都想要成为更好的自己。有些人热衷于科学，有些人偏爱商贸或娱乐行业，或是其他不同的职业路径，这些都是上天赐予我们的最好的礼物之一。然而，有些时候，我们的激情所在会和生活中的其他方面发生冲突，以至于我们不得不从中抉择其一。

我并非要坐在这里，假装去告诉你显而易见的摆脱这个窘境的办法，因为办法从来都不是唯一的，但我想给出几个要点。第一，我们必须遵循自我，因为这个年纪的我们，毫无疑问，已经能够明辨是非；其次，我们必须遵循天生的利己的自我发展意识，并做出能够积极影响我们未来的长期行动；第三，在日常生活中，我们必须更加努力提高自我，以确保不虚度年华。

总之，发展的路径是通用的，每个人都有各自的角色要去扮演，或是领导、工人、商人、娱乐明星，或是其他行业。因为我们身边不同的人正走着不同的路，所以我们不应该只是走常规路线，而应努力在我们所经之处留下令人印象深刻的脚印。正如一句俗语所言，“生命是短暂的”，我们所能做的最好的事，就是在激情和抱负中找到平衡，并全力以赴去实现成功。

LOOKOUT

WHATS ON 2017/18

2017-2018 Semester 1
 Academic Calendar
 Chinese Holidays & Observations
 School Days *
 No School Days *

September 09

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* Academic Year 2017/18 Starts 4th September

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* New Years Day, 1st January
 * Semester 1 (2017/18) ends, 19th January

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* Chinese National Week 1st-7th October
 * Chongyang (9th day in 9th lunar month)

02 February 2018

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* Spring Festival Eve, 15th February
 * Chinese New Year, 16th February
 * Winter Vacation Ends, 25th February

November 11

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* Lantern Festival, 2nd March
 International Women's Day, 8th March

December 12

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* Winter Solstice 22nd, 22nd or 23rd December

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How Smart Are You?





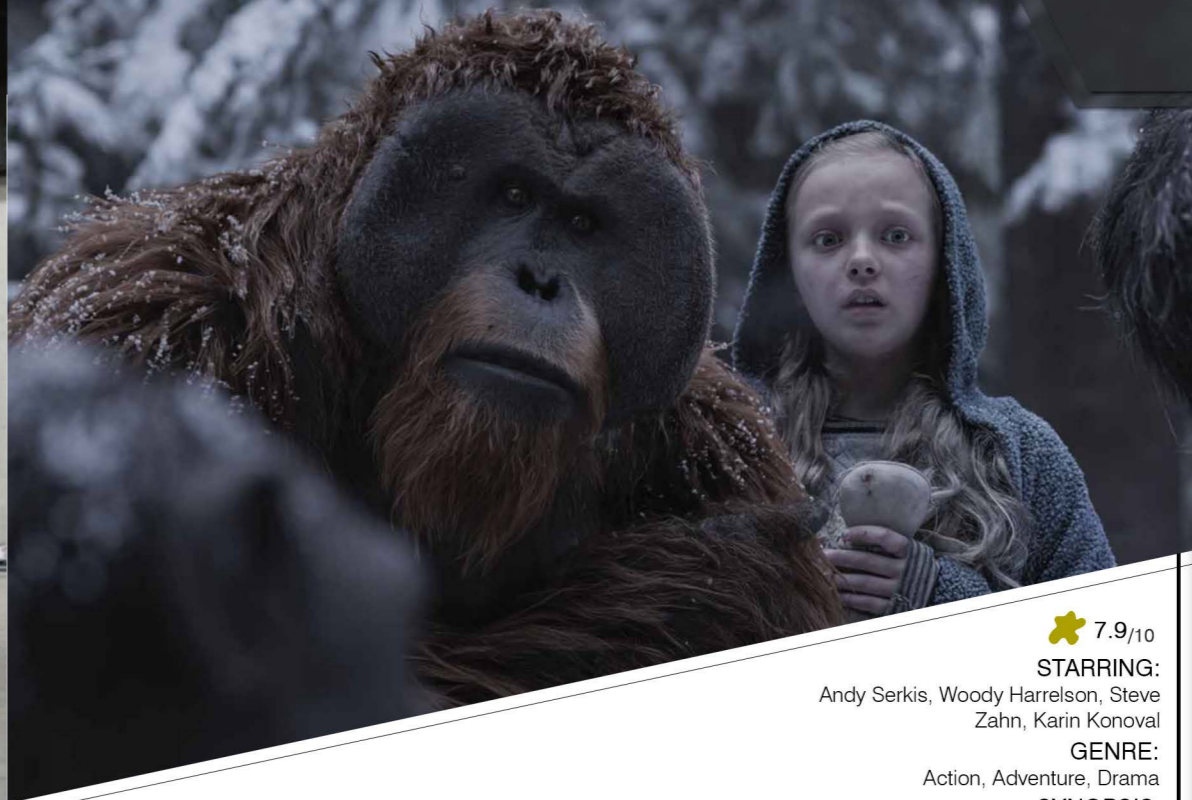
★ 7.9/10

SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

STARRING: Tom Holland, Michael Keaton Robert Downey Jr., Marisa Tomei, Gwyneth Paltow, Zendaya, Donald Glover...

GENRE: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

SYNOPSIS: Peter Parker is exploring the concept of becoming an Avenger. Tony Stark tries to help Peter, but he does not have total faith in Spider-Man to become a hero. And so Peter Parker, aka Spider-Man sets off to prove he is worthy to become an Avenger!



★ 7.9/10

PLANET OF THE APES

STARRING: Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson, Steve Zahn, Karin Konoval

GENRE: Action, Adventure, Drama

SYNOPSIS:

Caesar and his apes are forced into a deadly conflict with an army of humans led by a ruthless Colonel. After the apes suffer unimaginable losses, Caesar wrestles with his darker instincts and begins his own mythic quest to avenge his kind.



PLANET OF THE APES

CARS 3

★ 7.1/10

STARRING: Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo, Chris Cooper, Nathan Fillion...

GENRE: Animation, Adventure, Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Lightning McQueen is suddenly pushed out of his favorite sport due to new generation cars that have taken over the track, like Jackson Storm. Lightning McQueen is out modeled and has to get help from Cruz Ramirez.



BABY DRIVER

★ 8.2/10

CAST: Ansel Elgort, Jon Bernthal, Jon Hamm, Eiza Gonzalez, Micah Howard, Lanny Joon, Jamie Foxx...

GENRE: Action, Crime, Music

SYNOPSIS: Baby is a young and partially hearing impaired getaway driver who can make any wild move while in motion with the right track playing.. To survive and escape the coming maelstrom, it will take all of Baby's skill, wits and daring, but even on the best track, can he make it when life is forcing him to face the music?



THE FOREIGNER

CAST: Jackie Chan, Pierce Brosnan, Michael McElhatton, Katie Leung, Charlie

GENRE: Action, Thriller

SYNOPSIS: A humble businessman with a buried past seeks justice when his daughter is killed in an act of terrorism. A cat-and-mouse conflict ensues with a government official, whose past may hold clues to the killers' identities.



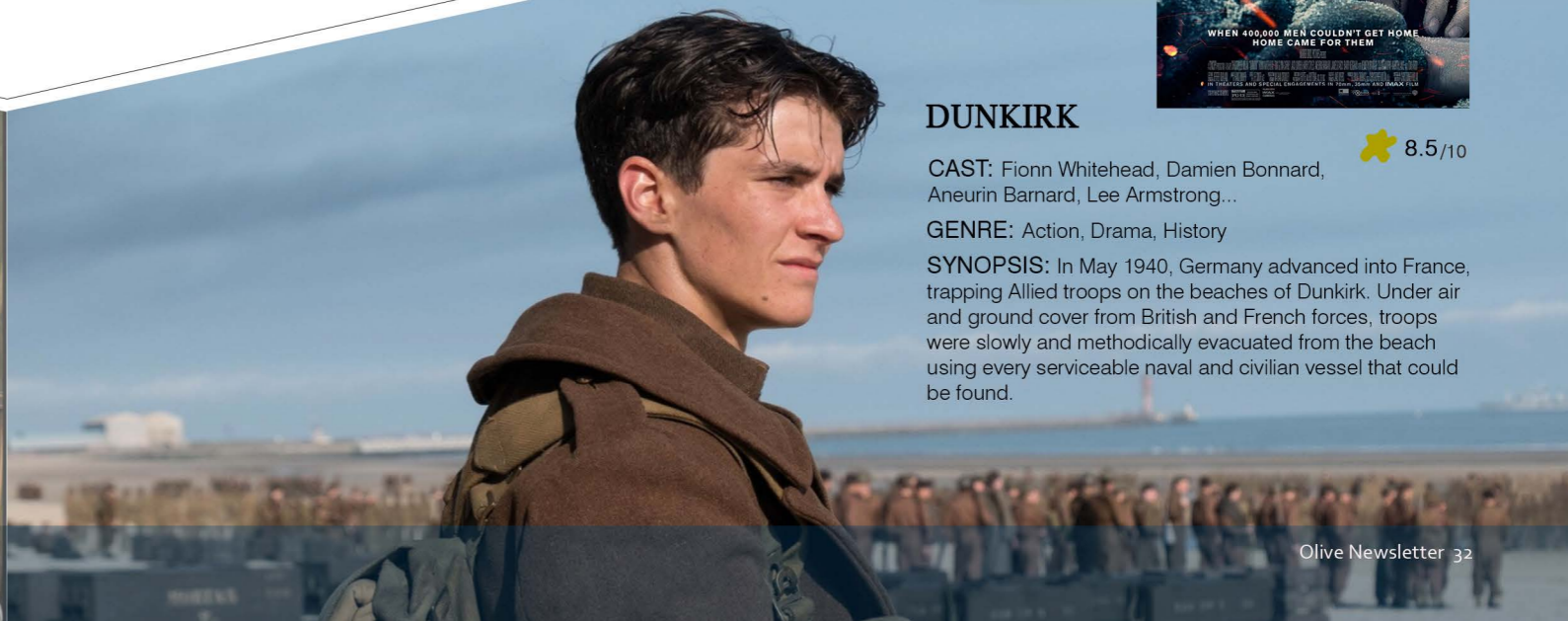
DUNKIRK

★ 8.5/10

CAST: Fionn Whitehead, Damien Bonnard, Aneurin Barnard, Lee Armstrong...

GENRE: Action, Drama, History

SYNOPSIS: In May 1940, Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover from British and French forces, troops were slowly and methodically evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found.



Child of war...



What can I do to ease your pain?
I too am so helpless,
I see you cry and I feel shame,
but for now, all my mind can conjure is to cry with you,

Often, we look to the strong for guidance,
Yet the strong around you only do you harm,
You have been so hurt and I have stood by,
Forgive my past and tell me how to help,

All of us are by standers in your pain,
They say it's not our business and we accept,
They say we're not to blame and we forget,
but deep down we know our hands are not clean.

The questions you have, I cannot answer,
I ask my mother and she tells me to pray,
I ask my father and he tells me to fight,
Yet my heart still seeks answers beyond,

You suffered so much at our expense,
I know your pain will never end,
I know your struggles are only beginning,
Yet I pray you have become stronger,

Stay strong child of war,
For darkness is only temporary.....

Poem by: Sam



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HUMOR

The son went to his dad and asked him, "Dad, what's an alcoholic?"
So the dad replied, "Do you see those four trees? Well, an alcoholic would see eight."
The son replied, "But Dad, I only see two."

My girlfriend yelled at me today saying, "You weren't even listening just now, were you?!" I thought, "Man, what a weird way to start a conversation."

How do you milk sheep? With iPhone accessories.

I got pulled over by a female cop, when I rolled down my window to ask what was wrong, she said "NOTHING"

The Pentagon is changing the nuclear codes to over 140 characters. So Trump can't tweet it.

I asked my mom if by any chance I was adopted? She said "why would we choose you?"

"Hey son, what has 4 legs and doesn't breathe?"
"You're not fooling me, dad, a chair!"
"Not this time, your dog died."

Why do the guards around Big Ben always look so tired? Because they're working around the clock.

What lies on its back, 100 feet in the air? A dead centipede.

After God created 24 hours of alternating darkness and light, one of the angels asked him, "What are you going to do now?" God said, "I think I'm going to call it a day."

I ordered a thesaurus from amazon...
But when it was delivered all the pages were blank.
I have no words to describe how angry I am.

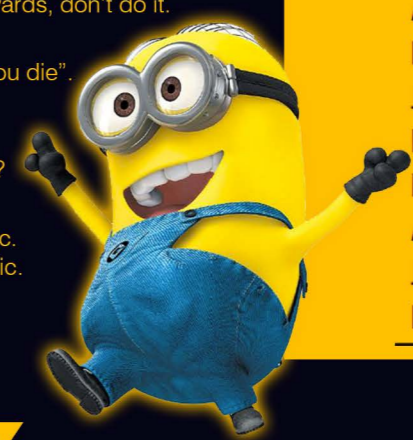
What's blue and not very heavy?
Light blue.

If anyone ever asks you to spell "part" backwards, don't do it.
It's a trap.

I just read a list of "100 things to do before you die".
I was quite surprised that "Yell for help" wasn't one of them.

How much room is needed for fungi to grow?
As mushroom, as possible.

When I drink alcohol, people call me alcoholic.
But when I drink Fanta, no-one calls me fantastic.



USELESS FACTS

- Elephants can move their skin to crush mosquitoes between their rolls of skin.
- New Zealand has a human population of a little over 4 million people and approximately 30 million sheep. That is 7 sheep to 1 person.
- Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words.
- The custom of shaking hands with strangers was meant to show both the parties that neither was holding a gun.
- What became Coca-Cola was intended to be a cure for headaches when pharmacist John Pemberton concocted it.
- Your mobile phone could be more than 400 times more powerful than the computers that helped NASA astronauts land on the moon in 1969.
- A bee must visit 4,000 flowers in order to make one tablespoon of honey.

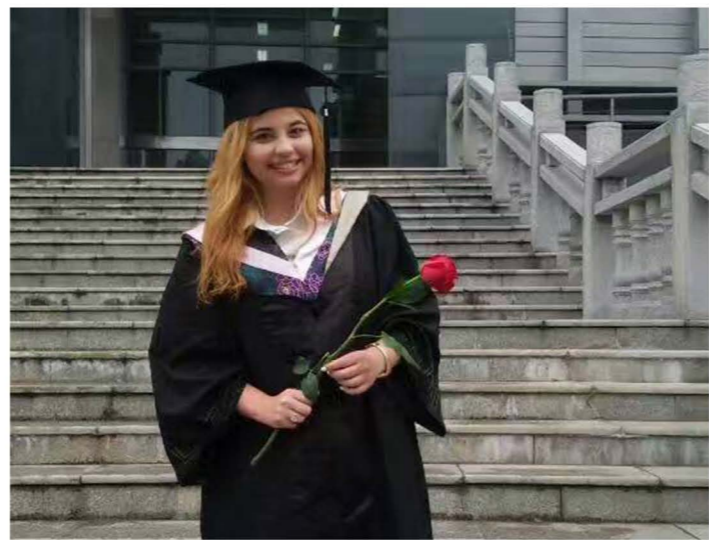
WORD SEARCH

Capitals of the World. How many capital cities of the world can you spot on this puzzle? Go upwards, downwards, left or right. 15 capitals on this puzzle. Break a leg!

- Kabul
- Canberra
- Vienna
- Dhaka
- Brussels
- Gaborone
- Ottawa
- Beijing
- Havana
- Cairo
- Accra
- Tehran
- Rome
- Seoul
- Riyadh



A B E I J I N G X H F N F G R
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SERENITY of Zhenjiang

When I first arrived in China, I had the chance to travel in a car and watch as I passed through the various cities from Shanghai. Before night fell I was amazed by the relative towering skyscrapers, the flashy cars and most of all, the beauty of nature that was projected by the evergreen trees and beautiful flowers as went through city by city till I arrived in Zhenjiang.

For what it's worth, Zhenjiang, formerly romanized as Chenkiang, is a prefecture-level city in Jiangsu Province, China which lies on the southern bank of the Yangtze River near its intersection with the Grand Canal.

After spending a couple of months here in this city I came to realize the sort of tranquility and quietude it provided. The aura of affability that followed the townsfolk brought about a sense of belonging. Zhenjiang is a city filled with orderliness, ardor and quietude.

Now most people may beg to differ, to say that this city is in recluse but there are a lot of perks in living in a place of equanimity. It gives you a peace of mind taking into consideration that there's little or no bustle. You don't have to bear with commotions and activities every day thus you can efficiently handle and achieve your daily purposes without distractions.

You also don't have to wake up to pollution like smoke in the air from industries or the exhaust of cars, dirty water and squalor. This gives you a bonus on health benefits!

In addition, it helps you to save money. As surprising as this may sound, living in Zhenjiang gives you a fair chance to save money. Once staying in a serene environment, you are less likely to be distracted by events and parties. In addition, there is also less peer pressure due to this. Hence, you get to spend profitably.

The ability to shut off all exterior distractions while staying in a placid city can help you produce substantially higher quality work. This is because you will be able to focus entirely on the task at hand, and as a result give it your all. This equals increased concentration and a plus on determination.

With all these perks and benefits, I must say, living in a serene environment helps you have a better life than living in a place of hubbub. There's no place you would want to be other than Zhenjiang!

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