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Community Outreach



Broadening Hong Kong Youth's
International Education Experiences



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“ACO’s programs reinforce our students’ career aspirations, and the workshops empower them with the skills to pursue their dreams.”

Mr. Ying Yeung Pang,
Vice-principal, SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School

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OUR MISSION

ARCH Community Outreach (ACO) is a non-profit charity (IR File No. 91/11870) aimed at broadening Hong Kong youth's exposure to international education experiences and diverse careers networks.

ACO was originally funded through a gift from the founders of ARCH Education in 2011. Annually, a portion of profits from ARCH Education is donated to ACO to continue its outreach initiatives via international opportunities and programs. ACO is also supported by corporate and individual sponsorships that help fund specific programs or provide opportunities to participating students.

We received endorsement from St. James' Settlement in 2012 as a partner charity entity. Since then, St James' Settlement has provided our programs with ongoing guidance and support, for which we deeply appreciate.



OUR PROGRAMS

ACO collaborates with academic institutions, corporates and NGOs to organize, support and deliver various Widening Access and Widening Participation Programs.

WIDENING ACCESS PROGRAMS

“It was an unforgettable experience to communicate with different professionals such as lawyers and bankers.”

Ms. Nicole Sham,
Student, St. Paul (Lam Tin) Secondary School

Overview

Bridging the gap for high-achieving and under-represented students residing in Hong Kong



For under-represented & high achieving students



Provide support & guidance for academic & professional success



Nurture future pillars of Hong Kong

1/ CAREERS PROGRAM

TARGET STUDENTS

Academically high-achieving students from under-resourced backgrounds in F.4 or above studying at local Hong Kong schools.



Aims



Guidance

Provide students with guidance in achieving their imminent academic and extra-curricular goals in preparation for their university applications



Mentorship

Provide students with mentorship and career exposure to bridge the gap between academic and future career success



Empowerment

Inspire and empower students to believe in themselves, and to help them understand how they can make a positive difference in their communities



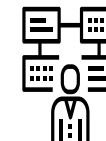
University Preparation

- Personal statement workshops
- Interview skills workshops
- Overseas university applications and scholarship talks



Pre-internship Training

- CV writing
- Work etiquette training
- Panelist sharing



Industry Exposure

- Summer internships/ job shadowing
- Professional corporate training workshops
- Mentorship program

Assessment Requirement

Our assessment process allows us to annually identify 20-30 academically high-achieving but under resourced students who are proactively seeking mentorship and career exposure. Most importantly, we seek to recruit students with a desire to make a positive contribution to their communities. Assessments are based on the following:

- Application Form
- Personal Statement
- Teacher Recommendation Letter
- School Recommendation
- Academic Transcripts
- “Super Day” Interview

Industry Partners in Previous Years*

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- Bank of East Asia
- Barclays
- Bloomberg Business Week
- Blue Care Medical Center
- Chan & Cheng Solicitors & Notaries
- CheckCheckCin
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- Des Voeux Chamber
- G2000
- Goldman Sachs
- GroundWorks
- Ho & Partner Architect
- Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital
- InnoWear
- Jason Pow SC's Chambers
- K11 Concepts Limited
- New World Development
- Mannings
- Morgan Stanley
- Notey
- Pacific Chambers
- Phoenix Satellite Television
- POLCCF Dialysis Centre
- Queen Mary Hospital
- Woods Pharmacy
- TAM Hulac & Partners Dental Ltd
- Teach4HK
- The Nesbitt Center
- Time Out Hong Kong

* For reference only



2/ UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

TARGET STUDENTS







Students from under-represented backgrounds in F.3 or above studying at local Hong Kong schools



Aims

This program aims to provide tailored admissions counseling guidance to help high-achieving students, as well as to maximise their potential and chance for success in applying to top UK and US universities. The support is extended by our team of consultants and tutors for free.

What We Offer

 Standardised test preparation	 UK/ US University Selection	 Personal Statement/ Essay Guidance	
 Recommendation Guidance	 Interview Preparation	 Financial Aid or Scholarships	 Ongoing Guidance

Assessment Requirements

- Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- School Transcripts
- 1-hour Candidate Meeting
- School Recommendation Letter (may be required)

3/

SCHOOL TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

TARGET SCHOOLS

Government & Aided Hong Kong Secondary Schools



Aims

This program aims to help equip teachers and counselors with the tools and information to support students to in applying to competitive universities overseas.

What We Offer



Tailor-made Workshops

Our in-school teacher training covers personal statement and CV review, interview preparation and recommendation letter drafting.



University Application & Scholarship Talks

We organize talks in collaboration with representatives from scholarship funds to provide teachers and students with the opportunity to explore their potential funding channels.



Individual Support

If needed, we assist schools with individual students' applications to overseas universities.

Partner Schools

Partner Schools must be either a government school or aided school. To be considered as a Partner School, the school will be required to fill in a questionnaire and to provide background information including school careers team and other resources for university application support for ACO's assessment.

- Baptist Lui Ming Choi Secondary School
- Christian Alliance S C Chan Memorial College
- Ho Fung College
- Po Leung Kuk Centenary Li Shiu Chung Memorial College
- SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School
- SKH Chan Young Secondary School
- SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School
- SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School
- St. Paul's School (Lam Tin)
- Tsuen Wan Government Secondary School
- Yuen Long Merchants Association Secondary School

(For reference only)

For interested parties, please email us: info@arch-community-outreach.com for further discussion.

WIDENING PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

“Our students have broadened their horizons and gained a better understanding of their future career development.”

Mr. Ka Yun Chan,
Principal, SKH Lam Woo Memorial Secondary School

Overview

Raising career aspirations amongst the whole of Hong Kong youth community



Open to all students domiciled in Hong Kong



Opportunity to learn from globally renowned professors and educators



Sponsorship to travel abroad for international learning opportunities

The following institutions and individuals* have supported our Widening Participation Programs in different capacities.

- The University of Hong Kong
 - Fellows and Professors from the University of Cambridge, the University of Oxford and Columbia University
 - Directors of Studies, Panel Heads, School Heads and faculty members from top UK and US Boarding Schools:
- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Badminton School | • Sevenoaks School |
| • Benenden School | • The Lawrenceville School |
| • Charterhouse School | • The Taft School |
| • Cheltenham Ladies' College | • Tonbridge School |
| • Choate Rosemary Hall | • Twyford School |
| • Eton College | • Uppingham School |
| • Harrow School | • Wellington College |
| • King's School Canterbury | • Winchester College |
| • Phillips Academy Andover | • Wycombe Abbey School |
| • Phillips Exeter Academy | |

* For reference only

1/ Global Aspiring Medic Conference (GAMC)

GAMC is a one day conference that aims to expose Hong Kong to the extensive scope of the healthcare industry through the delivery of keynote speeches, the experiences of practicing medics as well as skill-based workshops.



The conference features world academics and professors to share with students their experiences in initiating and leading cutting edge and interdisciplinary research projects across a wide array of medical sciences.

Various workshops provide students with an intellectually stimulating and interactive platform to gain insights into the practical aspects of the medical industry, including select strands of medical care, such as Radiology and Dentistry etc.



There will also be a workshop on medical school admissions requirements, with a particular emphasis on interview mentality.

TARGET STUDENTS F.4 or above
WEBSITE www.gamc.hk



2/ Hong Kong Inter-school Mock Trial Champion- ship (HKISMTC)

HKISMTC aims to provide a platform for Hong Kong students to develop skills in public speaking, critical thinking, collaboration, and confidence through mock trial debating.



Mock trial is an activity that lets students experience the excitement of the justice system. This highly competitive debate format places students in the roles of lawyers and witnesses, during which they are required to debate a fiction case by applying real legal rules. Students are judged based on their ability to present evidence, speak with authority, debate, and creatively portray witnesses.

Since its establishment in 2014, HKISMTC has become one of the largest inter-school mock trial competitions for HK secondary school students. Annually, 20+ school teams comprised of 200+ participants compete in a two-day competition.



ACO, together with competition sponsors, has awarded the winning team an opportunity to compete against the best teams in the world at the Empire Mock Trial Championship in the U.S.

TARGET STUDENTS F.3 or above
WEBSITE www.hongkongmocktrial.org



3/

Young Laureate Award (YLA)

YLA is Hong Kong's only literacy competition judged by the very best adjudicators from top UK and US boarding schools and professors from renown universities. It aims at developing stronger transferable skills in analyzing literary texts and writing amongst Hong Kong students.



The Winner of the Category will be awarded a fully funded scholarship to attend a prestigious summer program in the United Kingdom or United States with a focus on reading and writing skills in the summer.

The judging panel of the 2016 YLA included Director of Studies, Panel Heads, School Heads or faculty members from top UK and US boarding schools such as Harrow, Eton, Benenden School, Choate Rosemary Hall, Phillips Exeter Academy and many more, as well as Fellows and Professors from University of Cambridge, University of Oxford and Columbia University.



TARGET STUDENTS
P.5 or above
WEBSITE
www.theyounglaureateaward.com

What Roles Can You Play?



YOUTH MENTOR

- Provide students with academic and career guidance
- Expected commitment: 1-2 students per mentor over a 1 year period. Mentors to attend 2-3 ACO events. Optional for mentors to meet regularly with mentee



INDUSTRY PARTNER

- Provide internship/ job shadowing opportunities (1-2 weeks) for students at your firm
- Provide full day or half day corporate workshops for industry exposure



GUEST SPEAKER

- Participate in pre-internship training as guest speaker to provide an overview of your industry, recruitment insights and/or personal success stories
- Participate as one of the medical keynote speakers at GAMC



JUDGE

- Become one of the judges for the HK Inter-School Mock Trial Championship and/ or the Young Laureate Award



DONOR

- Regular or one-off donation to support ACO programs
- Contribute funding towards student scholarships



VOLUNTEER

- Take part in ACO planning, operations and events

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SUCCESS STORIES

Thanks to the enormous support from teachers, schools, corporates, donors and volunteers, we have supported Hong Kong students to realize their full potential and achieve success beyond expectation. We wish to have your support in supporting the Hong Kong youth community!





JEFF CHEUNG
Wesleyan University with
full scholarship 2017-18
(Sing Yin Secondary School)


"My story with ACO is a unique one since I didn't join the Careers Program but a scholarship talk. The overseas admissions and the successful stories of Thomas and Shirley inspired me a lot. I was offered the best guidance on the SAT test prep, personal statements and financial aid applications. Without the generous support from ACO, I would never dare to dream big! ACO has empowered my whole life, and I aspire to become a person who can empower others' lives!"

"Without ACO, I certainly would not have gone so far in terms of both my university education and career aspiration. Not only has ACO opened up my eyes as to the splendid array of career opportunities in my desired field - law - but it has, more importantly, tailored an all-in-one programme to assist with my overseas university application, with which I managed to start my first year at the LSE this September. After all, something would always be a turning point at some stages of your life. And to me, ACO is doubtlessly one of them!"



SHIRLEY WONG
Law, University of
Cambridge with HKSES
scholarship 2015-16
(SKH Lam Woo Memorial
Secondary School)

"The Careers Program not only provided a series of workshops on university and job preparation – from the complexities of writing persuasive resumes and personal statements, to the intricacies of presenting a proactive and confident side of yourself during interviews, but also enabled its participants to job shadow and gain exposure at prestigious firms in various fields. These experiences drastically changed my worldview; life was infinitely more exciting and interesting than the one I thought I had always been acquainted with."



THOMAS YAU
Law, London School of
Economics and Political
Science with HKSES
scholarship 2016-17
(SKH Lam Woo Memorial
Secondary School)

"Being selected to participate in the program and enrolled in the job shadowing experience in the legal department of Barclays Bank was an incredibly unforgettable opportunity. I had never imagined getting an offer from Cambridge. My family's humble background and my experience in local school have not restricted my resolute determination to pursue my goal. All along ACO incessantly helped me to make great strides in the university application process. Ultimately it performed wonders!"



ROSEMARIE HO
University of Chicago with
full scholarship 2014-15
(Baptist Lui Ming Choi
Secondary School)

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HKID Card no (First letter and 4 digits): Year of Birth: _____

Sex: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name on Receipt (if different from above): _____

Donation Amount:

I would like to make a one-off donation to support ARCH Community Outreach:

☐ HK\$5,000 ☐ HK\$2,000 ☐ HK\$1,000 ☐ HK\$500 ☐ HK\$ _____

☐ I would like to make a regular monthly donation, please contact us directly.

Donation Method:

☐ Cash (Please come to our center for cash donation)

☐ Bank Transfer

HSBC: 048-895-163001 (Account Name: ARCH Community Outreach Limited)

(Please send this form with the original/ copy of the bank receipt)

☐ Crossed Cheque (No.: _____)

(Payable to "ARCH Community Outreach Limited")

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With your support, we can nurture more young adults for our future community. Thank you!

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