

The Light at the End of the Tunnel

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Ask any medical students “What do you most look forward to?” and the most common reply will be “the light at the end of the tunnel”. Most of us know what that means, which is finishing the final year exams and finally becoming a long-awaited doctor. That was what the medical students in the class of 2018 experienced on 1st June 2018... they finally saw the light! And CFPS was invited to be part of their graduation celebration.



Prior to attending the graduation dinner, I was furiously trying to recollect my own graduation dinner 13 years ago but nothing came to mind. It was then that I realized we did not even have a graduation dinner at all! There was only an announcement and collection of results, and then a graduation

ceremony in NUS. As the lift doors in Marriot Hotel Tangs Plaza opened at the level of the graduation dinner, I was overwhelmed by the grand scale of the celebration... lots of gold, glitter, happy faces of students and family members formally dressed in black, white and gold. It felt like a dinner party celebration. People were posing at photo booths or having cocktail drinks. As I entered the ballroom, the students were rehearsing for their singing and dancing performances. It was a grand sight to behold!

Throughout the dinner party, the students put up entertainment items and performances that really spiced up the event and exuded joy and happiness, infecting every dinner participant to join in their celebration. It was then that I realized that quite a number of the students



Dr Luke Low presenting the CFPS award in Family Medicine to Miss Lim Mei Xing

are talented in their own ways, be it singing, dancing, acting or playing musical instruments. They even made a hilarious video on how to survive their housemanship! I could sense the deep level of friendship and comradeship that they have built up over the years of studying and playing hard together, and going through thick and thin.

There were also various awards given out to deserving students, and CFPS proudly gave our award to the highest scoring student in the family medicine module to Miss Lim Mei Xing during the event as well. Congratulations to all the award winners! You have done well and deserved the recognition.

All celebrations must come to an end, and so did the dinner. But it is only the beginning of their long career in our esteemed profession, to be a good and caring physician to every patient they encounter. As Hippocrates put it so aptly, “Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity”. All the best to the Duke-NUS medical school class of 2018 students, and we look forward to seeing you join our ranks really soon!

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*(far left):
Graduating class dancing their way to the stage*



*(left):
Dean Thomas M. Coffman giving his heart felt congratulations to the graduating class of 2018*