

CLOSING A CHAPTER: THE END OF STUDENT LIFE

The time has come, it feels surreal. October 2022 was the day I stepped into my senior year; it was both thrilling and nostalgic. The lectures were even delivered differently in terms of clinical applications, future career prospects, and entrepreneurship-wise; all which covered pharmaceutical care. As final year students, we began to involve with the community and had opportunities to interact with real patients. Besides that, we also had presentations, attended career exhibitions and motivational talks from experts, did mocks for job interviews, gave patient counseling under lecturers' supervision, reviewed and answered queries of clinical cases, joined feedback sessions from lectures and courses lab, attached in various hospital pharmacy departments and completed 7 OSCEs. We even pitched for our own pharmacy and many others!

Now that I have graduated, it is certainly an exciting time! Finishing my degree with mixed emotions; the feelings of relief and joy combined with sadness, especially when the realization of leaving all the bittersweet memories and goodbyes to wonderful friends hits as we parted ways. The new chapter begins, and big responsibilities await as everyone goes into the PRP-ship life. If there is one thing I learnt during my undergraduate, it would be to persevere through the tough times!

Prior to graduating, I had planned generally how I wanted my career journey to be. Despite being a great enthusiast with these visualizations, perhaps, like other friends, I too, am still figuring it out. Back in the day, the thought of doing nothing for 5 months before PRP frightened me but I made plans. Adapt to new transitions gradually, keep finding your purpose, and just enjoy the little things each day. Nevertheless, it is important to not dwell with deep thoughts because the best is yet to come! As graduates, we should not get so caught up with the past that we miss what lies ahead. So, chin up!

Finally, well done to my fellow batchmates (Rx18) for we survived 4 years of pharmacy school. This is a huge milestone for everyone. To juniors, who are still thriving, remember all the small successes you have achieved along the way and make sure to enjoy every moment in Uni!



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