Sunway College’s high achievers

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Biomedical Science student Zarraz Lee May-Ping is on a success spree.

After being placed on the Dean's List in January, she bagged the Marie-Noyes Scholarship Award and the Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Scholarship Award at Sunway College’s Western Michigan University (WMU) Honours Convocation last week. The ceremony which celebrated the achievements of students of the Sunway College-WMU twinning programme coincided with a warm farewell to 31 students who will be transferring to the US to continue their studies.

Two other awards presented at the Honours Convocation were the Western Michigan Scholarship Award and the New Scholar Award.

Three recipients who received the WMU Award were Christopher Gerard Ciptadjaya, Loh Eu Nice and Renovy Missary.

The New Scholar Awards were presented to 11 recipients – Nicholas Baptist, Stephanie Chew, Ho Ming Sze, Laith Salah Rashid, Lee Saw Tin, Lew Wye Han, Lim Chri Ren, Arron Lim, Saad Bader Sheikh, Shireen Alka Woodiga and Sudeesh Abhimanyu Woodiga.

The guest of honour, Professor Howard Dooley, Executive Director for the Office of International Affairs at WMU, US, congratulated the recipients.

The Sunway College-WMU twinning programme helps to mould students into well-rounded high achievers, said Professor Richard Pippen, director of the programme.

Academically, the programme follows the American education curriculum offered at WMU. This means that students are required to undertake a number of general education subjects in addition to their intended course of study, added Pippen.

Another unique feature of the programme is that students can enter into university studies without having to go through a formal matriculation programme.

The idea of studying under a system which grades participation, regular coursework and assignments in addition to the final examinations is an added attraction.

The twinning programme at Sunway currently offers courses leading to five Bachelor degrees – Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Computer Science, Bachelor of Engineering (BEng), Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Natural Science, and Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Mass Communications.

The programme offers three intakes a year, in January, May and September. The tuition fee is RM280 per credit hour with one credit hour being equivalent to one hour of class per week for fifteen weeks.

Students are also guaranteed a place in their choice programme and a full transfer of all subjects fulfilled at Sunway to WMU.

This programme has a reputation for producing students who excel in both their academic and extra-curricular involvement both at Sunway and at WMU.

Outside the classroom, students are also actively involved in activities such as safekeeping the environment with the setting up of the Environment Caring Organisation (ECO).

Sunway College has been conducting top-class tertiary education in Malaysia since 1987, offering students a wide range of courses leading to degree education in universities worldwide.

The next intake for the Sunway College-WMU programme is on September 4.

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