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EDUCATION

- 2006-2010 **Swarthmore College**, *Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, USA*
- Bachelor of Arts candidate, June 2010. Anticipated Political Science Honors Major and Islamic and Arabic Studies Honors Minor, with emphasis on International Relations and Economics.
 - 3.9/4.0 GPA. Awarded Swarthmore College, Peter Mertz, and Margaret Moore Scholarships.
 - Test scores: ACT 35/36; SAT II World History 800/800, Physics 800/800, Math IIC 790/800.
- 2005 **Lake Mills High School**, *Lake Mills, Wisconsin, USA*
- Fully sponsored by the US State Department for the American Field Service (AFS) Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program. 4.0/4.0 GPA.
- 2000-2004 **SMK Damansara Jaya**, *Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia*
- Scored 12 A1s for SPM (Malaysian Certificate of Education). Top 0.1% in Malaysia.
 - Second overall best student in 2000 and 2001.
 - Best student in various years for English, Mathematics, Geography and Art.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Debate and Public Speaking

- 2007 **Adjudicator**, World Universities Debating Championships, *University of British Columbia, Canada*
- Represented Swarthmore College to this international tournament. Made adjudication chair.
- 2006 **Debate Coach**, SMK Damansara Jaya, *Malaysia*
- Co-coached two different school teams to win two national debating tournaments.
 - In all, I have won two national debating championships as a debater and two more as a coach.
- 2003-2004 **National Champion**, Tan Sri Datuk Paduka Dr. Hajjah Saleha National Debate Cup, *Malaysia*
- National Champion**, Tan Sri Datuk Wira Abdul Rahman Arshad National Debate Cup, *Malaysia*
- Won two highly-competitive national debating titles in two years.
- 2006 **Adjudicator**, Tan Sri Datuk Paduka Dr. Hajjah Saleha National Debate Cup, *Malaysia*
- 2006 **National Finalist**, English Speaking Union-The Star-HSBC Public Speaking Competition, *Malaysia*
- Presented impromptu and prepared speeches to emerge top 12 in Malaysia.
- 2007 **Seminar Speaker**, Discover US Education, *Malaysia*
- Expounded on the merits of liberal arts colleges at this national student-run exposition about tertiary education in the USA.
- 2005 **Gold Medalist** (1st Rating), Wisconsin State Forensics (Oratory), *Wisconsin*

Creative and Analytical Writing

- 2006 **National Champion**, IMPAC Dublin Literary Award for Young Malaysians, *Malaysia*
- Grand Champion out of 1100 entries in this national essay-writing competition.
 - Attended the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award Prize-Giving Ceremony in Ireland.
- 2006 **National Consolation Prize**, MPH Search for Young Malaysian Writers, *Malaysia*
- Top 8 out of 3000 entries in this national competition. Short story to be published in a book.
- 2006 **Freelance Writer**, The Star, *Malaysia*
- Articles were published in this most widely-read English newspaper in Malaysia.
- 2005-2007 **Staff Writer**, theCICAK.com
- Wrote miscellaneous articles for this socio-political online magazine for Malaysian youth.

Leadership and Community Service Experiences

- 2008 **Teacher**, Swarthmore Bosnia Project, *Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- Taught English and communication skills to students (8-13) through this summer program.
 - Fundraised US\$15,000 in total, including a US\$10,000 Davis Projects for Peace Award.
- 2006 **Teacher**, SMK Damansara Jaya, *Malaysia*
- Taught Moral Knowledge and Civics to secondary school students.
 - Created a highly-effective mnemonic device for Moral Knowledge that is still in use in school.
- 2007 **Special Projects Manager**, theCICAK
- Coordinated a national writing competition themed "Young Malaysians You Need to Know."
 - Awarded a US\$2,500 Swarthmore Foundation Grant.
- 2007 **Swarthmore College Effective Grantsmanship Program**, *Pennsylvania*
- Created and analyzed surveys for the after-school arts program of the NIA Center, results of which will be used in future grant proposals.
- 2005 **Volunteer** (400 hours), Bridges Early Intervention Program for special needs children, *Malaysia*

Student Exchange and International Experiences

- 2007 **National Delegate**, the 8th China Synergy Program for Outstanding Youth, *China*
- Toured Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Xian, Beijing and Shanghai as part of international delegation.
- 2006 **National Representative**, British Council Young Global Citizens Project, *the Philippines*
- 2005 **Exchange Student**, American Field Service (AFS) Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program, *USA*
- Lived in Lake Mills, Wisconsin, for six months. Fully sponsored by the US State Department.

Vocal and Instrumental Music

- 2007 **Duetist**: *All I Ask of You* (Lloyd Webber), *the Great Hall of the People, Beijing, China*
- Performed in the Chinese Parliament as a delegate of the 8th China Synergy Program.
- 2005 **Gold Medalist** (1st Rating): Wisconsin State Solo/Ensemble (Bass Solo), *Wisconsin*
- 2007 **Baritone Soloist**: *Carmina Burana* (Orff), Swarthmore College Chorus, *Pennsylvania*
- 2007 **Soloist**: *Judah Maccabee*, Chaverim (Jewish a cappella group of Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges), *Pennsylvania*
- 2000-2003 Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, *UK*
- **Distinction**, Grade 6 Piano; **Distinction**, Grade 6 Theory; awarded **Hedy King Robinson Prize**.

Mathematics and Science Competitions

- 2003 **National Champion**, National Mathematical Olympiad, *Malaysia*
- 2004 **High Distinction**, National Chemistry Quiz, *Malaysia*
- 2004 **Team Champion**, Hua Lo Keng Mathematics Competition for Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, *Malaysia*
- 2002 **Team Champion and Individual Excellence Prize**, Hua Lo Keng Mathematics Competition, *Malaysia*

Academic and Miscellaneous Competitions

- 2005 **Champion**, HELP University College Law Olympiad for Kuala Lumpur and Selangor, *Malaysia*
- 2004 University of New South Wales International Competitions (for Form 5 and Lower 6), *Australia*
- **Distinction**, English; **Distinction**, Mathematics; **Distinction**, Science.
- 2008 **13th Highest-Scoring Individual**, NAQT (Quizbowl) Mid-East Sectionals, *Pennsylvania*
- 13th highest-scoring player out of 70 participants.
- 2004 **Member**, MENSA Malaysia, *Malaysia*
- 2002 & 2004 **Highly Commended**, National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz, *Malaysia*
- 2000-2004 National Bible Knowledge Quiz, *Malaysia*
- **2nd Runner-up** in Selangor and **7th Best Team** nationally in 2004.
 - **Individual Top 12** in nation in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Languages**: Fluent *English*; proficient *Malay* and *Mandarin*; conversant *Cantonese* and *Hakka*; elementary *Arabic*.