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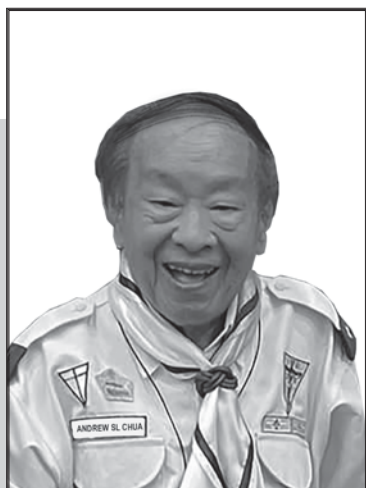
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## FOREWORD

**This special issue of 60th Campfire Light witnesses our unwavering scouting spirit amidst the COVID-19 pandemic over the past three years from 2020-2022. This edition celebrates how we have lived true to our motto, “Be Prepared”, even for a pandemic, as we banded together to “Never let a good crisis go to waste”.**

**As you journey with us through these memories, may these pages bring you the same profound joy and happiness seen in our eyes. Even as you observe masks appearing and us keeping apart due to social distancing, be reminded that even in the face of great change, it is our strong brotherhood and collective values that will always stay true.**



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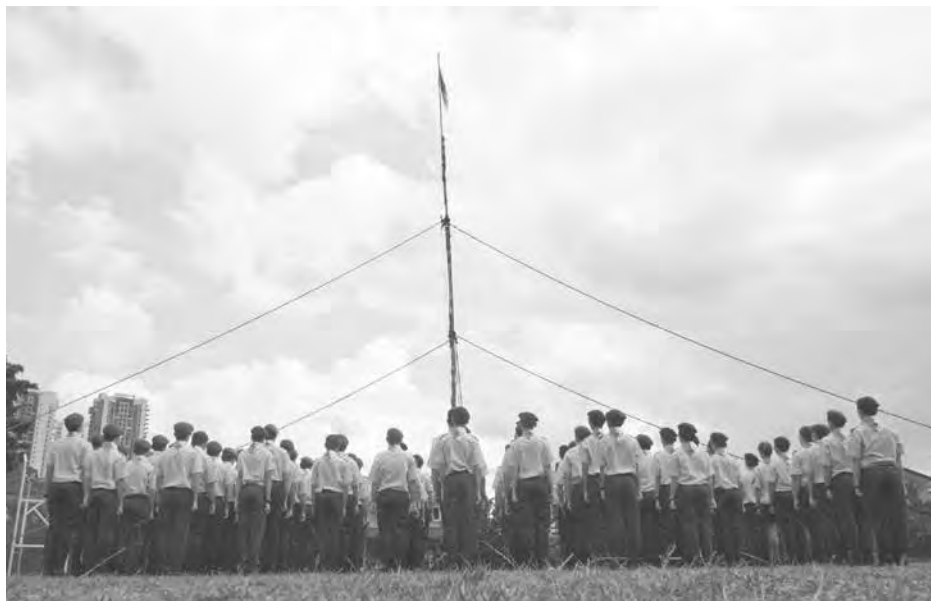
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The Troop gathered on 17 January 2020 to celebrate our 72nd 团庆 and our GSL Mr Chua's birthday. All of us had been looking forward to this day and we were in high spirits.

As a testament to the strength of our Troop, we began the day with the annual challenge of raising the 五层旗杆 - a challenge befitting of an elite troop in Singapore.



Next, to celebrate our achievements for the year, we moved on to the Prize Presentation segment in the hall. The best Secondary 1, 2 and 3 Scouts of 2019 were Law Jia Jun, Seah Zhang Qi, and Lim Ni Ler respectively.

As each Patrol stepped up to receive their Troop scarves, the Troop renewed our Scout Law and Promise. We then proceeded with the investiture of the new appointment holders and Ventures.



The highlight of the day was definitely the lion dance performance, ushering in yet another new year of excellence for Catholic High Scout Group.

We ended the day with a cake-cutting session as well as the presentation of the Long-Service Awards (LSA) to our Cub-Scout and Scout leaders from the Primary and Secondary section respectively.

***Joash Cheng, Venture***



## 3R Car Derby

For the 3R Car Derby last year, I created my car out of a plastic bottle as the main body with four bottle caps as wheels held on by some chopsticks and a piece of cardboard as the seat.

During the event, the car did not function properly and would sometimes spin out of control. I realised that it was due to the glue which may have prevented the car from moving smoothly.

Despite being given a few weeks to improve my car, I was not selected for the 3R Car Derby. Some 3R cars that use CDs as its wheels were selected as the car could move very fast and smoothly.

Despite the problems that I faced, I still kept on thinking of new ways to improve. It was an eye-opening experience for me.

**Jonathan Teo, Yellow Six**





From the day I heard that I had been selected to be a Cub Scout, my heart was filled with excitement.

When I bought the scout uniform and was invested with 36 others, I felt proud that I could finally declare myself a cub scout. It was my duty to abide by the scout law and the scout promise.

The investiture was a simple but nice ceremony where we received our national red scarf and held the scout flag in front of everybody, reciting the scout law and promise that we should hold dearly in our hearts.

Scouting is a pleasant experience and despite the Covid-19 pandemic, this investiture has been a great introduction to my scouting journey.

**Yeoh Peng Yi, Green Six**





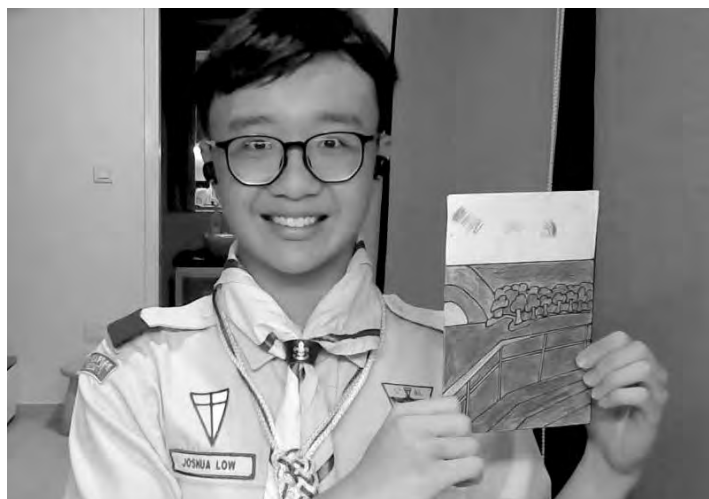
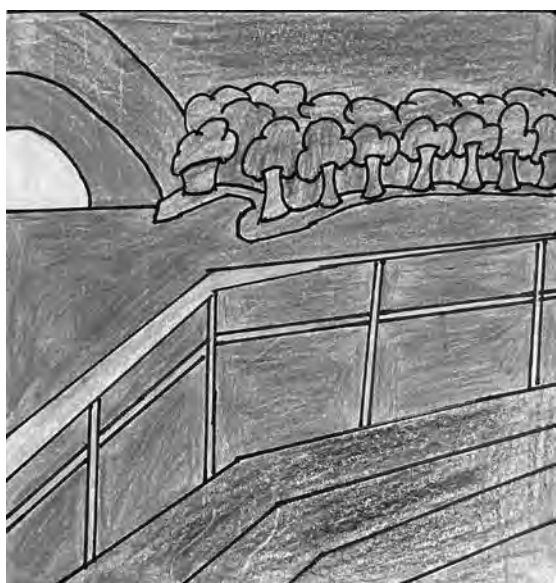
# Area Trek Badge Design Competition

I was inspired by our patrol hike to Kent Ridge Park for this badge design competition. The beautiful sights when we were at the top of Kent Ridge Hill were breathtaking, spanning across the ridges and the waters.

In my badge design, I have used iconic landmarks along The Southern Ridges. The Henderson Waves relate to scouting pioneering projects. The Tanjong Berlayer Point is an orienteering landmark. The Labrador Battery and Cable Car are a nod to our history, both good and bad.

I am happy that I have managed to clinch the best design award for this competition, putting the Troop at the top. However, on top of just getting first place, I am humbled that I have managed to do my part for the community. My design will be used for fundraising for charity and will be the design for the Area Trek next year.

**Siauw Yu Hern, Eagle Patrol**



Our Troop gathered on 23 January to celebrate 团庆 2021. This year, we celebrated our 73rd anniversary. We were undetermed by the COVID-19 pandemic as one strongly united group. We entered the school with a sense of pride and a readiness to start anew. It was the day that signified the passing of the baton to the next batch of leaders who would lead the Troop to greater heights. Unlike previous years, we split into two shifts with four patrols each so as to reduce intermingling. However, this divide did not hamper our high spirits, and we were able to hold our heads high with pride. The Cub Scouts from the primary section joined our celebration for some games. We forged bonds within our Troop between the Scouts and Cub Scouts to strengthen our group's unity. It was a joyous celebration for everyone.



Afterwards, we took a Troop photograph and proceeded with our cake-cutting ceremony.

To end off the day, the second shift gathered for 降旗 led by our 2020 SPL Zhang Qi. The lowering of the flag concluded our journey in 2020 and brought forth an expectant year of excellence in 2021. With a resounding shout of “公教” during BERSURAL, we welcomed the upcoming year as one troop.

**Ryan Loh, Venture**



Today on 27 March 2021, the Sec 1 Scouts officially joined Catholic High Scout Group. The investiture ceremony signifies the induction of the Sec 1s as Scouts and the start of their scouting journey in Catholic High Scout Group. The Patrol Leader of each Patrol accompanies and leads their respective Sec 1s during the ceremony. This is to show their full support to the Sec 1s they will lead in their Patrols.

The Sec 1s placed their left hand, the side where the heart is located, on the Troop flag, signifying a promise of loyalty and dedication to the Troop. They then raised their right hand in salute and recited the Scout Promise. They pledged to uphold the values and meaning behind the Scout Promise.

After officially joining the scouting movement and the Troop, the Sec 1 Scouts will have to endure a tough but rewarding training for the next three years to emerge as true Catholic High Scouts. They will be tested and challenged during each training.

To end off the investiture, the Sec 1 Scouts took a photo together to commemorate the joyous occasion. Thus marks the start of their scouting journey as they grow in both body and mind alongside their fellow Catholic High Scouts.

**Lucas Kong, Tiger Patrol**





Today, on 31 March 2021 at 2.48pm, the third anniversary since the launch of our website, Catholic High Scout Group officially launched our Troop's Instagram as a new platform for the Troop to share its achievements and connect with the Singapore scouting community and wider public.

Our website has come a long way since its creation in 2018, much like our ever growing digital training assets, "The Digital QM". This new council symbolises the growing importance of digital assets in scouting, whether it be for training, administrative or publicity purposes.

As the world continues to progress and develop, Catholic High Scout Group will continue to adapt and innovate, always be ahead of the curve and aim for nothing less than the best. Find out more at [chsscouts.com](http://chsscouts.com) (QR Code) or visit our instagram page @chsscouts.

**Lucas Loh, Rover**



## Webmaster Council

<b>Lucas Loh</b> Lead Rover	<b>Joshua Low</b> Chief Webmaster	<b>Chey Jedd</b> Editor-in-Chief	<b>Daniel Ong</b> Administrator
<b>Seah Zhang Qi</b> Special Advisor	<b>Loh Feng Ryan</b> Special Advisor		





*Scout Team (Fabian, Jen Yih and Jun Sian)*



*Venture Team (Joshua, Jedd and Yu Hern)*

The Cubs, Scouts, and Ventures recently took part in the National Mind Quiz 2021 held in July by the Singapore Scouts Association. As the first competition of the year, the Troop was determined to aim for an excellent showing. It was also a good opportunity for the Scouts to learn more about the scouting movement and refresh their theoretical knowledge.

Despite falling short of expectations, all three teams made us proud by both trying their best and upholding strong moral standards throughout the process. In light of this, we turned this loss into a moment for growth; the strengthening of our Troop's digital assets.



*Cub Scouts Team (Matthew Lee, Foo Khai Yee, Ethan Chu)*

*Jedd Chey, Venture*



Over the course of the November and December school holidays, the Secondary 3 Scouts worked on various batch projects involving pioneering, one of which was to design and construct a bridge, named 十五米吊桥 and a tower, 三层四正塔.



When the tower was finally completed, we felt a sense of satisfaction and were proud of our accomplishment of building a grand tower that we had designed.

The tower is a testament to our abilities and skills learnt over three years. It is a new milestone accomplished together as a batch; we will continue to strive for the best in everything that we do.

**Tristan Chua, Eagle Patrol**



Over the course of these few weeks, we had the opportunity to bond together as a batch. Despite the fact that we were often working under the hot sun, we continued to push on. The whole project proved its worth by letting the Scouts see what we could achieve after three years in Catholic High Scout Group and to encourage everyone to strive to do better.

**Kaleb Phoon, ASPL**







The PEA Hike is one of the most gruelling milestones in any venture's PSA journey. Each test is marked by an intense hike that challenges our physical endurance and mapping skills. It is followed by a demanding timeline to produce a robust report in 16 hours, complete with maps of the journey we take in the day.

To conquer this battle, we built up our own endurance against various types of weather and terrain. We also reinforced our orienteering skills. Even though our submission deadline for the reports was 8 am the next morning, we did not let this become an excuse to lower our standards.

In true Catholic High spirit, we pushed ourselves and to stay up for a continuous 28 hours, to produce the best work Catholic High Scouts would take pride in. I am happy to report that in the past three years, we have had a 100% pass rate; a testament to our robust training.

***Avern Tan, Venture***





On 22 January 2022, the Troop gathered to celebrate its 74th anniversary, for our annual 团庆. This year, we decided to raise a 七层旗杆, towering at 18.34m.

After 升旗, we proceeded with the games comprising of 追踪 and Tug-of-War. This was followed by a photo-taking session as well as the distribution of the cupcakes to celebrate 团庆. Finally, we ended things off with 降旗 led by our 2021 SPL Law Jia Jun. As the Scouts proudly recited the Scout Hymn and shouted a harmonious “公教” during BERSURAI, we marked the end of our journey in 2021 and paved the way to a new exciting year in 2022.

**Rayn Tan, Venture**







On 19 March 2022, the Troop gathered to commemorate the formal induction of the new Sec 1 Scouts into Catholic High Scout Group.

During the ceremony, each patrol's Sec 1s were called upon to step forward with their Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leader then led them to the front of the 马蹄 to be invested. The presence of the PL highlights his responsibility of taking care and nurturing his patrol members.



Marking the beginning of their scouting journey, these young 13-year olds will have to rise to the challenge and eventually become the ones leading future juniors.

***Daniel Ong, Venture***





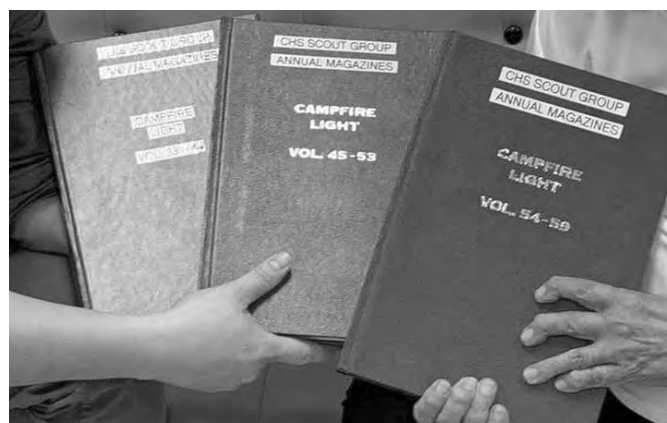
On 25th March 2022, Mr Chua presented a collation of the Scout Group's past annual magazines "Campfire Light" to our Principal, Mr Poh.

Mr Chua took over as the editor of Campfire Light" from Volume No. 33 onwards in the year 1996.

Each annual magazine is a collection of photos and articles of the Scout Group's activities for the year, with the articles written by the boys themselves.

The magazines are now displayed in 长青馆, together with other Scout relics. There are some even earlier issues of "Campfire Light" displayed.

**Mr Steven Quay, Teacher-in-Charge**







On the 1st of April 2022, I had my Cub Scout Investiture Ceremony. We were split into our sixes and our Akelas were there to guide each six.

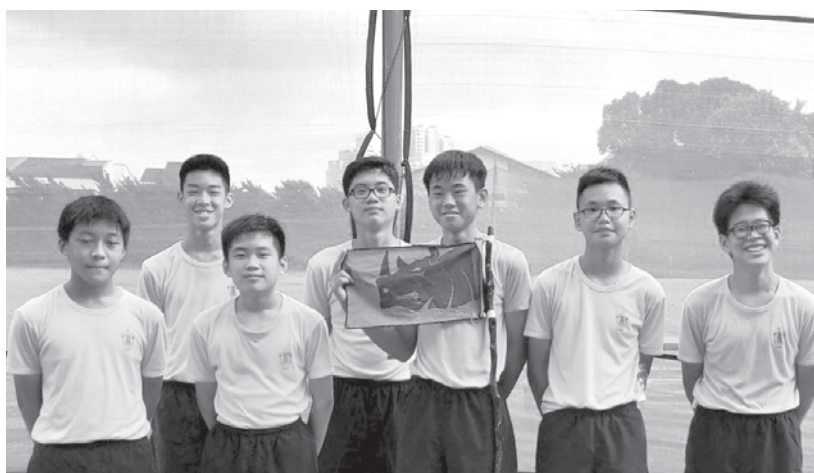
When it was my sixes' turn to be invested, we recited the Scout Promise, along with our GSL. He then gave us our scarves and we were all officially invested Cub Scouts. When I was given my scarf, I felt a sense of pride bubbling inside of me. I had finally become an official Cub Scout! I am excited to start my journey as a Scout.

Our GSL also shared with us some of his experiences in Scouting. From him, I finally understood the meaning of "Once a Scout, always a Scout."

***Dylan Lin, Green Six***







From 28 May to 31 May, the troop finally had the opportunity to have a physical June camp. This was the first physical camp since 2019, due to the pandemic. We were able to put our scouting skills to the test through many exciting activities, with the main highlights being Survival Killing and Backwoods.

The patrols also competed in Orienteering, Pioneering and Camp Development, all while learning to live together and manage conflicts that arose. We also took part in an SCDF course where we learned CPR, fire fighting and counter-terror responses.

Everyone also looked out for one another no matter which patrol, as we were all responsible for each other. This allowed us to help those who were unused to the stress of a camp. Thanks to this, we emerged a stronger troop as we not only brushed up on our skills, but also grew closer with each other.

**Joshua Lee, Senior Patrol Leader**





On 27 August 2022, our Cub Scouts, Scouts and Ventures participated in the South Area Orienteering Competition at the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Our Cub Scouts clinched first place, along with one gold, two silvers, and three bronzes. Our Scouts came in with third place, four golds and one silver. Finally, our Ventures came in second and third place, with one silver and two bronzes. This competition was an interesting one for our Troop as it was the first actual scouting competition we took part in since the pandemic. Some mistakes were made in the process, but they will help our members grow and improve.

**Bryan Quan, Cobra Patrol**







On 3 September 2022, 18 Scouts and 4 Ventures challenged their backwoodsman skills in the North Area Backwoodsman Competition.

We came back victorious, sweeping the competition by clinching 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

This competition was an eye-opening one as it tested our backwoodsman skills in a foreign environment with added competitive pressure.

**Joshua Low, Venture**







SLC camp was a tedious yet meaningful experience. It has trained me to be more resilient both physically and mentally in order to face challenges.

Although I made mistakes throughout the camp, I learned from my mistakes and moved on.

Overall, the camp has strengthened me physically and mentally. It has also taught me important lessons such as teamwork and having a sense of urgency. I felt that the whole experience was tiring but purposeful.

**Kang Yi Hun, Rhino Patrol**



The Akela Award is the pinnacle achievement for a Cub Scout who, as a prerequisite, must hold the Gold Arrow, achieve specific proficiency badges, show general knowledge of Scouting and successfully complete an interview with the National Cub Scout Executive Committee.

## Awardee's Reflection

One memory I still recall was when the names of all the awardees were flashed on the slide, and everyone gasped at the huge number of awardees from Catholic High. I remembered carrying a great sense of pride. We had the largest number of awardees at the ceremony, making up 12 of the 51 total from 13 schools.

We started our Akela journey 3 months ago with the support of our parents and teachers, especially 林老师 and Mrs Ng. Throughout my Akela journey, I feel that I have become better in all that I have to do. My Chinese is not very good but being a Scout, I applied my Scout Promise – to always do my best. I think I am much better now.

I am honoured to have been on this journey with my friends. We were determined to complete our tasks, and we all put in lots of effort to get this award. We did not give up and kept persevering through this tough Akela journey. It took courage to overcome all our difficulties.

*Izech Lim, Yellow Six (2022 Akela Award)*



## Akela Award 2020



Awardees: Tristan Ong, Bradley Chang, Jonathan Teo, Ipcolas Loh, Joel Teo, Darren Goh, Kang Yi Hun, Josiah Bin, Ivan Wang, Ng En Ming, Yong Ze Xu, Tan Ying Jie, Keane Lim, Keian Teh, Ethan Chu, Ethan Chua, Caleb Tan, and Kieran Tan



## Akela Award 2021



Awardees: Adriel Tan, Andrew Tan, Caleb Ang, Callan Tan, Chian Fon Jay, Evan Chow, Christian Wong, Foo Khai Yee, Gilbert Wei, Joseph Goh, Liam Goh, Hayden Tang, Joel Ye, Kiefer Toh, David Kwek, Alden Lee, Lim Yong Liang, Xavion Ling, Luke Lim, Matthew Lee, Matthew Tan, Nathaniel Chen, Samuel Ng, and David Ooi.

## Akela Award 2022



Awardees: Colin Wong, Dominic Siau, Emmanuel Wu, Kayden Eng, Ian Gan, Izech Lim, Lew Zhi Yang, Jason Ling, Lucas Hsu, Ng Hong Jun, Ronel Yee, and Lucien Yeo.

The Chief Commissioner's Award is presented to the most outstanding and distinctive Scouts in recognition of their excellent performance where they demonstrated their dedication to the Scout movement and service to the Community. The award represents the pinnacle of achievement and serves to prepare them for a lifetime of service to their God, Nation, and all humankind.

## Awardee's Reflection

Our road to achieving the Chief Commissioner's Award was a 4-year long journey which began all the way in Secondary 1.

As we grew, we all shared a deeper love and understanding for scouting. Many of us eventually stepped up to take on leadership roles, learning how to guide and lead an entire Patrol. From being inexperienced Scouts to mentors and role models for others to follow, this award represents our hard work throughout these 4 years.

I am grateful to those who have helped me along the way, guiding and pushing me to achieve higher than before, to be a better me than I was yesterday.

This is only one checkpoint along our scouting journey, one which affirms us that we are going in the right direction. We will always strive for greater improvement and greater progress. As the saying goes, 'Without continuous effort, there cannot be continuous achievement'.

*Seah Zhang Qi, Senior Patrol Leader (2021 CCA)*



## Chief Commissioner's Award 2020



Top Row (Left to Right): Lim Ni Ler, Chua Yi Xun, Foo Ming Han  
Bottom Row (Left to Right): Edwin Wu, Jayden Chan, and Alexander Ang.



## Chief Commissioner's Award 2021



Bottom Row (Left to Right): Seah Zhang Qi, Loh Feng Ryan, Kaiser Koh, Siauw Yu Hern, Joshua Low, Daniel Ong, Audric Tan, and Li Shuheng.

## Chief Commissioner's Award 2022



Top Image, Top Row (Left to Right): Jaydon Tay, Lucas Kong, Law Jia Jun, Kaleb Phoon, Javier Loo, Gan Chee Kae, Kaden Teo  
 Top Image, Bottom Row (Left to Right): Fang Xuhui, Sim Hon Jui, Mr Kelly Tan, GSL Chua, Chen Bo Jin, Isaac Lam, Wyatt Ooi

The President's Scout Award is the highest rank in the Singapore Scout Association. It is presented to our nation's most outstanding Venture Scouts in recognition of their excellent leadership and exemplary performance. The award represents the pinnacle of their achievements and indicates their preparedness for a lifetime of service to their God, Nation, and all humankind.

## Awardee's Reflection

Each year, the President's Scout Award (PSA) ceremony takes place at the Istana and is graced by the President.

We are grateful for the opportunity to receive such an honour. A big shoutout to all the Catholic High Scout Group Teachers and Leaders for guiding us as we ventured through Scouting life. This achievement belongs to the troop as much as it belongs to us and we are proud to have the most number of awardees from a single unit (7).

*Jann Lim, Venture (2021 PSA)*



## President's Scout Award 2020



Top Image (Left to Right): Tan Jen Kai, Ryan Lim, Lucas Loh, Ian Chien, and Siau Yu Chuan.



## President's Scout Award 2021



Top Image (Left to Right): Jann Lim, Wong Zheng Tat, Damien Kang, Joash Cheng, Alex Chien, Joel Lim and Michael Ooi.

## President's Scout Award 2022



Left Image (Left to Right): Foo Ming Han, GSL Chua, and Avern Tan



