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*Stephanie Loh, a 2008 graduate of Oklahoma City University, Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication, combines determination, diligence and her acting experience to win the Silver Award of Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society at her graduation.*

Why did you choose MDIS as your place of study?

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Why did you choose this particular course?

I have a keen interest in the media and communications alike. Mass Communications provides a broad coverage of media-related subjects. The OCU Mass Communications program offers that and other modules on general knowledge which are useful and effective as well.

What were the highlights of the course for you?

The OCU on-campus residency in the United States was a welcomed highlight. I believe that it was an event all students from OCU-MDIS looked forward to. Being able to travel overseas was truly memorable, not to mention the time spent bonding with friends whom I have developed a close friendship throughout the course.

What were you doing prior to this course?

I graduated from Ngee Ann Polytechnic with my Diploma in Film and Media Studies in 2003. I undertook acting roles that were largely with MediaCorp TV 5 and

8. I also did independent short films and TV/print commercials.

My film debut was an English Telemovie called “Sweet Dreams and Turtle Soup” acting opposite veteran actress, Xiang Yun, who played my mother. Some of my other shows include “Incredible Tales”, “Lifeline II”, “Crimewatch”, “Tong Xin Yuan” and “Double Happiness.

I have also done commercials for UOB Credit Cards, SPH Classified Ads, Singapore Health Promotion Board, etc.

How has your experience in the media industry helped you in any way in your studies?

My job experiences as a production personnel and an actress has exposed to the media culture in Singapore. Through the course of my studies, I was constantly able to relate the modules to how the media industry works. Instead of merely learning the theoretical parts of the modules, I was able to achieve a more in-depth understanding.

What advice would you give to others who are thinking of pursuing further studies?

Be open to variety A good way to learn effectively is to come out of your comfort zone to explore the uncertainties. Always think ahead into the future and choose a subject that you are interested in. You will find that studying what you love is more fruitful that studying something that is just ‘secure’.



Stephanie at her graduation ceremony



At Koco TV Studio



Jumping for joy at Oklahoma City University