

Men for Others

Wah Yan alumni have spread far and wide to all corners of the world. We graduated in different years. We have different careers. We enjoy different lifestyles. But we also have much in common, among which is our pride as Wah Yan alumni.

Wah Yan has been generously lavished with praises and compliments by the public, such as: “Wah Yan Colleges are the best schools in Hong Kong,” and “Wah Yan alumni are the most successful.” Many alumni have been featured in the media because of their roles as devoted educators, generous philanthropists, industrial innovators, prominent legislators, and dedicated public administrators.

While public attention certainly plays a part, our pride really comes from our realization that we are part of a bigger success story exemplifying the *Wah Yan Spirit*. For Wah Yan educators, students, and alumni, the *Wah Yan Spirit* provides the guiding principles for our character building, such as kindness, fairness, courtesy, trustworthiness, and initiative. It has been revered as the driving force in our quest for knowledge, in our pursuit of excellence throughout our career development, and in our strife to help others. This realization can also be summed up as our continuous efforts to follow the motto of Rev. Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S. J.: “Men for Others.”

Every day, Wah Yan alumni from various walks of life are following this motto in their personal ways: volunteering for non-profit organizations, mentoring young people, or simply giving a helping hand to an elderly neighbor. No reward or publicity is necessary. These and similar acts of passion just come naturally to a “Wah Yan Chai.”

It is this spirit of “Men for Others” that we shall celebrate at [WYIC2012](#). We shall highlight and recognize some alumni whose kindness, friendship and generosity have made a significant difference in their communities. Their names may not appear in the media at all, but they are the reason why we are all proud as Wah Yan alumni.

As we shall spend a few days at [WYIC2012](#) reconnecting with friends, revisiting memory lane, and networking with other alumni, let us also pledge anew our dedication to this core *Wah Yan Spirit*, best expressed by St. Ignatius Loyola in his *Prayer for Generosity*.

To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for reward.