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WHAT HAVE I ACHIEVED THIS YEAR?

- Set up a **Ramadan prayer space** at Young Street so students had a quiet place to pray during Ramadan.
- Ran a **placement drop-in** on the Cambridge campus where students could come talk to me, share their problems, and get support.
- Held **online drop-ins** for Chelmsford students who were on placement, so they didn't miss out on support.
- Helped **fix issues with ePADs and timetables** by talking to students and working with staff to sort things out.
- Worked with NUS on a **paid placement campaign**, (A Fair deal For Our Future) to push for students on placements to be paid fairly.
- **Spoke up about international students' financial struggles**, raised awareness of the challenges they face, and started conversations with the university to find ways to support them.
- **Attended the APPG (All-Party Parliamentary Group) for Students** to speak about the need for better funding for undergraduate students and represent student voices on a national level.
- **Sorted the microwave issue at Young Street** — students now have more access to heat up their food during breaks, which makes a big difference day-to-day.

WHAT WILL I ACHIEVE IN TRI3?

- I am currently working on a Student Aid Campaign called “Don't Dump, Donate Instead”, where the motto is: students donate unwanted items to the SU Help Desk, which are then given back to students during Welcome Week. The campaign collects everyday essentials like cookware, kitchen utensils from current students/ graduated students, and makes them available to new students, especially those who are financially struggling.
- I am working on a collaboration with the HEMS Experience Team to address bus issues raised by financial challenges for placement students. Together, we plan to partner with Stagecoach to provide bus passes for these students, helping them save on transportation costs and ensuring they can attend their placements without added financial stress.

COMPLETED CAMPAIGNS

- **Placement Drop-In Campaign:** Provided students with a space to discuss their placement issues and get support.
- **Ramadan Prayer Space:** Set up a dedicated prayer space at Young Street for students during Ramadan.
- **Paid Placement Campaign:** Worked with NUS to advocate for fair deal for students on placements.

- Placement Society Development: Helped develop a society to support students on placement, offering resources and a sense of community.
- Microwave Issue Resolution: Worked to resolve the lack of microwaves on campus, ensuring students have more access to heat food during breaks.
- Timetabling Issue Resolution: Addressed and helped resolve timetabling issues, ensuring students had clearer and more manageable schedules.
- ePAD Issue Resolution: Worked with staff and students to resolve issues with ePADs, improving the placement experience for all involved.

ONGOING CAMPAIGNS

- Student Aid Campaign: Don't Dump, Donate Instead: Encouraging students to donate unwanted items to the SU Help Desk, which will be given back to new students during Welcome Week to help them settle in.
- Bus Pass Initiative: Working on providing bus passes to students to help them get discounts and travel easily to their placement areas.
- Paid Placement Campaign: Collaborating with NUS to increase student sign-ups in their campaign, advocating for fair pay for students on placements.
- APPG Meeting on April 23: Attending the All-Party Parliamentary Group meeting to discuss undergraduate funding issues and represent student interests.
- Placement Drop-In: Continuing monthly check-ins on both Cambridge and Chelmsford campuses to support students by discussing and resolving any placement-related issues.

OTHER RELEVANT WORK:

- International Collaboration: Worked on connecting Pakistani universities with ARU to develop stronger connections and create opportunities for volunteer placements, fostering global ties and enhancing student experiences.
- Student Case Support: Worked with the Advice Team to discuss student cases, ensuring issues are addressed and following up to check whether resolutions have been found or if further support is needed.