



BCU SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Central Kalimantan November 2011



BCU Scholarship Dayak Student 2005-2011 Fennisya Veronicka, was awarded a scholarship to a university in Holland.

BCU SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

BCU Scholarship students have been busy performing, presenting on TV, teaching, pursuing further studies overseas and many other exciting achievements. Fennisya started at BCU School in 2005 as one of the first students to enrol and after completing her schooling at BCU, she was awarded a scholarship to study in the Netherlands. (see next page for her article).

Fenny was also featured in the Kalimantan Post Newspaper as an example of a local Dayak student who had worked hard to realise her dream to go to university overseas, and achieved it; and BCU was recognised as the school that had made this possible for her.

Last month Henky Susilo, another scholarship student in his final year of high school, was invited to Jakarta to represent Central Kalimantan at a youth meeting and also present on TV Republic Indonesia as part of a program on schools in Central Kalimantan. Thea Arabella, a Dayak scholarship student with the voice of an angel also sang solo on TV representing BCU School.

Recently, Avalina was part of the BCU Vocal Group that won first place in a singing competition for middle school students in Palangka Raya and went on to compete at the Central Kalimantan Provincial level. Avalina also has the distinction of being the highest achieving student in her primary school national examinations two years ago.

The donations received for BCU Scholarship students do not cover the cost of the current number BCU Scholarship students and we are seeking donors to contribute to the shortfall to help the school ensure that these students can continue their studies at BCU and to include more students next year. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause and make a difference in a child's life, please contact us for further details.

BCU MISSION

To develop a high-quality learning environment which nurtures and educates children, so that, as adults, they will be able to make real and positive contributions to the development of their communities and the world.

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Henkey (in blue) presenting pin hole cameras on TV



Thea Arabella singing solo on TV



On Scholarship in The Netherlands

Fenny, a BCU Graduate writes:

Fenny graduated from BCU School in June 2011 after six years at BCU on a partial scholarship. She was awarded a scholarship to study in the Netherlands . Here is her article:



“Woowww!!!!” That was my first impression when I arrived in Schipol airport, Amsterdam, the biggest airport that I have ever seen, western people were everywhere, and no porters that to help me to bring my suitcases. Everything was new for me. I went to Deventer which where my University’s location is, just alone, all by myself. It took one hour and twenty minutes to go by train from Schipol airport to Deventer. From Kalimantan to Holland was the most thrilling experience and the first long trip that I had ever done in my life. I never imagine that I could go to Netherland to study a four year Bachelor degree of International Business and Management Studies to pursue my dream to become a successful businesswoman in the future, and also to make my family proud of me of course.

Family, friends, my teachers, and everyone always supported my studies, they motivated me to learn and learn and be even more diligent. Courage, confidence, and high intentions, for me, were the most dominant attributes I needed to go study in the Netherlands. Also, in my personal point of view, belief in God and trust ourselves that we can do it, must be kept in our minds, in order to reach our dream to come true.

In the other hand, my study in Nederland would not have been possible if I was not able to speak English. Lucky for me, I studied in Bina Cita Utama School for six years which this first national plus school in Central Kalimantan and classes are taught in English. For me, this school is very special, located in small village near the hill, where kids who study in Bina Cita Utama School are able to feel the fresh air which has a good affect for students. It is also a good environment where students and teachers feel more like a family.

Well, here I am, in Deventer, Holland, studying in Saxion University, making lots of friends from different countries, learning new cultures, and building connections and networks, and learning everything new.

I hope this article may become an inspiration for other young people, to study hard and become successful.



This academic year 2011-2012, BCU has 11 students on scholarship; six on full scholarship and five on partial scholarships. Currently BCU has 8 donors contributing differing amounts to the scholarship fund to cover some of the costs for these children. If you would like to help ensure these children can stay at the school by contributing to this fund, please contact us!

The aim is to have at least 10% of the student population on scholarship at any given time. The ideal length of scholarship would be no less than three years in order that the student receives the maximum benefit from this type of education.

The BCU Scholarship program was established at the inception of BCU School, with the intention to ensure that the high-quality education offered at BCU would also benefit talented children who would not otherwise be able to attend the School.

The cost for a full scholarship is US\$ 2,200 per student per year; providing the beneficiary with tuition costs, daily school lunch, uniforms, excursions, books and school materials. Each student is assessed on a case by case basis and where ever possible, the parents contribute as much as they can towards the costs. All donations go into a fund so all donations large and small are most welcome.

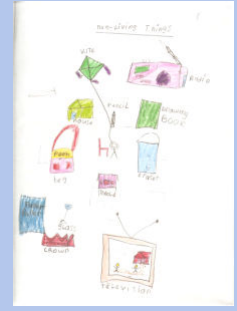
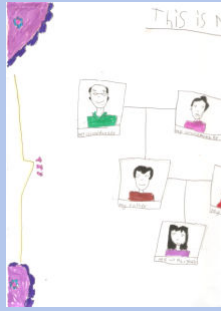
Scholarship Students - Photo Gallery



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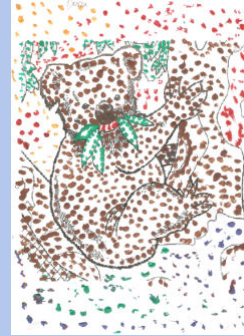
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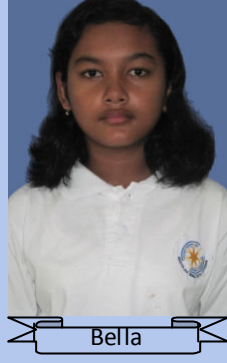
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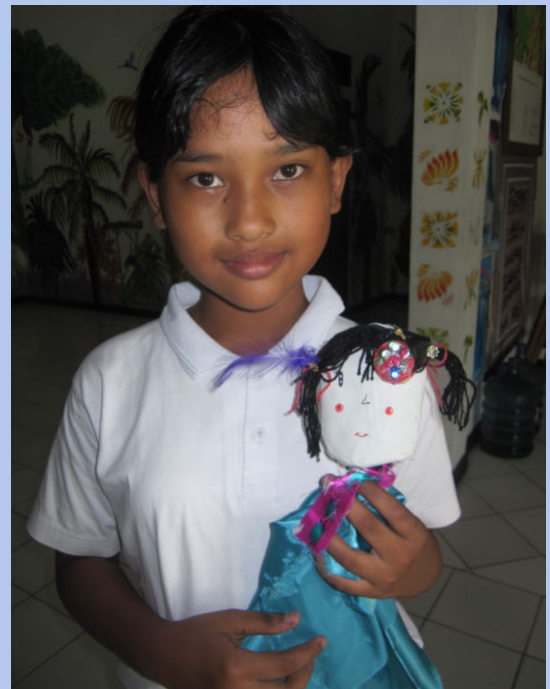
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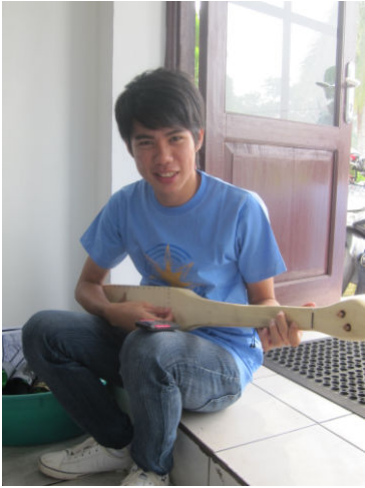
Shila with a puppet she made with visiting artist Erika Sapir, from "Puppeteers without Borders"



AVELINA

Avelina and friends in the Dayak vocal and Dance Interscholarship Competition

HENKEY SUSILO - BCU Scholarship student



Henky (left) before performing on TV, demonstrating and explaining the procedures for making pinhole cameras and taking photos with it, (centre) and lunch at KFC with classmates after the TV performance (right)

Dear Sponsor

This year is my fourth year at BCU School and I'm now in Grade 12, my final year of high school. There have been so many things I have received from BCU, not just academically, which I would not have experienced in a public school. And all the blessings I have got from you by giving me the opportunity to be a scholarship student are extremely valuable to me and my life. I want to share stories about my development as my gift to you, and I hope you will be happy to hear my news.

In July I was invited to represent Central Kalimantan at the third Indonesian Student Forum and it was very exciting to meet other students from all over Indonesia. We discussed many different ways on how to improve Indonesia through education, environment, health and caring for others. The Forum was also attended by the vice President of Indonesia and the minister of education.

At the end of September 2011, BCU School was invited to do a one hour performance on a public television program called "Betand Ekskul". On this program, the students performed a traditional Dayak dance, the BCU Vocal group also sang, and one of the students performed solo. I was given the opportunity to speak for ten minutes about pinhole cameras, which we had made ourselves and taken photos with, in our photography class. I am also now also working on Saturdays as a 'honor' teacher at a local government school, teaching English to Grade 4,5, and 6 students. I am the first teacher in my town at a government school who is still a student and perhaps in my nation too! I am extremely proud I can use my gifts in this way. I enjoy teaching very much and I am very happy to be able to share my knowledge with other children.

My hope for the future, when I've graduated from high school is to continue to university and study medicine. I feel sad when I see the quality of health care in my community and I would like very much to be able to help in this field. With this I hope that the people of Indonesia will be able to improve their health and I will be able to help those people who live in remote areas far from health facilities.

Once again thank you very much for giving me this valuable opportunity that I couldn't have received without your help.

Sincerely

Henkey Susilo



DION AND SELINE - SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

By Ibu Endah



Dion



Seline



In October 2011 Seline was chosen to be on a bilingual national television program about Dayak culture

Dion and Seline are children of the Ludjen family, one of the Dayak families of Central Kalimantan. Their father, Urianinu Napulangit Ludjen, is a civil servant and their mother Delflina is a home maker. Dion and Celine are the two eldest of their five young children. Their parents are very aware that the key to their children's success is good education and for this reason they sent Dion to BCU in when he was six years old in grade 1. Dion is now in Grade 6. Seline also started from Grade one and now is in Grade 3.

Dion and Seline's parents worked hard to provide for their five young children, and their two eldest, Dion and Celine are aware of the sacrifices and effort the parents make for their children to be able to attend BCU School. These siblings have grown into children that are responsible, caring, intelligent and independent. This is shown in their every day behaviour and academic achievement. They bring a vibrancy and good example to other students in their classes and since 2006 Dion has been the highest achiever in his class and Celine is the best English speaker in her class.

As his salary as a civil servant was not sufficient to pay for his children's education, Mr Urianinu also started a side business in the sand mining industry. With limited start up money, they planned to sell shares to other investors. The business started off well, but they came across much bureaucracy and many difficulties and in the end they were no longer able to pay the school fees and informed the school they would have to withdraw their children from BCU. Both children were extremely sad about not be able to attend BCU school anymore and told their parents they didn't want to go to any other school. Because it was the middle of the school year, their parents were unable to find a school at short notice and the children had nowhere to go.

After some discussions between the school and the parents, it was decided that these two bright and beautiful children would be given assistance to continue their schooling at BCU. The factors considered were:

Seline and Dion are Dayak children who have great potential, and their presence in the school enhances and brings a positive atmosphere to their classes. Their parents also had, on many occasions, brought new students to the school through their positive sharing about the school to other parents in Palangka Raya.

BCU School wants to see these bright Dayak children fulfil their potential and are grateful for all scholarship donors who enable these children to have the opportunity to an education that will contribute, not only to them personally, but also to the future development of the province of Central Kalimantan.