IN today's globalised world, it is imperative for job-seekers to be equipped with the necessary qualifications.

The UCSI University Trust as well as the institution ensure that prodigious students are given the financial assistance to pursue their professional dreams. As exceptional learners with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) above 3.90, three brothers, David, Dan and Daniel Soo, tell their story of how their lives have taken a turn for the better.

"My family consists of my younger twin brothers, Dan and Daniel and my mother, who is the sole breadwinner. While she receives a moderate monthly income, it would not have been sufficient for our university education," said David.

"We've experienced some hard times, which is why my mother strongly encourages the three of us to work as a team and to achieve our goals with our own ability," said David, who hopes to be a successful chemical engineer. Active in clubs and activities in high school, David did not put much effort into his studies. He turned over a new leaf after he was awarded a scholarship.

In this regard, his brothers - both of whom are recipients of the UCSI University Trust Scholarship Award - echo his sentiment. "Since coming to UCSI University, I've learned many things in my studies and extra-curricular activities alike," said David. David leads a peer-assisted study session and is the president of the UCSI Christian Fellowship while Dan and Daniel divide their time between studying, UCSI Christian Fellowship and the Student Council's Judicial Branch.

Another dream being fulfilled is Tiew Kee Yee, an excellent student whom the UCSI University Trust took under its wing. Although born with spinal muscular atrophy (type two), a disease that causes his muscles to weaken, this did not deter Tiew from doing well in his studies. His hard work paid off when he was awarded the Tan Sri Ahmad Razali Merit Scholarship for his academic excellence.

"I was one of the founders for the Accounting & Finance Student Association (Afsa) and also the club's founding president. "Together with the club's vice president, we came up with its objectives, vision and mission, and events." The club currently lists 800 members. These scholarships have made a difference in the lives of these talented individuals. To know more about UCSI's scholarship programmes, talk to the course counsellors at their Info Days on Jan 12 and 13, from 9am to 5pm.

Brothers Dan, David and Daniel Soo bounce ideas and suggestions off each other for their assignments.