





#### **Overview of Presentation**

Part 1: About SMU Libraries

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### **SMU Libraries: Quick Facts**

- Over 550,000 print and electronic books
- Access to over 80,000 print and electronic journals
- More than 170 electronic databases
- 38 staff: 23 professional librarians



Li Ka Shing Library



**Kwa Geok Choo Law Library** 

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- The Library Peer Advisors (LPA) provide peer-to-peer support by students for students in areas such as citation help, database training and conducting library tours.
- Studies have shown that peer-assisted learning is beneficial in providing supportive social networks for students and allows them to learn and acquire knowledge from their peers.
- The LPA expands the already existing peer ecosystems in SMU such as the Peer Helpers, Peer Advisors, Peer Tutors, Communication Coaches and Career Champions.



#### The LPA Album

The Library Peer Advisors are current senior undergraduate students.



Clockwise from the top left: Constance, Joe, Pei Ying, Joey



From left to right: Yiling, Derrick, Shubhangi



## **Library Peer Advisors: Stepping Forward**

'LPA Confessions' **SMU Freshmen** SMU Libraries Freshmen Video **Orientation Moves** Stories & Hacks about Orientation 2020 Online (FOMO) 2020 SMU Libraries **Peer-to-Peer Sharing** 'Online Learning Is 'Succeed in Online Learning' Different' Workshop Series Research Guide Preparing Students for Online Learning Online Learning **Tools & Mindsets** Top 5 Hacks Peer-to-Peer Learning Start of Term 1 AY2020-21 'Live Chats with LPAs' in Week 2 A Spinoff from 'Succeed in Online Learning'

**Peer-to-Peer Support** 



# Meet Me! Questions, Discussions and Ideas

- How has student's information seeking behaviour changed over the years and what impact has it had on library services mostly recently during the pandemic?
- What are some examples of services you provide using Student Assistants?
- What activities/tasks can we involve Student Assistants in to allow us to do more value-added work?
- How can we recognise their involvement beyond pay?
- Is Peer-to-Peer learning on the rise given new pedagogical approaches in universities?





#### **Thank You**

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