

Meet our fantastic helpers

The Rehabilim Trust could not operate without the wonderful support and hard work of our fantastic helpers.

Ibu Rumi (standing left) has been at PRY since Colin McLennan's time looking after the students.

Retno Embarini (seated) was appointed to the role of the Rehabilim Scholarship Student Officer in Yogyakarta last year.

Lenny Setiawati Hadiprabowo (right) is our volunteer Scholarship Co-ordinator and works fulltime as a financial advisor for Commonwealth Life, under the Commonwealth Bank, in Bali.

"We are extremely appreciative of the work this wonderful team does for us to ensure the success of the Scholarship programme," said Rehabilim Chairman Bill Russell.



M. Fahmi Husaen



Fahmi's Graduation at Gadjah Mada University 2019

Fahmi graduated from Gadjah Mada University in November after three years of study with a 3.32 GPA and plans to do a Masters degree and build a start-up company focused on design and engineering.

His list of some of his achievements are quite remarkable.

- He was awarded the Outstanding Youth with a Disability for 2019:
- In a previous edition we congratulated Fahmi on winning a silver medal at the Seoul International Invention Fair in 2018 along with a special award from the King Abdul Aziz University:
- In 2018 he was among the Top 5 for his design of a "Muscle" Car at the Indonesia Electric Car Design contest.:
- At the 2018 National Student Science Week he received two Gold medals for the presentation and poster categories:
- And, he was the Favourite Outstanding Student at Gadjah Mada University for 2019.

Fahmi and his friends have a start-up business called WirangariTech which will focus on Design Product and Engineering. Now they run Electric Car Production from one of the Airbus and Dirgantara Indonesia Company. Their job is to create every design and prototype of Electric Car parts.

Sulistyo Pradana

University AMIKOM Yogyakarta, Studying Informatics Engineering

Sulis won a scholarship from www.decoding.com where he was able to learn about Android Development for beginners for free. Sulis is able to master the creating of Android software for beginners now. To get the scholarship, Sulis had to compete against thousands of students who wanted to apply for the scholarship.

In the next three months he plans to learn and understand more about Android Development Knowledge and Website Development.

"I think these subjects give me a good chance to earn money in the future. To help me achieve this I like to participate in every competition related to these subjects."



Sulis designed
Android Application
for beginners with his
classmate

Chairman's Chat



As I look back over the years that the Rehabilim Trust has been in existence, I am aware of the changes that have taken place since we started up in 1984.

Back then, we were a support group for the late Colin McLennan MBE. When he retired, he recommended that we wind the Trust up. The serving committee members of that day declined to do this and decided to carry on. The Rehabilim Trust carried on but with a different objective. Meantime the Yogya centre (Pusat Rehabilitasi Yakkum) also changed its modus operandi, from that of a boarding type establishment, in reality a one stop shop for disabled children where they could be given accommodation, provided with food, and given medical aid as well as a chance to be educated. At one stage there were over 200 children in the complex.

Modern thinking at that time was that these children should be left in their village surroundings with people that they were familiar with and this was called

Community Based Rehabilitation which for Indonesia then was quite revolutionary.

Following Colin's death, we set up the Colin McLennan Memorial Scholarship fund. It started with a legacy left by Colin, but the Trust has over the years added to this and by careful management have grown the scholarship fund by 25%.

We are currently providing 10 scholarships per year in Indonesia, each scholarship to the value of NZ\$ 1000 or Indonesian Rupiah 10 Million. We now have a group of approx. 40 alumni students who have graduated and moved on, to hopefully a better life than they would otherwise have had.

There are 12 people on the Trust Board, one is resident in Australia, two are resident in Surabaya, Indonesia, with the balance all living in Wellington and the Wairarapa. Their collective years of service would add to about 150 years. While this is an impressive figure, I am very anxious to attract new volunteers to the Trust Board.

We can only be as good as our support base allows, and I would like to thank all of you who month after month support us. Without your support we can do little, for we are merely stewards of your generosity.

Bill Russell
Chairman

Uswinda Dwi Lestari

Klaas Kloeten Scholar
University of Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa Yogyakarta
Studying Psychology

Uswinda recently conducted an Achievement test development for children with disabilities at senior high school level. This is a mandatory program conducted by the campus.

"Doing the test was not easy for children with disabilities. and it is not easy to prepare students to do the test. But, I didn't give up. I tried to find interesting ideas to help children with disabilities do the test effectively like rewarding students who focus on doing their best."

Her future plan is to learn more about clinical psychology and do research about the meaningfulness of a gay life. Uswinda is impatient to begin the research because this is going to be a new thing and challenging for her.



Aji Nur Avianto

Yogyakarta State Islamic
Studying Sociology

Now in semester 7, Aji visited the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), National Anti-Narcotics Agency (BNN), Ombudsman of the Republic of Indonesia, and The National Commission on Human Rights (KOMNAS HAM). At the time he wasn't sure he would be able to join the activities due to a possible lack of accessibility to the place where the meeting was being held.

"After I got support from my friends, I decided to join the activities. I participated in every activity such as education games and discussions related to the organizations which I had visited. The knowledge I gained will be very useful for my thesis reference material or even for my future job."

Aji is now preparing for a Seminar Proposal which he hopes to pass so he can continue his thesis research.



Erico Dwi Setyawan

Universitas Sanata Dharma Yogyakarta

Studying Accounting

Erico, in his seventh semester, is now finishing his thesis about Tourist issues in his hometown. He has already done half of the thesis. To ease the problem of getting direct guidance, he rents accommodation in a boarding house located near the campus to be closer to his lecturer to speed up access to assistance.

"This just makes the whole process easier for me. But I still go home to visit my family and collect research data."

Erico planned to use his holiday in December – January to finish his thesis. He hopes in the next semester, he can register his thesis and graduate as soon as possible.



Annisa Rahmadani

University Sarjanawiyata Tamansiswa

Yogyakarta

Studying Accounting



In October 2019 Annisa came second in the 50 metres Female Archery category at the Regional Paralympic Week (PEPARDA) DIY. This was achieved through her passion for archery and hard practice despite having to divide her time between archery, study at campus and an internship.

"I am going to focus on archery to hopefully be selected to go to the National Paralympic Week (PEPARNAS) in Papua this year representing the Special Region of Yogyakarta. I also plan to finish my thesis in the next three months."

Frisna Pranbudiantika

University Muhamadyah Yogyakarta

Studying Economics Science

In November, Frisna was on a committee for the Indonesian Economic Seminar 2019 held by his Indonesian Economic lecturers at Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta University. The seminar aimed to recognise and appreciate active, diligent, and smart students on Indonesian Economics.

Frisna was not only successful on being a committee member, but also got awarded "Best Youtuber Appreciation" where he and his team created a video about "Positive and Negative Effects of Moving Indonesia Capital", also "Best Paper Appreciation" where he and his partner wrote about "Investment and Economic Growth", and "Best Task Appreciation" which was given to a student who did assignments according to the lecturer's criteria.

"I was very proud to receive these awards as it was the result of a lot of hard work."

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Asih with the foreign traveller she interviewed

Asih Puji Lestari

University STBA LIA Studying English (D3)

In her first semester Asih finished her Speaking subject practical assignment in which she had to produce a video interview with a foreign traveller.

"It wasn't easy for me to find a foreign traveller who was willing to be interviewed. After I got rejected many times in Yogyakarta Palace and Malioboro, I finally found a traveller who wanted to be interviewed."

In the interview, she tried to be confident and did her best to speak English. Her efforts paid off as her lecturer appreciated her hard work and said that she did an excellent job.

"But I was not satisfied and want to do better next time."

Slamet Riyadi

Universitas AMIKOM Yogyakarta,

Studying Informatics Management

In the first semester, Slamet felt that being a new student at AMIKOM Yogyakarta was challenging but still a fun experience.

"I have to divide my time between study and work at Pusat Rehabilitasi YAKKUM. This schedule gets very busy as I have to attend the university from morning until the afternoon then I go to work at PRY in the evening."

Even though he is tired, he still manages to give the best he can. The endeavor has paid off as he got an "A" mark for Technology and Information. "That was a good score but I am not satisfied as I want to get maximum score for every subject."



Sufyan Abdurrahman Kuagow

University AMIKOM, Studying Informatics Management

Recently, Sufyan attended a Field Study Program at Budi Mulia Vocational High School where he and his friends were responsible for making a company profile video. The video will be used as publication media for the school.

"We made it with a strong concept and professional devices to get maximum result. The school was very welcoming to us. I gained new knowledge from this Program, especially on how to face the real working world."