

The Outstanding Alumni Award in Academics
Yvonne Yueh-Feng Lu- Acceptance Speech

I would like to thank the Award Review Committee of the Alumni Association of Mackay College for having selected me as the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award in Academics on the 100th Anniversary of the Education Missionary of George Leslie Mackay. I am greatly honored, grateful, and touched to have been selected to receive this award. I also graciously acknowledge how proud I am to be among the more accomplished and worthy Mackay College alumni who are being recognized today.



I received my first nursing education from Mackay Nursing Vocational High School, where I graduated in 1975. During these formative years, I had the blessing to learn from many devoted teachers who inspired me to build up my Christian faith along with the core knowledge and values in nursing. The education that I received from Mackay has had a positive and lasting influence not only on my development and service in the nursing field but also on my growth as a Christian. I still remember the famous quote of Dr. George Mackay: “*Burn out rather than rust out*”, which has guided me throughout my life—long journey in learning and serving.

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit our school in 2004 and 2012 and I was very impressed with its success and growth through the inclusion of new programs and the construction of new facilities. The faculty and staff are working so diligently under the leadership of the school’s top administration team to develop strong education programs that prepare students to contribute to society in their chosen field.



In closing, I would also like to thank my teachers, mentors, colleagues and family members who have helped and supported me in my career. It is with great gratitude and humility that I accept this award. Thank you very much!