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# Academic Scholarship Selection Criteria

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# General Selection Criteria

- Outstanding academic record and potential as well as excellent approaches to learning
- Solid understanding of the scholarship programme's goal and the role/responsibilities expected of a scholar
- Commitment to and participation in school or community service clubs and projects
- Leadership either in academic, extra-curricular activities, or community activities
- Overall quality and suitability to the scholarships programme (enrolment status, attendance, emotional stability etc.)

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# Selection Criteria Breakdown

- Academic record & potential (school records and test results) 50%
- Community and service activities and school events 20%
- Leadership (demonstrated & potential) 20%
- Overall quality & suitability (enrolment status, attendance, self-management, emotional stability etc.) 10%

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# Scholarship Selection Test

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- 3 Levels (Level 1- Year 6&7, Level 2 - Year 8&9, Level 3 - Year 10,11 &12)
- Duration - 2 and a half hours
- 3 Parts - Written Expression x2, Humanities - comprehension and interpretation, Mathematics (or Math & Science)

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# Scholarship Ongoing Eligibility

- Attendance and enrolment status
- Overall academic progress and Approaches to Learning
  - ❓ Achievement
    - Academic scholarships: no less than 45 for MYP and no less than 33 for DP
    - Other scholarships: no less than 40 for MYP and no less than 30 for DP
  - ❓ Approaches to learning
    - an average of B, no single lower than B
- Demonstrated active and abundant involvements in Community and Service programmes as well as being an active member of the school community.
- Evidence of good leadership traits and leadership qualities in their academic, extra-curricular and community activities.
- Overall conduct and personal responsibility
- The ability to take ownership and look after self welling being



# My Experience as an Academic Scholar

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## Attendance

- No more than 5 lateness/absences per academic year
- Not including sick leave/approved absences

## Grades/ATLs

MYP: 45 or above (over 8 subjects)

DP: 33 or above (excluding TOK+EE)

ATLs: A/B

## Behaviour

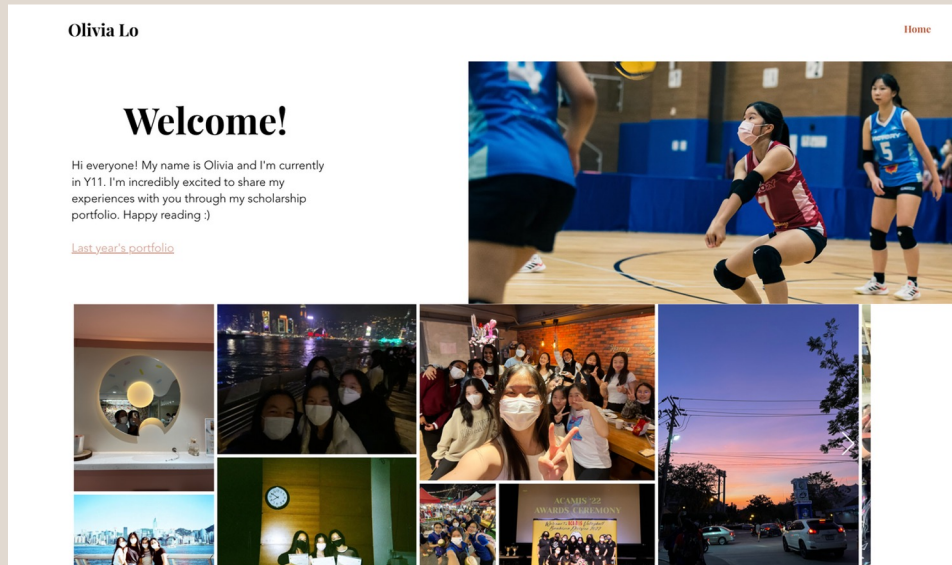
- Well-presented and mannered
- Role model for other students
  - Encourage and help peers
- Actively participate in the school community
  - Through leadership in service
  - Participate in major events e.g. Swim Gala/Athletics Carnival/House IDOL etc.

## S&A + CAS

- 1 Creativity or Action based activity for no less than one Extra-Curricular Activity Block at RCHK
- 1 major service activity inside/outside of school in addition to Y10-13 S&A/CAS Requirements
- 1-2 minor service activities inside/outside of school in addition to Y10-13 S&A/CAS Requirements



# Documentation



## Scholarship Portfolio

- Introduction
- CV
- CAS
- Reflection

Review Interview at the end of each academic year



# My Experience & Advice

- What they look for
- Methods/Strategies to improve your application
- My journey as an Academic Scholar

# Important things to note:

- Be proactive and seek for leadership roles within service activities
  - SS Bulletin = great way to find opportunities within the school
- Holistic applicant (Evaluation beyond academics)
  - Show your character and interests outside of academics
- Find your unique selling point (Highlight it in application)
  - Application is ultimately a SELF-REFLECTIVE journey



**IB LEARNER PROFILE**

## Renaissance College Hong Kong

Young Investors Society

### Nvidia

Industry: Semiconductor  
Symbol: NVDA  
Recommendation: BUY

Headquarters: Santa Clara, California, USA

4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Research Analyst:  
Current Price: \$287  
Target Price: \$388  
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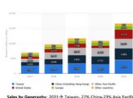
### Company Overview

#### COMPANY STATISTICS

Market Cap: \$1.8B  
Enterprise Value: \$1.8B  
52-Week Range: \$134.59 - \$348.47  
Dividend Yield: 0.00%  
Free Cash Flow Yield (50d): 8.132%  
P/E Current: 69.38x  
P/Ebook Current: 26.1x  
Return on Equity: 62.99%

The NVIDIA (NVDA) corporation is a leading designer in developing some of the world's best quality graphics processing units (GPUs) for PC gaming. However, the core business of NVIDIA exceeds more than making the most advanced GPUs for the gaming industry. NVIDIA has successfully repositioned itself from its original core industry - PC gaming GPUs designer to an AI based data-center with the creation of Omniverse. NVIDIA has expanded the use of their GPUs towards Automotive and Professional Visualization to leverage the full potential of their GPUs. The company will continuously grow at an exponential rate to justify its high valuation and our target stock price.

Among the most popular investment themes in 2022 and onwards, namely, metaverse, crypto currency, AI, autopilot and increasing spending on national defense amid Russia invasion, all increasing spending will benefit NVIDIA's business, just list how the shovel producers profited the most from the California Gold Rush during 1848-1855. We believe that NVIDIA is the modern digital shovel producer for miners.



#### Industry Overview

**Semiconductor:** The largest companies of the semiconductor industry include Nvidia, Intel, AMD, Qualcomm etc. The industry had a double-digit growth in 2021, and is projected to reach \$803.15B in 2024 at a CAGR of 6.6% from 2021-2028. The growth of the semiconductor industry is attributed to the development of AI, automation and machine learning. Previously, Intel was dominating the industry with their manufacturing and design. AMD & Qualcomm were playing the catching game. Meanwhile, TSM became a monopoly in the manufacture of high-end chips.

**AI:** Artificial intelligence is already considered to be one of the largest industries in the world. It is expected to reach \$16.7B by 2025. Combined with the factor of computing, this sector is a branch of computing science that generates a system that is able to perform and recognize human-like tasks. Examples are speech to text recognition, and more famously in Nvidia, content learning and problem solving. Nvidia is the current leader of AI data centers because of its advanced GPUs and



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# Academics

## Grades

- MYP: Maintain consistently above 50+
  - Shows you're able to perform at a high level consistently
  - Read the rubric and speak to your teachers if you don't understand

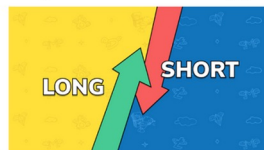
## Gaining Experience

- Joining outside competitions/activities related to personal interests
- It's never too late to try something new!

## Long-short

**Remaining 20% - Market Neutral long-short strategy (not invested yet)**

Long-Short Strategy is commonly used by hedge funds to minimise market risk and remain profitable in both and bullish and bearish market.



Potential long-short pair #1:  
Long NVDA (Nvidia), Short INTC (Intel)

Potential long-short pair #2  
Long QQQ (Nasdaq), Short ARKK (ARK Innovation ETF)





# Creativity

## Art

- Participated in art competitions as a kid

## Music

- Played Double Bass and Piano growing up (ABRSM Distinction Honours)
- Now: Guitar + Bass Guitar as a stress-reliever
  - Participated in House IDOL as a musician



# Action

## Black Kites Volleyball

- U14 & U20 Captain
  - Planned training drills
  - Awarded MVP/All-Star Award

## Club Volleyball

- VTY Youth

## Hong Kong U18 National Team

- Opportunity to train in Thailand for 6 days with famous coaches
- Play a friendly match against Thailand Youth National Team



# Service

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## Children's Council

- wrote a motion paper promoting SEN children's rights -> sent it to the government

## Service Ambassador

- Promoted service activities & and organised fundraising events such as Tinsel the Teacher & Christmas Jumper Day

## #ThankaTeacher

- Personalised E-cards to teachers during Teacher's Appreciation Week



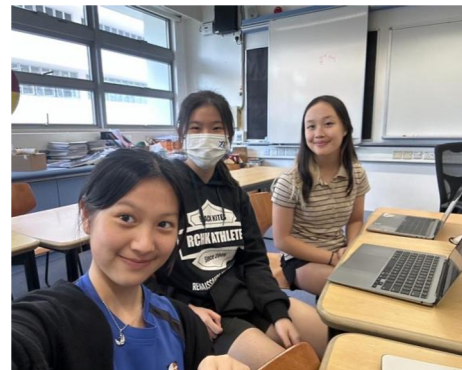
# Service

Use service to demonstrate your passions and leadership skills!

## Current Service Activities:

- Y12 Student Council Representative
- Black Kites Athletics Council
- Scholarship Students Society
- Co-leader of RCHK Mentors
- Trashion - Head of Finance
- ESF External Payment Project

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## Application

- Written Application
  - Undergo meticulous planning
  - Figure out what you want to highlight
- Scholarship Test
  - Structure of test is slightly similar to SATs
  - Meant to be difficult so don't panic if you can't answer some questions
- Interview (Shortlisted Candidates)

## Advice

- Authenticity is paramount!
- Be proactive and ask questions
- Risk-taker: put yourself out there and try different things
- Make your answers personal and engaging
- For shortlisted candidates: think outside the box, how can you uniquely present yourself?

**Thank you!**

**Best of luck with all your  
applications :)**