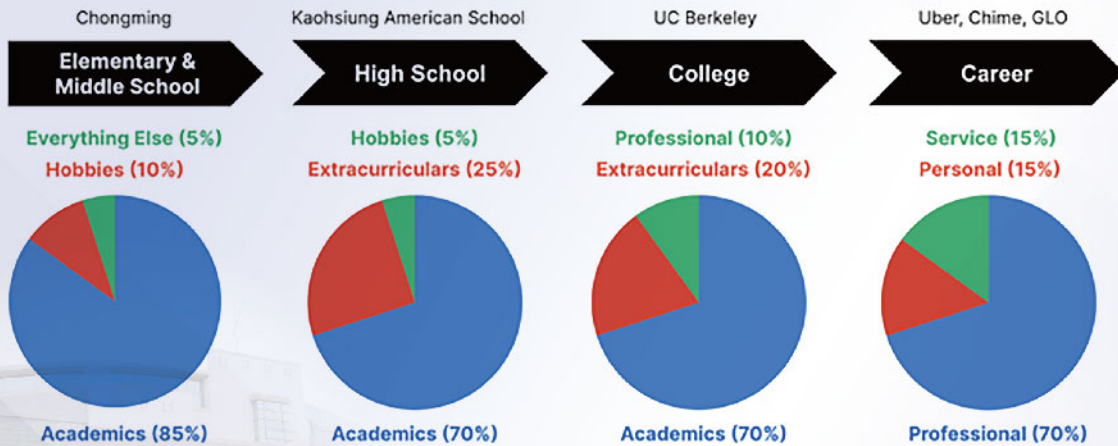


a nonprofit called Global Leadership Organization (GLO), I hopped on a Zoom call to present about GLO at the Taiwan-America Student Conference (TASC). I spoke about the same topic as the one you're reading now and shared how I spent my time since elementary school by categorizing my life into three aspects.



Like many of you, I attended a local public elementary and middle school. Like many of you, I went to cram schools. Like you, I spent the greater part of my time studying and worrying about school. After all, doing well in academics is the ultimate priority that reflects Taiwanese societal norms and parental expectations.

Even in high school and college, academics remained front and center, even though preparing for my professional career and participating in extracurricular activities, such as student government, MUN, and business clubs, became bigger priorities.

After graduating from college, however, something different materialized in my life. I realized how much time I have been spending volunteering with GLO, leading its Taiwan Chapter with one mission in mind: empower everyone in Taiwan to lead and live social impact. For the first time ever, I distinctly carved out a service category in my “Life Pie Charts.”

When you're no longer restrained by an academic-driven lifestyle and have nearly full autonomy to chart your life, it is so, so important to decide what you do with your time and why you choose to do so. The question is easy to answer when you're in elementary school, middle school, and college. After entering the workforce, it becomes a difficult one, and people often struggle with finding purpose. Worst yet, many lead lives centered around themselves, leaving no room to impact a world plagued with endless issues for us to solve.

As I reflected on my Life Pie Charts, I wish I had allocated much more time to service in elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. Volunteering at a nursing home, teaching underprivileged students, addressing social issues, you name it. To me, doing service is one of the most fulfilling things one can do in life. After all, what is the point of living if your existence doesn't make others around you and the world at large a little bit better?

So, I urge you to draw your Life Pie Chart today. Take a good hard look at your life right now and ask yourself, “How do I spend my time? How will I spend my time?”

Are you spending time doing what is meaningful to you? Or are you spending time living the life that others, not you, want you to live?

Are you spending time doing good for the world? Or are you spending time leaving barely any impact?

Wherever you are in life, you can and should always lead and live social impact. In your Life Pie Charts, I hope you spend time constantly pushing yourself beyond your limits, constantly giving to others, and constantly creating positive impact. There is simply too little time for you to stay comfortable, live others' lives, and leave no impact in the world.