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- ▶ **READY TO EXCEL** NOW SALES OPERATIONS ANALYST, ASIA PACIFIC HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BUSINESS) 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE

Success comes in many different forms. For some people, it is about excelling in what they do. For others, it is about discovering what they are capable of.

We can all create our own success stories – with hard work, belief, and the right opportunities to unleash our potential. This can all begin at ITE, where our aim is to bring out the best in you.

Pursue your passion, celebrate your strengths, and chase your dreams – just like the graduates and students that you will be reading about in this magazine.

**DISCOVER YOUR BEST SELF AT ITE.
BE YOUR OWN SUCCESS STORY.**

– Hans Yeo

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DESIGNING HIS PATH

By Jamie Chan



Eric Ng

- Co-Founder of Computer Business PCKAKi.com
- Nitec in Building Drafting (Architectural) (Graduated in 2009)
- ITE College Central

Since young, Eric had to work harder to prove himself. Despite rejections from various educational institutions, he successfully sought help to gain admission. He went on to defy the odds, by getting into the National University of Singapore and attaining a Master's degree in Architecture.



“ BE DETERMINED AND POSITIVE. DEFINE YOUR OWN PATH AND IDENTITY. DO NOT LET YOUR PEERS DEFINE WHO YOU ARE. ”

Tell us more about what you are doing now!

I am currently the advertising designer of a computer business I co-founded with my brother a few years back. I was working as an architectural designer in the past two years, before I decided to focus on my business full-time.

Why did you pursue Architecture?

I pursued Architecture, because I like design. It allows me to express my ideas. I enjoy seeing the ideas in my head come to life in reality. There is always something new to learn in this area.

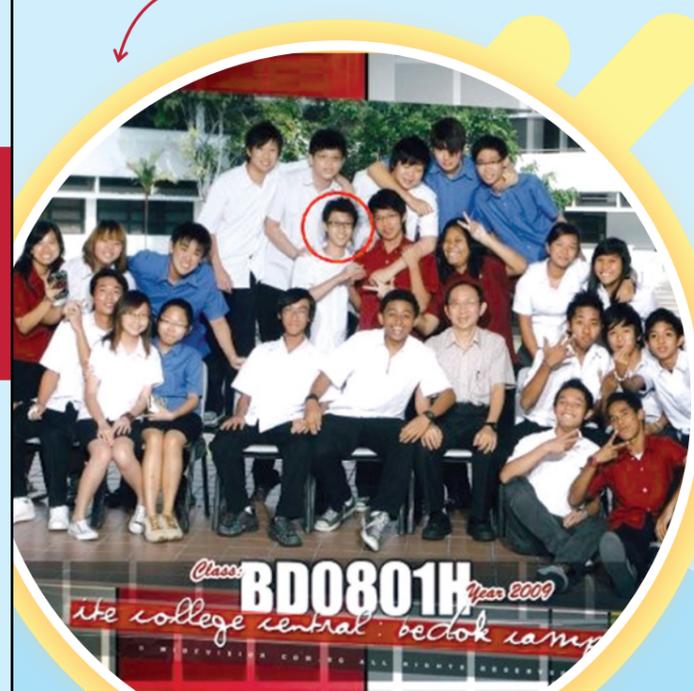
How has ITE helped you to succeed?

ITE has equipped me with essential technical skills, giving me a solid foundation that still benefits me a lot in my work today.

How would you encourage others when they face rejection?

We should never feel negative about rejection. Instead, we should reflect on where we went wrong, and be determined to do better in our next try.

Eric with his ITE classmates



What is your greatest takeaway from ITE?

At ITE, I met friends and lecturers who supported me greatly. I felt that as long as I showed the drive to work hard and do better, my lecturers would assist me to the best of their abilities.

What keeps you motivated?

Architecture is not easy, so I am happy to have supportive friends from this field. We learn from each other's mistakes, and motivate each other to work harder. I also find strength in the fact that I have come this far from being an EM3 student. That reminds me that I can always do better than what others may think.

What are your plans for the future?

I have always been interested in architecture related to luxury living, resorts and hospitality. However, I hope to explore architecture works for other types of buildings in the future, before I decide which area to focus on. For now, I am working with my brother to expand our computer business.

What is your word of advice for students?

Never stop fighting for what you want to achieve. Be humble, learn from each other, and never stop improving. It always feels better to give your best, rather than not even trying.

“ GO ALL OUT AND GIVE YOUR BEST. WHATEVER HAPPENS, AT LEAST YOU KNOW YOU TRIED. ”

GROOMED FOR EXCELLENCE

By Joycelyn Seet



Lim Hui Fang

- Chief Beautician at KSkin Facial
- Higher Nitec in Beauty & Wellness Management (Graduated in 2020)
- Nitec in Beauty & Wellness (Graduated in 2018)
- ITE College East

Hui Fang may only be 21, but she is already a guru of sorts. After clinching Gold Medals in Beauty Therapy at the 2018 WorldSkills Singapore and WorldSkills ASEAN competitions, she is now the Chief Beautician of a beauty chain. Now that is skills mastery!

What do you do as a Chief Beautician?

As Chief Beautician, I conduct theory and hands-on training for new therapists and franchise partners. I also manage the outlet at KSkin Novena Square 2, where I oversee the business operations and manpower planning.

How was your experience at ITE?

It was special and I really treasured it. What I appreciate most is that ITE does not just focus on how well students have done academically, but also how best to guide students to discover their natural talents and abilities.

How has ITE helped you in your life journey?

In secondary school, I was not strong academically. Thankfully, ITE has skills-based courses, which helped me to discover my career path. ITE gave me chances to hone my beauty therapy skills at a professional level, and opened my eyes to the many aspects of this trade. These experiences helped me to decide on the career that I wanted to pursue.

“ITE HELPED ME TO DISCOVER MY SKILLS AND TALENTS.”



Hui Fang with CEO of ITE, Ms Low Khah Gek

Hui Fang at the 2018 WorldSkills ASEAN competition

“FROM MY EXPERIENCE TAKING PART IN SKILLS COMPETITIONS AND WINNING AWARDS, I BECAME INSPIRED TO BE A TRAINER WHO GROOMS OTHERS FOR SUCCESS.”

What is your greatest takeaway from ITE?

The opportunities to participate in WorldSkills competitions, which were challenging yet rewarding experiences. It felt great to see that my efforts had paid off, when I won Gold Medals at the WorldSkills Singapore and WorldSkills ASEAN competitions. Winning the Best of Nation Award at WorldSkills ASEAN for being the top scorer of the Singapore team was a bonus!

What motivates you?

When I was in ITE, I realised that I was able to achieve good results although I was never the “academic type”. This realisation motivated me to strive for greater achievements. Even now, I always put in my best efforts in whatever I do.

What are your plans for the future?

I want to tap on my experience in skills competitions to train the next generation of youths. I also hope to continue improving my skills and open my own beauty salon in the future.



LIGHTS... CAMERA...ACTION!

By Josephine Lefort



Thoufiq Ahamed

- Engineering Technician
- Higher Nitec in Electrical Engineering (Graduated in 2016)
- Nitec in Digital Audio & Video Production (Graduated in 2014)
- ITE College West

Thoufiq is a film producer, scriptwriter, editor, and actor. He has produced several short films through his own production house. He even acted as the main lead in two of these films. His last production went viral on social media, reaching as far as India!

What is your favourite show to binge-watch during this pandemic?

Pandemic or not, Harry Potter tops my binge-watch list hands down! Another one is everyone's classic favourite, "Friends" - the characters are so relatable even till today. I also strongly recommend the "Daredevil" series on Netflix - its creative plot intrigues me.

How did your love for filmmaking begin?

When I was young, I looked forward to monthly movie outings with my family. I loved guessing movie plots. When I was wrong, I would rewrite the movie with my own plot! I have a whole collection of such "remakes". After enrolling into ITE, I became more engrossed in filmmaking. It is such a powerful medium to tell a story.

How did you start producing your own short films?

Recognising my passion in filmmaking, my dad bought me my first video camera. I also took on a part-time job to invest in film editing software. From there, I started producing my own short films. After receiving encouraging feedback from others, I also started hiring part-time crew, which included fellow students, to assist me in making more films.

How did ITE help you in your journey?

At ITE, I gained the confidence and technical foundation to pursue my passion independently. I picked up valuable insights into different aspects of filmmaking, from scriptwriting to cinematography to lighting and sound. All these helped me to produce films that got the industry's attention. Having classmates from diverse backgrounds also enriched my story-telling style.

“ STOP WAITING FOR OPPORTUNITIES. START CHARTING YOUR OWN DESTINY. ”

Thoufiq with his ITE classmates



“ PASSION CAN ONLY TAKE YOU SO FAR. TO GO FURTHER, YOU NEED TO BE EQUIPPED WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS AND FOUNDATION. I GOT MY HEAD START AT ITE. ”

What are your plans for the future?

It has been some time since I produced my last short film. I would like to start on it again. I have my eyes on bigger things too, like feature films. Ultimately, I hope to produce my own feature films for a larger market like Malaysia.

DYNAMIC GO-GETTER

By Siti Sulastrri Ahmad



Mohammad Abdillah Bin Mohamad Sam

- IT Trainer & Freelance Motion Graphics Artist
- Nitec in Digital Animation (Graduated in 2012)
- ITE College Central

Abdillah is a graduate of NorthLight School. On his first day there, he told his teacher that his ambition was to be a designer. However, deep in his heart, he had doubts about achieving that. Today, he is a freelance motion graphics artist and Information Technology (IT) trainer.

Tell us more about what you are doing now!

As a freelance motion graphics artist, I create special effects and animations for short films, commercials, and artworks. I have even created a 3D animation of a Tyrannosaurus, or T-Rex! I am also a trainer in a primary school, teaching kids to use basic software for video editing.

How was your experience at ITE?

My experiences were nothing short of amazing. I had great classmates, who were very encouraging and gave me a lot of moral support. I had my most memorable experience working on my final-year project with some of them. We created a short animation about two robots battling to survive in the world. Seeing everything come together felt so rewarding.

What is your greatest takeaway from ITE?

ITE helped me to build my design skills, and gave me a strong foundation to pursue a career in design. I had lecturers who would go the extra mile to teach me different aspects of design work. I also made many good friends at ITE, and we were pillars of support for each other.

What motivates you?

My family is my main pillar of strength. My late sister was my source of motivation. She told me: "Go for your dream. Fight for what you want". Her words inspired me to overcome various challenges and pursue my goal. I believe that success comes through perseverance and optimism.

“ WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN TALENTS. WORK HARD TO DEVELOP YOURS. ”

Abdillah with his ITE classmates

“ I BELIEVE THAT LEARNING SHOULD NEVER STOP. IT SHOULD BE A CONTINUOUS PROCESS IN LIFE. ”

What are your plans for the future?

I aim to explore different design fields, such as fashion and interior design, to expand my skills and knowledge. I believe that it will allow me to produce more "out of the box" design concepts. I also hope to share my experience with youths who wish to pursue a career in design, and motivate them to chase their dream.



NURSING A DREAM

By Karen Sum



Nicholas Chan

- Year 3 Student at Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore
- Nitec in Nursing (Graduated in 2015)
- ITE College East

After graduating with a Diploma in Nursing from Nanyang Polytechnic, Nicholas made history by becoming the first ITE Nursing graduate to enter medical school at the National University of Singapore. Now a third-year undergraduate, he is grateful that ITE was able to give him – a secondary school dropout – a chance to reach for his dream.

Nicholas with his ITE classmates

“ IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW SLOWLY YOU GO, AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT STOP. ”

Did life for you change after entering ITE?

I was a rebellious and carefree teen. When I entered ITE, the campus rules were the strictest I had ever experienced then! However, I admired the strictness because I felt it set the standard for what is required of the nursing profession, and what I would need to benchmark against to achieve my goal of studying Medicine.

How was your experience at ITE?

It was quite fun overall, though my idea of fun may be quite different! I spent plenty of time at the library. I felt like I was trying to accomplish something that has not been done before, and I was working very hard towards that goal. I also participated in the WorldSkills Singapore competition training, which was a nerve-wrecking but rewarding experience!

Which memory of ITE do you cherish the most?

There are too many cherished memories. I had a close friend at ITE whom I spent a lot of time with – we spent many evenings just chatting under the Simei MRT track! That said, the entire time I spent at ITE will always have a special place in my heart.



What was the most important thing you learnt at ITE?

Values like patience, compassion, kindness, friendship and generosity are more prominent in ITE. I have experienced more kindness and considerate actions in ITE than anywhere else in my student life.

What motivated you while you were in ITE?

My friends and lecturers in ITE played the largest role in keeping me motivated. I cannot recall how many times my spirit was lifted by their presence, after coming out of an exhausting shift during my internship.

What are your plans for the future?

I want to be someone who cares for his patients on a personal level, and give them comfort when they need it the most.

“ WHILE THE ROAD MAY HAVE BEEN LONGER AND MORE WINDING THAN EXPECTED, NONE OF IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IF NOT FOR ITE GIVING ME A SECOND CHANCE TO BEGIN WITH. ”

Nicholas with his ITE classmates



MAKING HER MARK

By Hans Yeo



Tan Yan Ni

- Corporate Banking Compliance Officer
- Higher Nitec in Banking Services (Graduated in 2014)
- Nitec in Business Studies (Tourism) (Graduated in 2011)
- ITE College West

Describing herself as not a “smart” person, Yan Ni believes in working harder than others to realise her goals. This was the spirit that led her to excel in her studies, and eventually graduate with a Bachelor of Business from Nanyang Technological University.

How will you describe your time at ITE?

My time at ITE was filled with lots of fond memories. I was a member of the volleyball team, where I made many great friends. We motivated each other to work hard and do well in our studies. Many of them moved on to university together with me, and are doing well in their careers now.

How has ITE helped you in your journey?

I had very patient and understanding lecturers at ITE, who put their heart and soul in teaching. They would constantly check on how we were doing, and took time to help us understand what was being taught. They felt like friends to me. I did not have such teachers in any of the other schools I went to.

What is your greatest takeaway from ITE?

At ITE, I forged the best friendships and met the most genuine teachers in my life. My ITE lecturers helped me to develop not just skills, but also essential qualities to succeed. For instance, I learned the value of hard work, determination, and the never-give-up spirit. All these have led me to where I am today.

“ I FELT THE SINCERITY AND CARE OF MY ITE LECTURERS. WHENEVER I NEEDED HELP, THEY WOULD BE THERE FOR ME. ”

“ SUCCESS IS NOT BASED ON HOW SMART YOU ARE. IT IS DEPENDENT ON HOW DETERMINED YOU ARE TO ACHIEVE WHAT YOU WANT. ”

How do you motivate yourself?

I believe in taking things one step at a time and just doing my best, regardless of any challenges that may come. I focus on being the best that I can be, instead of comparing myself to others.

What are your plans for the future?

I hope to return to ITE as a lecturer, after gaining more work experience. I had wonderful lecturers at ITE who have given me so much. They have inspired me to be a lecturer like them, and make a difference in the lives of other ITE students.



Yan Ni with her ITE classmates



Yan Ni with her ITE volleyball teammates

BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE

By Joycelyn Seet



Norheesham B Rahmat

- Assistant Planning Engineer at Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd
- Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Marine & Offshore Engineering (Graduated in 2021)
- Higher Nitec in Marine & Offshore Technology (Graduated in 2014)
- ITE College Central
- Nitec in Automotive Technology (Light Vehicles) (Graduated in 2011)
- ITE College West

Norheesham started out as an intern at Keppel Offshore & Marine eight years ago. Today, he is an Assistant Planning Engineer at the company. He was also awarded the Singapore National Employers Federation Gold Medal for being one of the top WSDip graduates of 2021.

Working with ships sounds interesting! Tell us more about what you do at work.

To put it simply, my work involves quite a bit of scheduling. I communicate with different departments and clients to churn out plans for project completion. When the schedule is finalised, I will follow up on the processes involved. If there are any changes that crop up, I will discuss with the project manager and client to identify solutions.

How was your experience at ITE?

My learning journey at ITE was very enjoyable. I liked how the theory and practical lessons complement each other. Having practical sessions to apply what was taught in lectures was a great way to aid understanding. In class, I had friends who motivate one another to do better. We tried to make learning fun for ourselves!

There are many options out there when it comes to upgrading your qualifications. Why did you opt to continue with a WSDip course at ITE?

To me, the WSDip course was not just about paper qualifications. I got to apply what I learned and be involved in real projects, rather than just sitting in class. It was a win-win situation, as I could get a recognised diploma while learning on the job. Being attached to various departments also helped me to understand the entire shipbuilding process.

“ THERE ARE MANY PATHWAYS IN EDUCATION. I CHOSE ITE. ”



“ ITE OFFERS A DIFFERENT MODE OF LEARNING FROM THE TYPICAL CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT, ONE WHICH MANY HANDS-ON LEARNERS LIKE ME CAN APPRECIATE. ”

What motivates you?

I have a curious mind! If there is anything that piques my curiosity, I will want to find out more. This somewhat motivates me to keep trying new things at work, until I find an area that I can finally settle in!

What are your plans for the future?

I aim to start on my degree studies in the later part of 2022, with support from my company. After that, I will like to contribute further to the company with my new knowledge. Hopefully, I can also earn a role with higher responsibilities!



Norheesham with fellow trainees from his WSDip course

IMPACTING LIVES

By Lim Hui Ling



Anand Kumar S/O Gopal

- Operations Director of Swift Medical and Training Services
- Higher Nitec in Paramedic & Emergency Care (Graduated in 2012)
- Nitec in Nursing (Graduated in 2011)
- ITE College East

Since he saw the dedication of paramedics transporting his unconscious grandfather to the hospital, Anand has been passionate about saving lives. While he found the Paramedic course at ITE difficult at times, he did not give up. Today, Anand runs his own ambulance company.

What qualities do you need to run an ambulance company? With the COVID-19 pandemic, how has this changed your work?

Managing an ambulance company requires passion and a sincerity to serve the sick. I was providing medical support for many events but the COVID-19 pandemic affected my business badly. This taught me to adapt and change my business model. Nowadays, I train and supply temperature takers and swabbers.

How was your experience at ITE?

My experience at ITE was enjoyable, although the Paramedic course was not easy. I spent countless nights burning the midnight oil, familiarising myself with signs and symptoms of diseases. Luckily, I received a lot of encouragement from my lecturers. They were very patient with me and went the extra mile so students could understand the content being covered.

What is your greatest takeaway from ITE?

The greatest takeaway I had from ITE was learning to lead. Although I am an introvert, I learnt to step out of my comfort zone and grow my leadership skills through my training as a paramedic. My internship with the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) was also interesting, and I managed to pick up hands-on skills.

“ I FELT THAT MY LECTURERS AT ITE REALLY CARED FOR US, AND PUT THEIR HEART INTO TEACHING US. ”

Anand with his ITE classmates



“ AT ITE, I FOUND EMPOWERMENT TO DO SOMETHING GREATER AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON LIVES. ”

What motivates you?

I am passionate about saving lives and helping people. I chose this career as I was fascinated by the way paramedics work in the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and SCDF. I was very impressed by how SCDF transported my grandfather to hospital when he was unconscious.

What are your plans for the future?

As a Private Ambulance Operator, my company is already licensed by the Ministry of Health to transport critical patients. My dream is to become licensed by SAF and SCDF – the latter helms the 995 emergency hotline – to provide emergency medical services for them too.

SUCCESS PROGRAMMED BY ITE

By Jamie Chan



Ryan Tan

- Software Engineering Analyst at Accenture
- Higher Nitec in Information Technology (Graduated in 2008)
- ITE College West

At ITE, Ryan discovered his interest in Information Technology (IT) and built his skills in this field. He eventually earned a degree in Computer Science from Nanyang Technological University. Today, he is working at one of the most established IT firms in the world.



“ ALTHOUGH I TOOK A LONGER JOURNEY THAN MY PEERS, IT IS ITE THAT SHAPED MY LIFE TODAY. ”

What do you do as a Software Analyst at Accenture?

I help clients develop mobile applications. I also lead a team in doing quality assurance work, where we ensure that our mobile applications are working as required. In a typical work day, I meet clients, develop applications, and conduct training.

How has ITE helped you to grow?

At ITE, I discovered my strengths and weaknesses. I used to be very shy and lacked social skills. I only realised this weakness at ITE, and improved myself from there. ITE also taught me the true meaning of education. It is not only about gaining a certificate; it is also about learning skills to do well in our working lives.

What is your greatest takeaway from ITE?

I met friends in ITE who had to overcome challenging family situations to do well in school. Even though we have different family circumstances, I believe everyone is equal. As long as you put in the effort to change for the better, your future will be bright.

How did your passion in IT begin?

My ITE education inspired my interest in IT. Upon entering ITE, I knew little about IT. My lecturers were very patient in teaching me the foundation of IT and programming. From there, my interest in IT grew. I started researching on computers and reading up on IT news online. I even bought computer parts and built my own personal computer!

What was your motivation in school?

My family is my motivation. As the only child, I feel a great sense of responsibility towards my family. My parents did not pressurise me in my studies, but I chose to be motivated by my dream to become a software developer.

What would you say to students who are going to start their journey at ITE?

ITE marks a new beginning. It may be part of a longer route, but that also better prepares us for the challenges ahead. Take the opportunity at ITE to learn relevant skills, discover new interests, and make new friends. Make ITE a memorable piece of your life!

“ ITE TAUGHT ME TO BE SELF-RELIANT. ITE HELPED ME BELIEVE IN MY OWN POTENTIAL AND THAT AS LONG AS I PUT IN EFFORT, I COULD SUCCEED. ”

Ryan with his ITE classmates and lecturer



BREAKING LIMITS

By Hans Yeo



Bernice Lim

- Regional Marketing Associate at Shopee
- Higher Nitec in Banking Services (Graduated in 2014)
- ITE College Central
- Nitec in Travel & Tourism Services (Graduated in 2012)
- ITE College West

Despite facing difficulties in her studies from young, Bernice never gave up on learning. Today, she is a Regional Marketing Associate at Shopee. To upgrade herself, she is also taking a part-time Bachelor of Business Management programme at the Singapore University of Social Sciences.

“ITE HAS VERY GOOD LECTURERS WHO GROOM STUDENTS TO BE READY FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF LIFE.”

What do you do as a Regional Marketing Associate?

I work with colleagues from different countries to launch marketing messages on the Shopee application for their local audience. I have been in this role for two years, and it has been a great learning experience.

Has it been difficult juggling work and studies?

Definitely. I had to sacrifice a lot of my personal time with friends and family. However, I know that this will be worth it for my career growth. In juggling work and studies, I also learned to have better time management.

How was your experience at ITE?

I grew a lot at ITE, especially through programmes that exposed me to different environments outside the classroom. I got to visit Germany on an exchange programme, where I could see how the German banking industry works. Such experiences made me feel that ITE prepares students well for the real world.



Bernice at the ITE Student Achievers Awards

How has ITE helped you in your journey?

At ITE, I am thankful to have lecturers who were very caring and supportive. I used to feel demoralised about my studies, but they helped me to discover my strengths and believe in myself. They were always approachable and willing to help, even outside of school hours. I am still in touch with them today.

What is your greatest takeaway from ITE?

For me, my ITE journey was a new beginning. I picked up valuable skills, grew my confidence, and learned to be prepared for the working world.

What motivates you?

I value self-improvement, and I enjoy learning new things. To me, knowledge is something that will stay with us forever and take us far in life.

What are your plans for the future?

I plan to continue building my skills in marketing, in new areas such as events and project management. I also hope to gain marketing experience across different industries. There is still a lot for me to learn!

“I AM ALWAYS PROUD TO BE AN ITE GRADUATE. ITE IS A PLACE THAT CHANGED MY LIFE.”

Bernice with fellow ITE performers at the 2013 National Day Parade

BRINGING SMILES

By Terence Foo



Muhamad Imran Bin Mean

- Higher Nitec in Leisure & Travel Operations, Year 2
- ITE College West

Imran was introduced to volunteering by a mentor during his teenage years. Since then, it has become his passion. He has even launched his own volunteer group to provide like-minded youths a platform to contribute to the needy. Today, the group has over 200 volunteers!

What do you enjoy about community work?

I find volunteering very fulfilling. It has also enabled me to broaden my network and meet other like-minded youths. Most importantly, it makes me feel that we can all make a positive difference to the lives of others, regardless of our backgrounds. Coming from a less privileged background, I understand that there are many around us who need help.

How has ITE helped you in your journey?

I have very nurturing lecturers at ITE, who encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone by taking on leadership roles. These included serving as the Deputy Chairman of the ITE College West Student Council. Such experiences have helped to build my interpersonal skills. Although I am an introvert, I am now comfortable speaking and reaching out to people.

Where do you find the time and energy to juggle your multiple commitments?

It is challenging and I am constantly learning how to better manage time and stress. To me, it is about knowing your priorities and staying committed to what you believe in. I am thankful to my lecturers and peers for being a source of support.

“ I HOPE TO INSPIRE OTHER YOUTHS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND SPREAD KINDNESS. ”

Imran with his ITE classmates



“ EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. AT ITE, I HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND TO KNOW MYSELF BETTER. ”

You have held various leadership positions both within and outside of school. What are your thoughts on leadership?

I think that it is important for a leader to empathise with others, get to know them, and understand their perspectives. Through that, a leader is better able to inspire and encourage others. Being a good leader also requires constant self-reflection, to see how I can help myself and others grow.

What are your goals for the future?

I plan to continue picking up new skills and seeking opportunities that can help me grow. I also want to widen the partnerships of my volunteer group with other organisations, to provide new learning experiences for my volunteers.



Imran with members of the ITE College West Student Council

ARTISTIC FLAIR

By Siti Sulastri Ahmad



Rachel Tan

- Nitec in Visual Communication, Year 2
- ITE College Central

A graduate of Crest Secondary School, Rachel enrolled in ITE to pursue her interest in design. At ITE, she honed her skills and grew her confidence. She also found a fulfilling campus life, serving as an active member of the ITE College Central Student Council.

“ I BELIEVE THAT A POSITIVE MINDSET AND ‘CAN-DO SPIRIT’ ARE KEY TO ACCOMPLISHING MY GOALS. ”

Tell us more about your interest!

When I was young, I developed a fascination with graphics, animations, and illustrations. That inspired me to learn the basics of graphic design on my own. I enjoy experimenting with different designs. I even created a packaging design for a fictional brand of sparkling fruit juice!

How has ITE helped you in your journey?

ITE has helped to build my skills and confidence. Through hard work and my lecturers’ support, I made it to the Director’s List for my course. I also had opportunities to participate in several competitions. One of them was a photography competition organised by the ITE College Central Student Council, which I won. All these were very special moments.

What were some challenges you faced along the way?

I used to think that my work lacks creativity. Thanks to the constant support and reassurance from my lecturers and classmates, I gradually gained more self-confidence. I have also become more positive and willing to step out of my comfort zone to savour new learning experiences.



Rachel with her ITE classmates

How do you motivate yourself?

I will list down a set of goals, and work towards achieving these goals by the end of each semester. These include goals to improve my technical skills, presentation skills, and to achieve better results in my studies. I also refer to the works of design agencies and professionals as a source of inspiration to keep improving myself.

What are your goals for the future?

I want to continue learning and acquiring new skills. This is important for me to stay relevant to industry changes. As I deepen my expertise, I hope to become an Art Director one day!

“ I ENJOY LEARNING AT ITE. THE LECTURERS GO THE EXTRA MILE TO CARE FOR OUR WELL-BEING AND NURTURE OUR PASSION. ”



Rachel with her ITE lecturer

VISION IN A FRAME

By Josephine Lefort



Muhammad Irfan Danial B M S A

- Higher Nitec in Mechanical Engineering, Year 2
- ITE College East

Irfan is a member of the ITE College East Photography Club. He took his first photograph using his mother's decade-old camera at the 2017 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix. That experience ignited two of his greatest passions – cars and photography!

What do you like about photography?

I love the nostalgic feeling I get from looking at old photographs. They show the changes in people, landscape and the environment through the years. Photographs feel like a piece of the past in my hands, a visual diary that I can refer to anytime in the future!

Is there any special impact that photography made on your life?

I am a very reserved person, and I used to keep my interactions limited to my close circle of family and friends. Photography has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone to engage with people who share my passion. Photography is also a powerful communication tool, which has allowed me to explore and express my creative side.

How has ITE helped you in your journey?

ITE has given me many opportunities to build my confidence and pursue what I love. Through the Photography Club, I got to meet others who share the same passion for photography. As a member of the Club's executive committee, I am tasked to conduct sharing sessions for my peers. This has helped me to overcome my fear of public speaking.

“ WHEN YOU TAKE A PHOTOGRAPH, YOU FREEZE TIME IN A FRAME. ”

Irfan with his ITE classmates



“ I SEE BEAUTY IN THE THINGS AROUND ME. WHEN WORDS FAIL ME, MY CAMERA HELPS ME TO EXPRESS THEM BEST! ”

How do you motivate yourself?

I know that success goes to those who are very determined. My dream to pursue photography as a career may not be an easy one, but I will persevere. I believe that it is important to keep trying and not give up, even in difficult moments. I have to keep working on improving my skills – one frame at a time.

What are your future plans?

I wish to do something that combines my passion for both cars and photography! I love taking photos of cars – they have photographic personalities just like people. Automotive photography is a very niche specialisation, but there is a market for automotive photographers in Singapore. I have posted some of my car shots on Instagram, and received pretty encouraging responses!



Irfan with members of the ITE College East Photography Club

ONE GOAL IN MIND

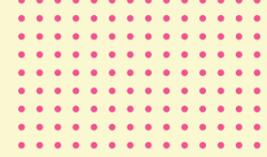
By Vanessa Kwan



Puvan Raj S/O Sivalingam

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Puvan is a member of the ITE College Central football team. He also plays for Balestier Khalsa Football Club (FC) in the Singapore Premier League, and recently scored his first goal in the League! His favourite player and club? Neymar Junior and Paris Saint-Germain FC!



“DISCIPLINE IS THE KEY TO ACCOMPLISHING GOALS.”

What do you like about football?

Football brings people together. Many of my friends love the sport, and playing together in a team brings us all closer. When we get on the field, we leave all our stress and worries behind. There is an indescribable sense of excitement when we work as a team to score a goal!

How has ITE helped you in your journey?

I juggle full-time studies in the day and football training in the evenings six times weekly. Thankfully, my ITE lecturers show me a lot of support and encouragement in my learning. They are also understanding towards my training and competition schedule. This helps me to stay on track in my studies, while pursuing my passion.

What were some challenges you faced in following your passion?

I was rejected countless times by my secondary school football team. Despite these setbacks, I continued to train with my friends and never gave up my passion in football. A teacher was moved by my determination, and helped me to join the team. Shortly after, I got scouted by Balestier Khalsa FC to join the Under-18 team.



How do you motivate yourself?

Borrowing the words of Lionel Messi, “you can overcome anything, if and only if you love something enough.” It takes hard work and discipline to bring your best to the game. My motivation comes from my desire to keep improving myself.

What are your goals for the future?

My ultimate goal is to wear the red of the Singapore national team and represent the country. To do that, I must perform well and make a name for myself in the Singapore Premier League. Football is a huge part of my life, and I want to play it for as long as I can.

“WHEN WE CHANGE OUR MINDSET, IT CHANGES EVERYTHING FROM OUR SELF-BELIEF TO THE RESULTS WE CAN ACHIEVE.”

Puvan in action for Balestier Khalsa FC



TEACHING TO IMPACT

By Jonathan Heng

Eliora Kavitha G

- Lecturer-Mentor, Business Services
- ITE College Central



“ TEACHING IS TO IMPACT, NOT TO IMPRESS. AN INSPIRING EDUCATOR DOES NOT JUST INSTRUCT, BUT WALKS THE PATH TOWARDS CHANGE. ”

Tell us more about your journey as a teacher!

I have been teaching Business Studies at ITE since 2013. Before that, I worked in areas like hospitality and freight forwarding. However, my experience with teaching started when I was young. In my teens and early 20s, I did short periods of relief teaching in primary schools, and conducted private tuition.

Why did you choose to become a teacher?

I conducted staff training in some of my previous jobs, and I enjoyed the process of imparting knowledge to others. Wanting to play a more active role in education and make an impact on the younger generations, I decided to join ITE as a lecturer. Teaching feels like a natural calling. Seeing the growth of my students really inspires me.

What was your most memorable experience at ITE?

There was this group of students whom I often had to “lecture”. However, at the end of my time with them, the students warmly showed me how they felt the care from my “lecturing”, and how they would always remember my words of advice. They gave me the best gift any teachers could have asked for – transformed hearts!

How do you motivate yourself as a teacher?

Seeing the positive difference I can make to the lives of my students is tremendously rewarding. I learn from my students, as much as they learn from me. They shape a lot of my self-reflection, where I try to keep improving myself as a teacher.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Outside of work, I cherish lots of “me-time”. I realise that this may sound boring but I enjoy being at home, a safe haven. I also go for walks to clear my mind or exercise, which I find therapeutic. Apart from these activities, having good laughs with friends help me to de-stress too!



Eliora with her students



BORN TO TEACH

By Karen Sum

Jolene Chan

- Lecturer, Electronics
- ITE College East

“ I BELIEVE THAT EDUCATING THE HEART IS AS IMPORTANT AS EDUCATING THE MIND. EVERY CHILD HAS TALENTS WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED. AS A TEACHER, I CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN UNCOVERING THESE HIDDEN GEMS. ”

Intro, please!

I joined ITE in 2011 and have been teaching Electronics at ITE College East since then. Before that, I was working as a Project Engineer at ST Electronics for 1.5 years.

Why did you choose to teach?

Being an educator has been my dream since I was a child. I was inspired by one of my primary school teachers. She was very fierce and strict, yet patient. She was my role model and she inspired me to be an educator. Giving tuition after my 'O' Level further fuelled my passion in teaching.

What are your favourite moments as a teacher?

My best moments are my students' graduation ceremonies! Those are the events I would never want to miss. Helping students to achieve their goals, and seeing them succeed and graduate gives me an indescribable feeling of joy.

What motivates you as a teacher?

Every student is special and my goal is to help all my students achieve their personal best. I strongly believe that all students, regardless of their starting point, can be nurtured to reach their goal. I have met students with very challenging backgrounds. Despite hardships and failures, they never gave up but bounced back even stronger.

If you were an ITE student, which CCA would you join?

I would join the ITE College East Flying Club! Seeing the drones fly freely will help relieve any stress I have. Moreover, the club participates in drone competitions so you enjoy different experiences!

Finally, what do you like doing during your free time?

Watching dramas, gardening and playing with my kids!



Jolene with her students



Jolene at her students' graduation



SHAPING LIVES

By Hans Yeo

Hairul Bin Mohamed Ibrahim

- Section Head, Lifeskills
- ITE College West

“ I DON'T JUST TEACH, I AIM TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MY STUDENTS. ”

Tell us more about your journey as a teacher!

I have been teaching Lifeskills at ITE for almost six years. This is a subject which all ITE students take. It teaches them soft skills that prepare them for the working world. Before that, I was doing product marketing at various multinational companies for ten years.

Why did you choose to teach?

I felt a lack of job satisfaction in the corporate world, and decided that I needed a career change. I wanted a career that allows me to contribute to society in more meaningful ways. I felt that I could achieve that by becoming a teacher.

What was your happiest moment at ITE?

I was the teacher-in-charge of the ITE College West floorball team. I could never forget the moment when the girls' team won the floorball title of an annual sports competition involving the various ITE Colleges. It was special as the team has not won it in a long time, and they worked so hard for it.

What motivates you as a teacher?

Being able to share my knowledge with students, and help them discover their potential or goals in life. These are very meaningful roles that I can never have in the corporate world.



Hairul with members of the ITE College West floorball team

What was the most memorable experience you had as a teacher?

For one of the modules I teach, I will ask my students to share a book review with the class. There was a student who said something special to me, after his book review. He thanked me for helping him to discover the joy of reading, and said he will continue to read more books. That was a very fulfilling moment.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I have many interests like reading, watching Netflix, traveling and exercising, but my greatest passion lies in sports. I love football and hockey. They have been a part of my life since I was young. My students will often invite me to join their football games, so sports have also become a way for me to bond with them!

Tell us more about your sports background!

I started playing sports competitively from Primary 4. I represented my primary school in football. From secondary school onwards, I switched to hockey. I played for the national hockey team for about ten years. We clinched three silver medals at the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games along the way. Those were great memories!



Hairul bonding with his students over football

ALL ABOUT PLANES!

By Joycelyn Seet

What's a Boeing 737 plane doing on ITE grounds? Well, if you haven't heard, it is one of the authentic learning "classrooms" at **ITE College Central's Aerospace Hub!**



What is it?

Designed to provide hands-on training in aircraft maintenance, the Aerospace Hub features a hangar that is equipped with real aircraft structures. These include military aircraft such as the Bell UH-1H helicopter and A4 Skyhawk, as well as private and passenger aircraft such as the Learjet 24B and Boeing 737 (**ITE is the only education institution in Singapore with an actual commercial passenger aircraft on campus!**). The hangar also houses aircraft engines that support training in aircraft engine inspection and repair.

Training is enhanced by specialised software such as the "Airbus Competence Training (ACT) for Academy", which allows you to explore an Airbus aircraft and perform maintenance tasks through 3D simulations!



Sounds great! But why is it there?

Simply to give students an idea of what to expect in the aerospace industry, while allowing them to train in a safe and controlled environment! Sure beats sitting through a full day of lectures and tutorials, don't you think?



What are some of the ITE courses that conduct their training there?

- Nitec in Aerospace Avionics
- Nitec in Aerospace Technology
- Work-Study Diploma in Aircraft Engine Maintenance



THE BIG PICTURE

EAST-SIDE SPA-CIAL!

By Karen Sum

Step into the newly upgraded **Wellness Centre at ITE College East**, and you will be forgiven for thinking that you have entered a premium spa or salon!

What is it?

With a range of modern studios and labs for beauty therapy and hairdressing services, the Wellness Centre looks like an actual salon. It has been designed to provide a realistic training environment for beauty therapy and hairdressing students, where they can experience serving clients in a premium salon setting.

What's Gr8?



#1 Reception Area

First impression counts! The reception area is the space used to greet clients and sets the mood for them.



#2 Aromatherapy Lab

Easily the nicest-smelling "classroom" in ITE, this is where you can learn to create and customise essential oil blends.



#3 Barbering Lab

Even men like to be pampered! This is where you are trained to provide top-notch styling for men, with professional equipment straight out of a high-end barbershop.



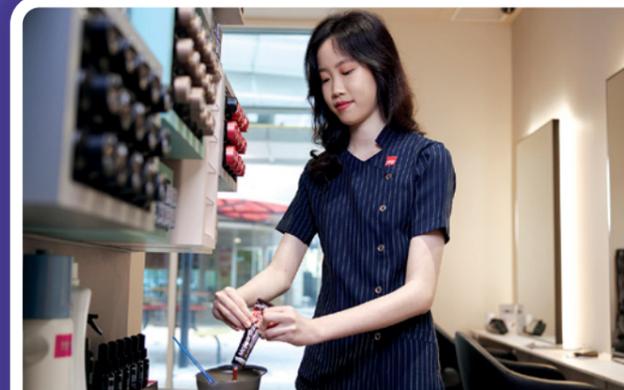
#5 Hair & Scalp Care Studio

Your hair is as healthy as its roots! This is where you will learn to analyse scalps and recommend the appropriate treatment for healthy hair growth.



#7 Manicure Station

Nails take centre-stage here! This is where you can unleash your creativity through nail art!



#4 Colour Bar Studio

If you love playing with colours, this is the spot for you! Here, you will pick up various hair-colouring techniques and learn to mix different dyes to achieve unique colours for clients.



#6 Hair Cutting Studio

A haircut can make or break your look! This is where aspiring hairdressers will spend many hours honing their craft.



#8 VIP Room

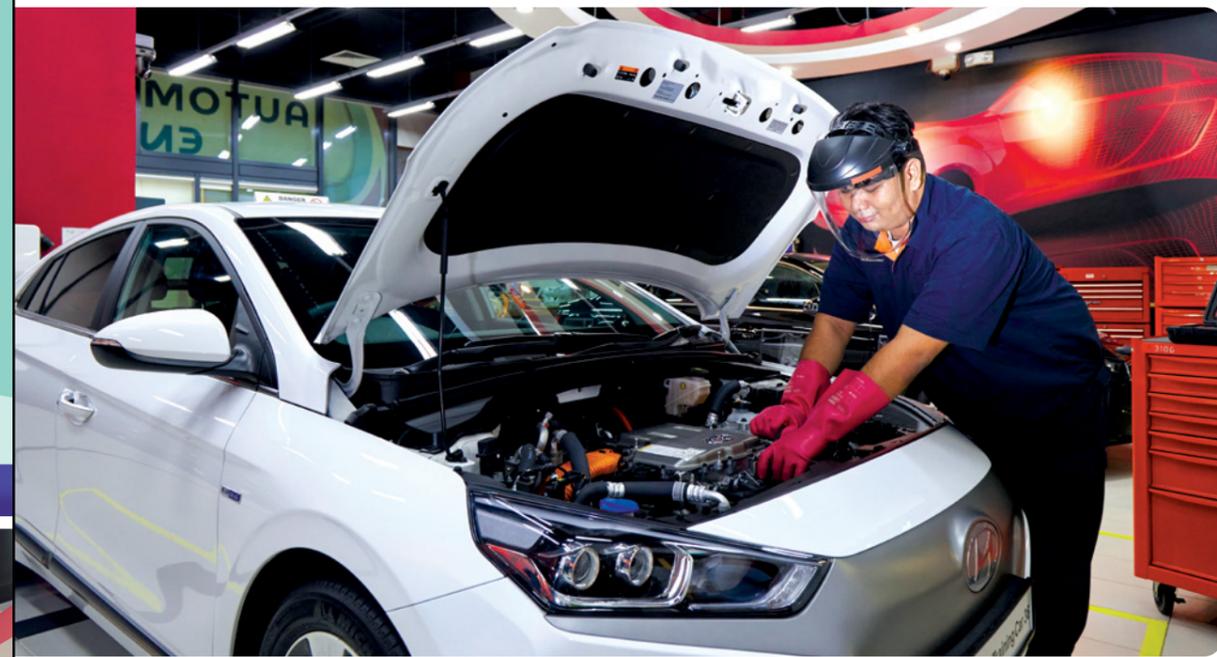
This is where you can learn more about "premium" services such as eyelash extensions, skin analysis and intense-pulsed light treatments.



ALL ABOUT CARS!

By Ng Ru Yan

Check out how the **Urban Mobility Centre at ITE College West** prepares you for a fast and furious career in the automotive industry!

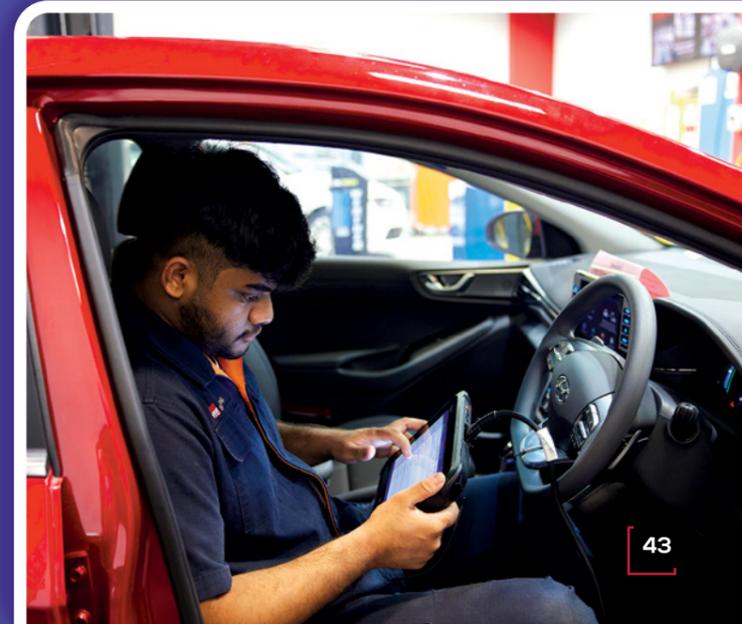
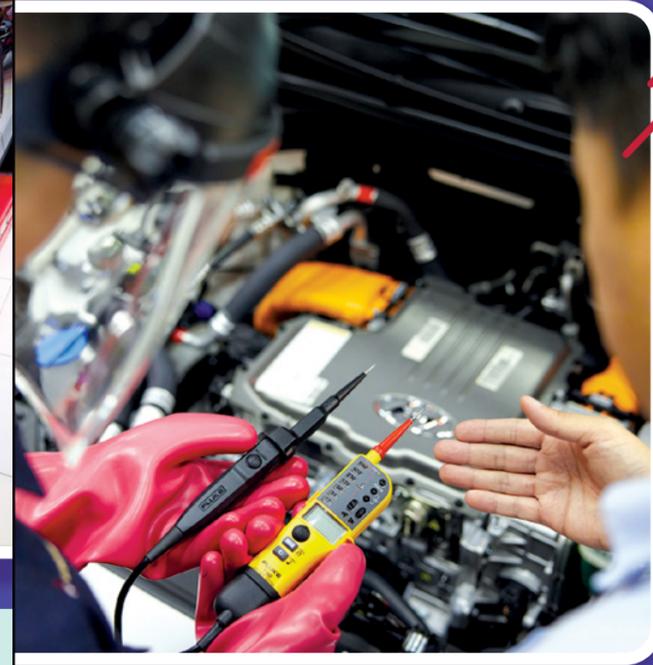


What is it?

If you love cars, this is a place that will excite you! Housing a fleet of modern training vehicles and real-world automotive workshop equipment, the Urban Mobility Centre is where you will uncover the ins and outs of cars! Expect to get hands-on with the latest automotive technologies, including hybrid and electric cars!

What can I learn here?

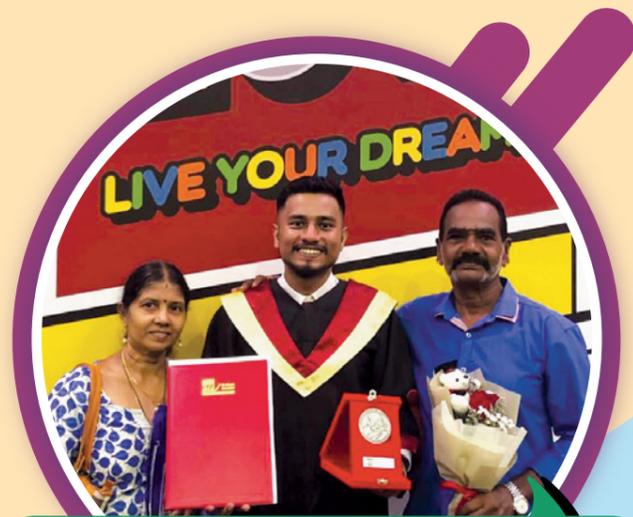
You will learn to use high-tech equipment to troubleshoot, service and maintain different types of vehicles. You will also learn more about trends driving the future of the automotive industry, such as the shift towards autonomous and "greener" vehicles!



VOICES OF PRIDE

Mdm Parvathy D/O Dakshnamoorthy (left), mother of:

- Thivagar S/O Mahalinggam
- Higher Nitec in Performance Production (Graduated in 2019), ITE College Central
- Recipient of Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal for top graduates
- Pursuing Diploma in Theatre Production and Management at LASALLE



“AT ITE, MY SON FOUND HIS TRUE PASSION. I AM THANKFUL TO HIS LECTURERS, WHO WERE ALWAYS THERE TO SUPPORT HIM. ITE BROUGHT OUT THE BEST IN MY SON, AND I AM VERY PROUD OF HIM.”

Mdm Titien Pang (left), mother of:

- Cherie Wong
- Higher Nitec in Beauty & Wellness Management (Graduated in 2021), ITE College East
- Recipient of Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal for top graduates
- Pursuing Diploma in Health Sciences at Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- Beauty salon owner



“I DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN MY DAUGHTER ENTERED ITE, BUT SINCE THEN, I HAVE SEEN MANY POSITIVE CHANGES IN HER. ITE DID NOT JUST HELP HER TO EXCEL ACADEMICALLY, BUT ALSO BUILT HER CHARACTER AND ATTITUDE.”



“ITE WAS A PLACE WHERE MY DAUGHTER COULD PURSUE WHAT SHE WAS PASSIONATE IN. IT ALLOWED HER TO PICK UP MANY VALUABLE SKILLS FOR HER CAREER, AND ALSO SHAPED HER GROWTH INTO A CONFIDENT YOUNG LADY.”

Mdm Harlynda Bte Mameni (right), mother of:

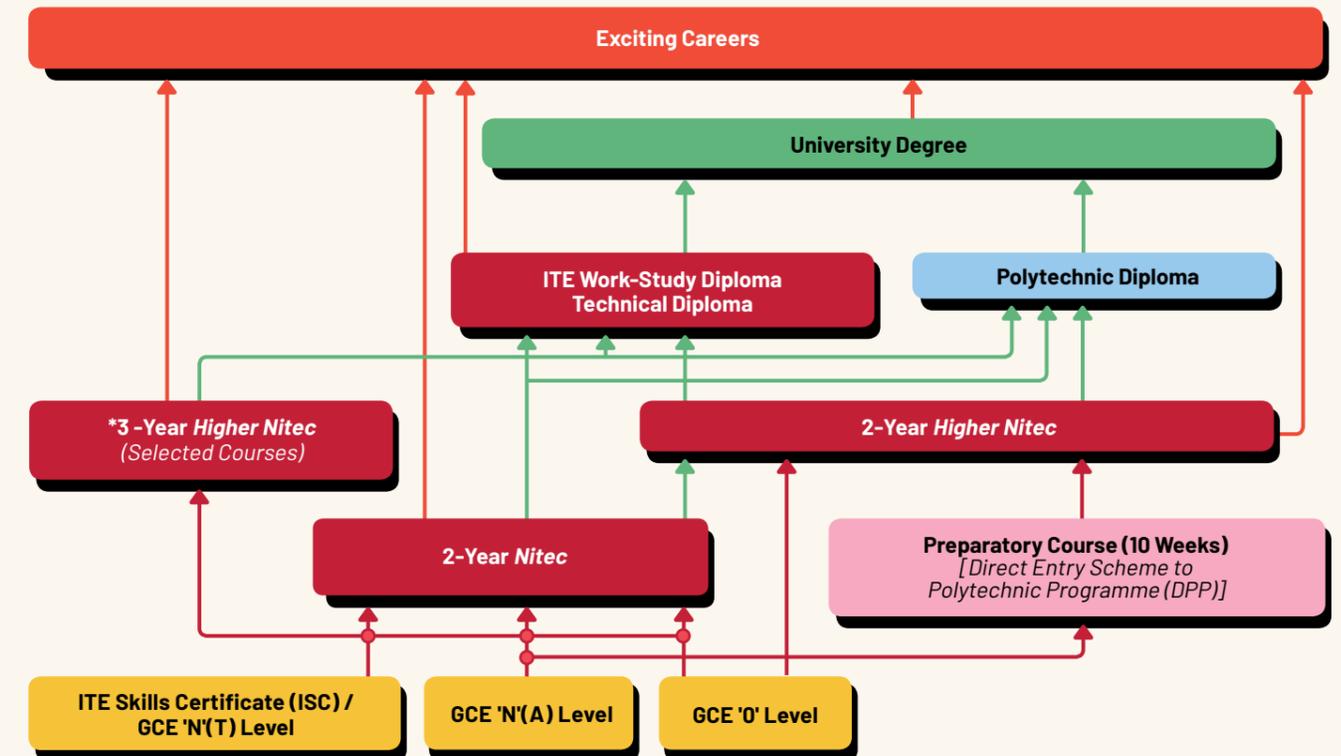
- Harlyna Bte Rahmat
- Higher Nitec in Hospitality Operations (Graduated in 2016), ITE College West
- Head Barista of Suzuki Gourmet Coffee

MOVING UP

ITE'S PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

By Hans Yeo

Discover how an ITE education opens up different pathways for you to reach your goals!



*N(A) Level students who qualify for the Direct Entry Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP) and 'O' Level students will join the new three-year programme directly in the second year, and will continue to attain the Higher Nitec qualification in two years.

DO YOU KNOW?

Starting with selected courses in 2022, ITE's Nitec and Higher Nitec curriculum will be merged into a three-year programme that leads directly to a Higher Nitec qualification. All ITE courses will follow this curriculum structure by 2026. Currently, 'N' Level holders typically take four years to attain a Higher Nitec qualification, through a two-year Nitec course followed by a two-year Higher Nitec course.

SKILLED FOR WORK

By Jamie Chan

When you graduate from ITE, you are armed with relevant skills to contribute to your workplace. Check out what some employers think of our graduates!

ITE GRADUATES ARE ABLE TO PUT WHAT THEY HAD LEARNT INTO TRANSFERABLE SKILLSETS THAT BRING ADDED VALUE TO THE COMPANY AND ESSENTIALLY, THE INDUSTRY AT LARGE. THESE GRADUATES ARE COMPETENT AND RELIABLE AND CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO OUR PROJECTS.

Vivian Tay

Senior Vice President, Regional & Singapore Public Safety Business Unit and Centre of Excellence, NEC Asia Pacific Pte Ltd

WE FIND ITE GRADUATES ADAPTABLE AND WILLING TO LEARN ON THE JOB. THEY ARE WELL TRAINED BY THE COLLEGES AND THEY ARE DEFINITELY GOOD ADDITIONS TO OUR GROWING TEAM.

Jeff Ong

Senior Manager, Sunseap

I AM HAPPY TO HAVE ITE GRADUATES IN MY TEAM. I FIND THAT THEY ARE GOOD PROBLEM SOLVERS, WHO ARE ABLE TO THINK ON THEIR FEET. THEY ARE SKILLED TEAM PLAYERS AND CREATIVE INNOVATORS, WITH POSITIVE ATTITUDES. I CAN ALSO COUNT ON THEM TO BE COMMITTED AND PROMPT IN THEIR WORK!

Esther Chua

Florist, Roselodge Florist & Training Centre

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KRIS CHOW XUE PING

TOUCHED BY COMPASSION

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NITEC
IN NURSING

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