

THE NGENE ANN KONGSI GOLD MEDAL

D LEMUEL DASSON

***HIGHER NITEC IN ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY
ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL***



Building a Brighter Future

When Lemuel was young, he spent a lot of time watching cartoons and reading children's books. This sparked his fascination with drawings and aspiration to be an artist.

After completing his N-Levels, Lemuel joined the *Nitec* in Digital Animation course. However, he found little interest in it and switched to the *Nitec* in Space Design Architecture course shortly. Lacking motivation in his studies, he did not do well and developed doubts about his future.

During his National Service, Lemuel set his mind on taking his studies more seriously. This led him to return to ITE, where he enrolled in the *Higher Nitec* in Architectural Technology course. Determined to do well, Lemuel actively seized opportunities to better himself and took part in various competitions. He also built his passion for volunteering, by participating in numerous community service projects.

Beacons of Light

"I will always remember my lecturers at ITE, who saw my potential and believed in me. Ms Tan Hwei Hwei and Mr Zairi were two such lecturers. They gave me opportunities to participate in many competitions, which honed my leadership and communication skills. I also felt the genuine care they have for their students. They would put in a lot of time into understanding and guiding each of us, unlike any other teacher I have met before. All these helped me overcome the self-doubts I used to have, and motivated me to do my best."

After ITE

Lemuel is pursuing a Diploma in Architecture at Singapore Polytechnic. He plans to take a degree in Architecture after attaining his Diploma, and build a career as an architect.

Top Achievements

- Creating an urban plan for the Greater Southern Waterfront, Lemuel led his classmates to clinch the Outstanding Award at the 2021 Challenge for the Urban and Built Environment (CUBE), organised by the Urban Redevelopment Authority for students of post-secondary institutions.
- He led another team in developing a sustainable building design proposal which won the Special Mention Prize at the 2022 International Building Design Competition, organised by Nanyang Technological University and Ngee Ann Polytechnic.
- For his outstanding service contributions, Lemuel received the ITE Service Star Gold Award in 2022.