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A firm believer in student-centred learning, Buddhima strives to foster independent inquiry in her students with the latest technological tools used in the landscape industry. Some of these include: the application of Drones, Wood Resistance Micro Drills, Sonic and Electric tomographs and an Online Tree Registry System for tree inspection, and even purchased robotic mowers for turf automation.

She understands that students learn best through hands-on, experiential learning, therefore her heart is always on the lookout to engage students in authentic and applied learning by involving them in competitions, projects and learning journeys.

In September 2017, Buddhima led a team of 20 students to volunteer with a local old folks' home by bringing the home's senior residents to ITE College East for a hair treatment session by students. She also brought her students on a community service trip to Sri Lanka, the experience of which motivated many students to want to do more for the world. The students subsequently started their own football team to play in matches for charitable causes, and pledged their winnings to charity.

Believing strongly that students need to grow and let go of past failures, Buddhima makes it a point to prepare first-year students by changing their mind-set from a secondary school student to a more independent and responsible college student, ready for the workforce.

She encourages her classes to develop their own classroom rules, motto and individual goals, and guides each student to achieve these goals and keep moving forward as a class. Buddhima's passion, coupled with excellence in teaching, has successfully developed many confident, independent and work-ready students who continue to visit her and arrange class meet up sessions even after graduation.



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