

# Congratulations

## ITE TEACHER AWARD 2020

Tan Peng Yaw's unflinching belief in, and care for 'at-risk' students especially, inspires them to make positive changes and even succeed in many competitions.

Understanding the challenges faced by 'at-risk' students, Peng Yaw works with Sport SG through its Singapore SportsCares initiative to provide these students with a way to connect and improve themselves through soccer. Such sessions have been conducted every Saturday since July 2017. Together with expert coaches, Peng Yaw works closely with them to engage and mentor the students through sports, even though the sessions eat into his weekends. For his dedication and inspiring efforts, Peng Yaw was presented with the SportsCares Award 2019 by President Halimah Yacob.

In another instance, one of Peng Yaw's students was chased out by his family when he was in secondary school. He ended up living with his grandmother. His parents had given up on him as he went astray and was deemed to be beyond parental control. With Peng Yaw's constant motivation and care, involvement in home visits and pairing the student with a buddy in school, the student's behaviour and attitude towards his studies improved immensely. The student's mother wrote in to express her gratitude to Peng Yaw for his unwavering guidance and support to bring her son back onto the right track.

As a Class Advisor, Peng Yaw is sensitive to students' learning needs and empathetic of his students' financial needs. He observed that a student from his class struggled to come to school because of financial difficulties. This became even more challenging after his father was retrenched. Peng Yaw helped this student access the financial assistance he urgently needed, and "saved" him from being attrited from ITE. The student's father was very grateful to thank Peng Yaw for the kind help rendered.



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