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Lifting Lives

Javen grew up in a family that is active in philanthropy. Inspired by his family, he developed a strong interest in serving the community from young. This led him to volunteer at Lions Befrienders, a charity that provides care for seniors. He also joined ITE College Central's Rotaract Club, where he organised and participated in various community service projects.

As President of the Rotaract Club, he would broaden volunteering opportunities for his peers by encouraging them to participate in Lions Befrienders' community service projects. In school, Javen also actively helped his peers in their studies. He started an after-school revision programme with some classmates, where they would mentor those who need help in their schoolwork.

Guiding Light

"Although I did well in secondary school, I felt that I was lacking opportunities for personal development back then. At ITE, I really enjoyed what I was studying, and I was able to pursue my passion in community service. I also had exceptional lecturers at ITE, who really made the effort to connect with us and care for our well-being. One of them is Mr Zaki Ng. I remember an occasion when I was feeling burnt out from my multiple commitments, and he was there to provide support and advice for me. That meant a lot to me."

After ITE

Javen is pursuing a Diploma in Maritime Business at Singapore Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Distinguishing himself as an exemplary all-rounder, Javen was a recipient of the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award (2022).
- He was the champion of a speech competition organised by the Rotary Club of Singapore for ITE students, where he paid tribute to the hard work of frontline workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Javen led his schoolmates to raise almost \$1,000 for the Central Singapore Community Development Council's Children's Day celebrations by selling customised bracelets. The funds were used to purchase necessities for underprivileged children.
- He established a Youth Wing at Lions Befrienders to bring together like-minded youths with a passion in volunteering.