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COLLEGE : ITE College West

THRIVING THROUGH CHALLENGES WITH RESILIENCE

Despite growing up in a single-parent household with financial constraints, Lewis has shown unwavering determination. Working part-time since the age of 14, he has been supporting himself through his studies, clocking up to 16 hours every weekend and full days during holidays. Currently, he is a Work-Study Diploma trainee, where he earns a regular salary, contributing to the household bills too.

Remarkably, Lewis remained one of the top-scoring students in his class. His commitment extends beyond academics, as seen in his active involvement in social responsibility and community development. From volunteering to organising charity events and mentoring peers, he exemplifies empathy and proactive leadership. Lewis's resilience in overcoming challenges inspires others. The Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award celebrates his character, leadership, and dedication to personal and societal growth.

FROM THE HEART

"My path has not been easy. There was a time when I stayed in a rented room with my father, because we had to sell our flat. But things have improved, and we now have our own place to call our home. Through the fully sponsored Work-Study Diploma, I can help pay for the household while building up savings for my future. Throughout my journey, my single motivation is to change the situation for my family, and I believe I can do so. My dream is to run my own business in the hospitality industry in future."

LIFE AFTER ITE

Lewis is pursuing the Work-Study Diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Management at ITE College West. He is a trainee with Millenium Hotels and Resorts.

TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lewis won the Merit Award in the Student Enterprise Challenge in 2023.
- He earned the Best Presenter Award at the ITE Innovation and Enterprise Day 2023.
- He served as the Chairman for his team's projects at the Student Entrepreneurship Challenge 2023 and the ITE Innovation & Enterprise Day 2023, showcasing his leadership skills.
- Lewis actively supported his peers in their training for the WorldSkills Singapore Competition 2023, by assisting them in their training as receptionists.
- He was engaged in various community service initiatives with organisations including People's Association and Lions Befrienders.
- Lewis was the valedictorian for the School of Hospitality's Higher Nitec Graduation Ceremony.

