



Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award

# **Jolene Chua Wen Sin**

Higher Nitec in Event Management ITE College East

# From Shy to Shining

Once a shy teenager, Jolene has blossomed into a confident youth, driven by a passion for connection and impact. Her event management studies have been instrumental, pushing her beyond her comfort zone to cultivate strong communication and stress management skills. As a Digital Marketing intern at a social enterprise, she immersed herself in social media strategy, heritage archival research, and cultural tour development, demonstrating her versatility and commitment to cultural preservation.

Beyond academics, Jolene finds creative expression through photography, a cherished hobby and CCA since secondary school. Her ability to find beauty in the ordinary translates seamlessly into her dedication to community service. She shared her photographic skills by teaching participants at the 15th Seniors' Learning Camp and assisted elderly residents with redeeming online vouchers during the launch of the Community Development Council Voucher Scheme 2024.

Recognised for her leadership potential, Jolene contributed actively to her school community, serving as President of Writers' Room and Vice-President of the Photography Club. Her dedication and multifaceted talents make her a true role model.

#### From the Heart

"Things get so much better when you enjoy what you are doing. It shifts your mindset and experiences, including studying. I believe this is our moment to explore and experiment so that in future, we would not have any regrets. That is what keeps me motivated in ITE and in all aspects of my life."

### **Life after ITE**

Jolene is pursuing a Diploma in Business at Temasek Polytechnic.

## **Top Achievements**

- Jolene graduated with a perfect GPA of 4.0 and was on the Director's List in 2023 and 2024.
- For her academic performance and service contributions, she received the ITE Community Scholarship (2023), ITE Service Star Gold Award (2024), and MOE EAGLES Award (2024).
- Leading her team at the 2024 Young Trailblazers competition, Jolene's team pitched
  the idea of 'iCarrot,' an app designed to boost community garden engagement via a
  points reward system, earning them the Special Merit Award in the tertiary category.
- Capturing the essence of the theme 'Hometown Pride,' Jolene's team of three attained second runner-up honours at the Singapore Young Photographers' Convention 2023 with their striking photographs.
- During her volunteer work as a crew member at the Formula 1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix 2023, Jolene's exceptional enthusiasm led to her receiving the Outstanding Service Award and the Most Enthusiastic Team Award.
- She achieved the Merit Award for her College's Influencer Challenge 2023, a testament to her ability to produce engaging social media content.
- Jolene showcased her public speaking abilities as a presenter and stage representative at the ITE Student Leaders Forum 2023, and as team lead, stage presenter, and media team member at the ITE International Student Seminar 2024.