

LEE KUAN YEW GOLD MEDAL

NATASHA YAP SHU HUI

HIGHER NITEC IN EVENT MANAGEMENT
ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL



Living in the Now

Natasha prefers not to set goals, as she feels lost the moment she achieves one. To her, the journey matters more. While this has shaped her happy-go-lucky attitude, it has not held her back from setting high standards for herself.

Aspiring to be a better version of herself everyday, Natasha strives to give her all in every role she takes on. She was well regarded by her lecturers for her diligence and readiness to help her classmates in their studies. Her strong leadership qualities also shone through, and she was elected President of the ITE College Central Student Council.

Moulded by Experience

“There was a point when I was down with COVID-19, while juggling my studies and responsibilities as the Student Council President. It was a challenging period when everything seemed to be happening at the same time. That made me question why I chose to take on so many commitments. However, I also saw the benefits of going through such experiences. I believe in ‘short-term pain, long-term gain’. By persevering through tough times, I learned to develop resilience and become stronger.”

After ITE

Natasha is pursuing a Diploma in Business Management at Nanyang Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Recognised for her all-round excellence, Natasha won the 2023 Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award.
- She was selected as the valedictorian for the Graduation Ceremony of ITE College Central’s School of Business.
- For her outstanding service contributions, Natasha received the ITE Service Star Gold Award in 2022.
- Excelling academically, Natasha achieved a near-perfect Grade Point Average score of 3.921. She was in the Director’s List for all terms from 2021 to 2022.

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MALCOLM CHEW JIA RUI

**NITEC IN NURSING
ITE COLLEGE EAST**



Inspiring Hope, Overcoming Hurdles

Raised by a single mother, Malcolm grew up under difficult financial circumstances. Nevertheless, he faced adversity with unwavering resilience. After his N-Levels, Malcolm put his studies on hold to work. As the eldest child, he believed it was his responsibility to support his family.

Malcolm was keen to resume his studies after his National Service, as he recognised its importance to building a stable career. Driven by his passion for helping others, he enrolled in the *Nitec* in Nursing course.

While pursuing his studies at ITE, Malcolm also worked part-time at a café to reduce his family's financial burden. He switched to working as a locum nurse, after completing an internship at a hospital. Beyond managing his studies and work, Malcolm also served as the President of the Singapore Nurses Association Student Chapter at ITE.

Embracing Challenges

“Even if I was given a choice to live another life without the challenges I encountered, I would say ‘no’. Resilience cannot be taught. You learn it as you go through each challenge. Due to my family circumstances, I have had to think like an adult earlier than my peers, and had to be more mature and resourceful. When I was younger, I used to feel worried and anxious. Now, I have confidence in overcoming any difficulties that come my way.”

After ITE

Malcolm is pursuing a Diploma in Nursing at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. He plans to take a degree in nursing, after attaining his Diploma.

Top Achievements

- Distinguishing himself as an exemplary all-rounder, Malcolm was a recipient of the 2023 Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award and ITE CCA Medal.
- He was conferred the Top Nursing Student Award for his cohort, and was on the Director's List for all terms from 2021 to 2022.
- Malcolm received the 2022 Singapore Kwangtung Hui Kuan Student Resilience Award, which recognises students who excel above challenging circumstances.
- For his extensive service contributions, he was awarded the ITE Service Star Gold Award in 2021 and 2022.

LEE KUAN YEOW GOLD MEDAL

YEO JING XUAN JACLYN

**NITEC IN MECHATRONICS & ROBOTICS
ITE COLLEGE WEST**



Defying Odds

While it may not be common for girls to like robots, Jaclyn developed a strong affinity for robotics after joining a robotics club in secondary school. This led her to enrol in the *Nitec* in Mechatronics & Robotics course at ITE, where she flourished.

One who is not afraid to fail, Jaclyn approached tasks with an open mind and seized every opportunity available to expand her learning horizons. She participated in various competitions, and spearheaded different events for the community as the Vice President of the ITE College West Student Council.

Jaclyn was well regarded as a role model, who would often motivate and help her classmates in need. Her dedication earned her the respect of her peers, as well as a strong evaluation by her internship supervisor.

Staying the Course

“Success requires hard work and consistent effort. I believe that it is important to begin with the end in mind. To do that, we have to set clear goals so that we can have a yardstick to see how far we have journeyed from where we began. Looking back, I am very thankful to be given the opportunity to spearhead projects and work with people from different backgrounds. I had a truly rewarding experience at ITE, and I look forward to taking on more new challenges in the future.”

After ITE

Jaclyn is pursuing a Diploma in Mechatronics & Robotics at Singapore Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Recognised for her all-round excellence, Jaclyn won the 2023 Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award. She also received the Edusave Character Award in 2020 and 2021.
- Jaclyn led a team to develop a space-saving indoor vertical hydroponic system, which clinched the 2023 Lee Kuan Yew Technology Award and Merit Award in the 2022 Sembcorp Marine Green Wave Environmental Care Competition.
- For her outstanding CCA achievements, she was presented the ITE College West 21st Century Star Award in 2022.

TAY ENG SOON

GOLD MEDAL

TANG RUI

**HIGHER NITEC IN MARINE &
OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY**
ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL



Heart for the Community

When Tang Rui entered ITE, he set a goal to excel academically. This led him to take part in various competitions to broaden his learning. He also aimed to develop his soft skills, which spurred him to take on leadership roles and actively engage in community work.

At the outbreak of COVID-19, Tang Rui organised a mental wellness seminar to support his peers in coping with stress and anxiety. Outside of school, he volunteers at nursing homes and helps to grow vegetables for residents through a community garden.

Tang Rui has been passionate about community work from a young age. He started participating in community service activities since his primary school days. These experiences instilled in him a sense of empathy towards others and taught him the importance of contributing to society.

An All-Round Transformation

"ITE helped to enhance my soft skills. At ITE, I picked up not just academic knowledge, but also important life values. I was given numerous opportunities to demonstrate my talents, and evolve into an all-rounder."

After ITE

Tang Rui is pursuing a Diploma in Marine & Offshore Technology at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Tang Rui attained the National Youth Achievement Gold Award 2023 for his outstanding community leadership initiatives.
- He led a team to raise \$4,000 for a Children's Day event that was co-organised with the Central Singapore Community Development Council. The funds were used to provide gift bags for underprivileged children.
- For developing a hybrid generator that converts solar energy and hydropower into electricity, Tang Rui led teams to win the ITE Singapore Green Plan 2030 Competition and ITE College Central Entrepreneurship Programme Competition in 2021.
- Through the same innovation, he also led a team to the finals of the Young Innovators Challenge 2022.

TAY ENG SOON

GOLD MEDAL

JADE YEO EE-FAY
NITEC IN BEAUTY & WELLNESS
ITE COLLEGE EAST



Artistry in Action

Raised by her grandmother since her parents' divorce, Jade Yeo is a fiercely independent young lady. At the age of 14, she decided to work part-time so that she did not have to rely on her grandmother for her allowances. After her N-Levels, she qualified for polytechnic admission but chose to enrol in ITE as she wanted to pursue a course that can sustain her interest. With a passion in cosplay and make-up, Jade took up the *Nitec* in Beauty & Wellness course.

Jade excelled at ITE, despite having to juggle part-time work, freelance make-up gigs and her studies. She also served as the secretary of the ITE College East Fashion & Glamour Club. Well-liked for her selfless nature, Jade would readily help her classmates whenever they faced difficulties in their studies.

Redefining Perspectives

"My ITE lecturers really guided us to ensure that we understood what was taught. One of them is Ms Shuner Leong. I am very grateful to her for her patience. I do not agree with the misconception that people commonly have about ITE. I believe it is all about how one sees things. If things do not work out, it is not the school's fault but rather a personal problem. ITE can bring you just as far as other schools, so long as you work hard, stay focused and give your best efforts."

After ITE

Jade has progressed to the Technical Diploma in Beauty & Wellness Management course at ITE College East. She dreams of becoming a Beauty Advisor or to work for renowned cosmetics companies.

Top Achievements

- Jade led a team to create a series of innovative beauty products, which clinched the Merit and Audience Choice (Livestream Pitch) Awards at the #startable entrepreneurship programme organised by Nanyang Technological University and ITE. The team sold 150 of these products in three months.
- Through the same products, she also led her team to win the Top Award at the ITE College East Enterprise Challenge 2022.
- Jade was part of a team of ITE students who handled the make-up and hairstyling for performers at the National Day Parade 2022 and 2021.
- For her strong service contributions, she received the ITE Service Star Gold Award in 2022 and 2021.

TAY ENG SOON

GOLD MEDAL

IRFAN IDRAKI BIN KAMALRUZAMAN

HIGHER NITEC IN SERVICE MANAGEMENT
ITE COLLEGE WEST



Inspired to Empower Others

Having studied in madrasahs for a decade, Irfan initially found it challenging to adjust to the secular environment at ITE. With the encouragement of his schoolmates and lecturers, he overcame doubts on his abilities and excelled in his studies.

Irfan also displayed his leadership qualities, and was elected the Deputy President of the ITE College West Student Council. In this role, he actively mentored and guided his peers. Through such experiences, Irfan found a strong sense of satisfaction from empowering others and witnessing their success. This led him to discover his passion in helping others and uplifting those in need.

From Self-Doubt to Personal Growth

“Coming from a single-parent family, I faced setbacks, like financial constraints. I entered ITE with self-doubts. However, I found a father figure in my lecturer Mr Dennis Lim. He was always available as a source of help and support. At ITE, I found my direction and confidence. I also achieved personal growth in areas like public speaking, event management and people management. Coming to ITE marks my turning point in life.”

After ITE

Irfan is pursuing a Diploma in Community Development at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. He aspires to build a career in social work, and make a positive impact on people’s lives.

Top Achievements

- Excelling in his CCA contributions, Irfan received the ITE College West 21st Century Star Award in 2022 and 2021.
- For his outstanding holistic achievements, he was awarded the 4PM Bestari CCA Excellence Award and Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES) Award in 2022.
- Irfan excelled academically and was on the Director’s List for three terms, from 2021 to 2022.

THE Ngee Ann Kongsi GOLD MEDAL

D LEMUEL DASSON

**HIGHER NITEC IN ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY
ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL**



Building a Brighter Future

When Lemuel was young, he spent a lot of time watching cartoons and reading children's books. This sparked his fascination with drawings and aspiration to be an artist.

After completing his N-Levels, Lemuel joined the *Nitec* in Digital Animation course. However, he found little interest in it and switched to the *Nitec* in Space Design Architecture course shortly. Lacking motivation in his studies, he did not do well and developed doubts about his future.

During his National Service, Lemuel set his mind on taking his studies more seriously. This led him to return to ITE, where he enrolled in the *Higher Nitec* in Architectural Technology course. Determined to do well, Lemuel actively seized opportunities to better himself and took part in various competitions. He also built his passion for volunteering, by participating in numerous community service projects.

Beacons of Light

"I will always remember my lecturers at ITE, who saw my potential and believed in me. Ms Tan Hwei Hwei and Mr Zairi were two such lecturers. They gave me opportunities to participate in many competitions, which honed my leadership and communication skills. I also felt the genuine care they have for their students. They would put in a lot of time into understanding and guiding each of us, unlike any other teacher I have met before. All these helped me overcome the self-doubts I used to have, and motivated me to do my best."

After ITE

Lemuel is pursuing a Diploma in Architecture at Singapore Polytechnic. He plans to take a degree in Architecture after attaining his Diploma, and build a career as an architect.

Top Achievements

- Creating an urban plan for the Greater Southern Waterfront, Lemuel led his classmates to clinch the Outstanding Award at the 2021 Challenge for the Urban and Built Environment (CUBE), organised by the Urban Redevelopment Authority for students of post-secondary institutions.
- He led another team in developing a sustainable building design proposal which won the Special Mention Prize at the 2022 International Building Design Competition, organised by Nanyang Technological University and Ngee Ann Polytechnic.
- For his outstanding service contributions, Lemuel received the ITE Service Star Gold Award in 2022.

THE NGENE ANN KONGSI GOLD MEDAL

TAY JIE HUI JULIA

**HIGHER NITEC IN INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS
ITE COLLEGE EAST**



Uncovering the Silver Lining

When Julia decided to discontinue her polytechnic studies to support her family, she was unaware of what the future holds. Since then, she has risen against all odds and distinguished herself as an exemplary all-rounder at ITE.

Entering ITE at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Julia was quick to adapt to the new norm of hybrid learning. With her maturity and positive attitude, she won the trust of her younger classmates and became their confidante. Julia shone in her studies at ITE, and was placed in the ACE programme for high achievers. She also played an active role in the ITE College East Student Council, serving as the Chairman of the House Committee which looks into disciplinary matters.

Julia managed her multiple school commitments, while taking on a part-time job to lessen the financial burden on her family.

Lessons of Life

"I believe in beginning with the end in mind and expecting the unexpected. We should take up every opportunity that is given and keep an open mind. ITE has provided me a platform to sharpen my soft skills and exposed me to different areas of interest. My lecturers and schoolmates have been my pillar of support throughout my ITE journey."

After ITE

Julia is pursuing a Diploma in Supply Chain Management at Republic Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Julia and her team raised \$103,000 for charity to promote youth well-being, which won them the Citi-YMCA Youth for Causes 2022 Distinction Award, Best Fundraiser Award, and Best Fund Management Award.
- She also led a team to finish in the top nine of the Supply Chain Challenge 2022, which bagged them a conditional offer of admission into a full-time degree programme at the Singapore University of Social Sciences.
- In recognition of her all-round excellence, Julia was conferred the ITE Service Star Diamond Award in 2022 and Edusave Character Award in 2021.

THE Ngee ANN KONGSI GOLD MEDAL

LEE MING ZHEA

NITEC IN INFOCOMM TECHNOLOGY
ITE COLLEGE WEST



Scoring the Game of Life

Since he was young, Ming Zhea has loved playing computer games. His obsession with gaming caused him to neglect his studies, after he entered ITE in 2017. His turning point came during his National Service, when he met peers with clear goals in life. This motivated him to plan for his future.

With a renewed focus, Ming Zhea returned to ITE and enrolled in the *Nitec* in Infocomm Technology course. He transformed into a diligent and high-achieving student, who juggled multiple commitments. These included studies, part-time work, and leadership roles in two CCAs – the Mega ICT Club and ITE College West Student Council. Beyond these, he also dedicated time for community service. Ming Zhea demonstrates that with determination, a second chance at life will eventually bear fruit.

I'm a Doer

"In my two years at ITE, I became a doer. I am quite shy so I have always been more of a follower. However, my lecturers at ITE encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and become a leader. I had to guide my CCA members, and even emceed many events. I grew a lot from all these experiences. I am very grateful for these opportunities that were given to me. To me, it is important to seize every chance that comes along and make the best out of it."

After ITE

Ming Zhea is pursuing Ngee Ann Polytechnic's Common Infocomm Technology (ICT) Programme, where he can select an ICT-related Diploma to specialise in after completing one semester.

Top Achievements

- Recognised for his all-round excellence, Ming Zhea won the 2023 Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award.
- He achieved a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0, and was on the Director's List for all terms from 2021 to 2022.
- For his outstanding CCA contributions, Ming Zhea was presented the ITE College West 21st Century Star Award in 2022 and 2021.

SINGAPORE NATIONAL EMPLOYERS FEDERATION (SNEF) GOLD MEDAL

RYAN HENG YONG SHENG

**WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA IN
MARITIME BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL**



Adapt and Grow

Rather than being tied to a single field, Ryan believes in being open to exploring various career options. He feels that this will give him chances to pick up different skills. This mentality has moulded his ability to adapt, and led him to attain ITE qualifications in Computer & Networking, Electronics Engineering, and Maritime Business Management.

Ryan chanced upon the Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Maritime Business Management after his National Service, and decided to give it a shot. Despite not having a maritime background, he quickly picked up the skills required to excel in the industry. Ryan is thankful to his supportive lecturers, who were always there when he needed help.

While training at shipping firm Singfar International, he earned praises for his positive attitude and willingness to undertake new responsibilities.

A Practical Choice

"If I have taken the polytechnic route, I would be 27 by the time I graduated and still have no work experience. I believe that is not good for someone of this age! The WSDip allowed me to gain work experience, earn some money and still get a Diploma certification. Through the WSDip, I can pursue a degree and continue upgrading myself."

After ITE

Ryan was promoted to Purchasing Assistant and received a 30% pay increment, upon graduating from the WSDip programme. A believer in lifelong learning, he intends to enrol in a part-time degree course in 2024.

Top Achievements

- As the top student in his WSDip course, Ryan was awarded the Gold Course Medal upon graduation.
- For his outstanding performance, he was also awarded the Singapore Shipping Association Book Prize.
- Ryan proposed and implemented an enhancement to his company's purchasing system, which helped to save an estimated 300 man-hours as the added feature resulted in fewer errors during the purchasing process.

SINGAPORE NATIONAL EMPLOYERS FEDERATION (SNEF) GOLD MEDAL

MUHAMMAD RAHMAD BIN JAMALUDIN

**WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA IN
VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION
ITE COLLEGE EAST**



Never Too Late

Rahmad graduated with a *Nitec* in Mechatronics (Automation Technology) in 2005. Before he started his career with Schindler Lifts Singapore in 2011, he worked part-time as a dispatch rider and took on odd jobs. At Schindler, Rahmad worked hard and rose through the ranks. From a Trainee Technician, he became an Assistant Engineer.

To upskill himself, Rahmad enrolled in the Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Vertical Transportation. Returning to the classroom after a gap of more than 20 years, he was initially afraid of being unable to cope with his studies. His worries were unfounded, as he excelled in the course.

Rahmad has since gained an additional role as a trainer for new hires at Schindler. He would share the skills and knowledge he picked up from the WSDip course with his colleagues, to coach them in their work.

Carpe Diem

"I always keep in mind that experience holds value, and knowledge is an invaluable asset. I am glad to be able to apply the knowledge that I have gained from the WSDip programme at work. Sharing my career journey and accomplishments with my peers bring me joy. I strive to constantly push myself to step out of my comfort zone to gain more experience and knowledge. It is important to seize opportunities when they arise as they may not come again. Instead of comparing with others, I remind myself to be happy with what I have achieved."

After ITE

Rahmad was promoted to the position of Senior Engineer, after completing the WSDip programme. He plans to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the Singapore Institute of Technology. He is open to exploring teaching positions in the future, to groom the next generation of lift technicians.

Top Achievements

- Rahmad was awarded the Gold Course Medal in 2022, upon emerging as the top graduate of his WSDip course.
- For his exceptional work contributions, he received a badge of honour from Schindler as the Best Employee of the Year 2022.
- Regarded as a role model in lifelong learning, Rahmad was selected to share his story at a homecoming event for ITE alumni and encourage more to follow his footsteps in skills upgrading.

SINGAPORE NATIONAL EMPLOYERS FEDERATION (SNEF) GOLD MEDAL

MUHAMMAD HAIKAL RADZUAN B R

WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA IN
IT SYSTEM INTEGRATION
ITE COLLEGE WEST



Rising Above

Faced with the disappointing results of his O-Levels, Haikal became disinterested in studying. He then chose not to continue his studies. He worked in a technical support role at a music studio, where he discovered his aptitude for Information Technology (IT) and regained confidence.

Keen to expand his IT skills, Haikal enrolled in the *Higher Nitec* in IT Systems & Networks course after his National Service. His return to school was not easy, as his mother fell ill soon after and passed away. To make ends meet, he worked part-time as a private-hire driver.

Despite difficult circumstances, Haikal maintained a keen desire to further his education after completing his *Higher Nitec* course. He chose to pursue the Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in IT System Integration, as it allowed him to study while earning a salary. Through hard work and dedication, Haikal emerged as the top graduate of his WSDip course.

Guiding Light

“After graduating from my Higher Nitec course, I wanted to pursue a Diploma in polytechnic. However, I knew it was not an option, because I needed to work and support myself. My ITE lecturer, Mr Lip Kah Yin, understood my situation, and encouraged me to join the WSDip programme. I saw that as ideal, as it enables me to work and study at the same time. I am very thankful to my lecturers at ITE who were always looking out for me. Without their support, I might have dropped out of school. They gave me the motivation to persevere through difficult times. I believe my mum will be proud of what I have accomplished today.”

After ITE

Haikal is working as a Network Engineer at IT solutions provider Avodaq Pte Ltd. He plans to continue upgrading himself, by pursuing a degree in computer science or cyber security.

Top Achievements

- Haikal was awarded the Gold Course Medal, for his outstanding performance in his WSDip course.
- Recognised for his diligence and positive work attitude, he was promoted to the role of Network Engineer upon completion of his WSDip course.
- During his WSDip training, Haikal successfully led the implementation of the Cisco Umbrella cloud security platform for a school. He received compliments from the client for his good work.

SINGAPORE BUSINESS FEDERATION (SBF) GOLD MEDAL

MUHAMMAD CAIREL BRAZALI

**TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN
CULINARY ARTS
ITE COLLEGE WEST**



The Fire to Excel

Due to lack of interest in his studies, Cairel chose not to take the O-Levels and withdrew from school when he was in Secondary Five. Wanting to learn cooking, he enrolled in the *Nitec* in Western Culinary Arts course. With time, he developed an unexpected passion for cooking.

To pursue this passion, Cairel decided to join the Technical Diploma (TD) in Culinary Arts course. However, when he entered his TD course after two years of National Service, he found that he lost his culinary touch and lagged behind his classmates. Cairel worked hard to keep up, carrying out extensive self-learning. Beyond proving his calibre, he also established his leadership qualities. He was well respected by his younger classmates, who often looked to him for advice.

Guiding Light

"I faced many difficult moments during my TD course. There were many projects, and I was feeling very stressed out. However, I persevered because I did not want to let my teammates down. The lecturers I had also made a great difference. I am very grateful to Mr Zave Toh. His strong support helped me to push through challenging times, especially during my internship. I feel that my lecturers at ITE really go the extra mile for their students. I could text them late at night asking for help, and they would be ready to help. They treated us like friends rather than their students, and I really appreciated that."

After ITE

Cairel will be pursuing a Master's in Culinary Leadership and Innovation at Institut Lyfe, in France. He aspires to become a food business consultant, after building his culinary experience at different restaurants.

Top Achievements

- Cairel and his classmate overcame teams from around the world to clinch the Silver Award at the international Food & Hotel Asia Culinary Challenge 2022.
- He was selected as the valedictorian for the TD in Culinary Arts Graduation Ceremony in 2022, and was conferred the Top Graduate Award for his cohort.
- Through his outstanding performance, Cairel clinched an internship with Michelin-starred restaurant, Table65, during his TD course.

SINGAPORE PRECISION ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION GOLD MEDAL

**MOHAMED TASRIQ
B HELMI**

**WORK-STUDY DIPLOMA IN
AUTOMATION ENGINEERING
ITE COLLEGE CENTRAL**



Passion Makes Perfect

Tasriq was keen to pursue a culinary course at ITE, but was instead offered the *Nitec* in Mechatronics course. Unexpectedly, he grew to enjoy his field of study. While Tasriq graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average score, he could not further his studies as he had to help take care of his family.

In 2018, Tasriq started a job at electrical components manufacturer Murata Pte Ltd as a Manufacturing Specialist. His good performance led his supervisors to select him for the Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Automation Engineering course. Within a year in the WSDip course, he earned a promotion and pay increment.

Tasriq joined electrical switchboards manufacturer, Terasaki Electric Co Far East Pte Ltd, in 2023. He now earns 60 per cent more than what he got prior to joining the WSDip programme. Above all, his work has become his passion.

A Dream Job

"I love learning about mechanics and programming. The process feels like trying to figure out puzzles. It feels so fun! My current job involves automation and programming, so I really enjoy what I am doing now. I go to work with a smile on my face every day!"

After ITE

Tasriq is working as an Assistant Automation Engineer at Terasaki Electric Co Far East Pte Ltd. He plans to upgrade his skills in programming or electrical engineering through a degree in the future.

Top Achievements

- Tasriq was conferred the Gold Course Medal, for being the top graduate of his WSDip course.
- He achieved a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0.
- Tasriq worked with his colleagues during his WSDip training to automate the lubrication of the company's machines, which led to significant cost savings.

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GOLD MEDAL

TAN CHONG BOON
*HIGHER NITEC IN TECHNOLOGY –
CYBER & NETWORK SECURITY*
ITE COLLEGE EAST



The Right Switch

The COVID-19 pandemic led Chong Boon to make a mid-career switch from the food and beverage industry to the information technology (IT) sector.

This started when a friend recommended that he upgraded himself through ITE's part-time courses, while he was out of job. He took up the recommendation, as he believed it was an opportune time to acquire a new skill. Being curious in cyber security issues, he enrolled in the *Higher Nitec in Technology – Cyber & Network Security* course.

Through the course, Chong Boon gained practical knowledge on providing technical support for network servers. Scoring an "A" for his first module motivated him to continue doing well. His hard work paid off and led him to clinch his current employment by a company that distributes network security products.

Making Learning Count

"Going back to school was an unexpected decision I made, so I did worry if I could cope. However, I am also someone who will do my best once I decide on pursuing something. At ITE, I focused on gaining a big-picture perspective on the value of my studies. I do not just study simply to pass exams. The more important thing is to process and grasp the knowledge taught. That is how we can develop new capabilities."

After ITE

Chong Boon is continuing his upskilling journey, through ITE's Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Cyber Security & Forensics. As part of his training, he works as an Associate Support Engineer at Netpoleon Solutions Pte Ltd.

Top Achievements

- Chong Boon excelled academically, and graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0.
- Being one of the top performers of his course, he was awarded the Certificate of Merit upon graduation.
- Recognised for his positive work attitude during an internship with his current employer, he was offered a full-time position with the company under the WSDip programme.

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GOLD MEDAL

KOH TIAN GUAN

**NITEC IN TECHNOLOGY -
ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY (POWER & CONTROL)
ITE COLLEGE WEST**



Powering Up Electrical Skills

Tian Guan graduated with a Degree with Honours in Marine Engineering from the Singapore Institute of Technology – Newcastle University. Working at compressor manufacturer BOGE Kompressoren Asia Pacific, he is a dedicated Service Engineer who has actively sought to improve his electrical knowledge and skills to excel in his profession.

Inspired by a colleague's expertise in electrical troubleshooting, Tian Guan decided to strengthen his foundation in this field at ITE. Pursuing part-time studies required him to sacrifice personal time while managing a busy work schedule, but he maintained his commitment to self-improvement. He would diligently revise what was taught in class, and seek clarifications from his lecturers.

Through these efforts, Tian Guan excelled in his course. He also gained an enhanced understanding of electrical standards, safety, and troubleshooting techniques. This has enabled him to work more effectively. Tian Guan hopes to use his experience and knowledge to guide the next generation of engineers.

Engineering Excellence

"As a Service Engineer, I recognised the need to excel in both mechanical and electrical troubleshooting. Enrolling in my ITE course allowed me to bridge that gap and greatly improved my work productivity. I can now confidently tackle various electrical problems and share my knowledge with customers. This has also boosted my confidence in my job. I hope to share more of my experiences and skills with newer staff of my company, and contribute to the growth of Singapore's engineering community."

After ITE

Tian Guan plans to upgrade himself by obtaining a Licensed Electrical Worker (LEW) Grade 7 Certificate and/or a Diploma in Electrical Engineering. He also plans to sign up for a course on the Singapore Standard SS 638 Code of Practice for Electrical Installations.

Top Achievements

- For his strong academic excellence, Tian Guan was awarded the Gold Course Medal for the *Nitec* in Technology – Electrical Technology (Power & Control) course.
- As one of his course's top performers, he was conferred the Certificate of Merit upon graduation.
- Tian Guan graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0.

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CHUA RAKA APRINNO

***HIGHER NITEC IN
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
ITE COLLEGE WEST***



Renewable Passion

Raka progressed to the *Higher Nitec* in Electrical Engineering course, after completing the *Nitec* in Aerospace Avionics.

A diligent and keen learner, Raka took part in various competitions to expand his knowledge. He also participated in multiple co-curricular activities (CCAs) to broaden his social network and gain different new experiences.

Driven by his interest in renewable energy, Raka helmed the Clean Energy Club as its President. He also joined the Sustainability & Digitalisation Club, where he organised a learning journey for members to a solar power plant. Raka found his interest in this field, after taking part in the Sembcorp Marine Green Wave Environmental Care competition.

Heart Full of Gratitude

"I really enjoyed what I was studying at ITE, and I am glad that I was able to fulfil my passion in engineering through the various projects that I was involved in. I am grateful to lecturers like Mr Patrick Seow, who supported and counselled me when I felt overwhelmed with project deadlines and study commitments. I am also thankful for all the opportunities I had at ITE to learn and better myself, which helped to grow my soft skills and develop my confidence."

After ITE

Raka is pursuing a Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic. He plans to take a degree in Electrical Engineering after attaining his Diploma, and build a career in the solar energy industry.

Top Achievements

- For developing an electric vehicle charger that taps on existing street lamp infrastructure, Raka's team won the first prize at the 2022 Sembcorp Marine Green Wave Environmental Care Competition.
- He was conferred the ITE Student Commendation Award for his outstanding achievements in competitions.
- Excelling in his CCA contributions, Raka received the ITE College West 21st Century Star Award in 2022.