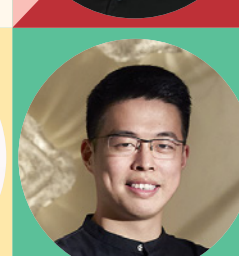
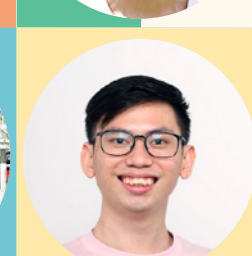
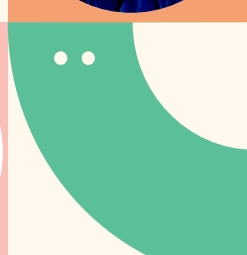


30 FACES OF ITE

In celebration of ITE's 30th anniversary, we present to you stories of 30 ITE graduates and students who have forged their path to a brighter future at ITE





KAWAL PAL SINGH

- ◆ Partner at Law Firm Tito Isaac & Co LLP
- ◆ *Nitec* in Electronics (Computer Technology) (Graduated in 2002)
Former ITE Ang Mo Kio Campus

As an EM3 and Normal (Technical) student, Kawal believed he was more of a sportsman than a scholar. That changed at ITE. Thanks to his lecturers' encouragement, Kawal could finally believe in his abilities. He became a successful electronics trader, before pursuing his childhood dream of being a lawyer. In just three years, Kawal was made a law firm partner.

☞ The lecturers at ITE were very encouraging and treated us as friends. They helped us to recognise the skills that we have, how much we can do with them, and how we can differentiate ourselves from others. That gave me great comfort and helped me to believe in my abilities. ☞

ANDERS TAN

- ◆ Co-Founder of Inklus Pte Ltd
- ◆ *Nitec* in Infocomm Technology (Graduated in 2003)
ITE College East

A steely resolve to pursue Infocomm Technology at ITE after his 'N' Levels laid the foundation for Anders' career. As co-founder of social-tech start-up, Inklus, Anders uses his skills in technology to help people with disabilities find gainful employment and stay independent.

☞ ITE has provided me with the best possible platform to not only understand theoretical concepts, but also the opportunity to apply the learned theories to real-world scenarios. ☞





LIM HUI FANG

- ◆ Chief Beautician at KSkin Facial
 - ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Beauty & Wellness Management (Graduated in 2020)
 - ◆ *Nitec* in Beauty & Wellness (Graduated in 2018)
- ITE College East**

Young, fresh-faced and at the age of 22, Hui Fang is already a guru of sorts. After clinching Gold Medals in Beauty Therapy at the 2018 WorldSkills Singapore and WorldSkills ASEAN competitions, she is now the Chief Beautician of a beauty chain. Now that is skills mastery!

“ITE has skills-based courses which have helped me discover my career path. At ITE, I had many opportunities to hone my beauty therapy skills at a professional level, which opened my eyes to the many aspects of this trade. These experiences helped me to decide on the career that I wanted to pursue.”

NICHOLAS CHAN

- ◆ Medical Student at National University of Singapore
 - ◆ *Nitec* in Nursing (Graduated in 2015)
- ITE College East**

Having dropped out of secondary school, Nicholas' dream of becoming a doctor seemed bleak. He gained hope, after being given the chance to enrol in ITE's nursing course. Through hard work, Nicholas excelled at ITE before topping his nursing course at Nanyang Polytechnic. He then became the first ITE graduate to enter the National University of Singapore's medical school.

“Getting into medical school would not have been possible if not for ITE giving me a second chance. ITE gave me both the paper qualifications to become an Enrolled Nurse, as well as the technical ability to do the job well. My friends and lecturers from ITE played the largest role in keeping me motivated during this journey.”





MOHAMMAD ABDILLAH BIN MOHAMAD SAM

- ◆ Motion Graphics Artist
- ◆ *Nitec* in Digital Animation (Graduated in 2012)
ITE College Central

When Abdillah was young, he struggled with learning due to dyslexia. However, he also discovered his interest and forte in drawing. Upon graduating from NorthLight School, he enrolled in ITE to pursue his ambition of being a designer. Today, he is a motion graphics artist living his dream.

☺☺ ITE gave me a strong foundation in design to pursue my dream. I had great lecturers who really helped me a lot in my learning and were my pillars of support. My experience at ITE also taught me the value of skills. It does not matter where we come from or how smart we are. With skills, we can succeed. ☺☺

DARYL HAW

- ◆ Electrical Engineer at Pulau Seraya Power Station
- ◆ *Nitec* in Electrical Technology (Graduated in 2011)
ITE College West

After discovering his knack for handling electrical installations at ITE, Daryl aspired to become an Engineer to solve problems in society. The Assumption Pathway School graduate has since realised his dream and became an Electrical Engineer, after attaining a Singapore Institute of Technology-Newcastle University degree in Electrical Power Engineering.

☺☺ I am grateful to my teachers at ITE and Assumption Pathway School who patiently guided me and encouraged me not to give up. I struggled initially at ITE, due to my weaker academic foundation. Thankfully, my classmates helped me in my studies and my lecturers showed a lot of care and support for me. ☺☺





CHOH BAO NGOC BETTY

- ◆ President of ITE College West Student Council
- ◆ *Nitec* in Travel & Tourism Services, Year 2
ITE College West

Since becoming a prefect in Primary 3, Betty developed a strong interest in honing her leadership skills. She has since blossomed into a confident leader of an over 200-member strong Student Council. Betty lives by the quote: "Don't let what you cannot get interfere with what you can do."

ITE has broadened my horizon and enabled me to learn important life skills. I have been exposed to many new experiences and perspectives. My lecturers have pushed me to be a better version of myself and taught me to believe in myself. They entrusted me to organise activities to engage my schoolmates meaningfully – something I enjoy and find fulfilment in.

JANELLE ONG

- ◆ President of ITE College East Student Council
- ◆ *Nitec* in Chemical Process Technology, Year 2
ITE College East

Janelle enrolled in the *Nitec* in Chemical Process Technology course to pursue her interest in Science. Determined to make the best out of her time at ITE, she worked hard and challenged herself to excel. Earning her peers' recognition, Janelle was elected President of the ITE College East Student Council.

At ITE, I have made friends who are very hardworking. They have been my pillars of support. We share notes and study together. I am also fortunate to have patient and dedicated lecturers, who have fostered a positive classroom culture where everyone helps one another to succeed.





NATASHA YAP

- ◆ President of ITE College Central Student Council
- ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Event Management, Year 2
ITE College Central

Natasha was the President of her secondary school's Choir Club. Since then, she developed a passion for leadership and is proud to serve as the President of the ITE College Central Student Council. Promoting inclusion and raising awareness on disabilities are causes closest to her heart.

☺☺ ITE has given me amazing opportunities to hone my leadership style. My lecturers give me the autonomy to drive meaningful initiatives for the community, while providing lots of guidance. ☺☺ ITE has also taught me that difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. We don't grow when things are easy; we grow when we take on challenges and overcome them.

KOH HAN JIE

- ◆ Head Chef at Ce Soir Restaurant
- ◆ Technical Diploma (TD) in Culinary Arts (Graduated in 2016)
- ◆ *Nitec* in Western Culinary Arts (Graduated in 2013)
ITE College West

Not even 30, Han Jie has already amassed an impressive list of accolades in the culinary world. He won the coveted Gordon Ramsay internship, was the first Singaporean to be crowned champion at the prestigious Young Talents Escoffier competition, and is one of the youngest head chefs in our local kitchens.

☺☺ After my 'N' levels, I was planning to work instead of furthering my education. At my mother's insistence, I applied for a few skills-based courses at ITE and was accepted into the Western Culinary Arts course. It was the internship opportunity I received at ITE ☺☺ that opened my eyes to the amazing culinary world and I have never looked back since!





MUHAMMAD ALIFF ADHA

- ◆ Senior Assembly Technician at Hyundai Motor Group Innovation Center in Singapore (HMGICS)
- ◆ Technical Engineer Diploma (TED) in Machine Technology (Graduated in 2011)
Former ITE Balestier Campus
- ◆ Nitec in Precision Engineering (Machining) (Graduated in 2009)
Former ITE Bukit Batok Campus

As a Senior Assembly Technician at HMGICS, Aliff is responsible for the assembly of electric vehicles. Prior to taking on this role, he spent close to eight years as an Assembly Technician at Rolls Royce, where he was involved in assembling engines for commercial aircraft.

“In secondary school, I had no clear direction in life. This changed at ITE. Thanks to a fantastic lecturer who stayed on in the evenings to tutor me, I became the top student in my Nitec course. With the TED programme, I further benefited from a balance of hands-on and theory-based learning. I also gained useful life skills for work.”

RIDHWAN LOW

- ◆ Manager After Sales Qualification at Porsche Asia Pacific
- ◆ Technical Engineer Diploma (TED) in Automotive Engineering (Graduated in 2013)
ITE College West
- ◆ Higher Nitec in Mechatronics (Graduated in 2011)
Former ITE Tampines Campus
- ◆ Nitec in Mechatronics (Graduated in 2005)
Former ITE Balestier Campus

Ridhwan “lives” and “breathes” sports cars that many can only dream about. He has worked as a Diagnostics Technician at the authorised Ferrari dealership, Ital Auto Pte Ltd, and is now the Manager After Sales Qualification at Porsche Asia Pacific. In his current role, Ridhwan conducts training for technicians in his company.

“I was never good at Mathematics. When I got full marks for my test at ITE, it felt like one of my biggest achievements and changed my self-perception. Through the internship opportunities I received at ITE, I gained practical experience and insights into the automotive industry. These gave me a strong foundation to build my career and pursue my passion.”





TAN JIA JUN

- ◆ Chemical Process Technician at Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (PCS) Pte Ltd
- ◆ Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Chemical Process Technology (Graduated in 2021)
ITE College East
- ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Facility Management (Graduated in 2016)
ITE College West

Upon completing his National Service in 2019, Jia Jun took up the WSDip in Chemical Process Technology and started his career in Petrochemical Corporation of Singapore (PCS) Pte Ltd. He hopes to advance his knowledge and skills in this industry and stay with PCS for the long haul.

Coming from an engineering background, I lacked a foundation in chemistry and hence experienced a very steep learning curve. My ITE lecturers gave me additional lessons after school, at the expense of their personal time. My course mates also guided me so I could catch up. ITE offered me not only skills for my career, but also lifelong friends!

NORHEESHAM BIN RAHMAT

- ◆ Assistant Planning Engineer at Keppel Offshore & Marine Ltd
- ◆ Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Marine & Offshore Engineering (Graduated in 2021)
- ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Marine & Offshore Technology (Graduated in 2014)
ITE College Central
- ◆ *Nitec* in Automotive Technology (Light Vehicles) (Graduated in 2011)
ITE College West

Norheesham started out as an intern at Keppel Offshore & Marine. Nine years on, he has worked his way up to become an Assistant Planning Engineer at the company. He was also awarded the Singapore National Employers Federation Gold Medal for being one of the top WSDip graduates of 2021.

ITE offers a different mode of learning from the typical classroom environment, one which many hands-on learners like me can appreciate. In the WSDip course, I got to apply what I learnt and be involved in real projects, rather than just sitting in class. It was a win-win situation – I could get a recognised diploma, while learning on the job.





NURAINI BTE ISMAIL

- ◆ Cyber Security Analyst at NEC Asia Pacific
 - ◆ Work-Study Diploma (WSDip) in Security Systems Engineering (Graduated in 2020)
 - ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Cyber & Network Security (Graduated in 2018)
 - ◆ *Nitec* in Infocomm Technology (Graduated in 2017)
- ITE College West**

Nuraini enrolled in ITE to pursue a career path in cyber security. Through her lecturers' support, she flourished and gained a deeper interest in it. Nuraini started as an Assistant Systems Engineer at NEC Asia Pacific during her WSDip training, and was promoted to a Cyber Security Analyst upon graduation.

“My dad passed away when I was young and I decided I wanted independence early on. ITE became like a second home to me. The opportunities and support I got from my ITE lecturers helped me a lot. I am very happy and thankful to have found my dream career through ITE.”

LEW CHIA SING

- ◆ Specialist Associate at National University of Singapore
 - ◆ *Nitec* in Technology – Facility Technology (Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration) (Graduated in 2017)
- ITE College East**

After working in the semiconductor industry for 12 years, Chia Sing decided on a mid-career switch. He joined the National University of Singapore as a Specialist Associate, taking care of research facilities and equipment. With a change in job scope, Chia Sing chose to equip himself with relevant skills through the *Nitec* in Technology – Facility Technology (Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration) course.

“I always tell my children this: ‘Don’t compete with others, compete with yourself. Self-improvement is more rewarding.’ After taking the course at ITE, I became more competent and analytical. I have a better understanding of what is happening in my facility, how the system works and the factors affecting efficiency. I can now solve problems easily.”



BERNICE LIM

- ◆ Regional Marketing Associate at Shopee
- ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Banking Services (Graduated in 2014)
ITE College Central
- ◆ *Nitec* in Travel & Tourism Services (Graduated in 2012)
ITE College West

Despite facing difficulties in her studies when she was young, Bernice never gave up on learning. At ITE, she found self-belief through her lecturers' support and excelled in her studies. Today, Bernice is a Regional Marketing Associate at Shopee. To upgrade herself, she is also taking a part-time Bachelor of Business Management programme at the Singapore University of Social Sciences.

“At ITE, I am thankful to have lecturers who were very caring and supportive. I used to feel demoralised about my studies, but they helped me to discover my strengths and believe in myself. For me, my ITE journey was a new beginning. I picked up valuable skills, grew my confidence, and learned to be prepared for the working world.”

WILLIE TEO

- ◆ Business Development Manager
- ◆ *Nitec* in Technology – Automotive Technology (Light Vehicles) (Graduated in 2020)
ITE College West

Willie manages the sales of marine engine parts and seawater pumps for a company that sells marine-related products. Recognising his lack of technical knowledge in this field, he decided to upskill himself at ITE. Willie received the e2i Gold Medal, for his outstanding performance at ITE and lifelong learning efforts.

“I used to have a hard time understanding customers' requirements, due to my lack of technical expertise. Now, I am able to provide better support for customers and understand the problems faced by technicians. It was very difficult learning everything from scratch, but it helped that the training at ITE is very hands-on and the lecturers were very encouraging.”





GARY LAU

- ◆ Fresh Graduate from National University of Singapore
 - ◆ *Nitec* in Community Care & Social Services (Graduated in 2015)
- ITE College East**

After graduating from Assumption Pathway School, Gary did not further his studies and often got into trouble. ITE gave him a fresh start, transforming him into a top student and paving the way for him to pursue his passion for social work. Gary has since founded a volunteer group, and attained a diploma and degree in social work.

“If I have the opportunity to relive a part of my life as an ITE student again, I would go for it. The teachers and friends in ITE were the most genuine and loyal individuals I have met. I truly thank ITE for leading me to where I am today and giving me the chance to shine beyond my disadvantaged background.”

JESSICA TAN

- ◆ Culinary Arts Lecturer at ITE College West
 - ◆ Technical Diploma (TD) in Culinary Arts (Graduated in 2013)
 - ◆ *Nitec* in Western Culinary Arts (Graduated in 2009)
- ITE College West**

Jessica's love for cooking started and flourished at ITE. Her qualifications in Culinary Arts earned her a rewarding career as a Chef at Resorts World and Michelin-starred Les Amis. Jessica is currently a Culinary Arts lecturer at ITE, and enjoys preparing students for work in the food and beverage industry.

“I am glad to put my years of culinary experience to good use, by imparting skills to my students. They resemble me in my younger days, needing someone to guide them in developing useful skills for building their own careers. As a lecturer, my satisfaction comes from seeing my students do well in their course and excelling in competitions.”



RYAN TAN

- ◆ Software Engineering Analyst at Accenture
- ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Information Technology (Graduated in 2008)
Former ITE Dover Campus

At ITE, Ryan found his interest in Information Technology (IT) and honed his skills in this field. He eventually attained a degree in Computer Science from Nanyang Technological University. Today, Ryan is working at one of the most established IT firms in the world. As a Software Engineering Analyst, he develops and conducts quality assurance testing of mobile applications.

“When I entered ITE, I knew little about IT. My lecturers were very patient in teaching me the foundation of IT. From there, my interest in IT grew. ITE also taught me the true meaning of education. It is not just about getting a certificate; it is also about learning skills for us to do well in our working lives.”

ROMEO TAN

- ◆ Actor
- ◆ *Nitec* in Multimedia Technology (Graduated in 2003)
Former ITE MacPherson Campus

Romeo is a familiar face to many. He started his acting career, after finishing fourth in the 2010 Star Search competition. As an actor, he works hard to perfect his skills. At this year's Star Awards, Romeo was again voted one of the Top 10 Most Popular Male Artistes. In ITE's eyes, Romeo is an inspiration and a true star!

“My ITE journey taught me to keep putting in hard work to improve myself, and to have the determination to succeed. At ITE, I was given opportunities to participate in leadership courses and do presentations for guests, thereby gaining a lot of confidence along the way. It was also very encouraging that my lecturers were very patient in guiding me.”



MUHAMMAD SUZAIREE BIN SUHAIREE

- ◆ Pursuing Diploma in Clean Energy Management at Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- ◆ Nitec in Facility Technology (Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration) (Graduated in 2018)
ITE College West

Suzairee is a graduate from the pioneer cohort of Crest Secondary School. It was after he took the ITE Skills Certificate in Facility Services at Crest that he found his niche in this field. Suzairee excelled at ITE, graduating with a near-perfect Grade Point Average. He aims to continue deepening his skills to build a good career for himself.

“I used to doubt my abilities to succeed and lacked confidence. At ITE, I was fortunate to be surrounded by lecturers who took the time to know me on a personal level and guided me in my studies. I also had supportive peers who walked this ITE journey with me. We spurred each other on to achieve our goals together.”



KENNETH YONG

- ◆ Business Development Executive
- ◆ ITC in Mechanical Engineering (Graduated in 1996)
Former ITE MacPherson Campus

Kenneth moved to Singapore from Malaysia to pursue his studies at ITE. While the transition was tough initially, he overcame the challenge through hard work and his lecturers' support. Kenneth went on to upgrade his qualifications at Singapore Polytechnic and the National University of Singapore, and has built a career of over twenty years in the mechanical engineering industry.

“I picked up a lot of hands-on skills at ITE, in areas like machining and AutoCAD drawing. All these skills made my transition to polytechnic easier. These also helped a lot when I first started working and needed to do more hands-on work. Practical skills are very important for building a strong foundation in engineering. I built mine at ITE.”



GOH JIN QIANG

- ◆ Systems Analyst at Urban Redevelopment Authority
- ◆ *Higher Nitec* in Information Technology (Graduated in 2011)
ITE College East

Jin Qiang enrolled in the IT course at ITE wanting to know how games work. He participated in various competitions, where he applied his IT skills to develop real-world solutions. Through these experiences, he discovered he could put his skills to better use by solving real-world issues. This became a passion, which he continues to pursue in his job today.

“ITE ignited my passion in IT. At ITE, I discovered that designing applications and creating IT solutions were what excited me. It was my ITE lecturer who showed me how I could apply what I learn in real-life. The opportunities and global experience I gained in ITE opened more doors for me after I graduated.”

VINCENT PHUA

- ◆ IT Support Team Leader at National Healthcare Group Polyclinics
- ◆ Technical Engineer Diploma (TED) in Machine Technology (Graduated in 2018)
- ◆ *Nitec* in Mechatronics & Robotics (Graduated in 2015)
ITE College Central

Growing up, Vincent has two areas of interest – IT and engineering. His love for IT spurred him to learn programming by himself. After graduating from NorthLight School, he enrolled in ITE to further his studies. ITE's hands-on curriculum appealed to him, and helped him to gain confidence in his abilities. To Vincent, a positive mindset is the key to success.

“Upon entering ITE, I felt that I needed to work harder to catch up with others. My lecturers helped me a lot, by giving me extra lessons and valuable life advice. One advice was: ‘Do something you like, and you will learn faster and grow the most.’ That inspired me to pursue a career related to my passion in IT.”



MELVIN LEE

- ◆ Technical Support Engineer
- ◆ ITC in Electronics Engineering (Graduated in 1994)
Former ITE MacPherson Campus

Melvin is among ITE's first batch of students in 1992. After excelling at ITE, he continued to upgrade himself while building his engineering career. He attained a diploma and bachelor's degree, before completing a master's programme. Armed with a few decades of experience in the engineering industry, Melvin is now a Technical Support Engineer at Comcore Technology Pte Ltd.

“ I benefited a lot from the hands-on elements in my ITE modules. ITE gave me a very strong foundation, which allowed me to pursue my deep interest in electronics engineering. I am proud to witness the transformation of ITE over the past 30 years. I hope to see more ITE graduates step up and shine in their respective industries. ”

AUGUSTINE CHEONG

- ◆ Specialist in Materials Processing and Characterisation at A*STAR's Institute of Materials Research and Engineering
- ◆ NTC3 in Precision Machining (Graduated in 1992)
- ◆ NTC2 in Precision Machining (Graduated in 1993)
Former ITE Pasir Panjang Campus
- ◆ ITC in Mechanical Engineering (Graduated in 1999)
Former ITE Tampines Campus

As one of ITE's first batch of students in 1992, Augustine got to vote for his choice of school uniform. His choice was eventually the most popular one – a white shirt with blue pinstripes and paired with grey pants. An unforgettable memory for him? Leading the Tampines Campus' table tennis team to win an ITE table tennis tournament in 1998!

“ I used to be at a loss about my life goals. It was only when I entered ITE that I felt my life took a turn for the better. The hands-on training at ITE honed my precision engineering skills. This became my springboard into adult life, as the skills I learned at ITE laid the foundation for my work today. ”





SAMSON TEO

- ◆ Senior Technician at ACM Advanced Technologies
- ◆ *Nitec* in Technology – Mechatronics & Robotics (Graduated in 2021)
ITE College Central

Samson and Jenny are siblings. At close to 60, they pushed each other to complete their part-time *Nitec* in Technology – Mechatronics & Robotics course. Samson bought his first laptop during his course, and took an exam for the first time in 30 years. Jenny had to change buses three times, just to get home after classes. They attended classes four nights a week. Through strong resilience, determination and many nights of studying into the wee hours, Samson and Jenny completed the course together in 1 ½ years.

“ Lifelong learning is a principle that I hold fast to. Age is not a factor. Because of what I learned in ITE, I can now take on different tasks at work. ”

JENNY TEO

- ◆ Assistant Quality Assurance Manager at ACM Advanced Technologies
- ◆ *Nitec* in Technology – Mechatronics & Robotics (Graduated in 2021)
ITE College Central

“ The ITE course helped me to become more familiar with automated production processes and enabled me to gain hands-on experience in the latest manufacturing technology. I could learn better, because of the hands-on nature of ITE classes. The lecturers were also very helpful and patient. ”

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