



Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medal

The Lee Kuan Yew Awards for ITE students were instituted in 1999 through the sale proceeds of the special edition of the memoirs of Singapore's first Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, entitled, "The Singapore Story". A sum of \$555,000 was donated to ITE for the establishment of the awards.

The Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medals for ITE students are aimed at promoting technical education by giving greater recognition to the achievements of ITE students and trainees.

Lee Kuan Yew Gold Medals are awarded to the top graduates from ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West who have excelled in their course of study and co-curricular activities, and made contributions to an enriching College life.

Aloysius Moh Soon Kiat

Nitec in Aerospace Avionics
ITE College Central



Transformed to Serve

Raised by a single mother who had to take on multiple jobs to bring up the family, Aloysius Moh was initially indifferent to his family's difficult circumstances and often got into trouble. Over time, his mother's perseverance through hard times moved him and motivated him to turn his life around. Upon enrolling into ITE, Aloysius was determined to create his own success story.

Besides excelling in his studies, Aloysius developed a passion for serving the community. He worked with the non-profit Bone Marrow Donor Programme to drive a successful bone marrow donation project on campus. He is also an active volunteer with Marsiling Community Club's Youth Executive Committee, as well as an Ambassador at the Istana Heritage Gallery and leads tours for foreign delegates.

Today, Aloysius is a confident young leader who is committed to inspiring positive change in the community.

Rise Above Adversities

"If there are any challenges or obstacles that come your way, do not think that it is impossible to reach your goal. Anyone of us can overcome challenges in our lives, if we have the willpower, determination and courage to persevere through hard times. You can do it, if you want to."

After ITE

Aloysius is pursuing a Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic. He aspires to be an aircraft engineer, with a dream of becoming a pilot.

Top Achievements

- For his outstanding conduct and all-rounded achievements, Aloysius was awarded the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award in 2018.
- He was chosen to represent ITE and Singapore at the India-ASEAN Youth Summit 2017, where he gave a presentation on sustainable development and was interviewed by Indian media.
- Aloysius represented his College at the SafeYouth@Work Congress 2017, organised by the International Labour Organisation. He led a group of youths from around the world to discuss ideas on improving workplace safety.

Muhammad Shazuan Bin Shiraj Abdullah

Nitec in Community Care & Social Services

ITE College East



A Voice in Adversity

It came as a pleasant surprise to Muhammad Shazuan Bin Shiraj Abdullah when he won the second prize in the YMCA Plain English Speaking Awards 2017. At this national public speaking competition, Shazuan beat students from other schools, to be the first ITE student in 31 years to reach the finals.

This major accomplishment did not come easy for Shazuan. In his early teens, he was discouraged by a series of disruptive events, including being bullied, transferring schools and adjusting to a single-parent family. Through hard times, Shazuan grew stronger and decided that he could help others in need, too. In ITE, he actively volunteered to organise events for community groups, such as the AWWA Annual Gathering, an event that celebrates the achievements of families who had overcome hardships. Rallying over 200 volunteers from ITE College East, Shazuan spearheaded the project and emceed at the event.

He has proven to be a true agent of change and won respect from his peers as a caring and dynamic leader.

Advocate of Motivation

“Just because I was from ITE, it doesn’t mean I don’t have the drive to succeed. I am no different than any other youth who has dreams. I want to be a motivator, to help others discover their passion and strengths, and realise what they are capable of.”

After ITE

Shazuan is pursuing a Diploma in Social Sciences (Social Work) at Nanyang Polytechnic. Inspired by his mother, who is a Social Work Associate, his dream is to work in the social services sector, specifically in mentoring youths.

Top Achievements

- He was the first runner-up in the YMCA Plain English Speaking Awards 2017, a national public speaking competition for students from junior colleges, polytechnics, ITE and Integrated Programme schools.
- He received several accolades, such as the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award 2018, Rotary-ITE Student Excellence Award and Service Star Award (Platinum).
- Representing ITE and Singapore as a Youth Speaker at World Speech Day 2017, he spoke on the topic of empowerment through education.

Ryan Noel Bangras

Nitec in Info-Communications Technology
(Mobile Networks & Applications)

ITE College West



Redirected to Success

Growing up, Ryan enjoyed theatre. After he started exploring the mechanics of his father's gadgets, he was also fascinated with technology. Believing his calling to be in theatre, Ryan enrolled in the School of the Arts (SOTA) to do theatre studies. However, after four years in theatre studies, he realised that his true passion lay in Infocomm Technology.

To pursue this passion, Ryan quit his studies in SOTA and joined ITE. The change was not easy, but he gained confidence and motivation with his lecturers' support. More significantly, Ryan wanted to make a difference at ITE. He served as an emcee for numerous events, including the ITE-Vocational Training Council (VTC) International Student Seminar 2017. He also spent a year to create an ITE College West Student Handbook application to orientate new students.

Ryan is grateful to ITE for helping him to realise his potential and rediscover his direction in life.

Inspirational Support

"My class advisor Mr Tan Yeow Khoon is the most caring teacher I have met in my life. He would share with the whole class about opportunities that were beneficial to us, such as leadership or community service programmes that we could participate in. Because of all these opportunities and experiences that I had through his recommendations and unwavering support, my ITE experience was transformative. I want to inspire other students to do their best, just like how Mr Tan inspired me to do my best."

After ITE

Ryan is pursuing a Diploma in Information Technology at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. He aspires to be a software engineer and work at Apple.

Top Achievements

- For being an exemplary all-rounder, Ryan won the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award in 2018.
- Ryan led four classmates to develop a 'People Sensor System' which clinched them the Lee Kuan Yew Technology Award in 2017.
- For his excellent service contributions, Ryan won the ITE Service Star Gold and Diamond Awards in 2016 and 2017 respectively.



Tay Eng Soon Gold Medal

The Tay Eng Soon Scholarship Fund was established in November 1993, in honour of the late Dr Tay Eng Soon. Dr Tay Eng Soon was the Chairman of ITE (and the former Vocational & Industrial Training Board) and Minister-in-Charge of technical and polytechnic education from 1981 to 1993.

One of the objectives of the Fund is to provide medals and/or prizes to ITE students.

Tay Eng Soon Gold Medals are awarded to the top graduates from ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West who have achieved excellent course performance, participated actively in co-curricular activities and contributed to the well-being and development of their College.

Cook Elray Danish Bin Cook Reuben James

Nitec in Aerospace Technology
ITE College Central



Inspired by Mother's Love

Elray's turning point in his life was the look of disappointment on his mother's face upon seeing his report book after his preliminary examinations in Primary Six. Affected by her reaction, it was the first time he was determined to prove to his mother that he could succeed – and he did.

With a clear goal in mind, Elray ensured he never faltered and gave his best during his secondary school and ITE years. He was a role model, admired for his leadership qualities and humble disposition. He juggled multiple responsibilities as the President of the Student Council, and a Fitness Trainer. He also actively volunteered his time in several community service projects. For his hard work and contribution to his school and community, Elray graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average and received the Lee Kuan Yew Co-Curricular Activity Award in 2018.

Elray's biggest achievement is sharing the joy with his mother and making her proud – his way of showing his gratitude to her for being his pillar of strength.

Passion Brings Out the Best

"When you are doing something you like, something that you are passionate about, you will give your 100 percent and will not give up. I see it as a personal responsibility to ensure that I always give my best because I want to motivate my peers. I want to show my peers that if I can do it, they can too!"

After ITE

Elray is currently pursuing a Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic and hopes to become a Licensed Aircraft Engineer thereafter.

Top Achievements

- For his achievements, Elray received the Top Graduate Award for ITE College Central's Engineering School.
- He received the Service Star Award, National Youth Achievement Award (Silver) and North-West Outstanding All Round Student Award, among many other awards and recognition.
- He is a self-motivated, enthusiastic and inquisitive learner who seizes opportunities to enrich his learning experiences. He took part in overseas trips such as the Outward Bound Global Programme, to hone his leadership skills and participated in the U.S. Embassy Mentoring Programme.

Matthias Lim Xing Ran

Higher Nitec in Electrical Engineering

ITE College East



A Heart to Help

Most Saturday and Sunday mornings, you would find Matthias helping out at his father's fish stall in a wet market. A helpful and altruistic young man, it is second nature for Matthias to serve his family and others. At home, Matthias finds opportunities to look after his grandfather, who can only move around with a walking stick. In school, the student with a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0 does not hesitate to guide classmates who are weaker in their studies.

Driven by a desire to contribute to others, Matthias was the President of the Community Service Club at ITE College East, leading the Club in numerous community service projects. Conversant in Hokkien and Mandarin, Matthias can easily interact with the elderly, though he is willing to serve all people groups. His passion for community service started when he dressed up as the Chinese God of Fortune during a visit to a nursing home in secondary school. He cannot get enough of the joy of reaching out to others. Today, Matthias is part of the Rotaract Club at Singapore Polytechnic.

Giving Back

"I have experienced people helping me in my life. For example, when I was younger, I was mischievous and had problems managing my anger. Counsellors came along my side to guide me. Now, I want to also give back to others. I hope to use my skills to help others in their daily lives."

After ITE

Matthias enrolled directly in the second year of Singapore Polytechnic's Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering course. An anime fan, he hopes to one day use Virtual Reality technology to create a programme with an anime interface, that helps people with their daily living by providing updates on weather, traffic and other tips.

Top Achievements

- Matthias won the Bronze Award at the 6th National Assistive Rehabilitation Technologies Student Innovation Challenge 2018 (Design Category) for his team's Smart Tech Laundry System.
- He was awarded the Singapore Electrical Contractors Association Book Prize 2018 and PSA Book Prize in 2017.
- He achieved the Singapore Business Federation Foundation Global Education Programme Award in 2017.

Melvin Ang Kang Rong

Nitec in Travel & Tourism Services

ITE College West



Keep Calm and Trumpet On

Melvin Ang's achievements today illustrate the power of mind over matter. Growing up, Melvin struggled with grasping concepts and theories in school. Overwhelmed at times, he wrestled with depression. After hearing success stories of ITE graduates who triumphed over their shortcomings from his elder brother, he was encouraged by their examples and enrolled in ITE with a fresh attitude and goal. The hands-on learning approach in ITE suited Melvin. He started to excel in his studies and grew to be a confident and compassionate youth.

At ITE, Melvin continued to cultivate another passion – playing the trumpet. For his strong leadership qualities, Melvin was elected as the President of his Co-Curricular Activity (CCA), ITE West Symphonia. Despite his hectic training schedule with his CCA band and community bands, Melvin maintained excellent grades and would take the effort to motivate and counsel fellow band members who faced personal challenges.

Triumph over Fear

“It was difficult to cope with my studies while juggling CCA trainings and performances. When I played in community bands, I struggled to catch up with other performers whose standards were higher, and I often felt demoralised. Despite these challenges, I motivated myself to stay positive and continue pushing myself to do my best. It all boils down to effective time management. The worst mistake you can make is to give up and not challenge yourself for fear of failure.”

Life after ITE

Melvin is pursuing a Diploma in Integrated Events Management at Republic Polytechnic. Being a hands-on person who enjoys formulating new ideas, Melvin aspires to work in the events management field in the future.

Top Achievements

- Melvin excelled academically, achieving a Grade Point Average score of 3.93. He was consistently on the Director's List for all school terms.
- He led ITE West Symphonia to clinch a Silver Award and a Distinction Award for Ensemble at the National Band Competition 2016.
- Melvin played in established community bands, including the Kim Seng Wind Symphony, Audiolmage Wind Ensemble and the Singapore Wind Symphony Youth.



The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal

Introduced this year, The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal is awarded to top graduates from ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West, for their outstanding course performance, active participation in co-curricular activities and contributions to the Colleges.

Founded in 1845 to look after the religious and welfare needs of Teochew immigrants in Singapore, the Ngee Ann Kongsi has since evolved to become a significant contributor towards the enrichment of Singapore society.

The foundation is actively involved in educational, cultural and welfare activities in Singapore.

K. Jagateesvaran Rajoo

Nitec in Info-Communications Technology
(Networking & Systems Administration)

ITE College Central



Winning the Game of Life

In Jagateesvaran's early years, he struggled with learning due to dyslexia. He could hardly complete a sentence in English. However, Jagateesvaran was determined to overcome this disability and pursue his dream of being a game programmer. He would read as much as he could to improve himself.

At ITE, Jagateesvaran seized opportunities to stretch his potential. With his lecturers' support, he participated in various competitions to hone his game programming skills. Jagateesvaran also sought to make a positive difference to others around him. Besides helping his classmates in their schoolwork, he actively led community service projects. These included teaching first aid skills to residents for Emergency Preparedness. In his personal capacity, Jagateesvaran even conducted a workshop teaching Java programming to the public for free!

Destiny in Your Hands

"ITE is a place where anyone can succeed if they put their heart into it. When I took part in competitions, I wanted to prove that an ITE student with dyslexia is still capable of competing with the best. Your background does not matter, you determine your own destiny. As long as you work hard, you can achieve your potential."

After ITE

Jagateesvaran is pursuing a Diploma in Game Development & Technology at Nanyang Polytechnic. He aspires to teach game programming at ITE in the future.

Top Achievements

- Showcasing a game application for dementia patients, Jagateesvaran led his team to clinch first prize at the 2nd International Convention on Vocational Student Innovation Project, in Thailand, in 2017.
- For developing an educational game promoting recycling, Jagateesvaran and his partner won first prize in the ITE category of the Singapore Games Creation Competition 2017.
- Jagateesvaran won the ITE Service Star Gold and Diamond Awards in 2016 and 2017. He was on the Director's List in 2016 and 2017.

Wong Yi Jie

Nitec in Electrical Technology
(Lighting & Sound)

ITE College East



Shine with Skills

An appointment as the class' audio-visual (AV) representative in Primary Three sparked Wong Yi Jie's interest in managing AV systems. Over time, Yi Jie became eager to learn more about the intricacies of audio and visual effects and chose to study *Nitec* in Electrical Technology (Lighting & Sound) at ITE. At 'Metta Shine Night 2017', Yi Jie led a team of seven members in providing lighting and stage crew support. After the show, they won praises from the artistic director for a job well done.

As the President of Audio Visual Club in ITE College East, he led a team of more than 30 members and effectively managed the club's activities, training and manpower allocation. Besides excelling in his studies and Co-Curricular Activity (CCA), Yi Jie has a heart for the community. He played the role of a caring mentor to a first-year student who has special needs. He also volunteered in a Youth Expedition Project in Thailand, where he took up multiple roles as a logistics coordinator, photographer and facilitator for games targeted at children.

Behind the Curtain

"When I'm in-charge of lighting and sound for any event, I will give it my best. It keeps me on my toes as I must troubleshoot quickly in any situation. There is a deep sense of accomplishment when I see that the audience enjoyed the event. Even though the audience may not know what went on behind-the-scenes, I am happy to have contributed to a good show."

After ITE

Yi Jie is pursuing a Diploma in Sonic Arts at Republic Polytechnic. He aspires to be a sound engineer in the future.

Top Achievements

- For his exemplary performance in studies and CCA activities, Yi Jie received several awards and scholarships, including the Lee Kuan Yew Model Student Award 2018, Edusave Scholarship Award (2016 & 2017), Edusave Character Award (2016 & 2017), EAGLES (Leadership) Award (2016 & 2017) and MDIS Scholarship 2017
- He was on the College Director's List in 2016 and 2017
- He supported major College events and even an external production company, in audio and lighting requirements.

Yoh Kai Xiang

Nitec in Digital Audio & Video Production
ITE College West



Picture Perfect

A passion for photography and an adventurous spirit have led Yoh Kai Xiang closer towards a picture perfect future. In secondary school, a teacher who often saw him taking photos urged him to join the photography club. After joining the co-curricular activity, his interest soon turned into passion. Photography became the best form of expression for him, helping him deal with his emotions and personal challenges. He managed to convince his parents to make an investment on a DSLR, with the promise that he would work hard. Kai Xiang ensured he never disappointed them and always gave his best in his studies.

With photography skills and a keen eye for details, Kai Xiang naturally chose the *Nitec* in Digital Audio & Video Production course. He also joined the Photography Club where he actively volunteered his time to take pictures for numerous events and projects at ITE College West. Kai Xiang graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average of 4.0. With the skills and knowledge gained at ITE, he has set his mind on joining the filmmaking industry in future.

Colours of Life

“Life is like photography. We develop from the negative. When you take a Polaroid picture, you will first see a black paper. Later, the colours come to life. Likewise, you must learn from negative experiences to become a better and more positive person.”

After ITE

Kai Xiang is a step closer towards his dream by taking a Diploma in Film Sound and Video at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- For being a role model, Kai Xiang won the Outstanding Student Award and Service Star Award in 2018.
- He is also interested in education sustainability development. He recently represented Singapore at the International Mission 2018 in Portugal and Education for Sustainable Development Youth Conference in Paris.
- He has shown his skills by being involved in several ITE staff projects, such as a culinary photo book for the School of Hospitality, a Pulau Ubin photo book and a photo exhibition on the Inheritance of Chinese Opera.



e2i Gold Medal

The objectives of the e2i Gold Medal are to promote lifelong learning among adult learners to increase their employability, and to motivate and give recognition to Continuing Education & Training (CET) graduates for their upgrading efforts and achievements. The e2i Gold Medal is sponsored by e2i (Employment and Employability Institute) which helps working people grow their skills and career through career coaching, developing better skills and job matching.

Lew Chia Sing

**Nitec in Technology - Facility Technology
(Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)**

ITE College East



Perfect Match for Pertinent Skills

After working in the semi-conductor industry for 12 years, followed by a short stint in pharmaceutical service, Chia Sing joined NUS as a Specialist Associate. His duties include taking care of facilities and equipment, and providing first line of support, diagnosis and troubleshooting. As facility management was a new field to him, Chia Sing actively sought a suitable course that would help him to acquire relevant skills and perform better at work.

The 46-year-old found the perfect match in ITE's CET *Nitec in Technology - Facility Technology (Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)* course. It provided him with deeper insights on areas such as pressurisation, humidity control, temperature control and air-change. As almost all facilities are air-conditioned, he could readily apply what he learnt to his daily work duties.

Chia Sing's humility to learn and diligence in class made him an exemplary model in the continual upgrading of skills.

Can-do Attitude

"The greatest challenge I faced was getting back to a studying mode. I had left school for almost 20 years! It was definitely tough as a working adult. Yet I enjoyed meeting the people from different trades at my course, some are from the same trade and they were there to upskill. I definitely benefitted from their open sharing and my lecturers' teachings. Now, I understand what is happening in my facility much better!"

After ITE

Chia Sing is now concentrating fully on his job but keeping an eye on the developments in the facility management sector. After a break, he may consider pursuing a related *Higher Nitec* course or diploma, to deepen his expertise.

Top Achievements

- Chia Sing obtained a Certificate of Merit for the CET *Nitec in Technology - Facility Technology (Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)* course in Dec 2017.
- Eager to complete the course, he diligently sped up the process by taking two modules every term and completed the CET course in only 1.5 years.
- Despite heavy work commitments, he attended CET classes 4 days a week and graduated with a perfect Grade Point Average of 4.0.

Richard Chai Cheng Hee

Nitec in Technology - Info-Communications
Technology (Networking & Systems Administration)

ITE College West



Reskilling Revolution

As a Business Degree holder, Richard started his career in IT Sales and later ran a business in video production. After his business folded, he took on several freelance jobs. Despite career setbacks, Richard acknowledged the need for hard skills in an increasing volatile landscape. With a strong resolve to reskill in the area of technology, Richard enrolled in ITE's CET *Nitec* in Technology-Infocomm Technology (Networking & Systems Administration) course.

Armed with his newfound knowledge in network system configuration, the 48-year-old aced a job interview and secured an IT Technician position. As he continued his CET course, Richard applied the skills on programming and computer networking he learnt directly at work. His ability to solve complex network problems impressed his employer. Merely four months into his job, he was promoted to a Software Engineer (Lead) - Robotics R&D.

Richard's insatiable thirst for knowledge and practical skills has successfully helped in his career switch and given him the confidence to take on new work challenges.

Hit the Ground Running

"I chose to take up ITE's CET course because ITE has a reputation of being very hands-on and its courses are relevant to the market. It is true that we need some theoretical knowledge but without sufficient hands-on skills, it is very hard to walk into a job and start working from Day One. If my interviewer wants to test me on the spot, I can perform what I said I could do. I have the ITE lecturers to thank for the new skills I have gained. Without their support, notes and patience in teaching, I would not be able to pass the course."

After ITE

Richard's dream is to become a Robotics Engineer who goes beyond the mechanical aspects of a robot, to enable robots to be intelligent enough to contribute positively to society, especially in helping the elderly. To bring him closer to this goal, he has taken up a part-time diploma in Business Data Analytics at a local polytechnic. At work, Richard is heading a team of four at Oneberry Technologies Pte Ltd and working on multiple robotics R&D projects.

Top Achievements

- He obtained a Certificate of Merit for the CET *Nitec* in Technology – Infocomm Technology (Networking & Systems Administration) course in Dec 2017.
- For his excellent academic achievements, he received the Gold Course Medal for the CET *Nitec* in Technology – Infocomm Technology (Networking & Systems Administration) course. He scored a perfect Grade Point Average of 4.0.
- He effectively used what he learnt in his CET course to create security policies for clients using the provided Intel NUCs easily. His clients commended him for his job efficiency.



IES Engineering Award

The IES Engineering Award is awarded to a top ITE graduate for outstanding performance in an Engineering course and contributions in Engineering-related projects and activities.

The IES Engineering Award is sponsored by the Institution of Engineers Singapore.

Uriah Tan Wei Ren

Higher Nitec in Electronics Engineering
ITE College Central



Engineer Your Life

Not everyone can identify a career goal early in life. Uriah Tan's goal only became clearer after some exploration in his academic choices. Uriah first enrolled in *Nitec* in Aerospace Technology but he had no inclination towards the aviation industry. Upon completion of the course, he decided to venture into a different segment of Engineering by taking up *Higher Nitec* in Electronics Engineering.

It was a right move. The course opened Uriah's world to new possibilities. The exposure to computer programming and software engineering led to a higher level of engagement on Uriah's part and he excelled academically. He is also active in co-curricular activities and community service projects. By challenging himself to try new things, Uriah discovered a genuine interest in computer engineering. He is now taking concrete steps to pursue this passion as a career.

Perseverance Pays

"There may be different obstacles in your path, preventing you from reaching your destination, but that should never be your reason to give up. In everything that you do, give it your best shot... Genuine effort is never in vain. Success follows those who persevere and reach for the stars."

After ITE

Uriah is pursuing a Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic. After obtaining a diploma, he plans to further his studies in Computer Science. He aspires to be a Software Engineer for a technology powerhouse, like Google.

Top Achievements

- Uriah led a team to clinch both the Amaze Awards for Innovation and Creativity and Silver Medal at the Singapore VEX Robotics Championship in June 2017. As the team leader, he displayed strong technical knowledge and Engineering skills in designing and building the VEX robot for the competition.
- He was on the Director's list for three terms and enlisted in ACE and GIC Sparks Grant Programmes.
- As the Vice President of the Bridge Leader Club, he displayed strong leadership qualities in heading and running events for the College and local community.