

**PROFILE OF RECIPIENTS OF
LEE KUAN YEW MODEL STUDENT /TRAINEE AWARD 2017**

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Name : Zuhaily Bin Abdul Majid
Course : *Nitec* in Technology – Automotive Technology (Heavy Vehicles)
Organisation : SMRT Automotive Services Ltd

Happiness from a Spanner

Zuhaily Bin Abdul Majid feels a sense of happiness when he holds the spanner and works on the buses at SMRT. For the graduate of the *Nitec* in Automotive Technology, undertaken in the Traineeship Programme, happiness comes from knowing he can contribute to society by doing something he likes.

Now that he has graduated, he hopes to join SMRT again after deepening his skills via a diploma. Zuhaily values the journey of learning new skills and knowledge, while gaining work experience. With this in mind, he joined the Traineeship Programme and dreamed of winning the Lee Kuan Yew Model Trainee Award. His dream has come true.

Quote

“I joined the Traineeship Programme because I wanted to gain work experience while learning new skills and knowledge. I am also very proud to earn my own keep and contribute money to my family. This course has changed me. I became more disciplined and have learned to choose my friends and spend time wisely.”

Current Status

Zuhaily is now working part-time at the Night Safari. He is deciding between a private Diploma and the Technical Diploma in Automotive Engineering at ITE.

Top Achievements

- Zuhaily was graded ‘A’ by SMRT Automotive Services Pte Ltd for ‘On-the Job Training’ module
- SMRT commented that he learns fast and far exceeded company’s expectations. He is hardworking, ambitious and willing to share his knowledge with others.
- His excellent discipline in class and on-the-job earned him a GPA of 3.686.

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Name : Ryan Tan Wen Ter
Course : Nitec in Info-Communications Technology (Cloud Computing)
College : ITE College West

Game for the Virtual and Real World

Gaming played a large part of Ryan's life up to secondary school, causing him to neglect his studies. At ITE, he was determined to start anew. He turned his interest in computers into a purpose by applying his knowledge of the virtual world to prepare himself for the real world. The Info-Communications Technology (Cloud Computing) graduate aims to become a forerunner in game development!

Ryan realises that there is much he can contribute to in the real world. He regularly contributes to various community service projects and helps his peers academically while staying active in his three CCAs. With his new mindset, Ryan is now game to succeed in career and life!

Quote

"Before coming to ITE, I did not have many 'real' friends. I was too involved in cyber gaming. But after joining ITE, I made many friends, even on my first day in school! I've also met many caring teachers. Mr Loo, my class advisor and Miss Ngiam from Student Development, made the most impact on me. Mr Loo is an awesome and fun teacher and he encouraged me to take part in competitions. Miss Nigiam is very motherly and I was touched that she was worried to the point of tears when we came back late during an overseas trip. My friends and teachers are what I'll miss most about ITE."

What's He Doing Now?

Ryan is studying for a diploma in Multimedia and Animation at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. He dreams of becoming part of a game development team in future.

Top Achievements

- Despite being heavily involved in community service, projects, CCAs and competitions, Ryan maintained a perfect GPA score of 4.0. He has a scholarship from the GIC Sparks Programme.
- Ryan also uses his past to motivate game 'addicts', encouraging them that they can change if they put in the effort, regardless of how badly they have done.
- He has received a long list of awards, including the NYAA Gold Award, Service Star Gold & Diamond Star Awards, SEIT Top Student and Rotary-ITE Student Excellence Award.
- Ryan has a full CCA schedule, juggling his roles as Chairman of the Info-Tech Club, Exco member of the Community Service Club, ITE Student Volunteer Corp Leader and as a regular volunteer with Singapore Red Cross.

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Name : Dinie Kartika Asrie Omar
Course : Nitec in Nursing
College : ITE College East

Heart for the Community

Gentle, compassionate and caring – these are the traits we associate with nurses and also describe Dinie perfectly. After completing her ‘O’ levels, Dinie studied Arts Management at La Salle and worked at a preschool thereafter. Her three years teaching children, some with special needs, motivated her to take up a Nursing course at ITE.

According to Dinie, ITE prepped her with more than just Nursing skills. Having classmates that come from different backgrounds and capabilities taught her to be more understanding, compassionate and a better team-player – qualities that will certainly come in handy in her Nursing career!

Quote

“I see myself going into teaching in the future. I really enjoy sharing my knowledge with others and I want to give back to the community and make a difference in whatever way I can, which is something that has been inculcated in me by my mum. It brings me great fulfilment when I serve the community that I am a part of and when I give back what I have received, it gives my life a deeper meaning.”

What’s She Doing?

Dinie is currently studying Nursing at Nanyang Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Dinie is a motivated and focused student who takes pride in her work and doesn’t hesitate to guide her peers. She achieved a GPA of 3.985.
- She was President of the Rotaract Club and an active participant of the Buddy’IN programme which pairs ITE students with Metta School students.
- Dinie performed well during her hospital attachments and was awarded the ITE Service Gold Award in 2016 for the excellent care she showed her patients.
- She chalked up enough CCA points to receive the Platinum Award for her active CCA contributions from 2015 to 2016.
- She also took immense joy in volunteering in local and overseas community projects.

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Name : Tok Joo Tat Kenny
Course : Nitec in Electronics (Instrumentation)
College : ITE College Central

A Second Chance at ITE

The first time he was in ITE, Kenny Tok was disinterested in studies. He left in 2011 due to disciplinary issues. While undergoing National Service (NS), Kenny realised how much he had disappointed his parents. Determined to make amends, he enrolled at ITE again after completing his NS.

This time, Kenny worked hard at his studies while actively contributing to various community projects. On weekends, Kenny delivers food packets to disabled elderly living on their own with his family. Kenny is also President of the Bridge Leaders and a member of the Track and Field team and the Electronics Club. He is grateful to be given a second chance at ITE, as it provided him with the opportunity to become the person he is today.

Quote

“Back then, I was like a bowl of unpolished rice. I was transformed into a bowl of cooked fragrant rice through military training. It is ITE that has turned me into a plate of flavourful fried rice!”

What’s He Doing Now?

Kenny has been accepted into Ngee Ann Polytechnic and will be pursuing a diploma in Electronic & Computer Engineering. He plans to further enhance his skills in this area to create devices for the elderly to improve their quality of life.

Top Achievements

- Highly disciplined and hardworking, Kenny has achieved a perfect GPA of 4.0.
- A caring and helpful person, Kenny wanted to help weaker students. He started a peer tutoring class for this purpose.
- The College Director’s List (2015 and 2016), Edusave Character Award (2015), Edusave Merit Bursary (2016) and Certificate of Merit are some awards Kenny has received for his outstanding performance in his studies and CCA activities.
- Kenny has taken part in several competitions such as the National Climate Change Competition and Green Wave Environmental Care Competition.

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Name : Low Wei Ting
Course : Nitec in Aerospace Avionics
College : ITE College Central

In Plane View

Aeroplanes that whizz past in the sky never fail to capture Low Wei Ting's attention. As a child, he wondered why paper planes couldn't fly for long despite their light weight. Yet planes made out of heavy metal could soar easily across continents. Determined to comprehend flight mechanics, he read up on Avionics in his free time.

By his early teens, Wei Ting made a strong resolve to study Avionics at ITE. Not only did he excel in his course, he also gained more knowledge and experience in his craft by competing in Aircraft Maintenance in skills competitions. Wei Ting wants to continue honing his skills and become a Licensed Aircraft Engineer in future.

Quote

"Even if past competitors did not manage to obtain Gold medals, it doesn't mean that you cannot break the record. Once you put your mind to it and do your best, you will see the results. I believe that Man will fly through the power of his mind, not through the strength of muscles. This mentality has helped me in competitions, studies and life in general."

What's He Doing Now?

Wei Ting is studying Aerospace Systems and Management at Nanyang Polytechnic. He is currently undergoing intensive training in Aircraft Maintenance for the international WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017 competition this October.

Top Achievements

- Wei Ting won ITE's first Gold Medal in Aircraft Maintenance at WorldSkills Singapore 2016
- He also won the Gold in Aircraft Maintenance (Demo) at the 11th ASEAN Skills Competition in 2016.
- He displayed strong leadership qualities as the Training IC in his CCA, Air Scouts. He led and motivated his members to complete the Air Scouts training programme.
- He was head facilitator for his group involved in the Fund Raising Programme 2015/16 in collaboration with National Air Scout.
- Dedicated, helpful, and a good role model to other students, Wei Ting achieved a GPA of 3.944.

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Name : Michelle Teo Yi Ling
Course : *Higher Nitec in Civil & Structural Engineering Design*
College : ITE College Central

Building a Better Future

Juggling a demanding CCA and her studies was never an issue for Michelle Teo. She even found time to coach her peers in Mathematics under the Poly Maths @ CC enrichment project once a week. She also avails herself for any special vacation programmes on campus. Ang Mo Kio residents might find her a familiar face – she is an active volunteer, dedicating her time and effort to a host of community and social activities. Michelle believes that every day is a gift, and therefore, she seizes the day by helping herself and others to build a better future.

Quote

“I came to ITE because I felt I could gain useful hands-on application and knowledge if I spent my time at here instead of churning out model essays for my ‘O’ Levels. I believe ITE offers much more than a place for underperformers and I feel my peers and the public should know that. One has to experience ITE to truly understand that it is different. We find our voices here, we become confident individuals. And, yes, contrary to the negative stereotypes, we all just want to succeed in life, too.”

What’s She Doing Now?

Michelle has enrolled for an Architecture course at the polytechnic. She aspires to be an architect in the future.

Top Achievements

- As President of ITE College Central Student Council, Michelle initiated ‘Hello ITE’ to welcome students back to campus after the school holidays.
- Through the US Embassy Mentoring Programme 2016, she was selected to represent ITE in the Global Exchange Programme to Denmark from 21 May to 5 June 2016
- She’s also a volunteer peer tutor, teaching Polymaths to interested students once a week.
- Her commitment, enthusiasm and reliability in both academics and CCAs have earned her a number of awards, including the Edusave Merit Bursary (2016) and Edusave Character Award.

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Name : Tang Jun Xian Edward
Course : Nitec in Digital Audio & Video Production
College : ITE College East

The ITE Experience

Tang Jun Xian Edward's greatest challenge during his two years at ITE was himself – to remain focused on learning and not be distracted by bad habits. But he needn't have worried. The motivated 20-year-old has worked hard on learning the ropes of Audio and Video Production and has a substantial portfolio to show. He dreams of becoming an award-winning director one day and is working steadily towards that. He credits ITE for his success.

Quote

"ITE changed everything for me and I'm very grateful. I used to be an introvert but now I'm an extrovert! I love the journey and experience and will miss it when I go to poly. My greatest inspiration would be my ITE lecturers, especially Ms Veron and Mr Suffian. They encouraged me to be creative and to have the courage to push myself and take on competitions. Without them, I wouldn't have accomplished what I have today."

What's He Doing Now?

Edward is currently pursuing a diploma in Digital Film & Television at Temasek Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Diligent and independent student who needs little supervision. He achieved a GPA of 3.937 and took the initiative to coach his classmates to help them achieve better grades.
- As Vice-Chairman of the Lomography Club, Edward helped prepare a mixed media exhibition for the ITE Visual Arts Show in 2016
- Edward was team leader and director for the ITE Carrie's Next Top Model competition in 2015 and 2016
- He was the team leader, photographer and editor of the AV Team for ASEAN Skills Competition 2016
- He was part of the NDP Connect 2015 team and he interviewed and captured behind-the-scenes footage for 'live' streaming on the Internet.

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Name : Terence Quek Chun Jie
Course : *Nitec* in Business Services
College : ITE College East

An Unpolished Gem

When Terence Quek Chun Jie first joined ITE, he was disappointed with himself for not faring better at the 'N' Levels examinations. His ITE Class Advisor affirmed him, saying that he was an unpolished gem who would surely excel. The Class Advisor was right. Terence went on to serve as the President of the College's Student Ambassadors Club. Formerly an introvert, Terence shared that the opportunities in ITE drew him out of his shell and developed his leadership, public speaking and social skills. His parents saw his transformation and realised ITE has become his pathway to success. Terence hopes to build a career in Human Resource. He graduated with a GPA of 3.821.

Quote

"ITE helped me push my limits and step out of my comfort zone. I met new friends and became more open-minded. I enjoyed so many opportunities, like participating in the US Embassy Mentorship Programme. I have briefed over ten groups of secondary school students on our College facilities. I met people from different backgrounds when I did ushering for major ITE events and I volunteered for close to 20 community service events. All these opportunities opened my eyes and taught me skills outside the classroom. My parents can see that I have improved and done well in ITE. They are very happy for me."

What's He Doing Now

Terence is now a Year 2 *Higher Nitec* in Human Resource & Administration student at ITE College East.

Top Achievements

- Terence's good results saw him getting onto the College Director's List in 2015 and 2016. The 2015 award was particularly significant as it was the first award he won at ITE and it made him realise he could excel here.
- He was also part of the ACE Programme and was nominated to be part of the US Embassy Mentorship Programme.
- As President of the Student Ambassadors Club, Terence led 70 members and ensured the smooth running of the club.
- Other awards Terence received were the Service Star Award (Gold & Platinum), Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES) (2015 & 2016), Edusave Character Award (2015) and Edusave Merit Bursary (2015 & 2016)
- His exemplary conduct and readiness to help his peers saw Terence receiving the School of Business Model Student Award as well.

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Name : Cheng Shi Hui
Course : *Higher Nitec in Mechanical Engineering*
College : ITE College West

Determined to Succeed

Cheng Shi Hui has passed English only twice in secondary school. Her mother, who has health issues, also needs her, so she finds it difficult to stay back in school for projects. But these obstacles have not kept Shi Hui from becoming President of the Mechanical Engineering Club, the ACE Club and the Gavel Club of ITE College West.

Despite working part-time to defray household bills and being involved in a slew of community service and enrichment activities at school, she has maintained a GPA of 4.0. Her leadership qualities, resilience and perseverance are what set her apart from other candidates nominated for the LKY Model Student Award 2017.

Quote

"ITE has changed me a lot. Compared to the time when I was in secondary school, I'm more confident, in terms of speaking and interacting with others. I've become a young adult, with a better idea of the future, the adult world of working and becoming an engineer. I'm more hands-on and know how to handle machines safely and confidently, thanks to projects and competitions."

What's She Doing Now?

Shi Hui intends to deepen her knowledge in Mechanical Engineering at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Top Achievements

- Shi Hui has outstanding leadership qualities – she was President of three different Clubs.
- She took part in several competitions, including the Energy Innovation Challenge in 2016 where her team project won the first prize in the Poly/ITE category.
- Her award-winning project is also a Lee Kuan Yew Tech Award winner.
- She maintains a positive outlook, resilience and determination to succeed despite family issues.
- Her responsibility, resourcefulness and commitment to assignments and projects made her an excellent role model for her peers.

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Name : Muhammad Khairin B Nasir
Course : *Nitec* in Automotive Technology (Heavy Vehicles)
College : ITE College West

Captain Khairin

Once a mischievous student in secondary school, Muhammad Khairin changed for the better at ITE. It started with his choice of course – *Nitec* in Automotive Technology (Heavy Vehicles) – which he was very interested in. His father was in the automotive industry years before.

He also knows it could open doors for him to be a Ship Captain as some of the skills he picked up is similar to that of his dream job – one inspired by the movie, ‘Captain Phillips’. Since coming to ITE, Khairin has taken advantage of every opportunity to do well, whether as President of the Automotive Engineering Club; a member of the Swimming team; or a volunteer in the 28th SEA Games, Chingay Parade 2016 or assisting in recycling projects. Highly respected and a role model to his peers, Khairin is sailing away to succeed in life!

Quote du Jour

“The best advice given to me was from my father – Do what you want, listen to your heart, bring down your ego and be humble. In making any decision since I came to ITE, I keep this in mind, and it has worked for me. Another thing I do is plan, plan and plan! I do a lot of research and weigh my options so that I can do well and make my parents proud.”

What’s He Doing Now?

Khairin is studying for his Diploma in Nautical Studies at Singapore Polytechnic

Top Achievements

- Recipient of the Howe Yoon Chong PSA Scholarship
- Other awards Khairin has received are the Scania Singapore Gold Award and the Service Star Award (Gold) for excellent work performance during his internship.
- Khairin started the Automotive Engineering Club and was its first President.
- His selflessness has seen him guide weaker students, initiate a self-study group, and render assistance to his peers who have financial difficulties by finding jobs for them.
- Khairin’s excellent academic results saw him make the ITE College Director’s List for two terms and has received Certificates of Recognition in 2015 and 2016.