

Goh Cheng Hwee, Haley

**Nitec in
Western Culinary Arts
ITE College West**



Lee Kuan Yew

Model Student Award

Rising Through the Heat

From a young age, Haley's curiosity in the kitchen grew into a passion for cooking. Determined to pursue her interest, she enrolled in ITE's *Nitec* in Western Culinary Arts. Her dedication led her to represent ITE at WorldSkills Singapore 2025 and win Bronze at the Greater Bay Area International Youth Skills Competition in Hong Kong.

At school, Haley stood out as a supportive leader, guiding peers in both classroom and live restaurant training. She also expanded her learning through community service, including an overseas expedition to Vietnam, where she contributed as a first aider, helped build a garden, and taught hospitality skills to local youth.

From the Heart

"ITE was more than just a place of learning – it was where I found my purpose. Every challenge strengthened my resilience and shaped my growth. This journey has made me more driven and grounded, and I am grateful for the opportunities and people who pushed me to go beyond my limits."

Life after ITE

Haley is currently pursuing the Technical Diploma in Culinary Arts with Restaurant Management at ITE. She aspires to open her own restaurant in the future.

Top Achievements

- Haley was among the top three participants in the Alliance Programme 2025, a 10-week international programme in Lyon, France, where she trained alongside global culinary students and gained industry exposure, including a two-week attachment at *Saisons*, a one Michelin-starred restaurant. She also contributed to the Lyon Street Food Festival, supporting operations across various food stalls.
- Haley led a student entrepreneurship project, successfully securing ITE Enterprise Funds to develop a business concept selling fried chicken breaded with potato chips, which was showcased at the CW live streaming competition.
- She also took part in the NYAA-HSBC Sustainability Initiative 2024, working with a partner restaurant to implement energy- and cost-saving solutions by installing PVC strip curtains to reduce cold air loss in the kitchen.
- In recognition of her strong academic performance, she was placed on the Director's List 2024 and 2025, and received the Edusave Skills Award and Edusave Merit Bursary in 2025. She was also awarded the 21st Century Star Award (Gold) for her contributions and all-round development.

