

Irene Lee Ai Wei

**Nitec in
Visual Communication**

ITE College Central



Lee Kuan Yew

Model Student Award

Breaking Limits

Irene developed an early passion for art, inspired by cartoons and her sister's digital artwork. Despite initial challenges with speech and academics, she gradually gained confidence at Spectra Secondary School and achieved top N-Level results. Pursuing her interest, Irene studied Visual Communication at ITE, where supportive lecturers and hard work led to her excelling in the course. She represented ITE in Graphic Design Technology at WorldSkills Singapore 2025 and contributed illustrations for the Ministry of Education's campaign. Irene also volunteers with elderly hospital patients.

From the Heart

"My time at ITE taught me that I am not defined by labels. It does not matter how slow you are or how long your journey takes. Everyone progresses at their own pace. I feel blessed to be given so many opportunities to learn and grow at ITE with the support of my lecturers. Through hard work and determination, I was able to improve in my learning and achieve more than I thought I could. I really wanted to show my parents, teachers and, most importantly, myself that I could accomplish things I did not think were possible. I also want to draw on my experience to encourage my peers facing similar struggles – if I can do it, so can they."

Life after ITE

Irene is currently pursuing a Diploma in Communication Design at Temasek Polytechnic. She plans to pursue a career in art and design.

Top Achievements

- Representing ITE, Irene clinched the Medallion for Excellence in Graphic Design Technology at WorldSkills Singapore 2025.
- She was selected as the valedictorian for the ITE College Central School of Design & Media graduation ceremony.
- Irene clinched first prize in the Tertiary Education category of the Tampines Town Council Mural Design Competition 2024 for her artwork promoting waste reduction.
- Excelling in her studies, she achieved a perfect GPA score of 4.0 and was placed on the Director's List for all semesters.

