

The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal

Scaling New Heights

Sri Mardiah Binte Suharman

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Sri joined Qatar Airways as a flight attendant at the age of 20. She became a senior cabin crew and cabin service director, over a 15-year career. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and the airline industry was disrupted, Sri began to rethink her career path. Inspired by the valiance of healthcare workers in the COVID-19 fight, she felt a calling to pursue her childhood dream of being a nurse. This spurred her to leave her job and join the *Nitec* in Nursing.

Returning to school was not easy, but she adapted quickly. Beyond excelling in her studies, Sri actively sought to make a difference. As President of the Singapore Nurses Association Student Chapter at ITE, she led numerous community service projects. These included the teaching of first aid skills to children in Sri Lanka. She would also look out for her classmates, and help them in their schoolwork.

TOP ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sri achieved a perfect Grade Point Average score of 4.0 and clinched the Top Nursing Graduate Award for her cohort.
- During her internship, she received compliment letters from hospital patients for the care and attentiveness she showed towards them.
- Showcasing their creation of a bed-assist grab bar that also functions as a bed table, Sri led her team to clinch the Best Presentation Award at the 11th National Assistive & Rehabilitation Technologies Student Innovation Challenge.
- Through her demonstration of all-round excellence and good conduct, she won the Rotary-ITE Student Excellence Award in 2023.

FINDING GRATITUDE

"Having not studied for over 20 years, I struggled when I first entered ITE. I needed more time to catch up and process information. With the help of my classmates and lecturers, I managed to overcome these difficulties. I had very supportive lecturers, who made me feel that I could reach out to them for anything. One of them is Ms May Chng. She was always ready to share additional learning resources, even beyond classroom hours. My CCA in-charge - Ms Pauline Hu and Ms Marree Naw - also gave me the platform to excel beyond academics. I am forever grateful to my ITE lecturers. Without them, I would not have grown into the person I am today."

AFTER ITE

Sri is pursuing a Diploma in Nursing at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. She intends to take a degree in Nursing after attaining her Diploma, and build her experience working in hospitals.