

Quotes from Scholars

Tan Jia Lin, Female, 17, IIS Scholar
Singapore Polytechnic, Digital Media (Graduated from Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School)

I started programming when I was in secondary school. When I was in Secondary One, blogging was the 'in' thing and I came across a website which users could submit their blogskin templates for everyone to use. That was when I got curious about how these templates could be created. I explored HTML code on my own and as years went by, and still am very interested in it. My passion is in design and I hope to integrate design with infocomm to create interactive and engaging digital media that will inspire people and redefine digital media.

Adam Adil Shafi, Male, 17, IIS Scholar
Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Multimedia & Animation

I discovered infocomm in secondary school, when I gamed, surfed and used gadgets extensively. My passion for art began the moment I learned how to use a pencil. As both a 'Design and Technology' and an Art student, I began to see how my passion could be applied to the growing field of infocomm. That's when I decided to pursue Multimedia and Animation in Ngee Ann Polytechnic. There, I was also introduced to the topic of programming, which I have grown to find very interesting. I soon discovered the IIS and the opportunities it would offer me when I graduate from university and join the workforce. I am honoured and humbled to have been awarded this scholarship. It is a great privilege but I recognize that it comes with responsibilities. Once I have completed my education, I would like to give back to this society that has nurtured and supported me in pursuing my interest.

Tan Thiam Shui, Male, 22, NIS Scholar
NIS Overseas Scholarship
Sponsoring Organisation - DBS

I became interested in infocomm technology after picking up my very first programming language when I was in Secondary one. Right then, I felt that it was really amazing to be able to use infocomm technology to create programs to solve problems, making life better for all. My passion and heart for infocomm led me to pick up more knowledge along the way, including robotics programming. I look forward to contributing to DBS Bank, my sponsoring organisation, significantly after completing my infocomm education. I hope that with the skills and knowledge I have attained, I will be able to harness infocomm technology to not only improve organisational processes and drive business growth, but also to improve the lives of others. It has always been my dream to be an infocomm leader, and to develop the next killer application one day and see the world benefit from the fruits of my passion.

**Muhammad Fauzi Bin Johari, Male, 17, IIS Scholar
Temasek Polytechnic, Games & Entertainment Technology**

I have been interested in infocomm ever since I was at a very young age. I loved to explore the computer during my free time on my own and was impressed at what a machine is capable of doing. When I reached primary school, I started to get exposed to a lot of games, be it computer games, console games or even card games and always imagined how it would be like to make some of my own games. At that point of time, I had already more or less made up my mind of my career when I grow up - a game programmer. The main reason why I chose IIS would probably be the fact that it is the most prestigious scholarship when IT is concerned. Once I've completed my education, I would probably start working with the local gaming industry or industries that promote games for starters. If possible, I may also want to teach game programming or design to secondary school students.

**Gautami d/o Arumugam, Female, 20, IIS Scholar
Temasek Polytechnic, Digital Forensics**

It was the gradual implementation of technology in my classes that piqued my interests [*in infocomm*]. From a strictly pen-and-paper educational environment, I saw the change into the usage of IT in lessons to make lessons more entertaining and engaging. IT simplified learning and that made me more interested to know about the capacities and capabilities of the IT field. The IIS provided me with a great opportunity that to explore my interest in IT without worrying about financial obligations as my family situation was not at its peak. Moreover, it does not entail an immediate bond after my diploma, and allows me flexibility in what I choose to pursue next, provided it is contained within the vast IT field. I feel grateful and privileged, to have been chosen and understand the responsibilities that come with this honour. I am determined to make myself worthy of it and am working hard to achieve my goals.