Dionne Liew
Class of 2008
Diploma in Health Sciences (Nursing)

Ms Dionne Liew’s nursing career began in Ngee Ann Polytechnic’s School of Health Sciences where her passion for nursing, deep enthusiasm and hard work led her to graduate with flying colours. After winning a Health Science Scholarship from the Ministry of Health, she headed for the University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in Nursing. There, she learnt about American healthcare policies and developed a global perspective of healthcare issues confronting many communities, such as the rising prevalence of lifestyle conditions like obesity, the threat of emerging infectious diseases and the consequences of an ageing population.

Now back in Singapore, Ms Liew is living her dream of working in the healthcare sector. Her day is divided between practice and policy work. She is a senior staff nurse at the Nursing Service Department of Tan Tock Seng Hospital where she is involved in nursing accreditation work. She also serves on the National Nursing Task Force commissioned by the Ministry of Health to explore innovative ways to redesign and enhance the role of nurses in Singapore.

As a young and upcoming professional, Ms Liew is a role model for many others who aspire to serve in and contribute towards Singapore’s vital healthcare sector.

Aziz Merchant
Class of 1990
Diploma in Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering

A respected name in the industry, Mr Aziz Merchant began his career in Keppel FELS Ltd in 1993. A graduate of Ngee Ann Polytechnic’s Diploma in Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering course, he went on to build deep expertise in the marine industry, including serving in the London office of the American Bureau of Shipping from 1998 to 2001 before returning to the Keppel Group in 2001. Rising through the ranks, Mr Aziz is now the Executive Director of Keppel Offshore & Marine Technology Centre (Deepwater Technology), Deepwater Technology Group and Keppel FELS (Engineering).

In 2009, Mr Aziz’s professional career reached a new milestone when he received double accolades – the Institute of Engineers Singapore Prestigious Engineering Achievement Award and the ASEAN Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award - for his outstanding contributions to the industry. Working tirelessly to enhance the quality of engineering education, Mr Aziz is currently serving as a member of Ngee Ann Polytechnic’s Marine & Offshore Technology Advisory Committee.
Science and Technology

Jim Li Hui Hong
Class of 1986
Diploma in Electronic & Computer Engineering

A graduate of Ngee Ann Polytechnic’s Electronic & Computer Engineering course, Dr Jim Li has gone on to become a prolific inventor and holds numerous patents in the areas of advanced technology deployment to electronic products and manufacturing processes. Following a fulfilling stint in Texas Instruments as a research and development engineer, Dr Li set up the Ventura group of companies in 1992 and JSB Tech Singapore - Ventura’s marketing hub and R&D centre - in 2002.

Based in Singapore, the group of companies employs a total of over 1,000 people in Japan, China and Indonesia. These companies produce flexible flat cables for mobile phones and tablets, entertainment systems, printers, as well as precision instruments for precision engineering and aerospace industries.

Dr Li has published in various international journals and served as a resource panel member of the Singapore Government’s Economic Strategies Committee.

John Ho Chi
Class of 1989
Diploma in Accountancy

Mr John Ho Chi has over 20 years of experience in assurance and advisory services. In 1989, Mr Ho joined Arthur Young which later merged with Ernst & Whinney to form Ernst & Young, one of the largest “Big Four” professional accounting services firms in the world.

A graduate of Ngee Ann Polytechnic’s Accountancy course, Mr Ho started his career in audit and taxation services and moved on later to information and technology risk advisory services. As a Partner, Mr Ho is responsible for managing the information systems assurance and advisory services to key global clients in various sectors such as banking, securities, retail and manufacturing.

Mr Ho has volunteered with the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) for more than ten years and served in various capacities such as President of the Singapore Chapter and Chair of the Professional Standards Committee. He is currently on the International Board of ISACA. He had also served as Vice-Chairman of the National Trust Council, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore and as a board member of the Asia Trustmark Alliance and the National Internet Advisory Committee in Singapore.

Currently a member of Ngee Ann Polytechnic’s Business & Accountancy Advisory Committee, Mr Ho provides valuable advice to strengthen the curriculum and better prepare students for the challenges ahead.