was a brave step as I had to commit three
years of tertiary education to chase my dream.”
It was a gamble that paid off handsomely.
Years of hard work and sacrifice are always
tiring the course will be. It was true, the course
was structured in a progressive manner which
built our basics and fundamentals first before
proceeding to advanced modules.”

Jasmin remembers this clearly. “Right on the
first day, our art lecturer, Mr Dipj Chabuey,
told us with a smile that coming to DigiPen
(Singapore) will be the worst decision we ever
made in our lives, because of how tough and
tiring the course will be. It was true, the course
took everything out of us. But in a sense, it was
rewarding when you finally complete it.”

It isn’t all just hard work and no games – there’s
plenty of games, it’s DigiPen (Singapore)!
Gamers may rule the world; but it’s game developers that build them. Behind
every crisp graphic and kill-me-baby action move are game design warriors setting
our hearts aflutter. At SP, these budding keyboard warriors call the Diplomas in Games Design and Development (DGDD) home.

Amongst the highlights is a three-month
crossover to the dark side for Gavin, this time at
IT’s Pain But We Love it

Certainly, it’s an accomplishment for any
graduate. However, for Gavin, Jeremiah, and Li En, it was more than just an
achievement. It was an opportunity to work alongside some of the best in the
industry, to push boundaries, and to create something truly
striking. But it came with its own set of challenges.

Hard knocks were part and parcel of their
career. From the intense pressure of deadlines to the long hours spent
in front of a computer, they learned to
deal with the ups and downs of the
industry. It was a test of their
determination and resilience.

However, amidst the challenges, they also
came to realize the importance of
taking care of themselves. The
physical and mental toll of
working in a competitive
domain cannot be
discounted. Nevertheless, they
learned to
balance their work and
well-being, understanding that
their health is as important
as their career.

The teachers are also very approachable and
foster a learning environment. I remember one teacher
once told us, “You need to have a life to
learn,” and that really resonated with me. I
constantly have to remind myself to focus on
what I’m learning, not on my grades. I’m also
totally grateful to have learned from
the teachers and the team.

Jasmin, Jeremiah, and Li En
are proof that with hard work and dedication,
you can achieve your dreams. Their
careers have shown that it’s not just
about the destination, but the
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