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Ms Lorraine is passionate about public speaking and began work at a radio station this month.

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Lend me your ears

Ms Nicolette Lorraine discovered her passion for public speaking at MDIS

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When Ms Nicolette Lorraine says she found the love of her life at university, she is referring not to her boyfriend, but to her passion for public speaking.

The outgoing 22-year-old stumbled upon it while studying for her bachelor's degree at the Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS), which she completed in May.

Ms Lorraine, who joined Singapore Press Holdings' Money FM radio station as a radio producer this month, says: "As a super

expressive person, my passion lies in public speaking and in emceeing.

"This passion is my motivation in life. When I get accolades and praise from the people around me, I feel like a winner."

Start of something new

Ms Lorraine was already attracted to broadcast media during her diploma course in Republic Polytechnic — of the three main branches of mass communication she studied, it was her favourite, as she enjoyed making films, the production process, working on radio shows and emceeing. The other branches were journalism and public relations.

When considering various degree programmes to pursue, she came across the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Broadcast Media Production (Top-up) awarded by Teesside University (UK) in partnership with MDIS.

Attracted by the modules on offer, the career prospects after graduation and the modern facilities at MDIS, she enrolled for the degree.

She says her lecturers were very supportive and open, especially the head of her school, Ms Karen Ong, who was very approachable and offered valuable career advice and guidance.

She says: "It felt like I was with family — I got constant support, motivation and endless opportunities to look at my strengths and to combat my challenges."

Developing her skills

Within the first few weeks of school, Ms Lorraine joined Red Radio, the radio unit of the MDIS Media Club. She was actively involved in writing scripts, hosting shows and conducting interviews, eventually becoming the vice-head of the unit.

Her involvement with the club earned her the opportunity to do a month-long internship with the Money FM radio station, leading to a full-time job.

She says: "My experiences, and the portfolio I built at MDIS, have boosted my confidence and given me the opportunity to work in a reputable company.

"For those passionate about broadcast media, MDIS is the place to nurture and develop your skills. Studying here has been one of the best experiences of my life."