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Cheers to the pioneer: BASC holds 2022 commencement exercises after two-year online set-up

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YEARS ago, they were the pioneer batch of the K-12 curriculum. Now, they are the first-born graduates of the new normal education.

Bursting in colors and honors, the batch 2022 graduates of Bulacan Agricultural State College brimmed with emotions as they made their final march towards the fruitful reaping of their years of academic hard work during the BASC 70th Commencement Exercises, June 30.

With the theme "BASC to BSAU: Carving Milestones, Sustaining Excellence," the program ceremony was divided into three parts to accommodate the total of 1101 graduates from different institutes.

"We have also witnessed your triumphs, your achievements and your

successes, and today we are to celebrate them with you," Ms. Eiffel Nuñez, the master of ceremony, stated to officially welcome the graduates for the 2022 BASC Commencement Exercises.

A total of 383 graduates from the Institute of Education, and the Institute of Engineering and Applied Technology took part the first part of the commencement ceremony held at 7 am.

"Channel excellence to help community," Congressman Ron P. Salo, a KABAYAN Party list representative and the guest speaker of the commencement program, stated in his congratulatory message as he narrated how the graduates of the batch 2021-2022 inspired him by succeeding over the challenges brought by

the pandemic and the new normal.

Furthermore, inclined to this year's commencement theme, Salo stated that he himself has voted for the passing of the House Bill 06502 that converts BASC into a state university (BSAU) as he believed it is a recognition of the world class education BASC offers, commending the dedication and commitment of the college in striving for a more quality and inclusive institution, and encouraged the graduates to use their excellence for the betterment of the country wherever sector they will work for.

"You remain resolute in your desire to achieve your dreams. You perfectly understood that this pursuit of education is not only for yourself, or for your families, but for the entire Filipino

society," Salo stated.

To continue the 2022 commencement exercises, graduates from the Institute of Management were accommodated at 1:00 in the afternoon by the presentation of Dr. Rodrigo Buenaventura, Dean of the Institute of Management, of the candidates for graduation with a total of 121 students graduated under Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management; 129 students under Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; and 118 students under Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management.

Dir. Gina T. Gasucan, Regional Director of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the guest speaker of the event, mentioned the qualifications that the employers were looking for and gave tips on how fresh graduates can easily land a job; advising students who are planning to start a business and pursue higher studies.

Moreso, Dir. Gasucan stressed that human resources were the most important resource in our country. However, this

resource has been exported to other countries, requesting the graduates to aid the country for its development.

"I hope that you contribute to the development of our country by staying and make this country a developed one," Dir. Gasucan said.

The exciting part has come for all the Batch 2022 graduates especially for the students of BASC College of Agriculture as they march as graduates for the last part of the 2022 BASC Commencement Exercises at 5:00 in the afternoon.

Dr. Julita P. Mendoza, Dean of College of Agriculture, certified a total of 378 graduates composed of: two graduates of Master of Science in Agriculture major in Agricultural Extension; 13 graduates under Bachelor of Science in Agriculture for the Old curriculum; 170 BSA major in Animal Science (new curriculum); 110 graduates of BSA major in Crop Science; 43 students under BSA major in Horticulture and; 40 BSA major in Crop Science graduates from Balagtas Technical Vocational School Campus (BTVC) to receive their

diplomas and awards for the commencement exercises.

In addition, Bulacan Governor Daniel R. Fernando served as the guest speaker of the ceremony, said that he was glad to attend the commencement and grateful for the support for the past 2022 elections stressing he was eager to end the vote buying in Bulacan.

Governor Fernando noted, "Naniniwala po ako na kung nais nating magkaroon ng maganda at maunlad na bayan, kinakailangan mamuhunan tayo sa kalidad ng edukasyon ng ating mga kabataan. "

He further explained that students must choose to be positive in life and not lose the chances and opportunity in the present; noting that the secret of success is with the Lord.

"Bawat hirap ay kakambal ng tagumpay," the governor added as he was likewise, promoting his projects supporting the state of agriculture in Bulacan.

To end the ceremony, FSSC President Arjie Bunalade led the pledge of loyalty of graduates and sang the BASC Hymn.

BASC decorates exemplaries; recognizes students' excellence

By C. Sulit

"WHAT is life after graduation?," this was said by this year's Summa Cum laude of Bulacan Agricultural State College as they were awarded for their merits and accomplishments in the Recognition Ceremony held at BASC Multipurpose Gym,

June 29.

Jessica Mae DC. Launico from the College of Agriculture emerged as the graduate who received the highest honor for the batch of 2022 BASC graduates with a theme, "BASC to BSAU: Carving Milestone, Sustaining

Excellence."

Dr. Cecilia Santiago, Vice President for Academic Affairs, congratulated the students with Latin honors and awards of the first interactive Recognition Ceremony as these students experienced

the K-12 program and new mode of learning due to the pandemic.

"We hope you will bring honor in BASC, soon to be BSAU," stressed Dr. Santiago on her opening remarks.

In addition, Launico mentioned that this new modality and experience has not hindered her success as she emerged as the Summa Cum Laude gathering a general average of 1.23 in Bachelor of Science

and Agriculture Major in Horticulture.

"Latin honors or not, we finish the race," she said as she expressed her gratitude to professors, friends and family and commending all graduating students.

In addition, Bulacan Vice Governor Alexis C. Castro, the guest speaker of the said event stated his congratulations to all students and faculty, promising all opportunities that he will inject and introduce on Bulacan will be enjoyed and claimed by Bulakenyo and its youths.

"Laban lang, laban pa... Don't let this pandemic or any challenges stop you from achieving your goals," noted by Hon. Castro to the students.

Meanwhile, Program Chair Dr. Jeniffer Adriano also endowed Loyalty Awards to 25 students of BASC and BASC-LHS.



Summa Cum Laude, on the recognition day, Jessica Mae Dc. Launico delivers a soul-stirring speech to her fellow graduates. | Photo by Babylyn M. Gochangco

BASC completers, graduates seek to honor God before marching

By R. E. Garcia

BULACAN
Agricultural State College held a Baccalaureate Mass for both class of 2022 graduating students and Laboratory High School completers as they take part in the first day of 70th Commencement exercises, June 30.

Father Angelito Santiago preceded the Baccalaureate Mass before the commencement exercises with a theme, "BASC to BSAU: Carving Milestone, Sustaining Excellence."



Rev. Fr. Angelito Santiago, before administering the communion, encourages each mass attendee to be like a pencil that leaves a mark. | Photo by Babylyn M. Gochangco

"Eto na kayo- misa ng pasasalamat, sapagkat napagtagumpayan niyo ang inyong pag-aaral sa tulong at awa ng Diyos," Father

Santiago said during his homily as he blessed the graduating students and JHS Completers.

Father Santiago

blessed the graduating students and completers by sealing them with a prayer of victory upon their lives as he ended the mass.



Amidst difficulties: Jayvee Bryan G. Carillo delivered a very inspiring message to the 2021-2022 completers of Laboratory Highschool | **Photo by Babylyn M. Gochangco**

BASC LabHigh anchors Moving Up 2022 amidst difficulties

By C. Sulit

"KALAHATING estudyante at kalahating gawa ng pandemya," words of the guest speaker, Dr. Jayvee Bryan G. Carillo pointed out the challenging times of pandemic, which shaped this batch of high school students moving to K-12 learning curriculum.

As it coincided with BASC Recognition Day, Grade 10 students of BASC Laboratory High School go through Moving Up Ceremony with

the theme; "K-12 Graduates: Pursuing Dreams and Fostering Resilience in the Face of Adversity," held at BASC Multipurpose Gym, 29 of June.

By the virtue of BASC president, Dr. Jameson H. Tan and BASC LabHigh principal, Dr. Josephine C. De Guzman, 46 emerged as successful students eligible to take the Moving Up ceremony.

Hazel Anne C. Dela Cruz, who gathered with high honor, reminisced about

her journey along with her classmates, after years of being in a new mode of flexible learning.

"We become each other's comfort, thanks to BASC Laboratory Highschool," Dela Cruz said.

Dela Cruz and the 2022 batch of students were the first to experience an interactive Moving Up Ceremony because of the pandemic.

Father Went Up The Stage

-Thracý

It is the day I am, without a doubt, the happiest,
beaming all stretched as the world lend eyes
for in my hold is the success no lesser than the rest.

It is the moment I claim I am the proudest,
head-held high as long-held dreams come nigh
for it spoke of how we've come the furthest.

It is the time, in my life, to be the longest,
each second reminisces your hardships and feat,
burnt brows and bent-back
for today we knew, it is you who held the strongest.

Of all everyone in that hall where I could attest,
no laude is higher than what you've harvest.
For now, it's my turn to applaud louder than your
calloused hands could.

So, tell me, could there be anyone else that day to
be, without a doubt, the happiest?
When none could be happier for a child than
witness his parent above the dais,
turning his very own dreams into his very own
success.

Victorious

-Jhon Paul

You hear those applause?
it's the sound of victory,
shortly it will come
by waving its hands, bravely
grab it —both feet on the ground.
you've harvest.

"Kasabay"

-Victoria

Pumupungas sa pagpupuyat.
Naghihingalo sa sobrang pagbubuhát.
Bukambibig ang pagraos sa
kinaroroonan.
Pag-usad ang laging hangad na
patunguhan.

Apat na taon,
Apat na taong puno ng ngiti at
pagkapoot.
Ginugulan ng atensyon at
determinasyon
upang makamit ang matamis na dulo
ng daang minsa'y naging masalimuot.

Hinubog ng bawat pag-iyak.
Sinubok ng mga pangyayaring sa
puso'y nakabibiyak.
Hinulma at pinagtibay ng matagal na
pagpalaot.
Ngayo'y handa nang mamangka
tungo sa ibang destinasyon.

Sa inyong paglisan at paghawak sa
papel ng inyong kinabukasan,
kasabay ng inyong ngiti ay ang
pagpatak ng aming luha.
Sapagkat kami ang saksi ng inyong
dakilang paglaban.
Upang umusad, upang magtagumpay
at upang makapagtapos sa sintang
paaralan.

Dibuho ni Eliseo G. Dela Cruz
at Victor Jhon M. Dionisio

Pag-ani: PINAGYABONG NA MGA BINHI NG PANGARAP

By Deus ex Machina

Niyapos ng liwanag ang mga ginintuang butil ng palay sa kapatagan. Dumungaw sa mga sanga ng kakahuyan hanggang sa mahanap ang daan upang pumuslit sa kaniyang musmos na kaisipan na siyang magyayabong bilang isang kamalayan.

Hindi ang ngiti ng mga magsasaka ang siyang naging inspirasyon ni Jessica Mae DC. Launico upang kunin ang kursong Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Horticulture, sa halip ay ang tigatik nilang mga

pawis ang nagdilig sa kaniyang mga pangarap. "Mula pagkabata nakita ko talaga 'yung hirap na nararanasan ng mga magulang at kamag-anak ko sa pagsasaka," pahayag niya. Lumaki si Jessica sa Telapatio, San Ildefonso, Bulacan at sa murang edad ay nagnais na tulungan ang mga magsasaka sa bayan, upang mas mapaunlad ang sektor ng agrikultura.

Subalit, hindi niya inakala na

ang pangarap na kaniyang tinitingala ay siya namang minamaliit ng iba. "Nakita ko kung gaano lamang 'yung pagpapahalaga ng ilan sa atin sa agrikultura," may bahid ng lungkot sa kaniyang mga binitawang salita. Sapagkat, tila hindi batid ng iba ang kahalagahan nito sa ating lipunan. Hindi lahat ay may mga mata at isipang bukas katulad niya na kayang makita ang ginto sa mga butil ng palay, pilak sa mga pawis at luha ng

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BEYOND FAITH: *The Lengths a father could take*

BY THRACY DAFIELMOTO

He needs no arc as enormous as Noah's nor a cane as miraculous as Moses' for merely his dreams as great as the seas and his faith as unyielding as the Arc are enough to sail him past the strongest tides of life.

Using his screwdriver that accompanied him on years of building his very own dreams, Edwin Delos Reyes Salvador, 45, angled his story of success with how Noah and Moses surpassed the challenges of life through faith and obedience to God. He currently lives in Balagtas, Bulacan with his wife and children, and there he realized that for him to help his children achieve their dreams, he must first fulfill his own. Thus, through his determination and strength that he owes to God, Salvador has finally

gone past the waves of challenges as he was listed as one of the official graduating students of Batch 2022 under Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in BTVC Balagtas Campus. To make his story one of the most inspiring, he is hailed with Latin Honors, and will graduate as Magna Cum laude.

But before he came to where he is today, he had to overcome miles of currents that almost swept him back to the shore. He had to almost part his body into two from working as an electrician, plumber, aircon repairman and technician in the morning, then attend classes from 3-9 pm. The responsibilities he had to carry as a father, a husband, and a student were too overwhelming that he admitted how he sometimes fell asleep during classes due to exhaustion.

He also narrated how he would always stress and think about his school activities while he's at work; while using technology and gadget is another challenge for someone like him who is not a techie person.

However, despite all of these, even his age did not stop him from pursuing his dreams for the second time because he wanted to become a good example to his children that there's no perfect time for someone to dream and reach for it. He chose BEED, not only because it's a practical choice, but because he believes that being a teacher is something that is worth all the struggles. "Mahirap na

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mga magsasaka at tingga sa putikan.

Sa kabila ng mga panghuhusga ng iba ay

pinili pa rin ni Jessica

na ipagpatuloy

ang pagtahak

sa landas na

nasimulan. "Gusto

kong mapaunlad

'yung kaalaman ko

sa agrikultura para

makatulong ako sa

mga magsasaka natin,"

isang munting pangako

niya sa sarili. Naniniwala siya

na masisilayan din ng mga

magsasaka ang pamimitak ng

araw na siyang magiging hudyat ng panibagong pag-asa.

Nang tumuntong si Jessica

sa dalubhasaan ay inakala niyang ito

na ang magiging simula ng kaniyang

pagyabong, subalit hindi naging madali

ang proseso - hindi tulad ng kaniyang

inasahan. Dumating ang pandemya

na tila isang bagyong humagupit, hindi

lamang sa kaniya kung hindi maging sa

iba pang mga mag-aaral. Sinubok ang

kanilang tatag, kung gaano kahigpit

ang kanilang kapit sa pangarap

upang hindi matangay papalayo

ng daluyong. Sa mga sandaling ito

ay nakahanap ng lakas si Jessica sa

pamilya na naging inspirasyon

niya upang magpatuloy. Sa

oras ng panghihina ay

humingi siya ng

“

Huwag na 'wag kang susuko.

Kahit na anong mayroon o wala ka, you should never stop. You can pause for a while but, never ever quit. Piliin natin palaging tumayo at magpatuloy”

lakas sa Diyos Ama - hindi nawawalan ng pag-asa sa plano ng Maykapal para sa kaniya.

“Despite all the hurdles and difficulties nakasama pa rin ako sa mga magtatapos,” may halong galak at pagmamalaking pahayag ni Jessica. Dumating man ang ilang pagsubok sa kaniya ay hindi siya nagpagapi. Ang pilapil na siyang sinimulan niyang bagtasin ay napadpad sa daan patungo sa entablado. Ang mga binhi ng pangarap na siyang itanim sa putik ng paghihirap at diniligen ng kabit-kabilang pagsubok ay nagyabong din sa wakas.

Panahon na upang anihin ang gintong butil ng tagumpay, si Jessica Launico ay pinarangalan bilang Summa Cumlaude sa araw ng pagkilala, Hunyo 29, 2022 sa Bulacan Agricultural State College. Ang kaniyang kwento ang naging patunay na ang paglalakbay patungo sa pangarap ay isang mahaba, malubak at mapanghamong proseso. Gayunpaman, kung pipiliin nating magpatuloy, mararating natin ang araw ng pag-ani.

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masarap maging guro, pero fulfilling isipin na darating ang araw na pasasalamatan ka ng mga bata dahil may natutunan sila sa'yong hindi nila makakalimutan,” Salvador stated.

Hence, to serve as a wake-up call for those who think that it's too late for their dreams, Salvador wore his bullcap when he was still a security guard, in his hands are screwdriver, fan blade, and air-con cover while the BASC Sablay was draped over his shoulders — to be a living testimony that nothing is impossible for a person who puts faith above everything. He became a Magna Cum laude not just because he did not cease striving for it, but because his faith moved mountains and parted seas for him.

Salvador credits his success to his family, churchmates, and particularly to God who never let him sail on this journey alone. The challenges he encountered strengthened his hull to the inner of his soul which made him as unshaken as the arcs that dauntlessly cross the oceans. Like Noah and Moses, Edwin Salvador equipped his dreams and built his future with faith that no massive waves could overturn.



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Midnight Dreams: TOWARDS THE BREAK OF DAWN

By John Riel G. Gagula

At a young age, Krizzia-Ann R. Pamintuan of Candaba Pampanga showed so much interest in doing marketing stuffs. While she enjoys playing with her friends during their Elementary days, she will get the opportunity to ask them to buy some of the treats she has. She found joy in helping her Aunt during summer vacation as they sell banana and camote que in the street. In high school, she continued selling snacks like graham balls and turon. Her teachers and classmates were her customers that time. However, these little bits of experiences sparked an ambition within her heart. Thus, when she went to pursue college she decided to take Marketing Management as her course.

Despite life challenges that appeared along the way she would stand still because of her father whom she viewed as their family's strength and anchor. "Noong elementary ako naghiwalay parents namin kaya kasama lang namin iyung papa ko." Regardless of this heartbreak her father never thought of quitting on supporting the family. He became the unwavering pillar of their home - keeping them safe and sound.

Despite the different hurdles, her father will always go an extra mile to earn money to provide for their needs as a family. Her father always likes to put on a brave face. Even though he's too tired from selling balut and penoy outside for hours, he never

stopped. "May panahong hirap na hirap s'ya, tipong 'di maganda pakiramdam n'ya, pero tuloy pa rin s'ya sa pagtitinda." The reality of life fueled her to eagerly finish her studies and eventually repay all her father's effort for them. The status they have as a family also made an impact on her to be more focused on her goals. Seeing her father working tirelessly for their family is enough for her to strive for excellence.

However, deep inside, Krizzia wanted to rebuild her family. She promised to finish college, get a job and hope for them to reunite with her mother. However, that dream ended too soon when another tragedy happened. "After 11 years na 'di kami nagkasama nag-reunite kami sa pinakamahirap



Mangarap, magpatuloy at magsumikap darating din tayo sa exciting part, na kung saan masasabi mo sa sarili mo na 'Salamat, nagpatuloy ka', "



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at pinakamasakit na paraan - hindi niya na nahintay graduation ko." Her mother passed away, and she was stunned by what just happened. She slowly became unmotivated and felt hopeless.

Regardless, her story continued after that heartbreaking moment of her life. She redirected her attention to her Father "Masakit man 'yung mga dumaan na pagsubok 'di 'yun hadlang para magpatuloy. Inisip ko nalang na nandyan pa si papa, 'yung mga bagay at pangarap na 'di ko nagawa kay mama, ibubuhos ko nalang lahat kay papa, " she oath to herself. she promised that she will finish college for herself and for her family.

Krizzia-Ann genuinely dedicated her success to her father who showed undying support for her. She became a good father that pushes and stand by her and her other siblings whenever life seems unpredictable.

More than the Diploma she earned, there is the pride of being raised by a single parent who does a decent and honorable job for them to survive, live and strive to achieve success in life.

"Balut, penoy - simpleng negosyo pero naging paraan para makamit ko ang isa sa aking mga pangarap. Dahil sa balut, pangarap ko'y naabot"



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Mahirap pagsabayin ang pagiging magulang at pagiging estudyante, pero kapag may pangarap ka para sa anak mo, lahat magagawa mo.

”



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AFTER THE BELL RINGS:

A Glimpse to Notable Time Managers

BY MARIANE T. CRUZ

Life does not always go the way we want to. Sometimes, we have to make the move in order for us to have the fate in our hands.

It is what drove Beverlyn M. Galicia, 27, to be a student and an employee at the same time. She is from San Miguel, Bulacan and a service crew of Jollibee from her current hometown. Listed as one of the official graduating students of Batch 2022 under the degree Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Galicia shared that her daughter was her main inspiration to finish her studies.

Hannah Faith - Galicia's daughter, painted her life with colors that she started to dream not only for herself but also for her daughter. Whenever she feels drained from everything, she always gain courage by looking at her little angel whom she knows is leaning on her. She admits that being a student, a service crew and a mother was not easy, but a simple hug and kiss from her daughter after a tiring day washes all her exhaustion away.

She faced several obstacles including the lack of financial means to support her studies. There was even a time where she and her husband has to pawn their wedding ring because their income was not enough to cover all

their expenses. Despite all of these, she believes that God is good for they are always blessed and she always found hope after everything.

Galicia offers her success not only to her daughter, but to her parents who gave her unconditional love. Her success is also for her husband who continued to support her especially on times she was feeling so low. Galicia thanks everyone who believed in her, and promised that no matter where life takes her, she will never forget those who believed and trusted in her.

Similarly, Syra Mae P. Ibay, 26, was also grateful for everyone who believed in her. She was thankful to those who stayed beside her and cheered her up on times she was feeling discouraged.

Ibay is also a graduating student with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration under Batch 2022. Two years before the pandemic began, Ibay does not have any source of income. However, after her older brother lost his job when the pandemic started, Ibay earned money through her hobbies of editing pictures and graphic designing. PicSy Crafts and Edits is one of her sidelines aside from being a service crew of Jollibee in her present address, San Miguel, Bulacan.

Her unforeseeable future and her family were her biggest inspiration to study hard. She chose her degree because it is what she wants the most. Her main struggle was her lack of time to study, get a job and provide for her family.

She usually has only 4-5 hours of sleep. This led her to doing her assignments at Jollibee so she will have more time to sleep once she goes home. It was difficult to manage her time. Still, after everything, Ibay gives credit to her success not only to her but also to her mother.

All of us encounter hindrances to achieve our dreams. We often stumble upon our way to success. Nonetheless, as what Ibay shared to us, may we keep in mind that, "Kung may pangarap ka, at may gusto kang makamit sa buhay... kahit anong hirap at pagsubok pa 'yan, may paraan at ipagkakaloob sa'yo 'yan kung deserve mo talaga."

Every order Galicia and Ibay take is a step ahead to their dreams. The two of them are living proofs that even though we are clueless of the future ahead of us, nothing can stop us from reaching our dreams if we are courageous enough to face it. We cannot control how life goes, but we can always control how we handle it.

Inevitable Thorns

Bilang parte ng instituto ng edukasyon, umabot na ang itinuring naming mga kuya at ate dito sa paaralan—Pambasang Dalubhasaan Pansakahan ng Bulacan—sa inaasam nilang pagtatapos, ngunit susuray-suray silang nakarating sa dulo.

Sa pagbuhos ng lahat ng kanilang makakaya, hindi naging ganoon kadali ang pinagdaanan ng bawat isa bago umabot sa huling araw nila ng pagiging estudyante. Kung paanong hinihiling ng tanang kaguruan na maging propesyunal, hindi naman ganito ang kanilang nakikita.

Ayon nga sa isang kasabihan “Experience is the best teacher”, pero sa

paanong paraan matututuhan ang ibig nilang mangyari kung iba naman ang kinalalabasan na kanilang nasasaksihan?

Bago sumapit ang ika-30 ng Hunyo 2022, ang araw ng pagtatapos, gayon na lang ang maituturing na paghihirap na hindi dapat matamasa ng bawat magsisipagtapos lalo’t higit sa mga estudyante ng instituto ng edukasyon.

Wala nang mas higit pa sa pakiramdam ng isang mag-aaral kung sasapit ang araw ng pagtatapos. Kaya hanggang sa huling sandali ay gagawin nito lahat para mapabilang sa mga magsisipagtapos.

Sa portfoliong hindi naianunsyo nang mas maaga, sa mga kinakailangang ipasa na magkakaiba ng patakarang sinasabi. Sa pagtatanto ng mga mag-aaral na wala sa kanila ang pagkukulang at sa pag-iisip ng mga guro na nasa estudyante din ang dahilan.

Ayon sa karamihan, noong una pa lamang, bago pa magsimula ang Practice Teaching hinihiling na ng mga estudyante ang format ng nasabing portfolio, ngunit naibigay na ito noong papatapos na ang kanilang practice teaching.

Nagkukumahog ang lahat sa kanila dahil nasabay pa dito ang kanilang final demo —sa pakiwari ko ay nasa hindi pagkakaunawaan, tila walang koneksyon ang bawat isa. Lalo ang kinauukulan, hindi ko maunawaan kung paanong hindi ito nakikita, nang sa gayon ay maresolba. Sa ilang mag-aaral at mga umpukan, ilan lamang ang napagbibigyan at napakikinggan na hinaing.

Isa pang halimbawa ay ang pagsasagawa ng Mock LET Exam. Ang layon nito ay tulungan ang mga magsisipagtapos sa pagkuha ng kanilang lisensya. Ngunit sa halip na makatulong ay naging dagdag lamang ito sa mga problemang kinaharap ng mga mag-aaral. Noong una’y mayroon pang mga nagtuturo bago ang Mock LET Exam, naudlot ito dahil hindi nakonsidera ang mga nasa field na araw-araw nagtuturo. Binibigyang diin din ng mga nakatatasa na maraming College Scholar, President’s Lister at Dean’s Lister sa mga estudyanteng magsisipagtapos pero hindi man lamang makapasa sa Mock LET Exam.

Ang bawat mag-aaral ay inaasahang umabot sa 80% sa bawat asignatura. Nakanino nga ba ang pagkukulang, sa mga mag-aaral o sa pagdulog ng instituto?

Sa buhay natin, may 24 na oras sa isang araw. Kung hahatiin natin ito sa tatlo, lumalabas na walong oras ang nakalaan para sa mga gawain at trabaho, walong oras para sa sarili at ang huling walo ay para sa pagpapahinga o sa pagtulog. Kaya kung iisipin napakarami nating oras para ibuhos sa oras ng trabaho, paanong nangyayari na kung mag-anunsyo ay biglaan, kung minsan ay hatinggabi at para bang walang kapaguran ang mga taong ito.

Batid ko rin ang inyong pagpapagal, kung kaya may pagkakaton din talaga na nakaliligtaan ninyo ang mga ito. Sa hiling ninyong respetuhin ang oras ng trabaho nawa ay nairespeto rin ang oras ng mga mag-aaral, hindi lamang noong nakaraan, bagkus sa mga susunod pa. Itong hinaing ay hindi basta reklamo, bagkus ay panawagan ng mga walang boses para ipahayag ng nararamdaman.

Sa kagustuhang makapagtapos na lamang, nakabarang tinik sa lalamunan ang nilulunok ng bawat mag-aaral.

Tunay nga na ang pasakit kahapon, ay magpapatibay sa ngayon at hinaharap, pero tandan na may mas tama pang paraan ng pagsasanay. Ang paghuhubog sa mag-aaral ay hindi lamang pagtuturo, bilang pangalawang magulang importante ang matibay na komunikasyon, pakikipag-usap na inuunawa at pinahalalagahan ang nararamdaman.

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