

JRMSU undergoes internal audit inspection

by: Ellaine Cristy S. Du

In preparation for the International Standardization Organization (ISO) certification audit slated next year, Jose Rizal Memorial State University of Dipolog campus underwent System Internal Audit last August 20 with the presence of no less than the System President, Dr. Daylinda Luz R. Laput.

Among the auditors from the system were Engr. Gillert M. Bongcac, System Lead Auditor, Dr. Rizza B. Bagalanon, the quality Assurance System Director, Campus Administrator, Clarita D. Bidad, in her words of welcome, "I believe that the internal audit which is sometimes

called first-party audit, is a necessity before the conduct of the real audit to obtain audit evidence and evaluate objectively to determine the extent to which audit criteria/nonconformities observation in the previous audit are fulfilled."

Quality Assurance Unit Head Dr. Merlyn N. Luza and the rest of the auditors from ISO System and ISO internal, members of the top management, and head offices went through the whole day inspection.

Among the offices that were visited for internal audit were campus administrator, registrar, general services unit, cashier, accounting, human resource, and laboratory

to check the process and for upgrading.

According to Dr. Luza, the overview of the audit received positive response.

Tentative schedule for the second internal audit or 'surveillance' audit will be on November this year. Meanwhile, the ISO certification audit will be on March 2019.

The deans and program



KEEP AIMING HIGH. System President, Dr. Daylinda R. Laput, speaks before the internal auditors about the vitality of the International Standardization Organization (ISO) certification as well as its good intention for the university's welfare.

heads from the respective offices and departments are reminded to keep updating all the necessary requirements so as to be ready in the next levels of certification and even in accreditation.

Alay Lakad-Takbo '18

JRMSU grabs biggest contingent award

by: Brix Jasper V. De Leon and RJ Nerf M. Calasang

Bearing the theme "Education: The key to success," Jose Rizal Memorial State University Dipolog Campus joined the annual Alay Lakad-Takbo held at the Sports Complex Olingan Dipolog City last September 16 this year.

One of the highlights of the said event was the search for Mr. and Miss Alay Lakad 2018 which the JRMSU Contenders, Jezel Marie Baya a BSHRM and Nigel Cunonan placed

4th- runner up.

In addition, the school awarded as the Biggest Contingent while Dimasalang Talents Guild was recognized as the Most Colorful and Liveliest group contingent.

The said event was sponsored by the city government of Dipolog city which was participated in by the various academic institutions, business sectors, local organizations, and other entities.



WALK FOR A CAUSE. The Dimasalang Talents Guild takes a resounding participation during the Alay Lakad-Takbo 2018.

Dr. Laput attends Phi-Tai President's confab

by: Venus Mariel P. Napigkit and Janelyn Avila

With strong linkages with other academic universities, the University President Dr. Daylinda Luz R. Laput had successfully attended the Philippine-Taiwan President's Forum held at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City last August 23 to 24 this year.

The two-day gathering is aimed to promote good relationship between Taiwan and the Philippines especially in the concepts of educational arena and of its economic growth.

The JRMSU System President disclosed that the said undertaking was about the collaboration of the Taiwanese key officials to have a friendly relationship in the academe between the two countries.

In addition, Dr. Laput asserted that through this forum, the participating nations were able to establish entrepreneurs, staff and students' mobility as well as to discuss about the impact of educational policies on National Productivity Growth.

It was also during the meeting



WORKING HAND IN HAND! JRMSU President, Dr. Daylinda Luz R. Laput (2nd from the left) endows her gratifying smile together with the Taiwanese key officials during the Philippine-Taiwan President's forum.

when the fellow presidents exchanged their calling cards. The System president received the calling card from the Fu Jen Catholic University President Ahye Lee, Jim Pyng Ueng of National Panghu University of Science and Technology, the Vice-President Huey-Min Sun of Chong Jung University and Marilyn D. Cordoso form Catbalogan, Samar.

Meanwhile, the president shared about the 'Kindness Hotel' in Taiwan where the JRMSU participants stayed.

JRMSU's three-storey learning commons to finish by January

by: Kate B. Moreno



THREE-STOREY LEARNING COMMONS

The construction of the three-storey Learning Commons is expected to complete on the first week of January next year with a total budget of P17,126,205.49.

This building, which was started last March 8, is based from the new trend with a state-of-the-art facility making it more convenient and conducive for learning to the students. Campus librarian, Mr. Mark Andrew D. Bacordo, stated that aside from the circulation and periodical

sections, the new library would also have collaboratory, conference, tutorial, and function rooms.

Mr. Bacordo added that the library would probably put cafeteria and gaming room.

"This will make a healthy learning environment," he said.

The new learning commons is one of the much awaited ultramodern facilities in the campus that would showcase the competitiveness of our institutions not only in the local scene

but also in the international arena.

Meanwhile, the three-storey classroom building of Jose Rizal Memorial State University – Dipolog campus is expected to finish in November this year.

This statement was revealed by the Dean of the Student Affairs and Services, Dr. Felipe A. Pialago saying that the construction with a budget of P15,516,00.00 (based from the bidding offer) was started last June 2017.

Dr. Pialago disclosed that the three-storey building with nine classrooms is expected to finish last

December 3, 2017 but due to the bad weather and lack of supplies, the completion of the building was delayed.

"We are hoping that it will be finished this coming November," Pialago said.

The DSAS Dean added the construction is one of the few projects of the school in order to cater the needs of the clientele.

With the presence of the two-constructed buildings, the university would make more students who are globally competitive.



THREE-STOREY CLASSROOM BUILDING

JRMSU installs new COC dean

by: Jessa Gamel C. Cabiara



University President Dr. Daylinda Luz R. Laput had recently appointed new Associate Dean of College of Criminology effective this first semester of 2018.

Dr. Bernard C. Gilaga, a faculty of COC was chosen as

the new Associate Dean of their department. Just this year, Gilaga presented his objectives for the betterment of his staff and colleagues.

"My goal as the dean of this college is to hit 100% passing criminology board exam, quality education, faculty development and to produce quality and competitive graduates."

Dr. Gilaga is an outstanding criminologist of the Philippines by profession. He worked as an instructor of Andres Bonifacio College for seven years. He served as an assistant dean last 2005.

He also teaches at the Philippine Public Safety College since 2011 up to the present.

According to him, "he aims to put JRMSU in a map."

Best felicitations to all the winners during the Inter-Law School Debate held at the Atrium, Top Plaza Hotel last September 17, 2018!



JRMSU-Dipolog enrolment increases

by: Venus Mariel P. Napigkit

Due to the implementation of the free higher education program by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) which took effect this year, there was an increased number of enrollees of Jose Rizal Memorial State University of Dipolog campus.

This statement was revealed by the newly-designated registrar, Mr. Gabriel V. Manriquez saying that a total of 4007 are currently enrolled in JRMSU from Senior High School to College.

Based on the records from office of the registrar, the College of Education had the highest number of officially enrolled with 1,160 followed by the College of Criminology with 996 students.

There were 695 students coming from the College of Arts and Sciences; Senior High School had 666 students. A total of 408 students were coming from the College of Industrial Technology and 82 students from the College of Law.

CED conducts orientation day

by: Janelyn Avila



UNITED WE STAND. The College of Education faculty and staff under the supervision of their dean, Dr. Elenita M. Reyna present their respective guidelines and policies to the students during the orientation gathering

The College of Education conducted its General Orientation of all year levels held at the University Gymnasium last August 30, 2018.

Dr. Elenita M. Reyna, Dean of CED, after her opening remarks, led the presentation of Faculty and Staff. She also discussed about the guidelines and policies. She also encourage the students to have "Big Minds, be proactive and be responsible in their studies."

On the other hand, Ray P. Enclonar introduced the newly-elected officers this school year 2018-2019.

Dr. Leonardo D. Cainta, the campus research director, talked about the research concerns and emphasized the policy "No Hardbound, No Graduation policy". The chairperson of BEED Program, Dr. Perla E. Velasco, discussed about the Field Study and Internship concerns while Prof. Ivo Mathew M. Siaton, Senior High School principal disclosed about the schedule of activities this school year.

School uniform and other related matters were discussed by Prof. Venus D. Namoc, the Socio Cultural Director and the open Forum facilitated by Dr. Sergio Andolero facilitated the open forum

The said orientation was conducted to inform and to let the students aware of their duties and responsibilities as responsible education students.

JRMSU's alternative canteen starts to operate

by: Misty M. Wathskin



In preparation for the future canteen of Jose Rizal Memorial State University Dipolog campus, the head of the Dean of Student Affairs and Services proposed a new concept as a substitute cafeteria for this school year.

Due to the unfortunate reason why the schools' cafeteria was suddenly closed, the officials had to come up with another replacement for the school canteen which will be managed by the Income Generating Project head unit, Mrs. Alma Passigna.

To make this arrangement possible, their proposal must be approved by the IGP manual and the Board of Regents must approve their proposal.

"We target to finish this project by 2019, it amounts up to 1.1 million pesos for the roof, 500 thousand pesos for the floor allocated by the budget officer

from the schools' trust funds," said Dr. Felipe A. Pialago, Head of DSAS.

To assure the future canteens and legitimacy, it must be approved by the IGP manual to avoid abrupt shut downs caused by exclusive reasons why it happened.

Upon the approval, that's the time where they can invite qualified investors who will rent the spaces and undergo certification that they will only sell pristine and nutritious foods to secure the safety of one's students' health.

"I think the new canteen is a good idea. By that time, the students will have a comfortable place to ingest their snacks and meals. The vendors will be able to cater the needs of the students in an organized way of serving the foods." -according to Brix Jasper De Leon, an ABMC student.

CETech to CIT changes anew

by: Amylyn Joy Hiboneda

The Jose Rizal Memorial State University's College of Engineering and Technology (CETECH) changed into College of Industrial Technology (CIT) due to transferring of engineering students from Dipolog campus to Dapitan campus.

This year, a total of 405 students were enrolled; 114 of which are taking up Electrical Technology, 76 for Midwifery, 62 for Automotive Technology, 55 for Food and Beverage Preparation and Services, 25 for Drafting Technology, 23 for Electronics Technology, 18 for Mechanical Technology and Management, 16 for Industrial Graphics, 9 for Food Technology, Drafting, 5 for Heating, Ventilating, Air Condition and Refrigeration Technology and 2 for Associate in Medical Dental Nursing (AMDNA).

According to Alonzo V.

Sugod, MTE, Dean of CIT, supposedly, engineering courses does not exist in our organizational structure as it is already transferred in Dapitan Campus.

"Our department is only offering first and second year courses; further, students who wish to continue schooling will be transferred to Dapitan campus," he asserted.

Meanwhile, Midwifery students of the main campus transferred to other schools offering the same program. Sugod added that likely, most of the students were currently enrolled in Dipolog campus.

The implementation of this new structure is effective this school year. Having the changes applied, students adhered that the said changes would provide them a better and new learning.

Trillanes on amnesty: What for?

EDITORIAL

Amnesty revoked. Amnesty nullified.

These are but few of the disputable words to describe the said amnesty of Senator Antonio Trillanes IV. What is really the conclusion of these statements at the moment? Will it push through the revocation or will it pull off the nullification of the amnesty confusion?

The controversial battle

of Senator Antonio Trillanes IV continues as President Rodrigo Roa Duterte nullifies his revocation of the amnesty to the defiance of the senator back in 2003 where he led a revolt taking over the post in Oakwood Premier in Ayala Center to protest against their allegation towards the corrupt administration of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and in the military which includes their complaints



to the lack of benefits that they were supposed to received.

His amnesty should be granted according to the senator since he claimed that he was able to sufficiently apply for this pardon. However, it did not end there. The freedom he wanted is not for him to decide. What unconstitutional doing must proceed to legal investigation so that it will not cause another confusion of justice in the future.

Earlier this month, the amnesty had been nullified to 'nothing but an arrest

order'. The process is still on its proceeding, proving that the state has the authority to arrest Senator Trillanes.

What is essential to this amnesty is the equity behind what has actually happened and not withholding the right pieces that will solve this puzzled statements.

JUSTICE, rather than AMNESTY. YES! This is what is really needed for this case.

If justice will only prevail, then any problem will never be confusing but rather, it ables to seek its own rightful solutions.

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So to speak

Unemployment:

A never ending issue

by:Ma. Sahara Gumandol



Students leave the campus after they graduate from what has been learned. But sadly, there are no jobs being offered to them.

Most graduates today and within the past five years are not employed and none of them were employed in their field of study. Some of them did their efforts in securing their jobs, they all told stories of extreme perseverance, knocking all doors opened or closed from which there was little or no response.

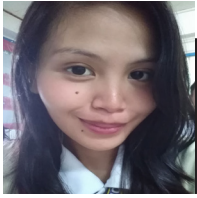
Graduates left the campus with equipped knowledge, more than willing to contribute but very little is being done to assist them. They completed school, outstanding tuition fees, returned home, and sent out numerous applications, went into offices, contacted people to possibly could help recommend them. After six months of unemployment, they had no choice but to seek employment in another country- when finally got a callback from an employment opportunity. Yes they got in a well-paying job in another nation. But, they returned home from lack of investment and turned out to be empty-handed because overseas workers are blinded by the fact that extravagance is their ultimate enemy when working abroad. Worst case scenario is when beneficiaries of overseas workers were the ones spending too much out of the hard-earned money from their relatives abroad.

In few days from stay in the native land, flew back from home to

an interview. After hours or days of waiting did not received any form of response – not an email, letter, phone calls, smoke signal, nothing. It would have only been polite for a representative to have contacted whether the response was favorable or not. When you get to apply to every possible place- over 20 applications and CV, not one response not even to acknowledge the fact it was received.

This is a very familiar story among other graduates. Many of them are home sitting on their bachelor's and even Master's degrees. There are other common excuses from possible employers like: cannot afford to pay the qualifications of an applicant or having no experience in a particular field of study. Had they even bothered, to ask why should students go out to study if no one can pay them? And how are they going to get any experience if they are not given the opportunity?

Something must be done to assist these individuals not only because they are qualified but it is also because they are willing to work. Any other persons have tasted the good life on the other side of the globe and chose to stay there, but those who have returned despite the overflowing opportunities elsewhere are left unemployed. The government must look into the phenomenon. But, unemployed individual should never stop finding solutions in order to feel their empty stomach. They must shoe tenacity and diligence so as to embrace the life long satisfaction.



In my own perspective

JRMSU Life: Challenging or Enriching?

by: Perceme O. Omay

In today's society, high school students are expected to get a college education; despite what they want to do with their lives. College not only educates you for the pursuit of a career, but it also provides general knowledge and introduces real-life situations that help people learn about life and themselves. As what majority said, education is never ending learning process. That is also how Jose Rizal Memorial State University applies inclusive chance of education.

Jose Rizal Memorial State University vision to be a model of excellence in educating students for success in the world community, extends to a belief in using structures and practices that allow students the best opportunities to reach their academic potential, and to become passionate, and reflective learners.

It is also a time for life experiences as teenagers transition into adulthood.

As I have observed the slow changes of the society, contrasting ideas about federalism emerged triggering conflicts between people. A shift to federal government will probably affect every Filipino regardless of economic status and class, or place of residence. Its effects will cross our economic and social conditions for days and generations to come.

As far as I know about the basic concept of federalism, it separates regions into federal states. In the Philippines, our country will be divided into eleven (11) federal states – four in Luzon, four in the Visayas and three in Mindanao. These federal states will have the jurisdiction and the rights to implement policies in connection with their regional concerns. However, federalism, just like any forms of government system, also has positive and negative effects in the society.

Starting with the positive side, one of the most vital purposes of the division of power between the national government to the state governments, is that it will serve as a discouragement for tyranny and runaway power. It disallows tyrannical government from springing up, protects us from political turmoil and prevents unbounded national responsibilities.

The form of federalism that the

A lot of changes happen from time to time when you enter the campus. New faces of classmates, new teachers, and new environment to adopt. In your first day of school, you can feel the essence of being a college student. It is hard but same time challenging in yourself. As you go along, your new acquaintance become your comrades. Your new lessons will become your guiding light, and your determination will inherit throughout the journey.

Honestly, the teaching process is very different from what you had in high school.

By having students live together in residence halls, they learn a lot about people who have different backgrounds, beliefs, and lifestyles than they do.

By being thrust into such a diverse environment, students must learn how to adapt to live with

others that they might not wish to. This is just like in the future when they may have to learn how to work with people in their job that they may not agree with or even like.

There are campus faculty members who are there to help with decisions along the way and to inform students when they are making detrimental choices.

We are trained to be globally competitive and give chances to motivation and to lead the others.

This in-between stage proves vital to learning as to how to live on your own and be independent in facing unexpected circumstance.

Let us all be mindful that JRMSU provides students with many opportunities to get involved in areas of interest outside of class through athletic programs, clubs, fraternities, campus media organizations, jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities and study abroad programs.

In this matter, we are discovering our talents and skills. This is a part that we can show to everybody that we are a product of a good school. Through this we can attain the best of ourselves as future lies our hands.

My viewpoints

Federalism: Societal Issue

by: Tristan V. Yaco



Philippine Congress is planning to adopt will diffuse national power to the federal states and will serve as a way of making sure that all power will not be centralized to a single person or a group of people. Since excessive and centralized power among a single group tends to trigger corruption, the diffusion of power will disable corruption and will probably minimize discrepancies.

When power is no longer centralized in the hands of the national government but shared with state governments, the level of the common citizens will be closer to the federal states giving them the chance to easily affect their government, government policy and the lawmaking process. The states can also be more responsive to the citizen needs.

If national power is dispersed among the states, it gives them the right and freedom to solve their own regional problems and allows for more efficiency within the system. States will no longer depend on imperial Manila or the national government's

"one-solution-fits-all" concept, decongesting Manila and giving them the chance to use the laws and policies that suit best their state and regional concerns. State can also focus on industries they're competitive with.

On the negative side, since national power will be distributed to the states, there will be inequalities between the different states. Fundings in each state for education, taxes, health care programs, welfare programs and other things, will not be equal since these are state issues and every state has different gross income.

There will also be possibilities that the states will block the implementation of the national laws and fight it by challenging them in court, or have a separate way and not enforce those national laws giving way to national divide and mutiny which could be a breeding ground for friction and promotes dissonance rather than unity. In this light, federalism can promote regional loyalties rather than national allegiances spotlighting the start of



What is your stand about contractualization?

compiled by: Perceme O. Omay

Endo refers to a short-term employment practice in the Philippines. It is a form of contractualization which involves companies giving workers temporary employment that last them six months and then terminating their employment just in short of being regularized in order to skirt on the fees which come with regularization.

"Unstable job to many Filipinos working in the country results to thousands of OFWs all over the world. I think, contractualization should be abolished and time for the government to eye this problem and come up with a better solution of providing the Filipinos regular work. This is not just to give people income for their daily needs but also to improve man power to help sustain our economy and improve our country's service".

-Traci Queen Barbara Alpuerto
Part-Time Instructor

"Follow the rules of law about contractualization. The effect is to create items in the government services".

-Dr. Felipe A. Pinalago
Dean of Students Affair and Services

"We cannot get any benefits from the government. Although it's helpful because it gives opportunity to those who don't have any skill but at the same time, it's only a temporary contract that lasted only a short time. If ever we cannot renew, we are out of job."

-Edwin D. Lampasa
Maintenance

rebellion against national government.

Federal government or not, the wellness of our country still lies in the hands of its citizens including the leaders. I firmly believe that in order for us to achieve absolute wellness in terms of national aspects, as citizens we also have to do our part legally and not just depend on the central government's command. We have brains to use in scrutinizing our actions, hearts for determining what is good and bad, and hands to start creating positive catalyst or change. If we could only focus on how to do our part for the sake of our country rather than judging the government system, our country would surely not be in vain.

New Campus Adviser: Teacher in Action

by: Elaine Cristy S. Du

What makes a great teacher? Teaching minds, touching hearts, changing lives, and building characters. These are some of the main responsibilities of a great teacher. It has always been said that teaching is one of the most complicated works today. However, it is a noble profession and a more than a profession, indeed. Therefore, the greatest role of every teacher is not just to teach but also to build the characters of his students, to touch their hearts, to inspire them to do their best, and to be the successful person God wants them to be.

There is one teacher who exemplifies all of these characteristics. A teacher who inspires.

With his excellent skills, caring attitude, love of learning, and a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people, he was loved by everybody. Yes, because of his strong determination and perseverance he had a lot of

achievements more than what he expects for. Aside from being a former local TV reporter, host, seasoned judge, and lecturer, he was Awarded as the Most Outstanding High School Alumnus in the field of Education and Journalism. He became the three-time president and two-time vice-president in Dipolog City School Paper Association and a Treasurer in the regional level. He holds seminar-workshop in journalism and does consultations to some schools in Zamboanga del Norte. He is very compassionate in sharing his talents and knowledge to students where they can be ready in real life situation. He really has the heart in teaching.



Due to his passion in teaching and coaching, he was awarded as the Most Outstanding School Paper Adviser in the Philippines (Secondary-Region 9) in 2017. This amazing man is no other than the newest publication adviser in JRMSU Dipolog and Dapitan Campuses, Mr. Eduardo C. Mira.

What makes you decide working in JRMSU?

I believe that this university will teach me on how to become a greater individual especially working with many people who have greater knowledge. As a school paper adviser, I will endow my propensity to the best I can, I will help my student when it comes to journalism and I believe that this university will give me a greater opportunity for me to enhance and to develop more.

Can you elaborate your achievements

before you came to JRMSU?

After I finished my mass communication degree at Siliman university, Dumaguete city and earned my M.A in English at Dapitan city, my greatest achievement was being an adviser at St. Mary's Academy for 14 years and 6 months and through that I have the chance to travel from different places in the whole Philippines because of the press conferences and other competitions. I met different people. I was able to coach students and the best was when I received the most prestigious award as a publication adviser.

How do you see yourself 5 years from now?

I will see myself as a full-grown university publication adviser. Hopefully, I'll be finishing my doctorate degree majoring English or Communication. Now I am in JRMSU, I hope that it will flourish with god's grace and of course with the help of my fellow colleagues, the Dean and the University president guidance and providence.

He believes that a successful teacher cannot be measured with the numbers of awards and trophies but with the numbers of lives you inspire. Truly, a teacher teaches not for the income but for the outcome.

Amongst the less-likely preferred subjects in school, Math getting in the prime list won't be a surprise considering a mass of students view it as intellectually challenging.

There are students who perceived Math to be mentally and physically drained, brain whacking, stressful, and when pressure comes in, especially when you don't get anything at all, then aloha failing grades.

The raging war against Math is a probably serious societal conflict among the students. From the execution of the basic formulas, to the introduction of variables, the initial pace would run smooth and clear, from "Hah! Easy." to "What in the world is going

Best not Least

by: Jane Jalong

on?!" lines. Add the, "What is the purpose of studying all these?!" cliché. Not everything taught in Math can be utilized, plus, it takes time, patience, persistence, and effort, because it is not about having the intellect; rather it is about having the drive, being able to fuel, and to sustain the mental capacity.

Everything requires mental processing, and not all things come automatically including Math. Nevertheless, it proffers benefit more than one can count and complain. Saving up. Math is essential when it comes to

flexing allowances or pocket budgets. Mental stimulation is actually good for the brain; so having a hard time studying sequence, patterns, algebras, analyzing, and solving mathematical problems will not only satisfy your grades, self-fulfillment, and instant feeling of pride, instead it also prevents cases of Dementia; worse Alzheimer's or any other mental problems.

Math takes time, patience, persistence, and effort. Everything takes time. Everything requires effort, patience, and persistence, but with Math, it surely won't be

put to waste because once you get through it all, a more logical and sophisticated awaits. Math is tricky. It teaches you to be cautious. Furthermore, one must comprehend things first, then examine. Evaluate options thoroughly and carefully. It also teaches you to be wise and clever since the application is useful in real life situations.

Math is Math. Absolute. Surely it is not something that one can sit on without burning the midnight oil and furrowed brows; however, it is something that one can stand with from the time we wake up to the moment we close our eyes. It may not be the best choice for some students; but it is one of those that help in making the best decisions.



Personal Experience

FIRST TIME, BEST TIME

by: Shimei Zulueta

Beginner. Neophyte. Newcomer.
Newbie. Freshman.

Whatever it is, I am one of those.

As new student of Jose Rizal Memorial State University, I endow mixed emotions and feelings. I have doubts it I could feel at ease or even happy with my new acquaintances.

Yes, I should say that I am not used to be alone. It's always a FIRST TIME. It is my first time to be far away with my parents. It is hard; yet, I need to sacrifice for my own good.

It was last July 16, 2018 when I aligned myself to the crowd of students during the enrolment. I had to make sure that I could finish it for a day. However, I spent almost five days of going back and forth at JRMSU making an assurance that I should be enrolled. I could even fill the hungriness of my stomach but I had to sacrifice. I never complained. I knew that it was part of a student's life. Thank God because I was officially enrolled and be a



part of the College of Education. It was somehow exhausted; but the experience was unexplainable.

Being a freshman has a peculiar distinction in mingling with others. Yes, some defined freshmen as 'innocent' because we didn't know what would happen next. I wanted to acquaint and apprise others;

but my hesitations prevailed.

During the first day of school (August 6), I felt excited and happy but deep inside, I had a second thought if I could be able to take the first day as memorable as it was. I even asked myself like "Am I really now a college or am I taking the right path?" With all those 'ifs'

and 'perhaps', I am optimistic that these negative attitudes would be eventually gone because I want my parent to be proud of me.

I took up Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED). I had still doubt in my mind why I took this course. Honestly, it is not my plan but maybe it was God's plan.

When I proceeded to the dean's office, I saw a quote that pondered and ignited me to pursue of becoming a future educator. "I will be a bridge that spans from innocent to knowledge from dreams to reality, from ambitions to achievement."

That quote made me realized why God put to the BEED course. This is probably one of the best avenues for me to change the children's innocent mind to knowledge, to make their dreams into a reality, and to achieve their aspirations in life.

Now I am very much gratified of what I have experienced. I gained many friends and they were all thoughtful and approachable. With the help of my competent and kind mentors, I am hopeful that I can hurdle all the challenges I have. Someday, I can write and even share more memorable stories of how JRMSU helps me as I keep aiming high for excellence.

Poetry Analysis

Petals of Life

by:Tristan V. Yaco

Silence, life is not always about happiness,
Cries and tears, come like shadows of the night;
Unexpectedly, our moods shift like swinging caress.
Confusing, terrifying, our life slowly moves out of sight.

Life is a flower, with petals of despair,
Slowly falling and flying, with the curse of the wind;
As the moonbeams dance in the cold night-air.
Fallen petals are replaced, making wonderful repair.

Life is a rose with buds of laughter,
It blooms gracefully with purpose and care;
After days of happiness, it kneels down to sadness.
Wishing one more chance, to bloom with glory and kindness.

But, it is given that life should be lived once,
No extensions even if everybody wants;
Time will come that our petals will fall,
In heaven, we'll live, in holy home we call.

INTERPRETATION

This poem emphasizes that human life is as short as the life of the flowers. We can't live forever in this physical world, however we can live our lives to the absolute fullest with a purpose. Kindness, love, happiness and care make our short lives worth living for. After all the bearing of our existence depends the values we possess.



Bits and Pieces

