

“PASSION FOR TEACHING”

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Enables of passion for teaching has realized me with the quote, “A good teacher is like a candle consumes itself to light the way of others” - Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

Enablers are passionate in their own ways. They developed their own personalities, and strengths and dedicated themselves to their profession to help their family, students, coworkers, and other people in the community. They are not focusing on one thing, but they explore themselves to help, be beloved, and be respected by others.

Dr. Roberto Santos Jr. came from a poor family. He studies very hard to finish his studies because he wants his family to feel proud, especially his parents. The challenge in his life makes him a better educator. His innovative ways of teaching science for developing teaching materials for his research and for initiating community-based projects that involve recycling. He also conducts sessions for teachers not only within his school but also from other areas to inspire and help them become innovative and passionate teachers.

Mr. Marcelo Otinguey is an educator who extends his love to our indigenous people. Being an educator is not ended with the four corners of our classroom. He has always viewed the teaching profession as an opportunity to be of service not only to the school but to the community as well like the LGU and some private sectors. He has initiated many projects like TESDA, benefitting the indigenous people persons with disabilities, and out-of-school youth.

Mdm. Ratnawati Binti Mohamad, is an educator and a mother with special needs. She is a teacher in a regular class before, she became a special class teacher. She wants to

learn the needs of her child and also to help another child with special needs. She studies and graduated in other countries. She started numerous activities to advocate better systems for teaching and learning in special education.

As an educator, I'm affected by the ways these enablers became more passionate in their teaching profession. They love what they are doing. A good commitment to others and their passion for teaching, are all important an element in teaching.

As an educator and a simple public teacher in our town, I learned many things. The happiness and knowledge that we can share with our students and other people are important. These are things that money cannot buy. Like others always told us, especially my parents, who also came from a poor family. "Education can lead us to a better future", "Education is only the things that nobody can take to us".

As an educator, I also want to be a good influence on my students and other people who also came from poor families. I always tell them that poverty motivated me to continue my studies before. I am also a working student during that time, before and after my class. Sometimes it is very difficult to manage time but at end of the day, I motivated myself, "Melai, you can! continue to achieve your dreams.". I know from my story in life, I also motivated my students to finish their studies, and I feel very happy every time I see my students graduate from college.

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