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Participating Campus Journalists in DSPC 2019

LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE: Gloria P. Matig shares her story on becoming a campus journalist to young journalists in Pablo Roman National High School for the Divisions Schools Press Conference 2019

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Guest Speakers Elaborate their Experiences as a Campus Journalist

|| Chloe delos Angeles



GIVING BACK: Mr. Joey R. Silva talks to campus journalists about his experiences as a journalist

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Everyone contributes to the society, Silva to campus journalists

|| Chloe delos Angeles

DURING THE 2019 Division Schools Press Conference, held at Pablo Roman National High School on October 16, 2019. Mr. Joey R. Silva, an outstanding from Mariveles, voiced out opinion on question raised, Do young campus journalists have a say in our society?

"Of course, 100% yes!" Silva exclaimed with a smile plastered on his face. "Because everyone is a part of the

community." He added.

Silva also explained how everyone contributes to the society regardless of their age; gender; and religion.

"Kahit ano pang estado mo sa buhay, malaki ang gampanin mo sa lipunan." Silva answered on the raised question.

(Your state in life doesn't matter you have a big contribution to the society.)

GUEST SPEAKERS OF THE 2019 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC), Ma'am Gloria P. Matig and Sir Joey R. Silva shares their own journeys as a campus journalist last October 16, 2019 at Pablo Roman National High School.

"Mapagahalataan edad ko dito, eh." Matig started jokingly. "Naging campus journalist ako noong 1986 to 1987. 4th year high school ako." she added.

(My age will be noticed then.) (I became a campus journalist year 1986 to 1987. I was a 4th year high school student.)

Matig says, "Naaalala ko madali lang process noon, eh. Kapag first ka, sa english ka. kapag second ka, sa Filipino ka."

(I remember the process back then was easy. If you placed first, you'll write english, if you're a second placer,

you'll write a Filipino article.)

Matig also stated that the journey wasn't easy. When a teacher challenges a student, the teacher is also challenging his or her self.

Meanwhile, Silva shares his own journey. "Noong 1997, first time ko maging campus journalist. Nag-editorial writing Filipino ako. Nag-champion pa nga, eh." he said

(Year 1997, it was my first time to be a campus journalist. I tried editorial writing Filipino. I even became the champion.)

"1999 naman, 1st year high school ako pero di ako naging campus journalist. Nahilig ako sa sports like taekwondo, volleyball, basketball. Naging sports enthusiast ako. I write about sports pero di ko pinapasa."

(In 1999, it was my 1st year in high school but

I didn't get the chance to be a campus journalist. I started liking sports like taekwondo, volleyball, basketball. I became a sports enthusiast. I write sports articles but never submitted them.)

Silva also mentioned that when he entered college, he had the chance to be a campus journalist once again. From being a news writer, to an editor, to a radio broadcast member.

"Naging scholar pa nga ako dahil campus journalist ako." he stated.

(I even became a scholar for being a campus journalist)

"Nung 2008 naman, first time ko maging SPA. Nag-champion pa nga radio broadcasting ko 'non, eh." Silva claimed, closing the topic.

(Last 2008, it was my first time being a SPA. My radio broadcasting grabbed champion.)

Matig advises future campus journalists

|| Chloe delos Angeles

PILAR, BATAAN – MA'AM GLORIA P. Matig, a guest speaker in 2019 Division Schools Press Conference held on October 16, 2019 at Pablo Roman National High School gives advises to future campus journalists.

"They should not lack on informations." Matig stressed. "They should

be aware of our country's problems." She said.

Matig stated that a future campus journalist should be critical of the things they read and hear.

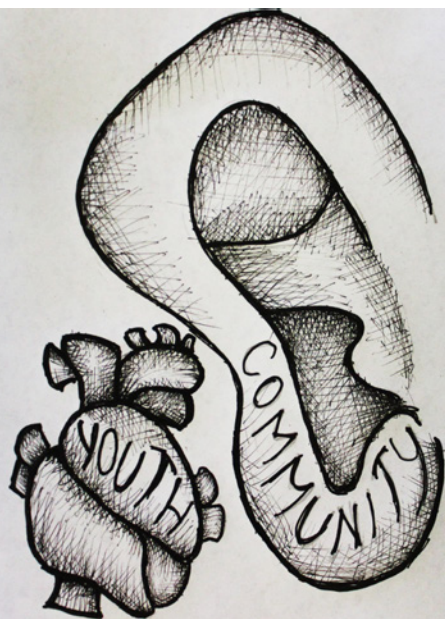
"Dapat maging critical sila sa mga binabasa at naririnig nila." She claimed.

(They should be critical of what they read and hear.)

Matig also pointed out that being mindful of the society's struggles is essential to be knowledgeable in the future.

"Mas maalam ka sa darating na panahon." She finished off.

(You're more knowledgeable in the future.)



YOUR VOICE CONTRIBUTES

Being able to voice out opinions even through literary works from a young age is a power a young journalist holds.

In terms of opinion, being young does not necessarily mean your voice cannot contribute to making a change for the betterment of our society. A single opinion can entirely change one's perspective of a certain topic. Opinions of the youth are usually witty and full of fresh insights on a recent topic. Their fresh minds allow others from higher levels to receive

new information relating to recent topics from today's time.

We must open our minds to allow others' thoughts and opinions enter into our way of thinking and perspective to give ourselves new thoughts into a certain topic. We must learn when to balance listening and voicing out opinions and how to state our feedback on the insights they provided.

Journalism is a two-way street, one direction is for accepting information and the other is for being able to respond to the given information. Just because a certain person is older than you, it does not give

him the right to ignore your thoughts and opinions just because he has some of his own. Be open-minded and take other's thoughts into consideration.

The young journalists are a new, fresh set of minds and passionate hearts eager to help with the insights they hold, but only if we let them. Let us help them with their fiery passion to write. Let us make paths for the future captivators of journalism.

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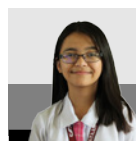
LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear editor, your last works were a blast to read! I really enjoyed the relatable and transparent content. Hoping to read more of them, keep up the good work!

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Journey On Captivating the World

Iconic lines are making powerful impacts to readers internationally.

In the world of literary, power is important and needed to captivate the hearts of readers and hook them into new literary works and pieces by journalists who pour their hearts and overwhelming passion into the pieces they write. And that is the same with Ma'am Gloria P. Matig and Sir Joey R. Silva. These two journalists have obtained high ranks in their fields of profession and the journalists they trained have bagged numerous awards for being some of the best in each of their categories.

Starting as campus journalists themselves and earning their way to be the School Paper Adviser (SPA) of the schools they now reside in, they learnt to put in hard work because they know that it is not easy but it is

tolerable for the dreams they continue to pursue.

"By challenging the student, you are also challenging yourself" says ma'am Gloria, who believes that the students' insights really matter if she wants to be a successful SPA as the students are the ones making up the whole of the paper itself. Sir Joey on the other hand, works his way to the top from being a sports enthusiast to an Editor-in-Chief when he was a student and now that he is working, he is now a School Paper Adviser continuing his passion of writing. He now works doing what he loves and what he is passionate about.

The stories behind the guest speakers' journey to their success proves that with passion with doing what you truly love, you will definitely succeed with the dreams and goals you are yet to pursue.



RUMMAGING MY MIND

|| Althea Atrazo

A Literary Heartbeat

Literary and journalism are like heartbeats, they have ups and downs but both are needed in order to make sure you have survived another obstacle life has thrown at you.

Each student is unique. Each of them armed with different strengths and weaknesses in different categories. Being able to get the best out in each student is hard for School Paper Advisers (SPAs) as the students often doubt themselves and do not have enough confidence in their works, making it relatively challenging for their respective SPA. With a lot to do and no idea where to start, the best are still in the making. Self-doubt is common for a lot of artists. And with

pressure and overall lack of confidence, the students tend to hide in a nutshell, protecting themselves from any negative comments.

There are bad days and good days. On bad days, the advisers must work a bit harder to get the students to feel good about the works they have written. On good days he must continue in supporting his trainee to enlarge the student's confidence in his writing capacity.

Either way, both ups and downs guarantee success in the end as long as there is eagerness to go further, passion, and perseverance present in the mindset of the student, he is not far from success.

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES

|| Breanna Mutya

An astonishing School Paper Adviser, or SPA for short, Sir Joey R. Silva's story is nothing but inspirational.

Growing up in quite a provincial place, Sir Silva wasn't able to pursue his passion fully while in secondary education. Although, he did study in a private school, he participated and was interested in sports like, running, volleyball, and basketball. When he was still in high school, the topic of campus journaling wasn't quite known yet. But that didn't stop him from writing. He still created his own articles and writings, despite not publishing it.

When he was in college, he was able to receive a scholarship because of his talents. By then, he was editor-in-chief at his college in Pangasinan. Sir Silva kept on persevering that at one point he was taking 32 units. Unsurprisingly, all of his hard work payed off when he started teaching. Over the course of his on-going educational career, he was made his school's school paper adviser, and won multiple Campus Journaling competitions.

On his mini Press Conference with Ma'am Gloria P. Matig, on October 16, 2019 at the Pablo Roman National High School, he encourages students that have the same passion as him by sharing his own story and giving his own tips and empowering words. When, a student asked if he thinks young writers have a voice for our community, he gave an outstanding answer. He agreed that the youth have, and should have a voice to be heard. That everyone of us, no matter our age, can speak of our thoughts and opinions because we are part of a community, and it is our responsibility as a part of it to have a say in great matters. His statement just proves to show how much he loves what he is doing and how amazing it has made him into a better person his students and peers can look up to. He truly is a hero in disguise.

INCREASE FOR RIGHT

|| Breanna Mutya

"No person can be successful without their mentors."
~anonymous

Our teachers are the ones who have thought us almost everything we know today. Professional or not, without them it will be almost impossible to imagine where we are now. And currently, one of our society's heated controversies are whether or not the government should increase professional teachers' salaries.

Some are set on their opinion that teachers should have a salary increase, while the opposing side is just a stubborn. The pro side is argues that the teacher's salary are too small for their personal and professional needs. They are saying that as the basis of all professions, they deserve a better income. They also mention the increase of cost on products. On the other hand, the antis are contradicts that their salary is enough. That all that is necessary is discipline. Discipline in spending their money wisely. Ma'am Gloria P. Matig also adds that high or low, teachers would still continue in educating their students, that they still persevere to teach.

No matter what will be decided on by the Government, and by the Department of Education, we should be glad and grateful that educators are still doing their jobs efficiently and that a low income does not stop them from doing so.



WHY SHOULD YOU BE A CAMPUS JOURNALIST?

|| Breanna Mutya

Do you like to read? What about knowing all the happenings in your area? If you have a passion for these things and the like, you might want to consider being a campus journalist for your school. A campus journalist is a student writing and/or working on their school news paper.

Anyone can be a campus journalist as long as you have these three things:

1. Have sufficient knowledge and skill in writing. Of course, when you are a journalist, you should be able to capture the reader's attention. A reader will most likely ignore an article if it has wrong grammar or, for lack of a better word, boring. You can improve your writing by practicing grammar and adding metaphorical colour to it.
2. Have passion to seek truth and justice. A journalist's main purpose is to share the unbiased happenings to the public. They must present to the reader both sides of the coin. If only, one is shown, it can be considered as a half-truth. Half-truths can easily be considered a lie, even though it is the truth.
3. You must be teachable, and can accept failure and criticism. Being a journalist requires to interact with people who can be so much wiser than you are, or more experienced in something. In relation to being unbiased, you need to accept their opposing perspective to write a good article. As for accepting failure and criticism, when an article is released to the public, there will always be someone that will fail to see the point. Because of their contrast to you, they will want to be right and bring you down.

You don't need to be the best of all these things when you first start. A good campus Journalist can, and will, improve over time as long as they keep their passion going and persevere to be better.

But why should you be one when you can easily just continue to waste your potential and be unproductive? Besides, laying around all day with nothing to do sounds more pleasing, doesn't it? Well first and foremost, the main purpose of journaling is to inform and be informed. When used properly, information can be a key weapon in life. In the future, these news can be crucial in making the correct choices. For instance, news about politics and politicians can assist you in voting for the right candidate. And above all, being a journalist can teach you important life lessons. The unbiasedness of your writings can reflect onto you by being just and wise. Finally, your ability to accept failure will help you greatly in moving forward in life.

So why not try and be a campus journalist? Who knows, maybe you'd find it to be one of the best experiences you've had?



FAST RALLY

|| Althea Atrazo

Conquer

Being an athlete doesn't mean that you only focus on your strength, but also being able to conquer your own weaknesses.

Having the ability to manage your time and temper is the one of the major problems that most athletes need to conquer. Keep in mind that you also need to have sportsmanship to be able to proudly call yourself an athlete. Staying calm and focusing on the game is the key you need to be able to manage your

weaknesses.

To handle these so-called flaws is a major goal that every athlete have, typically for those who have a larger role in their team, is a great accomplishment. And to do that, one should be able to recognize them, make the most out of them, and learn from them. Knowing and realizing your flaws doesn't show how weak you are, but it is significantly the other way around.

SPORTS FEATURE

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Paying Off

|| Althea Atrazo

A 14 year old athlete, whose dream to play for an international tournament. Carl Kataluña from Mother Margherita Catholic School, made an exquisite attacks that made a win for Men's Doubles in Badminton for the Exhibition game.

Inspired by God and his family. Kataluña already prove his skills at playing badminton as he play for CLARAA in Bulacan. Despite of the pressure, Kataluña manage to balance being an athlete and student at the same time.

Being able to handle the stress from school

and training is a good example of a good athlete. Kataluña's hard work is

an example of an athlete who's good in maintaining the stress and pressure.



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Mother Margherita squashed Pablo Roman

|| Althea Atrazo

PILAR, BATAAN- EXHIBITION game happened on October 16,2019 at Pablo Roman National High School, where Mother Margherita Catholic School Inc. beat Pablo Roman National High School in Men's Doubles on Badminton.

MMCS Inc., Carl Kataluña made the other team, PRNHS to loss their scores on the match with his attacks.

The game was just

starting but MMCS Inc. already took the game from the other team ,their techniques on how to score points made the other team to lose with 15-2.

The game goes on the second quarter with PRNHS trying to score from MMCS Inc. errors from 0-4, but it was already cut-off as Carl made a move to stop PRNHS from scoring.

The pressure is on, the second set continues

with James Sentaydiego attacked with his strong spikes that made a win 15-4 on the second set.

"Mahirap pag sabayin ang pag-aaral at pagiging athlete" Carl Kataluña said in a interview.

"Good game" James Sentaydiego said on the results of the game.

"God and Family" is the things that inspired them to win this match. Their inspiration made them won with the scores of 15-2 and 15-4.

LOCKED IN AND READY TO WIN:
James Sentaydiego leads his team to victory in a Men's Doubles Badminton game as they smashed their way to defeat their opponent.
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