

Former SPES baby shapes future professionals



Equipped with the heart to serve and fueled by tenacity, this determined lady braved through challenges to achieve her goals.

Lovely Mae E. Albarina, 33 years of age is the eldest of three siblings and a mother of two. Born in the lush greenery and blue sea of Maasim, Sarangani Province, Lovely Mae earned various academic awards through hard work paving the way for her journey towards success.

Learning about DOLE's Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES), she took the courage to apply and was fortunate to be one of its beneficiaries. She reminisced the days when she woke up early and busy for work to earn her allowance for the opening of classes while other students her age enjoyed their summer vacation.

With a positive perspective, she made it an inspiration that from an early age she was able to gain experiences and learn new things. She started her SPES journey in 2005 assigned at the PESO of the Provincial Government of Sarangani polishing her skills and resolve to serve. The four consecutive years of being a SPES baby under her belt were also made possible by significant individuals she calls her family who were God's instruments in molding her.

"Sana ay marami pang matulungan ang programang ito [SPES], lalo na sa mga kabataang pursigidong mag-aral. Thank you so much."

After finishing her degree on Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSEd) Major in Filipino at Mindanao State University on 2009, she furthered her study earning her Master of Arts in Education and is currently working on her dissertation for Doctoral degree.

Determined, Goal-oriented, and God-centered, these are the defining qualities she exudes as she shapes future professionals. Lovely Mae's long and fruitful journey from Teacher 1 to School Principal of Kablacan Integrated School showed her belief in life that everything happens with a great purpose, "for many are called but few are chosen, and it is our choice to bloom where we are planted." End/CKBataga