

Dear Southern California Mapua Alumni Association,

After years of ups and downs, rollercoaster rides, endless accomplishments, unwanted singkos, "*tres lang sapat na*", all blues, and many more events that I encountered in Mapúa, I'll treasure all of these and see it as a milestone of my achievements. These events molded me to be an upcoming professional.

Graduating with flying colors is such a great blessing that happened to me so far.

Of course, this wouldn't be possible without the help of SCMA for making me as one of their chosen scholars and I am so privileged to be one of them. SCMA helped me a lot especially for their financial provision. It helped me to study harder and make SCMA proud of what I'll achieve. SCMA also helped me to have a mindset of helping others in their need once I accomplish greater things in the future.

I was born with a not so rich, but contented family. A family that inherits a culture of "*Sariling kayod o diskarte*" thinking, that led me to really study hard so that I can avail a scholarship for me to help my mom with my tuition and other finances. "Work + Prayers + Faith" was taught to me as I attend church fellowships which really made an aspect in my life, entrusting my needs to the Heavenly Father that He'll provide it on time. At the end of my journey at Mapua, I was assigned to be the head of some activities like the Graduating Class as a President. Also, at church, I was tasked to be one of the youth leaders to help young people nowadays to grow more in their faith in the Lord, encouraging them day by day spiritually and as they face their real-life battles. These activities trained me on how to be a great leader, and follower as well to a multitude of people.

As I go to the secular world, may I apply all the knowledge that I've learned with love and passion. It's not yet the end of my hard work. This is just a pause before I get into new and bigger challenges in my life. May I remember that all things that are worth it really takes time and effort. I should continue to follow my ambitions and dreams. Always remembering to stay humble and that knowledge is not the only way to success, it should go along with hard work, patience, discipline, excellence, commitment, integrity, and relevance. May my heart and mind be open to new doors, possibilities, and opportunities as I go to the outside world.

Thank you, SCMA for all the help! You truly are a blessing for me and other scholars. May God bless this association more!

P.S. Pls. pray for me as I take the Chemical Engineering Licensure Board Exam this upcoming May 6, 7, & 8.

Sincerely yours,

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