

LETRAN SHS STUDENT, MS. AIRA AGLIPAY **SHINES BRIGHT AS THE RECIPIENT OF** **THE DE VILLA SCHOLARSHIP**



In the world of education, there are thriving students whose dedication and passion for learning lead them to incredible opportunities that make them shining stars. Last September 06, 2023, Ms. Aira Aglipay, a Senior High School student from STEM 12D, is one such individual who has recently been named the recipient of the De Villa Scholarship Program.

The De Villa Scholarship Program, established by the De Villa family, who are known to be alumni of the Colegio, aims to recognize and support outstanding students pursuing higher

education in the Senior High School Department of Letran. Aira's journey in becoming a grantee of the said esteemed scholarship is nothing short of inspirational.

In an exclusive interview with Aira, she shared her beaming excitement and gratitude for being selected as the scholarship recipient. *“Syempre nung first ko nareceive yung scholarship syempre tuwang tuwa ako, and after awhile naisip ko grabe yung pressure kasi yung ranking ko nalaman ko rin. So, tapos, right now EIC pa (ako) so parang lahat sa family ineexpect nila na talagang go ako, kasi ako nakatanggap ng scholarship. Pero, naisip ko rin na imbis na parang tingnan ko siya in a way na nakakapag pressure sakin, gagawin ko siyang inspiration or force na pagbutihin ko pa until college. Hanggang makapagtrabaho kasi first time ko makatanggap ng gantong opportunity.”*

When asked about what is her advice to other aspiring students of a scholarship, Aira humbly explained her sentiments, *“Syempre unang una mag aral at maging masipag. Ang sabi rin kasi sakin ni Mr. De Villa, na “daig ang masipag ang matatino”. So if willing ka matuto, talagang mag grgrow ka.”*

Aira also expressed her utmost thanks to the De Villa family and the Letran community as a whole who truly helped her along the journey of being the recipient of the grant.

We also had the privilege of speaking with Mrs. Nadine De Villa-Le, sister of Mr. Rembert De Villa, the one who spearheads the scholarship program, She elaborated what is the inspiration and purpose of the said grant to students, *“So this project was initiated by my elder brother, Rembert De Villa, as a legacy for our parents who also worked hard for our education; our parents you know, are very kind and caring people, so that has always been instilled in us. So, ang criteria natin is yung bata will really value the scholarship and make the life of the person a lot better.”*

As Aira Aglipay moves forward in her academic journey, the De Villa Scholarship Program serves as a representation of hope, reminding the Letranites that hard work, dedication, and passion for learning can lead to life-changing opportunities. With such, it also must be remembered, as per Mrs. Nadine De Villa-Le, that *education is forever, and it is not just about the degree but the experience of life.*

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