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THE JOURNEY OF MY UNEXPECTED DESIRE

Who thought I become a STEM student? Even myself, I did not realize that I chose the strand of STEM rather than HUMSS or GAS. Way back when I was a preschool student, I wanted to become a policewoman or detective. I asked my parents to buy me toy weapons because I like to imitate the actors and actresses of action movies and dramas. But then, they gave me toy medical kits and a sketch pad together with color pens. I thought they are about to buy me toy weapons in the supermarket, so I felt a bit sad and grateful. Then, I kept my toy medical kits in my cabinet. Also, I feel happy and fulfilled when I got my first sketch pad and color pens because I love art. Moving forward, I also want to become an architect. But since I do not want to associate with numbers, I started to mull of a better strand, course, and job that suits my personality. Due to that, I am still confused about getting a strand when I apply to senior high school at Virgen Del Pilar School. I remembered when I took up the entrance examination, the strand that was written is Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) instead of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Then, the teacher asked me, "Are you sure that you are taking the exam of STEM, not HUMSS?". I confidently replied, "Yes po, sir!". Inside of me, I honestly go with the flow. On my first day of online class, I heard my classmates with their different ambitions in life. I felt nervous and shy because I cannot answer the question of "Why did you choose this strand?". Also, I have my Personal Development subject; it is difficult to cover my true feelings of what I wanted to be. Every time I construct my essays about myself, I work for hours to finish them. I put dentistry as my future job, but I do not know why I chose that. During summer, I realized that this opportunity enlightened me to work in the hospital and care for patients. Since I love being around with infants and children, I wanted to become a pediatrician and go to medical school. First, I want to take nursing as my pre-med before I go to medical school. I want to make possible this dream and rooting for my unexpected journey! I cannot wait to see my future little cute and playful children!