HUMSS: BREAKING STEREOTYPES

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Humanities and Social Sciences have been downplayed by many people for years. When a student chooses this strand, most of the parents ask “Why HUMSS?” with a tone of disapproval. Last September 2016, the tweet “HUMSS ka lang” sparks a debate on social media. It is about a teacher who belittles HUMSS students during a review class. Maybe some people think that this strand is easy because it deals with little Math and Science lessons. Well, it’s like judging a book by its cover without knowing the content of it. Let me unfold the reality about HUMSS.

Here are the common presumptions about HUMSS Strand:

   
   Let us answer it with “Why not?” According to itsmorefuninhumss.wordpress.com, HUMSS will give you a solid foundation on liberal education, flourish your critical thinking and your logical reasoning which are the needed skills once you go to college. This strand will train you mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and socially.

2. “HUMSS is boring.”
   
   Well, it’s not! It’s actually fun! This is for the happily curious minds. Students here studies because they want to discover and explore. You didn’t know how happy a bookworm is when he reads stack of books or how pleased an artist is when he finishes his artwork and other people appreciates it. This is about their passion and most important thing is they are doing the things that they love.

3. “It’s the most chill strand. It’s for the lazy.”
   
   You kidding? Endless book reports here. Everyday writing essays there. And researches everywhere. Lots of workloads. You are not able to pass if you are lazy.

4. “You can’t find a good job with HUMSS.”
   
   Definitely not true. Too little they know, this strand has so much to offer. Humanities and Social Sciences is broad. From philosophy to history, literature to linguistics, psychology to sociology, demography to geography, political science to economics, and many more. Possibilities here are endless because of multiple career options. And future careers are fulfilling. You can be a lawyer who brings justice and stand up for what is right, a teacher who molds the youth, or someone who makes the humanity be better.

5. “HUMSS? Not well-paid.”
According to Jobstreet report, out of 10 fresh graduates highest pay jobs, HUMSS career options got six. These are the Law or Legal Services who tops the list, Journalism, Education, Training and Development, Public Relations, and Advertising or Media Planning.

This is the most interesting part, HUMSS allows you to predict the future. How? By means of studying the range of human experiences and through learning from the success and mistakes of the past. Relating the history to the contemporary world. Another thing is you are able to read minds, not literally but by means of understanding why do people behave the way that they do. Also, HUMSS have the most diverse group of students who have different fields of interest. From a bookworm to a debater, a poet to a future diplomat, a writer to an aspiring leader or a person who wants to understand and make the world better. This is where introverts and extroverts collide. And that’s amazing. If you want to grow more, to help people, to change the world, and be more open-minded this is the best strand for you.

Let us break stereotyping by means of looking at each Senior High School Tracks and Strands as equally challenging courses. Nothing is ever easy when it comes to studying. Do not label each other by the level of difficulty of the subjects because there is such thing as individual differences. What you can do is what other people can’t. And what you can’t is what other people can do. It’s time to break down barriers. Respect what other people choose and they will respect what you choose. Live your purpose in life, do what you love and this will make our world better.

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