SSG: A TRAINING GROUND FOR FUTURE LEADERS

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Harnessing the inner leader in every student is one of the goals of education. Leadership is one way of developing students to think critically in resolving problems and to consider the welfare of each of the members of the community. Oftentimes, students think that they cannot make a difference in a society or even in their schools because they are “just” students. There are different organizations that mould students to be better leaders. One of those is the Supreme Student Government which has been institutionalized in our country.

Supreme Student Government (SSG) recognizes aspiring leaders and its significant role in schools as mandated by DepEd Order no. 47, s. 2014– Constitution And By-Laws Of The Supreme Pupil Government And Supreme Student Government In Elementary And Secondary Schools. Students that are their eager and willing to serve for their respective schools and community are encourage to join such organization. Despite being a student organization, it seeks to help other students and teachers to create a collaborative, conducive and healthy learning environment that focuses not only on the academic performances but also on their extracurricular activities.

As a young generation of learners, it is really important that they experience leadership opportunities, for it enables them to acquire certain disciplines in school, more importantly in life, such as good governance, unity cooperation and volunteerism among students. They are given the chance to understand other students for a better relationship building and other opportunities that lead them to achieve their task effectively and eagerly.
Once the students decide to step up in a stage of leaders, they are trained to become better members of society. Their ideals and responsibilities as student leaders will be of great help, not just for themselves but also for the school and society as it boosts their ability to work as a team. Being a part of such, one must possess and develop skills of a true leader for them to fulfil the roles and tasks assigned to them. According to Raiford (2012), in one of his interviews, he stressed out professionalization – being in the student government, their skills in handling problems and challenges were utilized and was thoroughly developed during their supremacy. Dedication to serve for the betterment of the students, teachers, school, community and society. Imagine, as youngsters, students are willing to help in a clean drive, community volunteerism, and outreach programs. They help voluntarily not because they will get higher grades or extra points but the fire of being at service to others makes them feel that they are worthy of becoming future leaders. Though being a member of SSG is a great responsibility, it can somehow affect their academic performances. Thus, they should learn to balance their workload both in the organization and in school. “Call of duty” is never an excuse to escape lessons and exams in school, instead students still need to comply with their requirements like every other student does.

Supreme Student Government will be the student’s instrument for bringing a unique experience. When their leadership experience becomes wide, it is easier for them to take responsibility for other people, since they already know how to deal with other them. Though in all leadership aspects, there are times that it’s hard to be respected by co-students or peers, as a leader they will be the ones to set as an example. They will become important role models as they spread their abilities to lead young generation of learners to be part of nation building.
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