THE DAWN OF YOUNG EDUCATORS

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How do young generations engage into teaching? What motivates them to pursue this vocation? New millennium is the dawn of young teachers. The gradual increase in the number of enrollees in the field of education of this era marks the beginning of fresh and talented teachers. Teaching profession is dominated by female mentors and most of the time older and about to retire in which many characterize teachers.

But in today’s generation, teaching is not only for those who are old and strict but also for young, dedicated and agile people. The typical teacher that is tasked to man the classroom is usually a person who appears with big eyeglass and a terrifying face is now outdated. But they cannot be disregarded on their contributions. Outdated in a sense that only few are emulating them and most new teachers are portraying contrary roles which are relaxed and funny. That is why often occurs misunderstanding between new young teachers and experienced adult teacher.

According to Linedalile, “Education can be a mind game…an affair of the mind.” A creative mind is a must in this vocation and new generation holds this kind of a mind. New graduates choose teaching as their profession and that is an advantage. It means that they have their intellect moving and body knows the work ahead of this duty.

The rise of the young mentors marks the beginning of new ways on how to inculcate knowledge to the leaners. The typical methods of teaching which are inductive and deductive are no longer the only means to facilitate learning. New teachers are using technologies such as computers, laptops, lapel, speakers, power point presentation, video presentations, and the use of
television and projector. These technologies are not only helping teachers on their tasks, but also giving students more avenues to easily understand the lessons. These young teachers carry the 21st century skills which are needed in today’s education. What are 21st century skills? Examples of twenty first century skills are the ability to make plan or to decide for a career, communication skills whether in oral or written, using different technologies, and being able to innovate and the use of creativeness are some. These skills will help teachers to grow as professionals and students to work on their own while discovering full potential.

The students’ behaviors are changing over the past few years, learning styles have shifted, new curriculum has developed, and therefore teachers’ approach must also be changed. Young teachers are born and slowly conquering the world of teaching. Never underestimate the heart of a neophyte, because this neophyte will eventually show kindness in the system.

What will happen to the old teachers? They will always be around the corners to guide the young guns on their chosen career to avoid chaos.

Nothing is absolute. As time passes by, we have to accept that changes occur and system has to embrace such changes. A change on student is a change in curriculum. As a result, teaching force has to be changed to cope with the needs of the leaners of this generation.