THE PATH OF GLORY—SHS’ CAREER PREFERENCE

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Choosing a career or college course is a vital part in student’s life. It is one of the greatest decisions one could ever make that will greatly affect his/her future. Deciding what path to choose requires a lot of time, courage and analysis. Because of that, several factors greatly influenced one’s decision making—peer pressure, family, dreams, career crisis, job demands, etc.

Last 2013, Former President Ninoy Aquino III approved Republic Act RA (10533) and signed it into law on May 15, 2013. This new education reform added two (2) more years in high school which provide specialized subjects (tracks and strand) including Information Technology, Accountancy, Business and Management, Technical Vocational Livelihood, Humanities and Social Sciences, etc. that will prepare the students for college. In the year 2018, the first batch of Senior High School students graduated and was ready to face tertiary level.

Because of the education reform, it was expected that senior high school graduates have already decided what course to take in college. Quano, et. al (2019) conducted a study about factors that influenced on grade 12 students’ chosen courses in Jagobiao National High School. It shows that “the students’ consideration about the Institution” is the top factor that affects their decision-making followed by their own interests. This study revealed that students are capable to decide and choose their own course with the use of research.

But we cannot deny the fact that most of our students are having difficulty in choosing the right college course for them. Manapsal (2018) made a study that shows the factors of undecidability in career choices of senior high school students. It stated that most of
them are still “confuse on what career path to take” followed by the “parent’s decision to be followed”. Students must consider all of the possible factors that will contribute in their decision-making because it will not just affect their professional life but also their personal matters. It can be concluded that the decision-making of the students lies on the teachers, parents and the educational system itself.

Hence, we must work together to help our learners and children to think wisely, critically and practically on what career path to take —for these students offer a big impact in our nation’s development.

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