THE PROPER HONOR: ON JUSTLY RECOGNIZING LEARNERS ON THEIR SCHOOL YEAR EFFORTS AND OUTPUTS

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“Desire for approval and recognition is a healthy motive but the desire to be acknowledged as better, stronger or more intelligent than a fellow being or fellow scholar easily leads to an excessively egoistic psychological adjustment, which may become injurious for the individual and for the community.”

Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

The graduation, in general, for this year’s batch has not yet commenced because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Such a disturbing interruption in the proper flow of the rites of being student has been canceled. This is such a big disappointment among schools and the parents, more so to the students. There were many online programs, teleconferences, Facebook posts, and Zoom® among others available in the internet though.

On the other hand, others made some innovative ways of exercising the rites via house-to-house awarding ceremony where teachers and school officers went to the candidates’ houses and conduct the commencement. Whether these are good or an excellent choice, the smile of the graduates cannot be hidden on their faces.

These are selected and utmost moments in the students’ life where they can speak their minds without someone to interrupt them, give their prefaces and introductions to a book they have written in years since Grade 1, 7, or 11. Honors are given to deserving learners. Unlike before, where learners are ranked in order from highest to lowest, the honors today are ranked based on their individual performances. On this basis, two or more students may receive the same honor at the same time.
Students with the highest grade delivers a speech. These “honors” are awarded with respect and appreciation to the academic, affective, and psychomotor efforts of the learners. When honors are given, may every efforts be done in saying that unless the community benefits from them in the future, the realization of these honors becomes a reality. Until our country is heralded with honors under their names, each name become an honor under the country’s own.

To wit, graduation is not just an awarding of honors, but more specifically, a distribution of contract of victory towards one’s dreams.

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