

Blessing in Disguise

Citra Syifa Nailuvar (Mahasiswa STARKI)

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Who doesn't get devastated when their dream university sent a rejection letter? Everyone especially those who have studied and put an enormous amount of effort would feel devastated.

When you take a career change, it would be very hard to take the first step to pursue something that you didn't want to. It feels like all of your efforts were in vain. That's what Citra Syifa Nailuvar, STARKI'S Chief of Student Senate batch 2022/2023 felt. Citra has always been acknowledged for her confidence and public speaking skills. She won numerous competitions namely in storytelling and speech contests before pursuing her secretarial studies in STARKI. However, she lost her confidence due to getting rejected by her desired University.

After taking a mental break, she managed to gain her confidence again by participating as a committee member of an event that is held by the Student Senate batch 2021/2022. Through the event, she learned so much about how amazing it is to work with the girls in STARKI. She was completely mesmerized and inspired by the chief committee of the event, Monica. When she saw Monica, she was inspired to be someone as calm and as confident as her. Finally, Citra managed to pick her confidence up again.

The girl who was timid and didn't want to befriend anyone in her university ended up enjoying herself and found there are so many things that she could do here. She learned to love her new career and gained so much support. After a year, instead of dropping out of

STARKI like how she planned, she managed to focus on her study well and set a goal to be a part of the Student Senate batch 2022/2023 as the coordinator of the Public Relations and Media division.

During the selection, it was very educative and fun. She learned so many things about leadership. However, once again things did not work as she planned. Instead of being the strong candidate as coordinator of the Public Relations and Media division, Citra was chosen as one out of the three candidates for the Chief of the Student Senate position.

"Dear lord, I don't know if I should be happy or terrified. I don't have any experience as a member of an organization let alone be the leader!"

Nevertheless, during the election, everyone seemed very fond of her to the point she was voted to be the Chief of the Student Senator Batch 2022/2023.

"Oh yeah, I'm doomed."

Immediately after she was chosen, instead of being happy she immediately brainstormed about the culture and values that she wanted to implement in the Student Senate. "What kind of work should I do? What kind of leadership style should I put?" She was so stressed until she found herself talking with the new members of the Student Senate. During the first meeting where they brainstorm ideas on what should be done and the organization's timeline, she realized something important:

"A leader is not someone that is doing their job to ensure success. But it's someone that influences others so that the vision and mission of an organization can be fulfilled. We work as a team"

She realized she wasn't alone at all. All 25 girls from different backgrounds are working together to achieve the same vision and the same goal.



"We tried our best to help others, during Ramadhan in 2022 we created a project where we would give donations of Al-Quran and praying clothes to mosques that in need. It was very rewarding to see people smiling."

Aside from that Student Senate also held various events like : Introduction to Canva Workshop, Live with SeMa on Instagram, STARMEET competition, Workout Challenge, Tutoring, Beauty Class, Welcoming New Secretarial Student, News Casting Challenge, STATIONING, Share with Us, and Visiting Orphanage.



"Another challenge that I've faced was fully trusting my colleagues. Now don't get me wrong, I trust them but most of the time I was worried that I was too carefree with them. But I am glad I fully trusted them as I know they are amazing people. There's this one

project where the girls went to Orphanage to teach kids in need education and share some love with them, it went successfully. It was very heartwarming and I've never been prouder of my colleagues."

Throughout the realization of projects, she realized how far she came and how far the Student Senate 2022/2023 was loved by many people. She was happy that through this organization she helped many people and even inspire others.

"Then it just hit me when a girl wrote me a personal thank you letter, I too was in that position when my senior Monica inspired me and now it ended up with me creating projects with student senator to help others. It took me a while that I have contributed towards a circle where I was inspired by others and ended up inspiring others. I hope that through that circle we could create a better place for our world."

Citra then later managed to focus on her studies and managed to get in an internship at a well-known heavy equipments distributor company in Indonesia. When she entered STARKI she thought that she wouldn't have a good career but she alongside STARKI students ended up thriving as a young professional. Not only she's very grateful with her career, she was also very grateful for her organization and daily life experience in STARKI. The girl who thought

that she was going to be unhappy and have a terrible future ended up happy and gained so much.

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"If someone during high school told me that I will be working with 25 amazing girls as a team, I wouldn't believe myself. Life took a huge unexpected turn as soon as I graduated from high school. Just because life isn't going as you planned, it doesn't mean that it would bring a disaster to your life. It could be a lesson or it could be a blessing in disguise."

- Citra Syifa Nailuvar



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