

“MITamorphosis”

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The Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT) has long been recognized as a learning institution which provides good engineering education. In fact, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has recognized seven engineering programs as Centers of Excellence.

However, it is not too well known that MIT also offers a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA) program. The BSA in this school is considered as one of the toughest courses. The students of said program are introduced into the Conceptual Framework as well as the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Accounting Standards (IAS) which are continuously undergoing through revisions and several amendments in order to cater the needs of the businesses which are now becoming more complex.

To date, Mapua Institute of Technology (MIT) is the only institution in our country that runs under the Quarter System of education. In 2005, Enrique T. Yuchengco School of Business and Management (ETYSBM) was established by the Board of Trustees and the first batch of BSA students emerged. Consequently, MIT had been attracting around over 280 BSA students every academic year.

The ETYSBM has since then been putting in place various programs that have resulted in the upgrading of the Accountancy program in MIT.

As a graduating BS Accountancy student of MIT, I have a lot of thoughts about my school experiences. Some of my relatives and friends are wondering why I have studied in an engineering school though my program is directly related to business. They even asked if the Quarter Curriculum of Mapua is appropriate for the BSA course as evidenced by the school's performance on the past Board Examinations. I will admit that there is a point in my life that I have also asked myself the same questions. But ever since I started studying here in MIT, I constantly been reminded of the

catchphrase “*If you have big DREAMS, start HERE*” This has been my refuge and it has worked all the time. For me.

I have spent four years of my life growing my roots and building a strong foundation in my education in MIT. I have always believed on the potential of the school to be known in the Accountancy Profession. I have high hopes for our alumni (who are now CPAs), for our co-BSA students and especially for our batch which are planning to take the CPALE on May 2017.

Cardinals (species of bird) are known for their bright red color which signifies strength, determination, desire and passion. Swami Sivananda, a Hindu spiritual teacher once said, “*The harder the struggle, the more glorious the triumph*” and I am sure that many of us in MIT can attest how MIT’s Quarter Curriculum combined with the BSA program’s formidable structure sharpened us in order to become competent young professionals and face the upcoming battles that life has to offer.

It is time to make our mark. It is time that we will prove our stand and rise above the horizons. It is time to become the game changers and ceaselessly strive for the *FAME and GLORY of the M and I and T!*

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