

UGM Commitment for Underprivileged Students

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To achieve a success, more efforts have to be made than the usual practice. This was said by Sudarmono, alumnus of SMA 1 Bayat in Klaten who has been accepted at Animal Husbandry Faculty, Universitas Gadjah Mada, through the *Bidik Misi* scholarship mechanism. He had firmly believed this ever since he was at highschool.

“When my fellow schoolmates were refreshing after exams, I was focusing on getting a scholarship instead to be able to study at UGM. Indeed, to achieve a success, you need to make more efforts,” said Sudarmono on Thursday (13/8).


The son of Wagiman-Mursiyem has shown outstanding academic performance from elementary to highschool. Always among 1-3 ranks, Sudarmono also joined National Science Olympiad in physics and chemistry, and speech contests, not to mention school and religious activities.

Sudarmono is the youngest of five children. His father is a becak driver whilst his mother is a farmer. His siblings work at a hawker, shoe factory, fruit seller or a farmer.

“I only finished elementary school, so I was so happy my son has been accepted at UGM,” his father said.

UGM Director for Student Affairs, Dr. Senawi, expressed his pride, too, to have Sudarmono as a student here. He saw Sudarmono has emotional, spiritual, and intellectual intelligence.

“Sudarmono is not alone. Many of his fellow students who are underprivileged are studying here,



so he should not feel inconfident,” Senawi said.

Senawi further explained the recipients of Bidik Misi scholarships at UGM this year totals 820 students.

“UGM is trying to increase the quota for recipients or find more donors,” he said.

Sudarmono and thousands of other students will soon start their studies at UGM. UGM has prepared a training for them to study successfully to be held from 18-23 August.

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