

## Mutmainnah, Daughter of Public Transport Driver to Become Pharmacist

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The dream to become a pharmacist is closer than ever for Mutmainnah as she is now officially a student of Faculty of Pharmacy at Universitas Gadjah Mada.

Being the daughter of a public transport driver, Mutmainnah is trying hard to pursue her dream to be able to continue her education. With an excellent academic track record, she is accepted as a freshman at the Faculty of Pharmacy with full scholarship.

Mutmainnah is the first child of three of Mawardi (65) and Mahinun (45), residents of Kampung Baru, North Masbagik Village, East Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara.

Mawardi is the backbone of the family who works as a driver with an income of no more than Rp50 thousand per day. This income is very mediocre to meet the needs of family with three children. Mawardi also works as a parking attendant.

Mawardi said he was happy that his eldest daughter was accepted at UGM. Studying in college, especially at UGM, has been her dream since she was a kid.



"Thank God, I can only say thanks, what more can I say. Her dream to go to college eventually comes true," Mawardi said at his house recently.

He is so proud of his daughter that he could not stand it. In fact, he was acting crazy since every time he met his neighbors or anyone else, he could not stop telling them that his daughter has been accepted at top university, namely UGM.

"Finally, so many do not look down on us again, the daughter of a public transportation driver is accepted at UGM. Wheel of life goes on," he said as he shed tears with emotion.

Many people, relatives, neighbors, and friends, offer help to support his daughter to study at UGM. In fact, the Vice Regent of East Lombok also helped provide assistance.

Although underprivileged, Mawardi wishes all his children would obtain a decent education up to college. He will be gone to great lengths in order to realize it. Luckily, his children are diligent and high achievers.

"I want the children to be well-educated, not like me. I hope they have better life and become successful persons who can help her sisters and make her parents proud," he hoped.

He didn't expect much of his daughter, he only wants her to always remember God and always spread kindness wherever she is.

"Every time we do good, we will be given good as well," he said.

Iin said that she never imagined to be able to study at UGM. With her family condition, she never imposes her dream to go to college to come true.

However, the condition did not break her endeavor in achieving her dream. Determination, willpower, and efforts were huge factors that contribute to her success. Since elementary school, she has always been on the top three. Not only that, in high school she represented her school in the Chemistry and Biology Olympiad at the district level.

"I am very happy to be accepted as a student at UGM thanks to the prayers and support of my

parents," she said.

Getting accepted at the Faculty of Pharmacy, her dream to become a pharmacist is getting closer. Her hopes becoming a pharmacist will make her able to help people in her neighborhood, because her region is lacking of medical staff.

"I want to be back here after graduation, I want to serve here," she explained. (adelily)

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