

The Story of Novi from North Sumatera that Gets Admitted at UGM

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Choosing a major at college often causes headache or confusion. Some young people have more than one choices, for instance, whether to become a doctor or a lawyer. Such confusion was indeed experienced by Novi Dwi Anggraeni, who graduated from natural sciences majors from her high school at SMA Negeri 1 Lubuk Pakam, in Deli Serdang regency, North Sumatera.

"Actually, I started to want to go to Faculty of Law at the twelfth grade. This seemed the right thing to do because since grade ten, I have liked civics, and I made achievements at competitions that led me to choose Law science," said Novi.

Along with classmates Bianca Franchyeda and Sri Suci Ning Tyas Ardi, they became first winners in the North Sumatera Province for the competition on 4 State Pillars. While at the Legal Clever Competition in 2015 at USU, she became the runner-up. Her grades have been very good, too. "Although I didn't win the national level competition in Jakarta, I was happy to be able to represent North Sumatera in the competitions along with my classmates, Bianca and Sri Suci," she said.

Novi Dwi Anggraeni was thankful that she was finally able to continue studying at UGM, while Bianca Franchyeda went to USU and Sri Suci Ning Tyas Ardi to UNDIP.



"*Alhamdulillah*, I was very happy to be admitted, moreover, I got the Bidik misi scholarship, so I wouldn't have to burden my parents," said Novi.

Abdi, her father, was proud and thankful his daughter would study at UGM. Meanwhile, the mother, Menik, is treated at the hospital for tumour.

Even so, Abdi was happy that his daughter would study for free at college, "I'm a labor, when it's rice harvesting season, I work there. At other times I do weeding, etc. I have no regular income," Abdi said.

Novi said she had no special tips to get admitted at state universities. After school, she learned by herself, even giving classes to children in her surroundings. "In the evening I give classes to elementary school children at home four times a week and I was paid 100 thousands a month," she said. Novi added she had the habit of studying in the middle of the night.

The girl born in Deli Serdang, 7 November 1998, had to go a long way to her school everyday. She would ride her bike to the closest public transport to reach the high school.

As a matter of fact, Novi has been also accepted at Nursing Diploma Programme at Poltekes Medan for a scholarship. But, she preferred UGM as she wants to realise her dreams becoming a lawyer.

"I hope can study well and in the fifth semester I want to concentrate on criminal law," she said.

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