

A CANVAS OF DREAMS: KHAI'S PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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My journey hasn't been paved in gold, but it's been paved with perseverance. As Muhammad Khairuldin Al Hafiz bin Ismail, an accounting student, I know firsthand the transformative power of education. Coming from a low-income family, I remember graduating from my diploma program with 4.00 CGPA solely on a student loan. Witnessing such a struggle for basic necessities instilled in me a deep appreciation for the privilege of learning.



While numbers may dance in my head for my future as an accountant, my past wasn't all spreadsheets and debits. During my diploma studies, I actively participated in campus associations, organizing events and building a strong network. This instilled in me valuable soft skills; communication, teamwork, and leadership - all assets in the world of both accounting and life. Balancing academics and extracurriculars wasn't easy, but it taught me the art of time management, a skill every accountant needs.

Speaking of skills, I wear the badge of "Best Student Award (Diploma)" with pride. Five consecutive semesters with a perfect 4.00 CGPA while being active non-academically! But it's not just about the numbers; it's about the dedication to learning, the late-night study sessions fueled by instant noodles, and the unwavering belief that education unlocks doors and shatters limitations. Above all, my success is eternally owed to the restless and lecturers from UiTM Machang Campus, Kelantan Branch.

What I believe as the "top secret" of being a high performing student is to stay organized. Not the "I know what is coming up so I'm organized" type but it is the hardcore intricately organized type where everything is on track and being tracked - that is - making your own to-do list, organizing your study materials into dedicated folders both physically and digitally, and always being the early bird for completing assignments and homework. This way, it's more obvious to see whether you are making progress, or if you are slacking.

Education, for me, isn't just a degree; it's a passport to a brighter future not only for myself but for my family. It's a chance to break the cycle, to contribute meaningfully to society, and to inspire others to pursue their dreams, no matter their background. My journey isn't over yet, but I hope my story serves as a reminder of the immense value of education — a privilege worth fighting for, cherishing, and utilizing to its fullest potential.

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