**“Being a Computer Science student”**

Hi, my name is Franco Jigo C. Pacana, 24 years old, single not available and I never imagined myself taking up a degree in Computer Science. Before this, I was a biology student and I graduated last April 2015 and I aspired to become a physician. But things didn’t turn out the way I imagined it to be so here I am trying to conquer this degree with eyes wide open… Or not.

Being a computer science student is not an easy thing to do and the only reasons why I ended up taking this course was because I developed a particular interest in computer games and I was amazed by the growing influence of the internet in our daily lives. I never imagined dealing with programming languages, syntax, algorithm, Turing machine, algebra, Calculus, Probability, sleepless nights, losing weight so fast, stress-eating, INCs, failed exams and quizzes. Etc. But despite all of these unimaginable things I have been through, my family and the Lord are the primary things that keeps me going. They are the ones that’s giving me courage to finish this course and push my self past off my limits.

Now, I am at the last semester of my college year and I am struggling with my major subjects and thesis. I’ve learned a great deal of things during these pasts few years, especially in managing my time wisely, managing my finances, my relationship with other people and dealing stress.

I’ve learned that I lack many things in order to success in my career, I lack self-control which could lead to possible waste of time, money, and effort. I also learned that I am sometimes tactless which can offend other people whenever I am overwhelmed and say some things that could hurt other people’s feelings. I also learned that my spiritual aspect is very important, because I always find service to the Lord – fulfilling and satisfying; it provides peace within my heart whenever I’m confused and out of focus; it reminds me how beautiful life is and why should I be thankful about it. All of these things I’ve learned not only in school but everywhere and I very thankful for everyone who shaped me as a person I am today.