

The background of the entire page is a vibrant, festive collage. It features a warm orange and yellow gradient. Overlaid on this are numerous colorful streamers in shades of blue, green, pink, and yellow, some of which are tied into bows. Scattered throughout are small, multi-colored confetti dots and larger, abstract splashes of paint in various colors like blue, green, and pink. The overall effect is one of a lively, celebratory atmosphere.

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### **I: Most Significant Experiences**

Friday was a blast! SLU BEDS' annual event was a resounding success, and I couldn't have been prouder of the students. Watching them set up their own booths, selling everything from classic Filipino treats like halo-halo and puto bumbong to trendy drinks like milk tea and tapioca, was truly inspiring. It was heartwarming to see their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit shine through.

The event was filled with laughter, music, and delicious food. A student band provided the perfect soundtrack, their energetic performances adding to the festive atmosphere. I spent the day strolling through the booths with my friends, indulging in tasty treats, and capturing memorable moments.

This experience has been one of the highlights of my week as I have not experienced such event until recently. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful event and to witness the talent and enthusiasm of the students.





## II: Obstacles Encountered

I woke up in the morning feeling a mix of anticipation and excitement because today is the day of the digital poster contest as a part of the event, and I was thrilled to be a judge. It was an opportunity to contribute to the school's program and add it as a credit booster, a certificate to be placed on my e-portfolio and curriculum vitae.

Before the night of the event, I spent hours immersing myself in the nuances of effective digital poster design. I even took extra care to present myself well, ensuring I looked sharp and professional. However, as the day unfolded, my hopes grew dim. The person who had initially appointed me as a judge had passed the role onto someone else. A wave of confusion and disappointment washed over me, and I questioned myself. Was it a simple oversight? Or perhaps a reflection of perceived incompetence?

It's disheartening to feel overlooked, especially when one has invested time and effort into a task. I can't help but question if my lack of familiarity with the person who made the decision played a role.





### III: Obstacles Hurdled

Yesterday's disappointment, although disheartening, has offered a valuable lesson to me. Life, it seems, is a tapestry with both joy and sorrow, success and failure. It's in these moments of adversity that we truly discover our resilience and character.

Instead of dwelling on the negative, I choose to focus on the positive. This experience has taught me the importance of responding to disappointments with kindness and acceptance, rather than anger or resentment. By choosing a positive course of action, we not only uplift ourselves but also inspire others.

I'll continue to strive for excellence, but I'll do so with a newfound perspective. I'll embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and learn to navigate setbacks with grace and dignity. Perhaps this disappointment was a necessary step on my journey, a reminder to stay grounded, patient, and persistent.



#### IV: Impact on Your Chosen Field

As an aspiring educator, I understand that disappointments are an inevitable part of the profession. Whether it's a student who struggles to grasp a concept, a challenging parent-teacher conference, or a setback in a personal project, these experiences can test one's resilience and patience.

One of the most significant ways in handling disappointment is in my ability to build strong relationships with students. When a student is struggling, it's important to remain empathetic and supportive. By offering encouragement and providing additional support, I can help them overcome their challenges and achieve their full potential. Similarly, effective communication with parents is essential. When a parent expresses concerns or dissatisfaction, it's crucial to listen actively, respond thoughtfully, and work collaboratively to find solutions.

Ultimately, the ability to handle disappointment is a valuable asset for any educator. As the renowned educator William Arthur Ward once said, "*The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.*" By embracing challenges and learning from setbacks, I can strive to become a great teacher who inspires amidst a world full of disappointment.