Tell us about who you are. How would your family, friends, and/or members of your community describe you? If possible, please include something about yourself that you are most proud of and why.

Danet is Danet. Probably the words I hear the most when getting described. In middle school I held the record for wearing the same outfit eight Fridays in a row, while others were showing off their trendy clothes. I was getting hooked on stand-up comedy, while everyone was discussing their favorite anime. Being in my own lane has always been my identity; I take pride in being different and expressing myself the way I want to, no matter of people’s opinions.

However, I have a knack in sensing my surroundings, and at times I realize that some of my friends still don’t have the confidence to accept themselves as who they are. I have always believed that there are 7 billion people for a reason: each of us has our own roles. I have an inner urge that it is part of my duty to spread the message that self-acceptance is a superpower.

Just two nights ago, I was on a call with my friends when I saw one of my friends, Aidan, wasn’t his usual self. By instinct, I reached out to him and comforted him. Coincidentally, he had a self-confidence problem after he made a mistake; he felt like he didn’t belong. I told him how much he meant to the community in his own way and that his mistakes don’t define who he is. At the end of the day, I like to be who I am. I let people see that and hopefully encourage them to be themselves.

Hi Danendra!

I really like the way you describe yourself. As mentioned by Emily, I can tell that you’re sharing about your confidence and how you care about others.

Also you mentioned such a strong statement: that you take pride in being your own self no matter what. This is good! But remember to also include why. Why do you think self confidence is important? Why is it important to encourage others to be themselves?

Overall, great job Danendra!