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Road to Success of Renowned Personalities in Camarines Sur

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Abstract

Aim: This paper explored the life experiences of three renowned personalities from Camarines Sur: Rosa U. Cid, Angelita L. Dacara, and Maria Lydia P. Lomibao. The study aimed to highlight their significant contributions and achievements by reviewing their personal journeys through their own accounts. It uncovered the struggles and successes that shaped these individuals into influential figures in their respective fields of theater arts, agriculture, and entrepreneurship. The study also demonstrated the important role that hardships played in the path to success.

Methodology: This study employed qualitative research within a phenomenological research design for data gathering and interpretation. It involved interviews, document collection, thematic analysis, and narrative perspectives drawn from the life experiences of the participants. The focused was on interpreting the stories of three renowned personalities from Camarines Sur, highlighting their significant contributions. The study aimed to contribute to local narratives, offered inspiration for future generations.

Results: The study findings described the life struggles experienced by Rosa U. Cid, Angelita L. Dacara, and Maria Lydia P. Lomibao on their paths to becoming successful and renowned personalities. Five key themes emerged from their life struggles: financial difficulties, distance from home to school, resilience and perseverance, personal sacrifices, and continuous learning and adaptation. The study highlighted the distinct achievements of the three participants: Rosa in theater arts, authorship, and publishing; Angelita in agriculture; and Maria Lydia in entrepreneurship.

Conclusion: To honor and remember the renowned personalities of Camarines Sur, a magazine titled *"Road to Success of Renowned Personalities in Camarines Sur"* was proposed. The magazine aims to provide an inspirational and educational resource, showcasing how ordinary individuals can achieve extraordinary success and make meaningful contributions to their communities. This supplementary reference material seeks to inspire readers by highlighting the remarkable journeys and accomplishments of these personalities.

Keywords: financial difficulties, distance from home to school, resilience and perseverance, personal sacrifices, continues learning and adaptation, renowned, struggle, and success

INTRODUCTION

People who are recognized for their exceptional abilities or specialized knowledge are referred to as well-known personalities in their field of expertise. These people are frequently honored for their accomplishments and for their outstanding contributions to their community, province, or country. Their achievements also make them recognized as notable figures in their fields of expertise. Renowned personalities come from a wide variety of backgrounds and professions, such as experts in agriculture, history, literature, athletics, commerce, politics, entrepreneurship, religion, science, music, and the arts. These people have succeeded in their fields and become well-known on a local, national, and international scale. But they rarely have success without major setbacks.

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The path to success is challenging and full of hurdles by nature. Nobody ever becomes great without putting in a lot of work and persistence. The path to success is rarely easy, and even the most successful people experience many failures and disappointments. The secret to success is not to avoid failure but to rise above it and carry on in the face of adversity. Resilience, determination, and the capacity to endure hardship are necessary for success. In the end, those who overcome obstacles and never give up on their objectives are the ones who achieve. This idea applies to well-known individuals all throughout the world, highlighting the common reality that great accomplishments are frequently the consequence of overcoming tremendous challenges and upholding a firm devotion to one's goals.

Uncovered unrenowned personalities in Camarines Sur who have made significant contributions to their local communities reveals the richness of talent and dedication within the region. Their efforts are a reflection of the profound dedication to cultural preservation and community development that, while frequently unseen, is important to the advancement of the local community. The idea that highlighting the achievements of successful people might motivate those going through comparable difficulties recognizes that obstacles and problems are a necessary part of the journey to success. It emphasizes how crucial it is to maintain focus and resolve. One can ultimately accomplish their goals by enduring hardship, demonstrating that success is achievable even in the face of challenges.

The study offered valuable insights into what defines success and how adversity affects one's capacity for both professional and personal growth. Through an analysis of their achievements and effects, the research strengthens the local narratives about resilience and success. It highlights how important it is to give honor and preserve the memories of those who have made significant contributions in their communities and fields. Future generations can draw inspiration from the viewpoints and experiences of these people who followed their dreams. In order to provide inspiration and motivation for upcoming generations, the study showcases renowned Camarines Sur residents who have made noteworthy contributions to their community. Through their accounts of their experiences and inspirational stories of succeeding over hardships, the research aimed to present inspiring example of how perseverance and resilience may result in remarkable achievements.

Objectives

This study uncovered the struggles and success of the renowned personalities in Camarines Sur.

Specifically, it answered the following questions:

1. How do the participants describe their life's struggles to become successful and renowned personalities?
2. What are the highlights of their achievements?
3. What supplementary reference material can be proposed to highlight the profile, struggle and success of renowned personalities in Camarines Sur?

METHODS

Research Design

This study utilized phenomenological research method. Phenomenological research is a qualitative technique. As part of the procedure for writing phenomenological research, the researcher conducted a systematic data gathering of documents and other sources that contained information and accounts related to the lives of selected renowned personalities. To gather information, the researcher primarily utilized face-to-face interviews and coded the responses to effectively answer the research questions. These methods thoroughly explored the subject matter within the experiences and life contexts being studied. Purposive sampling was employed in this study.

Key Informant of the Study

This research utilized key informants who were three selected renowned personalities from Camarines Sur. The key informants included Rosa U. Cid, Angelita L. Dacara, and Maria Lydia P. Lomibao. The local government units (LGUs) of Calabanga, Pili, and Canaman, Camarines Sur, assisted in identifying these informants based on their notable achievements and contributions to the community. Three participants from Camarines Sur were included in the study based on specific selection criteria: they were born in Camarines Sur, were current residents aged between 18 and 65



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years, possessed credibility and good morals, and had made significant and ongoing contributions to their community related to their respective fields.

Instrument

In line with the principles of the phenomenological research method, this research employed a semi-structured interview guide in the form of a questionnaire, and recording device was employed to accurately capture and transcribe the data gathered during the interview process. Through the inductive process, all response was listed and coded. In line with the principles of the phenomenological research method, the utilization of a semi-structured interview guide and a recording device ensured that the data gathered were thoroughly evaluated and analyzed.

Data Collection

The research employed a systematic method to gathering data, started with securing the participants' approval and consent. Secondary sources included plaques, certificates, pictures, literature and relevant documents while the primary sources were the three selected participants. The interview materials were verified for reliability and quality by an expert. Interviews were planned according to the informants' availability, recorded, and transcribed so that the interviewers could verify the information.

Data Analysis

The study utilized a qualitative phenomenological research approach and employed a modified version of the Stevick-Colaizzi-Keen (SCK) Method for the analysis of phenomenological data. Through in-depth interviews regarding the personal experiences of the participants, the study explored their life struggles and paths to success. Using thematic analysis, the study aimed to uncover the struggles and success of the three renowned personalities.

Ethical Considerations

To explore the careers of the three renowned personalities, the researcher followed ethical protocols by obtaining permission and securing informed consent through a submitted letter. Confidentiality of the participants' identities and their responses was maintained throughout the study.

All data and information provided by the three primary participants were used solely for research purposes, ensuring that their testimonies regarding their successes and struggles in their respective fields were accurately represented and respected. This approach adheres to ethical standards in research, safeguarding the privacy and confidentiality of participants while gathering valuable insights for the study.

Results and Discussion

This chapter interprets and analyzes the data gathered through interviews with individuals. The research presents the biography of three participants a discussion of describe their life's struggle to become successful and renowned personalities, the highlights of achievements of success and the proposed supplementary reference material

Biography of Three Renowned Personalities

Rosa U. Cid is a renowned playwright, stage director, and Associate Professor V at the Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA) in Calabanga, Camarines Sur. Born on May 1, 1966, in Tinambac, Camarines Sur, she grew up in a humble farming family. Rosa pursued a Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Mathematics at Naga College Foundation, where she developed a passion for theater arts. Her involvement in the Naga College Youth Society for Arts (NCYSA) sparked her interest in writing and performing.

In 1988, she founded the cultural group Samahan Bago Inog sa Tanghalan which later change into Sentro ng Artistikong Manlilikha ng Bumubuo ng Identidad (SAMBIT), now a 35-year-old institution at CBSUA, promoting young

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artists and preserving local culture. Throughout her career, Rosa has received numerous accolades, including a Best Actress Award at the Peñafrancia Short Film Festival in 2023, and the Diamond Outstanding Alumni Award for Theater and Arts from Naga College Foundation in 2022.

Her works, including her notable play *The Passion of Christ*, have made a significant impact on her community, highlighting her dedication to both the arts and youth development. Rosa continues to inspire through her contributions to theater, education, and culture in the Bicol region.

Angelita L. Dacara is a respected agriculture expert and advocate of organic farming from Pili, Camarines Sur. Born on September 13, 1959, in Sangay, Camarines Sur, she grew up in a modest farming family. Her early exposure to agriculture and influence of her father inspired her passion for farming. Angelita excelled academically, graduating as valedictorian of Mabalodbalod Elementary School. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education majoring in Agronomy from Camarines Sur State Agricultural College (now CBSUA), graduating Cum Laude in 1982.

She married Sandie Dacara in 1986, and together they raised three children. After the tragic death of her husband in 2008, Angelita focused on her advocacy for organic farming, establishing a farm known for its variety of poultry and livestock. Her farm Dacara's farm, often referred to as a "mini zoo," is a popular community spot, reflecting her belief in giving back to others.

Angelita is known for her efforts to promote sustainable agriculture and empower women in farming, contributing greatly to the development of her local community in Camarines Sur.

Maria Lydia P. Lomibao is a successful entrepreneur from Camarines Sur, best known as the founder and owner of J. Emmanuel Pastries, a company specializing in pili nut products. Starting with only 500 pesos, she and her husband built her business from the ground up, transforming it into a thriving enterprise known for its high-quality pili nut delicacies. Established in 1997, her business grew rapidly, and her facility, *The House of Pili Nuts*, located in Canaman, Camarines Sur has become a popular tourist destination and her pili nuts best "pasalubong"

Maria Lydia's entrepreneurial journey was marked by perseverance, as she continuously sought learning opportunities through workshops and international trade fairs. Her success story includes partnerships with government agencies and a commitment to supporting local pili farmers through fair trade practices.

Today, J. Emmanuel Pastries operates eight branches across Camarines Sur and employs numerous workers, contributing significantly to the local economy. Maria Lydia's story is one of humility, hard work, and dedication, making her a key figure in the promotion of pili nuts on both national and international levels.

1. Describe their life's struggle to become successful and renowned personalities

Financial difficulties

The first theme revealed from the key quotes reflected and described the life their struggles to become successful was financial difficulties. Financial difficulties represent a significant barrier that affects various aspects of life, from basic survival and education to professional development and growth. Here are the key quotes from their childhood years, school life, and professional experiences:

Rosa described her experienced during childhood years.

"I would probably add my sisters and brothers, especially my younger sister because my elder sister went to Manila to work as domestic helper. Every afternoon, I and my siblings usually look for a food that we can eat during dinner. We usually go to grassy place where we can find coconut,



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banana and others, for our meal and any left-over will serve as our food for lunch. That was our routine and my memorable experiences". (Rosa 2023).

Rosa shared her experienced lack of financial resources during her school life's.

"We walked from our house to school without wearing slippers, and we did not have complete school materials. I remember using banana leaves as our lunchbox, and sometimes I had to make do with a sprinkle of salt for my packed lunch."(Rosa, 2023).

Rosa shared her financial problem to published her book.

"The "Pasyon ni Cristo" was published in 2017, though I wrote it in 1995. I initially just set it aside because I thought it was enough that it was being used already. At that time, I wasn't in an established economic or financial position, so I couldn't publish it right away."(Rosa 2023).

Angelita described and shared her life experienced during her younger age.

" I remember my mother's teachings that we were poor, so we had to work hard and be content with whatever we had. When I was in grades I-V, I joined the grade 6 graduation. I ranked first in grades I-V until I became the valedictorian in grade VI. But the white dress I wore was the same one my older sister wore when she was in grade 5, five years earlier. My shoes were the same old worn-out black shoes of my older sister, which didn't fit my feet, but my mother kept telling me to try harder to make them fit because we couldn't afford to buy new shoes. But all my classmates wore new dresses and shoes". (Angelita, 2023).

Angelita also shared her experienced during her school life.

"I always wanted to study in UP Los Banos but due to lack of financial resources I decided to finish my degree in CSSAC, its convenient and saved us a lot of expenses. I applied for a scholarship through UP LB Alumni as well; three candidates were chosen, and I was one". (Angelita, 2023)

Maria Lydia also described her life's struggle during her childhood years.

"Our parents work hard but they still struggle a lot. We would gather for dinner even though my parents were busy working.

Maria Lydia also shared her experienced during her school life, where they needed to recycle things to use them again.

"We had simple breakfasts like that, and we shared uniforms. We never had the experience of saying, "Oh, let's go shopping" because we couldn't afford it. Nothing was prepared in advance since we didn't have the resources. For school supplies, we made do with whatever we could find. Remember the scratch paper? We would gather those unused pages and bind them together to make notebooks. I realized early on that I was different from the other kids, and I could already see the differences. We didn't even have socks, and back then, we couldn't just reuse old ones—we didn't have any at all". (Maria Lydia, 2023).



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Maria Lydia another shared during her started business;

"We started our business with just 500 pesos, and we didn't have enough money to establish it right away. At that time, I was pregnant, and my husband helped and supported me in building our business". (Maria Lydia, 2023).

The findings of the study revealed that the three participants; Rosa, Angelita and Maria Lydia experienced poverty throughout their lives, particularly during their childhood and school years. This poverty manifested in various forms, including financial difficulties in providing food, school materials, and even choosing which schools they could attend. They had to apply for scholarships to sustain their tuition, and Rosa even worked as a nanny to continue her studies and support herself through school, highlighting the depth of their struggles.

In addition to the challenges they faced growing up, they also encountered financial hardships in their chosen fields. Rosa struggled with funding the publication of her books and sustaining her cultural projects. Angelita faced difficulties covering the costs of feeding and maintaining her farm animals while advocating for organic farming practices. Maria Lydia began her pili nut business with only a small amount of capital, facing significant limitations in growing her venture.

The study implied that financial difficulties can significantly impact various aspects of life, including education and career development. The participants' stories illustrate how these financial challenges can hinder access to necessities such as food, school supplies, and funding for professional endeavors. These difficulties highlight the need for stronger support networks, such as financial aid and scholarships, to help individuals overcome these barriers. Additionally, their experiences underscore the importance of resilience and perseverance in achieving success despite financial hardships. This suggests that targeted support and policy changes could alleviate some of these difficulties and enhance opportunities for growth.

The present study was supported by Johnson and Williams (2020). The impact of financial limitations on career advancement is examined in the said study, which highlights how people's capacity to pursue professional growth and career advancement chances may be hampered by a lack of finances. The real-life of the three participants' experiences illustrate the broader issue highlighted in the research: limited financial resources can restrict access to career advancement opportunities and professional development.

Distance from home to school

The second theme found to described the life struggles of becoming successful and renowned personalities was the distance from home to school. Distance from home to school refers to the distance from the place of residence of the student to the school. Here are key quotes from their responses that illustrate these theme.

Rosa shared her experienced during her school days.

"Bolao Balite is in the highway, Kawayan is a part of it; and then house to school 5 kilometres, so in my calculation it is 10 kilometres back and forth, we are in the Sitio, Kawayan Barangay is Bolao Balite, Tinambac. Bolao Balite Elementary School is in the highway, before arriving to that location we need crossing the steep and grassy terrain often without slippers". (Rosa, 2023).

Angelita also shared:

"Ahh..I entered school from barangay to CSSAC-Pili, Tigaon to Pili I'm going to commute and it was difficult. (Angelita, 2023).



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The study's findings revealed that two participants, Rosa and Angelita, faced significant challenges due to the distance from their homes to school. Both lived in rural areas where schools were far apart, requiring them to undertake long commutes and walk to reach their schools. These regular travels not only took up a significant amount of time and energy, but they also had an impact on their study sessions and energy levels.

The study implied that living far from school location has a significant struggle for the two respondents. They demonstrated sacrifice and resilience as they faced challenges every time they traveled to school. Their dedication to their education despite these difficulties reflects their perseverance. The implication was supported by Rueckert (2019), stating that it is not uncommon for many children all over the world to walk up to three hours each way to get to school. Many children, particularly girls, have hazardous commutes to and from school. The present study proved that distance from home to school was a struggle and barrier to education.

Resilience and Perseverance

The third theme revealed to the study that described the life struggles to become successful was the resilience and perseverance. Resilience and perseverance the ability to bounce back from hardships, adversity, or failure. Past experiences, especially difficult ones, often shape an individual's resilience and perseverance.

Rosa continues to shared how she creates and developed theater arts.

On my second year of teaching (1989) the group was crafted. As a theatre and arts adviser I was fully developed my leadership and management skills. Later then I realized that I was given an opportunity to know my leadership and management skills aside from being a teacher and facilitator in the classroom. The theatre and arts group was able to make "SAMAHAN BAGO INOG SA TANGHALAN or SAMBIT" but later then changed to a cultural group with same acronym "SAMBIT" or SAMAHAN BAGO INOG SA TANGHALAN" to renamed "SENTRO NG ARTISTIKONG MANLILIKHA NA BUMUBUO IDENTIDAD AT TALENTO" organized in 1988 and that's why I am now in my 35th year in the service.(Rosa, 2023)

Angelita shared her experienced during the difficult time of losing her husband while navigating her professional life.

"I believe that challenges is in our daily living but for me it is easy because God is always with me. Though, one of my struggles in life was when my husband died but I am thankful for the short period of time that I am with him, and with my children because they are my inspiration. I learned to accept everything. When my husband passed away, he left me a farm with a variety of vegetables, herbs, animals and continue advocate organic farm to the people".(Angelita, 2023)

Maria Lydia another shared:

"Of course, I also went through struggles, we don't have money, how we build this business. Yes, it was only the two of us. Everything was within our means. We were the ones cooking, even when I was pregnant."(Maria Lydia, 2023)

The study findings of the study that resilience plays a crucial role in overcoming life's challenges, and clearly reflected in the experiences of the three participants: Rosa show cased resilience through her dedication to both her teaching career and her role as a cultural leader. Angelita exemplified resilience through her response to the personal and professional challenges she faced after the loss of her husband. Despite the emotional and financial hardships, she continued to manage her farm and advocate for organic farming. Maria Lydia's resilience and perseverance highlight her remarkable ability to overcome significant challenges. Despite lacking sufficient funds, being pregnant, and facing the early struggles of her business, Maria Lydia continued to push forward with unwavering determination.



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The study's findings implied that resilience enables individuals to adapt, persevere, and thrive despite challenges, as demonstrated by the lives and achievements of Rosa, Angelita, and Maria Lydia. Their stories illustrate how resilience is crucial for overcoming obstacles, achieving goals, and fostering personal and professional growth.

The present study supported from the online study by Liu, et al. (2023). This systematic review provides a thorough summary of recent research on how resilience facilitates adaptability in various circumstances and looks at the function of resilience in stress management and change adaptation.

Personal Sacrifices

The fourth theme discovered to described the life struggles of becoming successful was personal sacrifices. Personal sacrifices relate to the perseverance and devotion needed to succeed, which frequently comes at the expense of one's personal life. This is placing job or objectives ahead of personal time, working long hours, and neglecting to provide family and friends the care and attention they need.

Rosa shared her perspective on how having responsibilities and positions at work contributed to her success in her field, especially in theater arts.

" So, there was no choice; the teachers had to take on those roles. It felt like I was divided between my teaching duties and being an adviser for the theater arts group with a series of rehearsals, because there were also a series of activities. I held positions as the head of Student Affairs, in the BAC (Bids and Awards Committee), and in Quality Assurance as the campus head". (Rosa, 2023)

Angelita shared how she sacrificed her family time for her career.

For the sake of it, I know how to cook, and when guests come, I can talk about any topic, even politics. I also took up law at the University of Nueva Caceres. I reached the 3rd year, but I didn't continue because I saw my two children and husband already asleep when I got home. I would arrive at 9 PM. I still had to study the next day, and I had work at the Department of Agriculture. I had no time left. It felt like foolishness, and I was only making things harder for myself, so I didn't finish my classes.(Angelita, 2023)

Maria Lydia shared how she managed her time with her children, but sometimes they had to make sacrifices.

" I remember sending my children to school. We attended everything. I never declined invitations. 'Mama, can we have you? Can we be inspired by you? Can we hear you talk?' Yes, because even though I'm not a trained speaker, I can face that. We went together at the same time. Once, the school sent my eldest child to compete spelling bee in Boracay, and their aunt joined my son, because that day I also had an award, how we manage". (Maria Lydia, 2023)

The findings of the study Angelita dedication to her career led her to make significant personal sacrifices, including limited time spent with her family. Despite these challenges, she managed to balance her professional and personal commitments as best as she could. Maria Lydia prioritized her career and family, but sometimes this meant sacrificing family time and personal leisure. She tried to commit to her business while balancing time for her children and family.

Rosa commitment to her worked, particularly in theater arts, involved long hours and taking on multiple responsibilities. This dedication was essential for her success but often meant that she had to forgo personal time and manage a demanding schedule. Overall, the study highlights how personal sacrifices, whether in the form of time away from family or extended work hours, are often necessary for achieving success in one's professional field.



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The study implied that making sacrifices for oneself is essential to success. The experiences of Rosa, Angelita, and Maria Lydia show that achieving career objectives frequently necessitates making large sacrifices in family time and personal time. Balancing business and work commitments with personal relationships is tough and can strain bonds with loved ones. Despite these challenges, each person's commitment and fortitude show that these kinds of sacrifices are essential for long-term success. Their experiences demonstrated that professional dedication can result in notable accomplishments, even though it frequently necessitates compromises to one's personal and family life.

The study is supported by Smith (2020), which also points out that major achievement usually means sacrificing comfort, personal time, and even certain interpersonal ties. Both of them emphasize that choosing choices that are strategically in line with one's long-term objectives constitutes a personal sacrifice that goes beyond simple surrender. Similar to the book's theme on striking a balance between job goals and relationships and personal health, the study similarly explores the narrow path between achieving career success and preserving personal well-being.

Continues Learning and Adaptation

The fifth theme discovered in the study, described the life struggles to achieve success, was continuous learning and adaptation. Continues Learning and Adaptation empower individuals to navigate changes, seize new opportunities, and achieve long-term success by fostering flexibility, innovation, and ongoing improvement. Here's the key quotes of the participants:

Rosa continuously shared how they adapted to virtual or online platforms during the pandemic to keep the tradition of the Passion of the Christ alive.

"Though we stop the play during pandemic, we then organized a virtual meeting to play the old videos of passion from 2012 with Parish Divine Mercy, so they will be reminded about the play especially, back then we've only helped them but they are still the head facilitator and I know that SAMBIT is my only control organization. (Rosa, 2023)

Angelita shared her knowledge in advocating for organic farming by attending TESDA programs. She updated with trends, share her insights, and continue learning new things.

"The biggest achievement for me is being a farmer, an organic farm advocate an agriculturist and someone who can share it to others. Ngani mas maitao sako best nagklase ako sa TESDA Organic Agriculture Production. Now, I am trying to make a bigger impact to all the women's in the rural area in Palestina. In addition, got a chance to talk and be the speaker in Thailand. I learned from them as well because life is not perfect and every steps in a way, we learn. I always share what I know because God gave this talent to me for free. (Angelita, 2023).

Maria Lydia continued shared about her experience in pandemic that they need to adopt situation.

"We also faced difficulties during pandemic, directly affecting Pili Nuts' operations. Using the assistance of their firstborn, they were able to organize and create an internet marketing plan. I realize the potential of how my child managing our business and expand it as big as they can. My child was now managing operations for their Pili Nuts business". "Each individual has face challenges or difficulties when starting a business like a shoe-string, which is exceedingly challenging. It's a way of life that everything is a challenge." (Maria Lydia, 2023)

The study's findings highlighted how Rosa, Angelita, and Maria Lydia adapted and thrived despite the challenges they faced, especially during the pandemic. Rosa shared her talents and struggles during the pandemic by adapting to the situation and taking her theater plays virtual. She continued the tradition of the Passion of the Christ through online performances, reminding people of its significance even in difficult times. Angelita, an advocate for organic farming, focused on staying updated with the latest trends and advancements. She expanded her knowledge by attending seminars and international speaker events, enhancing her farming practices and continuing her advocacy. Maria Lydia

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innovated her business by attending both national and international trainings and seminars. During the pandemic, she saw an opportunity to expand her reach by embracing internet marketing, allowing her Pili Nuts business to grow internationally. These women's resilience and dedication to their craft and industries helped them overcome challenges and achieve success.

The findings from Rosa, Angelita, and Maria Lydia highlight several important implications for achieving success. First, adaptability is crucial; Rosa's transition to virtual theater and Maria Lydia's adoption of online marketing demonstrate that being flexible and open to change is essential for growth, especially in challenging times. Second, continuous learning plays a key role in staying competitive; Angelita's commitment to attending seminars and staying updated on trends in organic farming shows that ongoing education helps individuals remain innovative and relevant in their fields. Third, resilience is a driving force behind success; the persistence of all three women in overcoming various challenges emphasizes the importance of perseverance in reaching long-term goals. The findings of the present study is supported by Zacher and Schmitt (2021). Said study emphasizes that job adaptability is significantly influenced by continuous learning, or continuing education and skill improvement. It makes the argument that people who actively seek out learning opportunities are better able to adjust to uncertainty and changes in their careers.

2. The Highlights of their Achievement

Rosa U. Cid

Religious playwright and stage director

The study revealed that one of the highlighted of Rosa's success in her respective fields of theater arts was her work as a *religious playwright and stage director*. Key quotes below were the statements coming from the responses of the respondents.

Respondent of the study stated:

"My greatest achievement is when I can share my talent to the community, in the simplest possible way using the talent and skills that our creator offered me. I am proud to share it with the community. I am blessed and thankful all my dedication, effort, and passion in writing resulted in success in my career as playwright. Then, I am thankful for my written works, especially the Passion of Christ, since there's a great impact on the community. Being a member of the cultural group during college was incredibly helpful to me to develop my skills and abilities in theater arts". (Rosa, 2023).

The findings of the study revealed that Rosa developed her skills and talents during her college years, which played a crucial role in her achievements in theater arts. A significant highlight of her career has been her work as a religious playwright and stage director, making notable contributions to the community. Her direction of "The Passion of the Christ" in Calabanga, Camarines Sur, stands out as a particularly impactful achievement, showcasing her dedication and influence in her field.

The study implied that a person with special talents and skills who continues to pursue their passion with dedication will achieve positive results. It emphasizes the importance of hard work, choosing the right field, and persistence in pursuing one's interests to attain success. According to the online article from (Danica,2023), William Shakespeare was an English poet, playwright, and actor. From 1594 played a significant role in the King's Men theater troupe. Also, Shakespeare's works, which span more than 400 years and include at least 37 plays, 154 sonnets, and 2 narrative poems. He was well-known around the world for her passion, dedication, and her struggle. This demonstrated the journey before successful in life, all things had to passed through struggles. The only thing we had to do was pursue our goals in life with passion and dedication.



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Writer and publisher

Another study revealed that the highlighted of Rosa's success in her respective field of authorship and publishing were a *writer and publisher*. The key quotes of Rosa prove her excellent ability and skills.

Respondent of the study stated:

Ahh.. The most noble contribution to the community was my written works and my published books it was part of my success in my field". (Rosa 2023).

The finding of the studies, Rosa's dedication and hard work had resulted in numerous notable contributions to the community. Her extensive body of work is evident in her passion for writing and publishing. Her commitment to preserved the culture and traditions of Calabanga, Camarines Sur. Through her efforts, she has produced several significant works that have had a profound impact on her community.

The researcher implied that writing is not an easy tasks; it requires dedication, passion, and a deep connection with both heart and mind. People often possess unique talents and skills that need to be discovered and shared with others. It is important not to keep these abilities hidden, but to showcase and develop them for the benefit of oneself and the community.

The English novelist Neil Gaiman, born in November 1960, has written films, audio theater, comic comics, graphic novels, novels, and short stories. Gaiman's talent and perseverance paid off when he started getting recognition in the comic industry, particularly with the success of "The Sandman." Each individual's journey is unique, often marked by significant challenges and opportunities that shape their path to greatness. This intricate blend of elements highlights the complex and multifaceted nature of achieving success in the literary world.

Angelita L. Dacara

The study revealed that one of the highlighted of Angelita's success in her respective field in agriculture was her *advocate of organic farming*. The key quotes below were the statements of the respondent.

Respondent of the study stated:

"The biggest achievement for me is being a farmer, an organic farm advocate, an agriculturist and someone who can share it to others. Now, I am trying to make a bigger impact to all the women's in the rural area in Palestina". (Angelita, 2023)

The findings of the study highlight the success of Angelita in her advocacy of organic farming, which has significantly contributed to the community and the Rural Women of Pili. Her extensive knowledge and skills in agriculture, combined with her dedication, have demonstrated her willingness to share her expertise with the community. The study implied that, as members of society, women and other individuals should actively participate in promoting and practicing organic farming. This approach not only ensures sustainable agricultural practices but also enhances the security of our healthy living. By adopting organic farming methods, the community can benefit from healthier food options, reduced environmental impact, and improved overall well-being. The study highlights the critical role of community involvement and education in advancing these practices for a healthier and more sustainable future. This study is comparable with the case of Nabanita Das, a nurse with the heart of a farmer and is one of India's most successful farmers. She began organic farming in 2010 and sacrificed her career to follow her heart and happiness. She now owns "Nabanita Organic Farm" and is a well-known, established progressive farmer. Her first formal training

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was a training program on Horticultural crops in 2014 organized by Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam (GoA). This supporting literature proves that farmers can achieve significant success, especially when their efforts are driven by a purpose that extends beyond personal gain and contributes to the community. Promoting organic farming is beneficial not only for individual farmers but also for the community as a whole. Organic farming practices lead to healthier food production, sustainable land use, and overall improved well-being for the community. By embracing and advocating for organic farming, farmers make a positive impact, demonstrating that success is closely linked to the broader good of the community.

Empowering Women in Agriculture

Another discovered of the highlighted of Angelita's success in her respective field in agriculture was *empowering women in agriculture*. The key quotes below were the statements of the respondent.

Respondent of the study stated:

"I am the incumbent President of Rural Women and would have a voice to share what I know, and all of these things because of Almighty God. I want people to learn how to generate income from their backyard ways in agriculture". (Angelita, 2023)

The findings of the study revealed that Angelita, as the incumbent President of Rural Women, has played a role model in leading and sharing her knowledge in agriculture. She has effectively taught members how to support their needs through income-generating activities. Her leadership and dedication have empowered rural women to adopt sustainable agricultural practices, fostering both community development and economic self-sufficiency. Angelita's efforts highlight the significant impact of knowledge sharing and practical education in transforming lives and promoting healthy, sustainable living.

The researcher implied that it is beneficial to engage and participate in programs like teaching how to generate income that can address our financial needs while promoting healthy living for our families. Involvement in such initiatives not only supports personal and family well-being but also allows us to share the knowledge and skills we acquire with others in our community. By participating in these programs, we contribute to a collective effort that enhances both economic stability and health, fostering a supportive and sustainable community environment.

The study supported by Anderson, et al. (2020), stating that increased women's decision-making power over agricultural resources, management and production, and revenue is known as empowerment. There are two ways that productivity or health advantages could materialize: (i) doing away with gender disparities in, say, input access; or (ii) taking advantage of the way that gendered risk, time, and social preferences cause women to allocate resources differently. Although women's empowerment in the community is uncommon, the current study and its accompanying research highlighted the significance of women's empowerment via agriculture.

Maria Lydia P. Lomibao

Entrepreneur

The study discovered of the highlighted of Maria Lydia's success in her respective fields of entrepreneurship was her being *entrepreneur*. Key quotes below were the statements coming from the responses of the respondents.

Respondent of the study stated:



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"It was when J. Emmanuel is making as part of the industry and we share a lot by exporting outside the country. We represent not only the country but the indigenous people behind our product. Pili was place worldwide and we make a difference that open up a lot of opportunities. We inspired and practice corporate responsibilities, we also did a medical mission and it was a complete fulfilment in our business". (Maria Lydia, 2023).

The findings of the research indicate that Maria Lydia's success came when her business was part of the world industry. The decision she made to expand her business from a local to an international level contributed to the community's economic growth. As an entrepreneur, she sought to make a difference and seized numerous opportunities to help others. This drive not only brought her fulfillment but also established her as a successful entrepreneur. Her achievements underscore the importance of innovation, dedication, and a commitment to community support in building a thriving business.

The researcher implied that started a business involved taking risks, and success is not guaranteed for everyone. However, those who possess qualities such as aggressiveness, perseverance, and creativity are more likely to achieve success in business. These attributes enable entrepreneurs to navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and innovate, thereby increasing their chances of building a successful enterprise.

The present study supported by an online article from (Thakur, 2019), it should be noted that this outstanding entrepreneur was sacked and let go from the business where he first began his career. In addition, after discovering his potential and abilities, Steve Jobs moved forward with the creation of the largest company in the world, known as "Apple". Steve Jobs was a billionaire entrepreneur who continued to innovate and create new products that impacted not only his country but the entire world. His example shows that entrepreneurs never stop learning and are always looking to discover and develop new products. Similarly, Maria Lydia Perez-Lomibao used her innovative spirit to explore and create a high-quality product with her Pili Nuts, which has become part of the global industry. This dedication to innovation and exploration has allowed her business to expand and gain recognition worldwide.

3. Proposed Supplementary Learning Material

These supplementary reference material highlight the significant contributions of Rosa Ubano-Cid, Angelita Luna-Dacara, and Maria Lydia Perez-Lomibao to their communities and beyond. Their stories of resilience and success serve as an inspiration to all Bicolanos. The magazine titled *"Road to success of Renowned Personalities in Camarines Sur"*. Three well-known individuals were briefly profiled in the magazine's material. The brief accounts of their struggles journey towards success. Finally, the highlights of their achievements in their field including their contributions to the community.

Conclusion

The study highlighted that the journey to success and recognition for the participants was shaped by a combination of external challenges and internal determination. The five key struggles: financial difficulties, distance from home to school, resilience and perseverance, personal sacrifices, a commitment to continuous learning and adaptation were pivotal in their personal and professional growth.

Their dedication to their work not only led to personal success but also positively influenced their communities by fostering education, empowerment, and economic growth. Their numerous awards and recognitions reflect their exceptional dedication and positive impact on their communities. Their stories collectively illustrate the transformative power of perseverance and the importance of giving back to the community.

A proposed supplementary reference material is a magazine titled *"Road to Success of Renowned Personalities in Camarines Sur"*. The magazine profiles three well-known individuals, offered brief accounts of their struggles and journeys toward success, as well as highlights of their achievements in their respective fields.



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Recommendations

The researcher recommended that local historians or researchers conducted more extensive research and studies on outstanding personalities in Bicol. It was advised to initiate research on inspirational stories within the province or town to identify and document individuals who made significant impacts on the community. This project aimed to honor these remarkable individuals in local narratives, highlighting their important achievements and served as an inspiration to future generations.

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