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CAREER: BY CHOICE OR BY CHANCE?

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ABSTRACT

Students' decision on their career choices has been studied thru interviews, a simple mathematical expression using spreadsheet has emphasized the importance of this study. Eventually, there were students failed to land their career choices and overpowered by their parents' wants, entrance exams and standards negates their first career choice and took their present course of studies by chance. However, this chance turned into their choices.

INTRODUCTION

Everyone has his choice and chance to leave the safety of home and let the road decide where one would reach nor would to decide where one reach beforehand and then leave home. Though, there is a difference between these two instances. The first one is reaching a destination by chance and the second is reaching the predetermined destination by choice. Choosing a career is one of the most important decision you will make in life, it is about so much more than deciding what you will do to make a living but what if you run out of choices? Are you willing to take a risk grabbing those chance that is out of your desired career? (Mathews, 2017). There are lots of students who took up their course that was out of their choices and ended up unhappy with their chosen path. It is because of some various reasons for them to consider (Ferry, 2006); (Schein, 1985); *First*, it was their parents' choice and they thought that it is best for their child (Parent's Role in Career Selection, (n.d.)). *Second*, it was their only chance because their first chosen career is out of their reach, it is also because they are undesirable enough to choose of what is best for them. *Lastly*, it is because they are thinking that they are incapable of taking their desired career.

These factors can seriously affects to the mind set of students and can be a reason for them to give up. Mainly, this research provided the reasons of students why they choose to study in Surigao State College of Technology Mainit Campus, as if it is their choice? Or it is their only chance that have been given to them. The study showed that parents intervene for their children chosen career. This study looked forward on students driven their emotions and frustration though they failed to landed their first chosen career as it was stated that "there is no ideal career and focuses on how you eventually turn your chance in career into a choice, how you eventually love your career even if it is not your choice" (Mathews, 2017). This study gathered data, finds on how many students decided their course as their choice and how many students choose their course by chance then, findings revealed that out of the 50 selected students from among the three major course offered by the college majority has enrolled to their present course as a choices and only few conformed that they have their career by chance.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Interviewed among the fifty (50) selected students from the three (3) offered degree courses of the college such as: Bachelor of Agricultural Technology (BAT); Bachelor of Agroforestry (BSAF); and Bachelor of Livelihood Technology Education (BTLED) of Surigao State College of Technology (SSCT) Mainit Campus, Magpayang, Mainit, Surigao del

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1. Survey Results, Why are you choosing this career? Is it really your choice? Or this is the only chance that have been given to you? N = 20 BAT Students

Name (optional)	Course	By Choice	By Chance	If Chance, Why?	Is chance turns into a choice?
Student 1	BAT	/			
Student 2	BAT		/	parent choice	Yes
Student 3	BAT	/			
Student 4	BAT	/			
Student 5	BAT	/			
Student 6	BAT	/			
Student 7	BAT	/			
Student 8	BAT		/	Failed in first chosen career during the entrance exams	Yes
Student 9	BAT	/			
Student 10	BAT	/			
Student 11	BAT	/			
Student 12	BAT		/	Not qualified in chosen career	Yes
Student 13	BAT	/			
Student 14	BAT	/			
Student 15	BAT	/			
Student 16	BAT	/			
Student 17	BAT	/			
Student 18	BAT	/			
Student 19	BAT	/			
Student 20	BAT	/			
Total		17	3		

Table 2. Survey Results, Why are you choosing this career? Is it really your choice? Or this is the only chance that have been given to you? N = 15 BSAF Students

Name (optional)	Course	By Choice	By chance	If chance, Why?	Is chance turns into a choice?
Student 1	BSAF	/			
Student 2	BSAF	/			
Student 3	BSAF	/			
Student 4	BSAF		/	Not qualified in first chosen career	Yes
Student 5	BSAF	/			
Student 6	BSAF	/			
Student 7	BSAF	/			
Student 8	BSAF	/			
Student 9	BSAF	/			
Student 10	BSAF	/			
Student 11	BSAF	/			
Student 12	BSAF	/			
Student 13	BSAF	/			
Student 14	BSAF	/			
Student 15	BSAF	/			
Total		14	1		

Table 3. Survey Results, Why are you choosing this career? Is it really your choice? Or this is the only chance that have been given to you? N = 15 BTLED Students

Name (optional)	Course	By Choice	By Chance	If Chance, Why?	Is chance turns into a choice?
Student 1	BTLED	/			
Student 2	BTLED	/			
Student 3	BTLED		/	Parent choice	Yes
Student 4	BTLED	/			
Student 5	BTLED	/			
Student 6	BTLED	/			
Student 7	BTLED		/	Not qualified in first chosen career	Yes
Student 8	BTLED	/			
Student 9	BTLED	/			
Student 10	BTLED	/			
Student 11	BTLED		/	Not qualified in first chosen career	Yes
Student 12	BTLED	/			
Student 13	BTLED	/			
Student 14	BTLED	/			
Student 15	BTLED	/			
Total		12	3		

Table 4. Frequencies and Percentages on Career choices and chances

Career	Frequencies				Percentages			
	BAT	BSAF	BTLED	TOTAL	BAT	BSAF	BTLED	TOTAL
By choices	17	14	12	43	40%	33%	28%	86%
By chances	3	1	3	7	43%	14%	43%	14%
				50				100%

Norte, Philippines. Students who participated were given enough time to reflect prior to give their final words or answers. Actual numbers of students and their personal views were seen in Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3.

Conclusion

It is proven by fact that among those students there were only few chosen their career as a chance but majority were decisive in their career choices, parents love extended a good decision, and eventually their children find happiness in their chosen career. In fact, factors contributory to realigned career chances to career choices are the school policies on class scheduling, teachers motivational and teaching strategies, the environment, the culture, ethnicity and the community's perspective towards career choices and their living standards, all of these were reasons to consider in choosing their course though limited by instances. Although, reality goes on the other views as literally students ended with their career unhappy because of some unpleasant interventions yet, in this study it is once proven that parents' choice served as a remedial decision for their children's professional endeavour, it is also convene that scholarship extended by government is a greater factor to neutralized students feelings of depressions as to their family standards of living for those in financial crisis which nevertheless hindered students to find their professions nor their vocation, nonetheless, chances were provided at stake to holds at least a degree (Hackett & Betz, 1995); (Brown, 2002); (Lent, Brown & Hackett, 1994); (Watt & Richardson, 2007).

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