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7 times Dean's Award Khairun Nisa was awarded the Chancellor Award

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With the rising cost of living, Khairun Nisa, 23, used to work as a part-time banquet crew at one of the hotels in Gambang during her third-year study. That was the experience of the recipient of the Chancellor's Award at the 14th Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Convocation Ceremony.

That experience had been a turning point in her success today to prove that determination and perseverance in acquiring knowledge are the keys in a difficult journey to success.

Khairun Nisa was born on 23 November 1996 at the University of Malaya Medical Centre (PPUM). She was the eldest of four siblings. The passing of his beloved father, Mazlan Bidin, due to leukaemia, at her age of 12 became a bitter blow for her.

Since then, she has been determined to study diligently after witnessing her mother, Noorasiah David, 48, who works as support staff at Telekom Malaysia, help her to raise four siblings.

She pursued her study in Project Management at the Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM), UMP. She had been the recipient of the Dean's Award for seven consecutive semesters.

Despite struggling to adjust from studying Science at Banting Matriculation College, Selangor to Project Management at UMP, she was determined to prove to her mother that nothing is impossible if we work hard.

As a result, she achieved CGPA 3.70 and subsequently awarded the Chancellor's Award at this glorious ceremony. This success proves her principle that good deeds will be well rewarded.

She does not have any secrets to staying successful every semester. She just made sure that every time before sitting the exam, she would set high goals and surely more effort would be made to achieve that success.

Her focus on academic achievements did not deter her from engaging in co-curricular activities. She had participated in nearly 40 activities organised both inside and outside UMP.

To name a few, she was appointed as the Director of the Closed Netball Tournament organised by UMP Women's Association (MATAHARI), the Deputy Director of the Final Year Exhibition 2017, the Programme Coordinator for an Industrial Revolution 4.0 forum entitled Blockchain Technology 4.0, the Secretary of 10,000-Step Walking Program for Zero HIV organised by GENESIS, the Secretary of the Women's Grooming Program, the invited panel for Circle Talk Forum 3.0 hosted by the PMSB club, as well as the Exco of various activities organised by clubs and associations at UMP.

As a world-class university student, she is proud to be a UMP alumna. For her, UMP is a comfortable university with various facilities that are continually being upgraded.

Now, all the hardships she endured had paid off when she was hired to work as the Commodity Command Standard System (CCSS) Representative 1, Global Support Contact Centre at HSBC Data Processing (M) (HDPM) before graduating.

The message is that to succeed in life, you must always set goals and plan carefully to achieve them. Regular planning and management are essential for setting goals.

She also believes that it is vital to maintain our relationship with the Creator and the people around us.

Not to forget, the parental blessing is also crucial as a guide to progress in life. Lastly, share your knowledge because the more you share, the more you will get.