

A chance to succeed

The British Women's Association has been sponsoring 6 Night High School Scholars at Siena College, Taytay, Rizal, through Springboard Foundation in partnership with A Better Chance Foundation, since S.Y. 2009-2010.

The 6 scholars: Maria Yvette, Joane Nikka, Jenelyn, Maylene, Rea Mae and Anita are now in their 2nd year of Night High School and are still being sponsored by the British Women's Association. The scholars have 3 more years to go, the Night High School Scholarship being a 5-year program, and will graduate on S.Y. 2013-2014. The children come from poor urban settlements and have continued to achieve high academic grades. This made them eligible for a scholarship at Siena College. It is a rare chance given to them because Siena is one of the most prestigious colleges in Manila.



During their 1st year of Night High School, the scholars all had mixed feelings of excitement and anxiety - being in high school, being scholars in a private Catholic school, having new classmates and teachers, and of being able to meet the requirements needed to maintain their scholarships as Night High scholars of Siena College, Taytay.

Their 1st year subjects were on English, math, science, civics, social studies and technology & livelihood education and music, Christian living and values education, arts, P.E. and Health. We are delighted to say that despite the transition and adjustment period, the 6 scholars all passed with high grades and enjoyed their 1st year of Night High School.

Now on their second year, the 6 scholars are very well-adjusted, have successfully adapted to their new school environment and are getting along well with their classmates and teachers. For S.Y. 2010-2011 their subjects include English, math, Filipino, science, Christian living and values education and social studies.

So far, in the school year, they have finished their 1st quarter examinations and recently participated as a class in a school-wide declamation competition during the week-long celebration of the nationwide “Linggo ng Wika.” Their class brought pride to all the Night High Scholars by finishing 2nd place in the overall school-wide competition.

It’s wonderful to see these once shy and quiet girls growing up to become confident, outgoing and smart young women, due to the academic, moral and emotional nurturing they are receiving from the teachers and administrators of Siena College and from caring sponsors,

A Big Thank You to British Women’s Association who not only provide them with an opportunity to attain quality education, but also provide them with hope and a chance for a better future.