



# Alumni Spotlight

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Started a **Book Pantry** where people could donate books and school supplies and make these available for those who can make use of them.

### Why did you decide to study in PWU/JASMS?

It was my parents decision. My father looked for a school that would accept me as a High School student and PWU accepted me.

### Share your favorite PWU/JASMS memory.

I was a delegate to a Student Catholic Action (SCA) inter-collegiate camp held in Baguio and I graduated an honor student.

### How did your education at PWU/JASMS prepare you for where you are today?

My communication skills were honed at PWU. I was an officer of the English club in my 4th year, plus, I was a delegate to the Student Catholic Action (SCA) camp. These brought me "out of my shell." I was trained to study, memorize and recite from rote memory. The skills of memorizing and comprehending made me into what I am today and brought me to where I am.

### What is the most important thing you've learned while you were at PWU/JASMS?

Coming from a school that put a premium in academic grades, PWU taught me how to not just know but to apply said knowledge. To this, I will have to acknowledge the role Mrs. Concepcion, a first year HS teacher, played in this.

### What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

My corporate life was in the field of Marketing. My first job in a roofing company was as a Public Relations Officer. When I left that company 14 years later, I was Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the roofing division. I am now a Franchise holder of and run a KUMON center in Angeles City. I have received 3 awards, Highest Growth, Excellence in Mathematics Instruction and the latest, Top 10 in student number.

### What advice would you give current students interested in pursuing a career in your professional field?

Communication is key. To be candid.