

Lormanian tops CHO essay writing tilt

Nora Ahmed L. Alneaimi of the College of Arts and Sciences bagged 1st place in one of the competitions organized by the City Health office in celebrating the HIV and AIDS Awareness Month held at the Marcos Building, Brgy 1, City of San Fernando, La Union on December 5, 2014.

With the five-year theme, "Getting to zero: Zero New HIV Infection, Zero Discrimination, Zero Related Death," Department of Health and La Union Medical Society spearheaded the different events encouraging students' involvement in several contests such the essay writing topped by Alneaimi. The contest was held together with the slogan writing contest and the oratorical contest at the same venue.

Schools from all levels in San Fernando City participated in the competitions with each contest requiring a specific educational level. Alneaimi admitted that she had emphasized the importance of being aware and educated, especially on matters that dealt with one's health.

"Since I represented Lorma, my competitors were given an impression that I was a paramedical student, so I felt pressured. My success was unexpected but I'm very happy that I won," says Alneaimi when asked about the competition.

Alneaimi admitted that she was only a replacement to the chosen participant, Angel Estacio, from the same department who attended a seminar on the same date.

She received a certificate and a cash prize for her victory. Ms. Myra Mosuela and Mr. Cyprus Bianan were what she described as 'supportive coaches' who pushed her to do her best in the competition.

DMMSU and Sea and Sky College ranked second and third place in the essay writing contest respectively.

To further emphasize the importance of HIV awareness, the CHO of San Fernando also held seminars on the said topic at different schools and colleges in the city including Lorma. The seminar was held in cooperation with the Pharmacy department at the multi-purpose gymnasium, Carlatan Campus.