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Schools I've attended:

King William C. Lunalilo Elementary School (Hawaii)
Rairok Elementary School
Assumption Elementary/Middle School
Marshall Islands High School
College of the Marshall Islands
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

My educational journey has been a rollercoaster yet rewarded. Along with all the other graduates (i'm sure), my educational journey began with curiosity and a strong desire to learn. At a young age I enjoyed most of my elementary years until 6th grade. During those early years, I was curious and excited to learn new things every day. School felt like a fun adventure where I could explore different subjects and make friends. When I reached 6th grade, something changed. I started to feel lazy and less motivated. Lesson seemed harder, and I found it difficult to keep up with the pace. Grades started to go down. It wasn't easy, but I later realized that feeling lazy was just a challenge I needed to overcome. That's where I started to stay focused and asked for help when I needed it. Then High School/College/University happened and that's where I regained my motivation and learned that challenges are just part of the journey, helping me grow stronger and more determined. Because of the challenges I faced and overcame, I was able to make it through high school with four years of honors, proving to myself that persistence really pays off. Big shout out for RMI scholarship for helping me through university and for making sure that I was well taken care of with all the needs I needed. Another motivating aspect of my journey was to keep up with my grades or else my scholarship would terminate. The RMI scholarship made my educational journey a little harder and I will always appreciate them for lending hands.

Overcoming many challenges led me to where I am today as a Manager for the Delinquent department at the Marshall Islands Development Bank and I also work with the Legal Counsel. I like to think that my role has a lot to contribute to the community as our purpose is to provide a better lifestyle for the people.

My advice for those that are battling in the school field, YOU GOT THIS! The battle will soon be the best reward you've ever achieved. The battle, in the end, will open so many doors of opportunities. As Malcom X once said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare it for today." Jeramman im God bless.

Komol Tata,

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