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Reflection on Participating in the 2018 Annual Play – Everyman

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AP 2018 Publicity

This was actually my first time to be as a member of publicity team. I want to

thank my partners Elaine, Nina and Cara first. During our working time, we cooperate

very well and the memory about complaining together, chatting and discussing are

just impressive. I am grateful and feeling lucky to work with them.

In publicity team, there were a lot of things to do. The thing I remember

clearly the most is when we were visiting many shops with embarrassment and

shyness. We asked the managers and the sellers if they were willing to help and

donate some money for our crew. We have got sense of achievement when we

succeeded, and when we failed, we just felt a little bit disappointed. This has taught us

a lesson that we should not be too strict and cold to people when we were asked to

help on the street. Although people who bothered to ask for help seem annoying

sometimes, they were really in need. Therefore, I have learned that if I have to refuse,

I still have to say thank you and keep my kind attitude.

We have also called the stores one by one. That was really a nervous experience.

We were very scared because we were worrying that people would probably reject

and become upset. However, being a member of publicity makes many chances for

me to meet a huge amount of people. I have to talk to every stranger and always put a

smile on my face. This experience helps me to know how to communicate with

people more.

The funniest but the most tiring job to do was staying under the biggest sun and

selling the tickets of Annual Play with continuous sweating. Our team members

usually brought some books to read while we have nothing to do. Nevertheless, we could not afford the hot weather and could not read anymore at last. During that time, I have ordered Mc Donald once upon a time. It was very interesting and it seems like we were families. We ate together and talked much like mothers always do behind their children. I still remember clearly about our laughs.

There was a little thing happened which was also the most touched one when I was selling the ticket. A very old woman who wore a supporting material on her neck came and excitingly told me she wanted to buy a ticket. At that moment, I was in doubt because she seems too old to come alone and see the play by only herself. However, I did not mean I want to refuse selling the ticket to her. I checked again with her and asked, "Are you sure you would like to see our show?" She said yes. Then I was worrying that she could not find the place where we were going to perform, so I drew the map on the back of the ticket so that she could find more easily. Honestly, I thought she would not remember to come because she is very old and the play was coming after over one month long. If that was me, I could even hardly remember the date. Then the surprising thing was, on the day she reserved, I did see her appear in front of me. She came alone with her ticket, the same innocent smile, the same kindness. Furthermore, she could even remember me. I was moved for unsure reason, but I remember my tears were about to drop on my face. The weather was rainy that day, and she did not miss the play. She was a little bit late but in spite of other people absents, she still came with her umbrella. I guess, may be the thing that moved me was her integrity. She kept her promise and she just smile like that was a thing she takes it for granted. I then thought of many times when me and my friends, or other adults in this society suddenly said we will not attend the meeting when we just do not feel to do so. That grandmother demonstrates the promise could come true very easily.

In the process of our working time, we also had to take photos for the crew and

design the countdown posts. The countdown posts were very interesting that we made some strange expressions on our faces. We also had captured the funny moments of our professor- John. His serious face was cute and I have even put some decorations on his pictures by app on my cellphone. The scenes were so memorable.

We established a fan page of our play and have collected many likes. I remember we shared a lot of times. When we designed our posts in turn, it was actually a tiring job to do. We had to think special description every day, and tried not to say it as the same way. We also have to collect likes for the stores and companies which we promised to do for them if they donate money for us. That was the most difficult thing to accomplish, but we finally make it.

The performing day was coming, we have discussed and then decided to wear black dresses. The dresses were pretty and my friends told me I looked beautiful. It was nice to be in charge of receiving guests in front of the gate. We welcomed the crowd and brought these people to their seats. The secret of it was that we did not wash our dresses for three days because we had to wear them every day during our performing dates.

I have made the hanging envelopes on the wall for every member of our AP crew. Those envelopes were hung for collecting the personal card which were written for the particular crew member by the guests. The members of our AP crew would then receive the sweet messages from people who do care for them, including their family, friends and even strangers who admired their performance. It was cool to see many of my friends wrote to me.

I have seen Elaine's boyfriend coming here to see her. My boyfriend was about to come but he was too busy for his job and he felt uncomfortable so he did not. I felt a little bit lonely but I still accomplished my works successfully and seriously. I have offered many ideas during our discussing times about what to give as the exchanged

thing for the shops who donate for us. It was nice to know when my ideas were accepted by people. I felt understood and accounted.

Surprisingly, on the final day of our performance, Dr. John took the microphone and took out the sheet which was so sweet from him and spoke out for us. He said many words which were just touched. He then got a little bit choke up but no tears really dropped down. However, my tears did come out. I could not help to cry when hearing his speech. It was a very long memory, but in the meanwhile, it was sad to say goodbye and let the performance finished. I like my classmates and professor.

Deep inside of my heart, the emotional times occurred frequently. I felt tired to spend extra time when we had too much things to do. I had to work for my own part-time jobs, write my homework and also had to do these works. So sometimes I just felt a little bit upset, but I have never regret. This was also the reason why I cried on the last day of our performance. Sometimes, the thing you get tired of could accidently become the thing you felt unwilling to really let go.

The hard time was to bring some drinks for our crew all by ourselves. We had ordered black tea from a breakfast shop. That shop's boss was really kind that he did not get any money from us. It was for free to take the drinks. Then we took the drinks which were put in the bucket so heavy. The drinks were taste nice and it worth when seeing the members drink them with satisfied expressions.

Behind the scenes of our performance, there were caring families who came to see their children's performances. Like Gwen, who was one of our AP crew. I saw her family came to support her. It was a touched thing to know and I impressively remember that they brought the flowers to her. I was so envy for it. I really wished someday my family can also come to see my performances, but I was not the actress, I was in publicity team so I did not invite them to see me. Gwen's mother was very kind that she even gave me some fruits to eat. It was very cute of her.

For the formal performance, our publicity team actually did not have a chance to see the whole plot in person. Because we have to stay outside of the door to manage the crowd and guests, we were asked not to leave outside empty with no one stayed. However, we decided to take turns to watch the performance. We arranged our time to let every member of us be able to watch the whole performance once. I have to say that, the performance was successful and worthy of watching. I was moved by the main character who played Everyman's performing skill. It was touching.

I would remember every night I spent for brand storming. There were some good things and bad things, but bad things seldom occurred. I only want to take the good things as my memory. I hope one day I can meet good partners like these crew members again after I graduate.

Finally, I want to thank all the members of our crew, especially our leader and the professor, John. We all have done a good job and we leave our memories together. I love how I engaged in and I will keep it as one of the most memorable things after I came to Fu Jen University.

