

## ANNIMAZING PRODIGY

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**T**ough. Tricky. Taxing. This is how most of the students feel about Math. Why the struggle? What does it take to be a Math wizard? In this day and time, can someone be possibly like Euclid, Newton, and Pythagoras?

Mathematics is incredibly indispensable. Unconsciously, we use mathematical laws and concepts in our daily lives, especially when one encounters significant problems. Through Mathematics, we develop creativity, logical reasoning, and critical thinking. Yet, recent studies revealed that 37% of teens aged 13-17 found Math to be the most

difficult subject – the highest ranked overall.

Despite the intricacies of Mathematics and the arduous priming that it requires, there is this one kid who hails from Dagupan City who can do Math with eyes closed. She is a 12-year-old bona fide student of Pangasinan Universal Institute (PUI), and unquestionably a Math prodigy.

During her early childhood, Anni had already exhibited a remarkable inclination with Mathematics.

Being raised by Mathematical dexterous parents, she had already manifested proclivity in

solving number-related problems even before she entered school.

As she got admitted to school, she was given a vast array of opportunities to further develop her fondness for Mathematics. With her Newton-like Mathematical adroitness and a winning mindset, she was always able to secure a spot in every local, national, and international Math competition.

As a matter of fact, she bagged bronze medal in the recently held Guang Dong – Hongkong – Macao Greater Bay Area Mathematical Olympiad – Secondary Level last March 21, 2021. According to Anni, her love for Mathematics roots from the fact that Math uses beautiful symbols to uncover the truths of the world. Apart from this, she considers herself as someone who openly embraces challenges. The harder the Math problem is, the greater motivation she possesses.

Besides, solving Math problems is her daily dose of happy pill.

Despite her innumerable feats in the field of academia, she has never felt any pressure in life. Whenever she's in a match, her supportive and loving parents always remind her that as long as she finishes the competition earnestly, it doesn't matter what the outcome will be.

They always advise her not to be pressured; she just needs to believe in herself.

But what does it really take to be a Math wizard? In Anni's point of view, developing good study habits, asking guidance from her teachers and parents, analyzing and understanding tests carefully, and making a reasonable training time are her keys for being a Math Wizard. She believes that it certainly takes a huge amount of strenuous effort to be called a Math wonder.

Having an undeniably exceptional Mathematical skills did not deter Anni from accepting the fact that there is always a room for improvement. She never misses attending Math trainings for she holds that every day, she'll learn to get better.

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." In spite of her young age, Anni always ensures to do everything with excellence for she claims that it will eventually lead her to the pedestal of her dream career – to be a doctor.

As she continues bringing pride to our country by bagging countless awards in the international arena, she never forgets to keep her feet on the ground. She affirms that it surely takes a lot of toil to be an achiever. With her naivety, assiduousness, and unwavering self-discipline, Anni is indeed an innocent yet prodigious child.



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