

How TechVoc Reminds Us That Even the Simple Dreams Are Worth Chasing

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We are often asked, especially in school, what is our dreams? Some want to be doctors, lawyers, or engineers, but not everyone has high aspirations. Others have simple dreams, they just want to open a small bakery, fix cars, build a barber shop and learn to cut hair, or dream of learning to build houses. These dreams may seem simple, sometimes others make fun of it, but they are also meaningful. This is where TechVoc, or better known as Technical-Vocational education, comes in. TechVoc shows us that no dream is small, shallow, or simple and that every skill has value. It reminds us that even the simplest or smallest dreams are important and worth pursuing.

At TechVoc, students learn real-life skills that are often not taught in other subjects, such as cooking, carpentry, welding, electronics, and more. These are not just for passing life's tests, they are for building your future. A student who is knowledgeable and knows how to bake bread today, could open a bakery tomorrow. Someone who studies automotive repair could become the neighborhood's go-to mechanic. These may not be as "big" as some jobs, but they are powerful because they make a difference in the everyday needs of our lives (Tesda, 2021).

Some people think that success only comes from college degrees. But the truth is, we never know where our dreams will take us, there are many paths to success, and TechVoc is one of them (Ayong, R.M., 2025). In fact, many TechVoc graduates have started working after high school. They earn money, support themselves, support their families, and slowly grow their own businesses. These seemingly small steps towards their dreams show that you don't have to be rich, famous, or have big dreams to succeed, you just need dedication, perseverance, and the right skills (Baring DA., 2025).

TechVoc also gives hope to those who think they have no other choice. Most students cannot afford to go to college, due to lack of funding, but through TechVoc, they learn a trade and build a future. It teaches them that dreams are not measured by their size or what they can do, but by their purpose, belief and effort. A person who has become a good electrician or a skilled tailor should be proud and honored just like a person who works in an office. They both work hard to achieve their dreams (Ceneciro, C.C., 2025).

Another great thing about TechVoc is that it has a high regard for all types of work. It teaches us that cooking, repairing, or building are not "less than" other professions. It teaches us to appreciate jobs that others may consider menial. It helps build students' self-confidence, telling them that their dream job is important and needed by society (DepEd Philippines, 2022). When people see the value of what they do, they gain confidence and take pride in themselves. This pride leads to more than just success, even if their dream is sometimes seen as simple.

TechVoc is more than just training, it reminds us that simple dreams can lead to a happy and fulfilling life. It tells young people that they should not be ashamed of their dreams of becoming a chef, plumber, or technician. Whether small or big, simple or not, what matters most is that dreams bring purpose, happiness, and service to others. With hard work, self-confidence, and support from programs like TechVoc, even smallest dreams can grow.

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