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I joined TCA College in 2017 and got my bachelor's degree in Theology in 2020. I decided to continue with a master's degree at TCA, and currently, I'm in the Master of Divinity program. In all my years with TCA, I am very thankful that the College has given me ample room to grow holistically. Not only have I grown in my knowledge, but I have also developed and honed my skills in leadership, public speaking, and even teaching by being involved in the Student Council and Academic Huddle.

Prior to TCA, I was a very timid person and did not interact much with people outside my immediate circle. At TCA, I was given the opportunity to work on various projects with different departments in my field education. It has given me the exposure that I could not have gotten elsewhere. Through the process, I became a confident person who could communicate and work well together with other departments. I was also grateful for the trust that the leadership had in me to allow me to work on the project independently. It was an impactful time for me as the meaningful work gave me an immense sense of purpose, and I saw how I have grown through this process of learning and molding.

While at TCA, I also help in the Church Education arm of my local church in Jakarta. TCA courses are very practical and useful to my ministry specifically in reviewing existing courses and exploring ways to develop the courses further. One of the courses that I love is Church Education where we were taught how to create a department on our own. We were taught to envision the ideal Church Education department for our church and what our involvement would be in it. We also had the opportunity to learn from other pastors through one-on-one interview and meet-ups. This would be extremely useful for my ministry after I graduate to join the Church Education department in my home church.

Besides building up my knowledge and skills, one of the greatest breakthroughs that I had at TCA was discovering and affirming my calling and gifting in teaching. God has shown me through the years at TCA and provided me with many opportunities that were related to church education. It is also my passion to serve in this area. I thank God for leading me to TCA and providing me with the conducive environment as well as resources to grow and to be prepared for the work He has called me to.

