

INSPIRING AND ENHANCING THE SUCCESS MOTIVATION OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT SMP ISLAM BELIK

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ABSTRACT. Education is the main pillar in shaping the future of the younger generation. In the midst of a critical phase of development for junior high school children, motivation plays a central role in encouraging them to achieve success in education and personal development. In this context, this service journal, entitled "Inspiring and Enhancing the Success Motivation of Junior High School Students at SMP Islam Belik," documents collaborative efforts aimed at increasing student learning motivation at Belik Islam Middle School. The service is carried out using presentations and also watching motivational films to encourage students to learn. The results of this activity show that Belik Islamic Middle School students are motivated to continue their education and achieve their dreams..

Keywords: Motivation; Education; Young Generation

ABSTRAK. Pendidikan merupakan pilar utama dalam membentuk masa depan generasi muda. Di tengah fase kritis perkembangan anak-anak SMP, motivasi memegang peran sentral dalam mendorong mereka untuk mencapai kesuksesan dalam pendidikan dan pengembangan pribadi. Dalam konteks ini, jurnal pengabdian ini, berjudul "Motivasi Sukses untuk Anak SMP Islam Belik," mendokumentasikan upaya kolaboratif yang bertujuan untuk meningkatkan motivasi belajar siswa di SMP Islam Belik. Pengabdian dilakukan dengan menggunakan presentasi dan juga menonton film motivasi semangat belajar kepada Siswa. Hasil dari kegiatan ini menunjukkan bahwa Siswa/Siswi SMP Islam Beluk termotivasi untuk melanjutkan Pendidikan dan meraih cita-citanya.

Kata kunci: Motivasi; Pendidikan; Generasi Muda

INTRODUCTION

In the realm of education, motivating students to excel academically and personally is an enduring challenge and a fundamental goal. The formative years of junior high school are a critical juncture in a student's academic journey, where the seeds of motivation, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning are sown. Recognizing the pivotal role that motivation plays in shaping students' academic trajectories and overall development, this research delves into an innovative and community-centered approach to inspire and enhance the learning motivation of junior high school students at SMP Islam Belik.

Unfortunately according to village head office on 2014, the majority of people in Belik Sub District have education at elementary school level. According to interview with the principal of SMP Islam Belik (Dianati, 2023) most of student prefer seeking job or married in young age, and one of the reason is lack of motivation. (Graham & Weiner, 1996) stated that psychologists and educators have been examining the impact of motivation on students' accomplishments and the learning process. There is an acknowledgment that students require not only cognitive abilities but also the motivational drive to excel academically (Pintrich & Schunk, 2002). Motivation serves as the catalyst and approach through which an organization compels individuals to engage in specific behaviors.

The pursuit of competence can be seen as efforts to address the needs for stimulation (Tohidi, & Jabbari, 2012).

The community service has the primary goal of providing junior high school students at SMP Islam Beluk with direction, purpose, and motivation to pursue their dreams. Additionally, it is hoped that through this community service, the students will develop a willingness to pursue higher education

METHOD

The implementation method of this community service involves two main components: a PowerPoint presentation and the screening of motivational videos, with junior high school students from SMP Islam Belik as participants. The activity begins with thorough planning, including the identification of relevant motivational topics and the determination of the intended goals. The PowerPoint presentation material is carefully prepared, prioritizing clarity and visual appeal to ensure that the motivational messages are effectively conveyed. The selection of suitable motivational videos is crucial, as these videos are expected to inspire and provide strong perspectives to the students.

During the implementation, the PowerPoint presentation is used as a means to interactively deliver motivational content. Students are encouraged to

participate in discussions related to the messages conveyed in the presentation. Subsequently, the screening of motivational videos becomes a pivotal moment in the session, where students have the opportunity to absorb and contemplate the messages conveyed in the videos. Post-video discussions provide a space for students to share their experiences, thoughts, and reactions to the motivational messages. Furthermore, this activity encourages active student participation in speaking and discussing, ignites a passion for learning, and provides clear direction and purpose in their education. Through evaluation and feedback from the students, this community service is expected to make a positive contribution to enhancing learning motivation and aspirations among students at SMP Islam Belik.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The community engagement activity has yielded several significant achievements. Firstly, we successfully boosted the learning motivation of SMP Islam Belik junior high school students through PowerPoint presentations and motivational video screenings. The students appeared more enthusiastic and motivated to attain higher academic achievements. Furthermore, the activity has also fostered a willingness among students to pursue higher education after completing junior high school, helping them chart their futures more clearly.

The positive messages conveyed through the presentations and motivational videos played a crucial role in reshaping the students' perspectives regarding educational obstacles and challenges, thereby enhancing their self-confidence in facing such hurdles. These outcomes underscore the importance of motivation in achieving success in education and highlight the positive impact of motivational video screenings in bolstering students' enthusiasm for learning.

The collaboration between educational institutions and the community has proven effective in providing motivational support to students and reinforcing the significance of collaboration within the educational context. To sustain these positive impacts, it is essential to plan further activities, monitor students' progress, and develop motivational materials and delivery methods tailored to their needs. Thus, this activity has made a valuable contribution to enhancing the students' motivation for learning and their aspirations at SMP Islam Belik, motivating them to realize their full potential in education and their future endeavors.



Figure 1. Presentasi Materi

SIMPULAN

In conclusion, the community engagement initiative aimed at enhancing motivation among SMP Islam Belik junior high school students has proven to be highly successful. Through dynamic PowerPoint presentations and impactful motivational video screenings, we have managed to ignite a strong sense of enthusiasm for learning among the students. Additionally, this endeavor has kindled their aspirations for higher education, enabling them to envisage their futures more clearly. The infusion of positive messages and motivational content has not only reoriented their perspectives regarding educational challenges but has also bolstered their self-confidence in overcoming these obstacles. The outcomes underscore the paramount role of motivation in academic success and the efficacy of motivational video screenings in cultivating a passion for learning. The collaborative efforts between educational institutions and the community have yielded profound impacts. To sustain and build upon these achievements, ongoing activities, progress monitoring, and the development of tailored motivational materials and delivery methods are imperative. In essence, this initiative has made a valuable contribution to elevating students' motivation for learning and their educational aspirations at SMP Islam Belik, ultimately motivating them to realize their full potential in education and beyond.

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