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## A brighter future awaits young Curambao

Being the youngest in a family of six, Allan Curambao, Jr., 20, thought there is no hope for him to get a college degree as he is the last priority among all four children. With a teacher mother, a sickly and unemployed father and a small sari-sari store, Curambao said it was impossible to send four kids to college at the same time. He almost dropped out due to financial constraints, but thanks to Carmen Copper, he is graduating next year.

Curambao hails from Cayam, Colon, Naga City in Cebu. He is one of four pilot beneficiaries of Carmen Copper's Scholarship Program under the SDMP.

On his fifth year now taking Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering in the Cebu Institute of Technology



Allan Curambao

- University (CIT-U), Curambao is already assured of a job at Carmen Copper when he graduates in 2015. In fact, he already had a taste of Carmen Copper's working environment when he spent the last summer taking his on-the-job training at Carmen Copper's Mine Open Pit Operations Department.

A constant Dean's Lister at CIT-U, Curambao swore he will continue to study hard in preparation for the time to finally join Carmen Copper's workforce. "I want to contribute to the company and introduce new ideas," Curambao said.

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Like Curambao, a brighter future awaits seven other scholars who will join Carmen Copper after their graduation. Presently, Carmen Copper has eight college and 10 high school scholars. Most of them are academic achievers in their respective institutions.

Carmen Copper's Scholarship Program seeks to help underprivileged but deserving students in its host and neighboring communities. This is in line with Carmen Copper's solid support to providing access to education as a means to alleviating poverty in its target communities.

## **Our Commitment**

Carmen Copper has a shared vision with its parent company Atlas Mining to provide access to education and other educational support programs to the underprivileged children of its host and neighboring communities in Toledo City.