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From Uncertainty to the Determination to Build

In ninth grade, like many of her peers, she felt uncertain. Life's choices seemed endless, yet the answers were few. What should she pursue? Where did her talents lie? Would her grades help her get into a good school? Questions weighed on the shoulders of a 14-year-old searching for herself.

Everything changed when she participated in career counseling—a process that, to many, might seem purely formal. After an individual interview, an analysis of her interests, and a skills assessment, she saw a clear reflection of herself for the first time. A group of professionals helped her realize that she had something uniquely valuable to offer. In that moment, she felt it with certainty: *"Yes, this is my path."*



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It was at that moment, while reviewing a list of diverse fields, that she discovered something she had never seriously considered before—architecture. Until then, it had seemed like a complex, distant discipline. *"Since I had struggled to improve my grades in certain subjects, I thought this would affect my chances of pursuing higher education—especially admission and my grade average,"* Ronela shares, reflecting on her uncertainty.

Career counseling didn't just show her a profession—it revealed that passion isn't the only thing that matters. Equally important is feeling connected to what you do, knowing that your work isn't just a duty but a means of self-expression. Today, she understands that the profession she has chosen won't be a tiresome job but a journey she will experience with both passion and confidence.

But then, she realized that despite its challenges, the system offers opportunities. Training programs, projects, and the very possibility of career counseling became valuable tools to help her move forward.

She was not alone on this journey. Her parents were supportive, open to new experiences, and saw career counseling as a crucial step. They didn't push her toward any particular choice but encouraged her to discover for herself what truly fulfilled her.

"Take career counseling, because you will feel more confident and clearer about the future," is Ronela's advice today. She no longer feels uncertainty—only the drive to build, create, and bring to life the ideas she carries within. Thanks to career counseling, she knows she is on the right path.

"I chose architecture. It sparked my curiosity because I realized it was a field where I could fully utilize my imagination—turning ideas into tangible facilities or houses where individuals would truly feel at home," Ronela shares, reflecting on how career counseling illuminated her path towards her final decision. *"I had never considered this profession because I didn't know I had an inclination for it."*

Difficulties in certain subjects, the pressure to achieve high grades, and the fear that they might affect her school admission—all these made her question whether she would succeed.

