Cowles graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota Crookston. Throughout her academic journey, she has found many benefits in the online program, such as flexibility, support, and mentoring.

Cowles has learned many valuable lessons from both her academic and life experiences. The most important things to remember, according to Cowles, are to just be yourself and try to always think positively when things are not falling into place. She stated, "My parents support us all the way from kindergarten to college, sometimes they had to borrow money just to cover the tuition fees. Sacrifices they made to make our lives easier especially when we were studying."

Cowles has always been a very motivated and determined person. She draws inspiration from her son, her husband, and her family who have supported her all the way. "I want to do what I love and give back to the community," she said.

When asked about her experiences in the online program, Cowles said, "When I was searching for colleges, I had called a few colleges that offered online classes and found that UMN Crookston fit all of my requirements. It was closer to me and I could continue my career at the same time. Also, the course is fully online, and that's the only way I can go back to school in addition to all responsibilities I already have." "I graduated in Computer Science (AMA Computer College, Philippines) with an Associate in Computer Systems Design and high grades." "When I was at high school, I went to an agricultural school (Talibon Agricultural High School and now called Sikatuna National Agricultural High School) because of where our place is located (countryside part of the Philippines). I graduated in high school as salutatorian." "Cowles grew up as a farm girl on a small farm in one of the islands in the Philippines called Bohol. Her origin is originally from Bohol, Philippines and she has pursued her academic journey all the way to the University of Minnesota Crookston. By Amber Johnson on 6/29/20.

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