

1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

As I grew up having this small eatery business that was the source of income for our parents. We were trained in how the eatery operates, from purchasing ingredients to cooking to selling, to washing the dishes up until cleaning everything after closing the store. We were trained in hard labor I think, but that made us tough and strong conquering what life may throw us. My dream job is to be a restaurant owner, I want to build my own kind of business offering the specialties of our family, pasta, viands, pastries, bread, and desserts. This is our family's dream also I think because we want to continue what our parents had started, and I wanted to pursue my passion for cooking & baking. We are so grateful for where we are now, slowly pursuing to achieve our career goals in life. Maybe in God's perfect time and will, it will happen.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

Yes, I experienced this during my On-the-Job training days at a real estate company under the HR department. I was asked by the HR Assistant to route the NPAs (Notice of Personnel Action) to the employees. The NPAs are like employment contracts, with personal and compensation details. Without any idea about the attachment at the back of the NPAs, I went to each employee for them to sign the NPAs, some of the employees knew that the attachment was about the evaluation and compensation details, which were not supposed to be attached to the NPA, and it leaked to everyone. I just found out the next day about the incident. I was blamed because of that, our HR Director covered up for me, I was so thankful for her but so ashamed of that incident. From that moment, I realized that it was the reality of a corporate world, I learned how to be focused, confidentiality check, and we had then the policy of proper signing of contracts that must be done at the HR department. Experience is really a good teacher.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

The most challenging task I experienced as an HR and Admin Assistant before was the recruitment of Riggers & Antenna installers for our Telecom Company, especially during the first month it started. The urgency of hiring those employees who must've been skilled and experienced was challenging. It was my first-time handling those employee requests, Jobstreet was not effective, so I tried classified ads in the newspaper. Looking for those kinds of employees that were requested, for example, today and need to report immediately the next day because of a project, so challenging indeed.

While the tasks I enjoyed of course Admin tasks and event management. Admin tasks like my daily routine from encoding, filing, answering phone calls and emails, and event management like planning and organizing our team building, yearly bowling tournament, anniversaries, and Christmas parties. I enjoyed those tasks because they made me feel creative and proactive. I felt like those were my expertise.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

Based on my evaluations before, my HR director said that I am an asset to the department, I helped her in so many ways that made the work run smoothly. She was my role model, I really looked up to her. I was always proud of myself knowing that she appreciates me and my work. While my coworkers described me before as hardworking, easy and fun to be with, and a multi-tasker. I won't forget those comments, which made me realize my worth as an employee and as a person. There were also times that they criticized me, like for example, my boss told me that sometimes I'm careless and that I must always check my work. And my colleagues told me also before that I was sometimes moody, maybe because of the girls' monthly mood or maybe because of some reasons. Positive or negative feedback, it's okay with me, as long as it's honest feedback. Those comments also made me feel at ease around work before, so grateful for them.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

I am most proud of being a mother, my personal accomplishment. It may be shallow for some, but for me, it feels like a great achievement. I now know and realize how our mothers made a lot of sacrifices since we were just still inside their wombs until they already raised us. Now being a mother, I also have a great responsibility, I am still learning the process, but as long as my daughter is fine, it feels great. I know it's too early to overthink what's ahead of my daughter, but I want to plan things for her, provide for her needs, and raise her as a God-fearing child. That's why I am working hard right now because I want to give my daughter the life she deserves. Being a mother is also a fulfilling job for me, it is my dream, I am not getting any younger. And of course, what's more fulfilling is that you can still pursue your dream and goals while being a mother.