

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

My dream job is to become a teacher. I didn't even imagine that I would aspire to become an educator because it wasn't my dream as a child. When I was little, I once wanted to become a flight stewardess, but as I reached high school, my dream started to shift. I was unsure at first about what track I should pursue. Some people may dislike the idea of the K to12 curriculum, but it gave me time to think and decide what my future profession would be. During our immersion in Senior High School, I was assigned to teach some students. I loved how they treated me as a friend outside the classroom, but treated me as an instructor during class hours. I also enjoyed the respect they are showing me, and I was overwhelmed by their feedback. It was the time that I decided I would pursue education as a profession. Being a teacher is a challenging career, but a rewarding one.

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, but my stress back then was caused by my family's situation and not by my workload. Back in 2019, three of my family members died consecutively due to the complications caused by stroke and before the year ended, I was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy which is characterized by facial asymmetry. I felt like I lost myself at that time. I was distressed back then, but I forgot about all of those when I was busy working. So, I buried myself with all of my schoolwork and housework. I did not leave any free time and any room for me to feel anxiety. And thanks to the support I am getting from my family and friends, gradually it became better over the quarantine. I slowly picked up pieces of myself and rebuilt my self-esteem. Although I cannot go back to the way I was before, I will strive hard to become better than I was 3 years ago.

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

As a college education student majoring in Science, I find the teaching internship to be the most challenging, as well as the most enjoyable. I was assigned as an intern at Bacolod Tay Tung High School; it was both a privilege and a big responsibility. I wasn't familiar with the place, the students, and the faculty and staff. Adjusting was challenging at first but as time went by, I really felt like I belonged in their institution. I experienced a lot during my stay at Tay Tung. We were tasked to facilitate events like iConnect and iConnect recollection, Science and Math Forum, and the graduation ceremony for the Senior High department. I also enjoyed the time I spent renovating their science laboratories. I also formed an unexpected friendship with my co-interns towards the end of our physical internship. It was a worthwhile experience and I learned a lot from Tay Tung.

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

My classmates would describe me as a friendly, outgoing, and funny person normally, but they would also describe me as serious, hard-working, and goal-oriented when it comes to schoolwork. When we were talking about first impressions, they told me they have a very different first impression of me. At first, they thought I was a quiet and shy person. Well, that changed after two (2) weeks. I show them my two sides, where I play hard but also work hard. While my teachers would describe me as active and obedient, but also talkative since I am sitting beside my friends, I cannot help but talk to them. While my resource teacher during the internship might describe me as someone who is eager but has a lot to learn and improve which is normal as of now, according to her. Since it is my first exposure to an actual class set-up where I am an instructor and not a student.

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

The accomplishment that I am most proud of, so far, is graduating from college with Latin Honors (Cum Laude). I am proud of being a Cum Laude because I work hard and strive for that honor for four (4) years. These past four years have been a roller coaster ride for me and my family. Thinking back on my experiences made me realize that it was all worth the effort. I had my ups and downs but, in the end, my perseverance was rewarded. Back in 2019, when I was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy, there was a time that I thought of quitting. Because of my facial asymmetry, my confidence and self-esteem lowered. I was not confident to do what I normally do, like talking and smiling, and I can't even confidently buy things on my own. "How can I teach my students in the future if I cannot even confidently look at myself in the mirror?" That's what I used to think. But I am glad I didn't quit. I am glad I continued on pursuing my passion!