

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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be any job wherein I can travel and be exposed to many cultures. I am not very specific in terms of the nature of the job that I wanted to have, as long as I will have the means to visit many places from time to time. Ever since I have enjoyed discovering new destinations. Even though I am introverted, it doesn't stop my desire to meet new people from different backgrounds. It would also be great if I could contribute something to the community that I am visiting. It could be through donations, clean-up drives, tree-planting activities or even teaching young kids. I love emerging myself in the day-to-day lives of other people and seeing if I can help something even in my own simple ways. If I am not mistaken, social work or community development is the closest to my dream job since people in that sector visit different communities and help based on people's needs and concerns.

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?

Definitely! The most stressful situation that I experienced in my past workplace was excessive overtime without proper compensation. There were moments when we were required to work even on weekends to oversee things and prepare for the upcoming week. I experienced being burnt out and I felt like my mental health was in a critical situation already. It was hard to verbalize that concern at first since overworking was normalized in my previous workplace. Good thing, before we end our shift every day, we have also a recap and we call it "pabaon." Here, we were allowed to share our takeaway for the day, the highlight of our day, and even our concerns. I was able to share that I wasn't productive and motivated during those days because I didn't have enough time to rest. Many of my workmates expressed the same thing right after and our head officer was able to realize that the majority of the employees needed time to pause if he wanted our goals to be achieved in the long run. This instance reminded me of how important it is to speak and value our overall health.

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

In my previous position, tasks that required a high level of creativity were challenging for me. I can do simple and basic posters or pub mats using Canva and derive pleasing images from google for different materials but I can't produce creative outputs from scratch. I prefer tasks wherein I have to follow a specific structure or format. I think I am more productive whenever I do them because I can start right away unlike in creative outputs that require a lot of thinking time to produce an impressive result. On the other hand, the task that I enjoyed doing the most aside from teaching, which was my main job, was communicating with other stakeholders like other NGOs, schools, and institutions. We did this so we can have more resources for the students that we were teaching. I found it enjoyable since I was learning a lot from other organizations and it made me feel that there were so many people who are willing to connect and help to provide good education to Filipino children.

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

My previous manager described me as someone who is good at time management. I come on time to my appointments and engagements, finish my target task for the day and submit my deliverables on time. At first, I tend to consume a lot of time whenever I am still learning new tasks or new tools but by the time, I am able to fully grasp the task and tools, I can already work independently and efficiently. My coworkers describe me as someone who's quiet yet brave. Whenever there are some unfair or unreasonable happenings within the organization, I tend to speak up. I may not be someone who is talkative but I can't stand to remain quiet whenever I feel like my coworkers and I are being mistreated. Some of them would also say that I am patient. I guess it is mostly because I was dealing with young students with short attention spans and I tend to handle 30 to 40 students in one class.

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

The achievement that I am most proud of was graduating from college with an Academic Excellence Award. It is an award given to graduates with an overall average that is qualified for Latin awards yet were not able to finish their degree within the prescribed number of years. I was able to finish College for five years instead of 4 years since I was a student assistant or what most people refer to as a working scholar. I have to spare at least 5 hours a day to comply with my responsibilities. Through that, I can avail myself of a huge discount on my tuition fee. It was challenging to work and study at the same time but I was still able to maintain good grades from freshman until I graduated. In my batch, I was the only one to receive such an award. It serves as a reminder of my good work in college and proof that nothing is impossible if I work hard for what I desire.