

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

If given a chance to really pursue my dream job, I would want to study fine arts and architecture. It has been my dream since I was in elementary to study fine arts or architecture because I was also inspired by my father who was a carpenter back then. Seeing him build our house before from scratch and being very crafty and resourceful at the same time, made me realize that in order to achieve or accomplish something, you not only need to be knowledgeable, but also be very patient and understanding of the challenges that may come in the process. I can relate this to my dream job because for you to execute a goal, you must be very explicit of your plans or blueprints. Also, quality work is highly observed in the field of architecture because the result will be greatly affected with just a single error or shortcoming.

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?

I have experienced a lot of challenging situations in my previous job. But one situation that I will never forget was when I was tasked to book 20 rooms at 5 different hotels in the same day. This, however, is somewhat impossible to attain if you don't have the ability to manage your time efficiently and carefully. I was able to go through that situation because I made a to-do list and marked important tasks within that list, and, with the help of the hotel staff and superiors, I managed to book the rooms on time before the guests arrived from the airport. This has been something I am a bit proud of because some hotels can be overbooked if you are not early enough to process your reservations. As a hospitality graduate, I must learn effective skills in talking not only with the guests but also with the hotel staff, for you to be catered immediately.

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, the tasks that I found most challenging that time was understanding my guest's needs and requests. Since my previous employer is a Korean, the guests he brings to our company are also Koreans, and most of them don't have any knowledge in basic English. For you to understand them and cater their needs, I also must learn a little bit of basic Korean language to communicate with them effectively and to interpret their requests. On the other hand, the task that I enjoyed the most was serving food and drinks to our guests. It has been a basic task in our job to serve them food and drinks and I enjoyed it a lot because they are very generous in giving tips. I also appreciate them giving us their free buffet vouchers because it helped me save a lot of my salary by getting free meals most often.

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

My previous managers and superiors described me as a very silent but observant employee. When working, I always try my best to do my tasks according to the instructions given to me, and if ever I may encounter an error or a fault in my part, I immediately report to them and truthfully tell them what happened. I think that also explains why they also describe me as someone with integrity and a woman of word. As for my coworkers, I have a different type of relationship with them because they are what I socialize and work with every day, and according to them, I am firm with regards to decision – making and in doing what I really love as long as I won't offend other people. They also described me as a private person because I don't really overshare my life and experiences with them. I only tend to share my basic details except when it comes to my personal struggles and experiences.

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

One personal accomplishment I am very proud of is being a mother. I wasn't ready to enter motherhood before when I got pregnant with my son, but the moment he came into the world, my mindset and life perspective changed. Two years ago, he was diagnosed with autism, and as a mother, it pains me to see him have that condition because all I ever wished for is for him to be like other kids. While I am trying to make ends meet and figuring out how to manage my son and his challenging situation, I came to realize that autism isn't a disability after all. I began to accept that he is just special and unique, and I, as his mother should be proud of him no matter what society might say against him and other children who also have autism. This also made me proud that I now have the knowledge to understand him and interpret his actions that some people may not understand.