

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

If it were possible, my dream job would be a travel vlogger. It was and will always be my dream to travel to other places, may it be here in the Philippines or outside the country. I like to take photos and videos of places because it helps me create memories that I want to share. I recently got interested in photography, editing videos, and posting them on social media. I also have a lot of folders in my laptop containing a lot of pictures I took when I went to Davao, Bacolod, and Isla de Gigantes in Iloilo. Traveling is like entering alternate world dimensions. I get to meet different kinds of people and cultures. I also like anything about making content out of it. It would just be a bonus if I had a job like that. It gave me the satisfaction of putting my creativity to use.

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?

The first two years of my college days were a blast. I got to attend classes physically and interact socially with my professors and classmates. I got to study with my friends and have a one-on-one question and answer session with them for our upcoming exams. I was active because I participated in school programs and activities, but when the pandemic hits, all of it just disappeared. Only the screens of my mobile phone and laptop were all that I faced during the two years that were left of my college life. It was challenging because all projects, program drills, and assessments were done online. It was also a loss on my part because instead of learning on-hand, I learned virtually. What my professors did was they will send us tasks and activities to work on and pass them on at the end of the week or on the given schedule. There was a time when one of my professors gave us a 5-page activity to work on that we were going to submit at the end of the semester. What I did was work on all of it so that I could have time to study my other subjects without worrying about whether I finished my tasks on hers or not. It gave me time to chill, and I got to spend time with my family.

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

When I was in college, our dean assigned me the role of a group leader. It was challenging on my part because I only started to lead when I began college since I was also the class president. It was difficult because, aside from being a leader, I'm also the programmer of our group. I experienced some crying in the middle of coding because there was an error in my code that I couldn't fix. What I did was pray and take action. I started doing my research, and I also assigned tasks to my other group members. I was really happy when I started to learn how the programming language I used worked. I created an offline application through research; it was also the first system I created using React Native CLI. Although it wasn't my cup of tea, I enjoyed programming because I got to create an application, which was a new experience for me.

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

My research group members described me as someone who is reliable and responsible. I am someone who does things on her own but never forgets to share the workload with her group, for they will also need it in the future. It was like a training ground for me to be independent and to muster my courage to interact and work with others. My group would say that they are rest assured that I am their leader, but I always remind them to stay on their toes because I'm not always there to guide them. I was content with the fact that I may not be the best for everyone, but in their eyes, I am trustworthy, not just as a leader but also as a person. The school was like a training ground for future professionals, but everything is really different when you are in the real world. I am looking forward to seeing the days when I can also prove what they described me as in this field that I choose.

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

I have a few accomplishments that I can say I'm most proud of. This may not be that great for others, but I can say that I poured my effort into it. It wasn't easy being a student during the pandemic years. Everything was limited. I don't get to search online for schoolwork very often because we were in the midst of a pandemic and my family's peanut business was closed due to lockdown. Our source of income was crippled because it involved food, and selling food at those times is unsafe for almost all. Being a graduate is already an accomplishment for me. I am the first child to graduate in my family. The moment my name was called on stage and when my parents made me wear my medal was the greatest accomplishment I ever had. It may be enough for now, but I will strive hard to add more, to make myself and my family proud. I'll keep trying until I can say, "This is it."