

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

Looking back, my dream job from when I was little up until now is to be a veterinarian. I am very fond of different kinds of animals, ranging from domesticated ones to exotic kinds. I have a very soft spot for them, and it makes my heart full whenever I get to see and meet people who are fond of them too. However, this dream job remained a dream job for me because my family and I didn't have enough funds for me to take this course back when I was still in college. Yet, this very unfortunate situation didn't hinder my love for animals, especially cats, and dogs. As I grew older, I realized that my love for them only grew bigger and bigger as well. If animal doctors can show their love for animals by healing them, in my case, instead of curing animals, I have this routine every Thursday of the week where I visit different public places to feed stray cats and dogs whenever I get the chance to do so. This way I can still show them how much I love them but in a different way.

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 have experienced a lot of stressful situations in my past workplace. I was one of the frontmen of our cafe and because of this, I got the chance to meet different types of people and of course, their dynamic personalities. There were times when some customers would demand discounts from us when they were clearly not entitled to a refund and then some would humiliate us if their requests were not given to them. Other times, my bosses will let me face the irate customers and of course, I will be hearing all the harsh words because the management refuses to face them instead. Another stressful situation I got myself in back when I was working there was the fact that I was an all-around cashier, barista, and one of the leaders for the events. I was also in charge of leading my co-workers whenever we must prepare for private dining and then I would perform all the table scaping, and worse, private dining usually happens three to four times every week. However, I'm still grateful because these stressful events helped me and honed me to learn how to adapt to these kinds of situations and work under pressure.

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 task that I found most challenging was taking over the role of the event handler. Since I was an all-around worker, I have so many things to do on my plate. However, this is also my favorite task to do. I really love art and "tablescaping" is one of them. I learned how to set up a table and decorate a venue depending on the theme of the client. I loved watching their awe whenever they arrive at the venue and witness what we have prepared for them. I am an artsy person so watching them love what I created makes me soft. It makes me eager to create more artwork. I also love helping them out in choosing what theme would be the best for them and it makes me happy that they are appreciative and grateful for our help. It's also amazing how my potential flourished when I was working there because I didn't really expect that I would be one of the frontmen for the events and yet, I became one of them in just a short period of time.

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

My previous managers and coworkers would often describe me as a bubbly and artsy person who is also very determined to finish a task. They would often mention that at first, they didn't really see my potential because I knew how quiet and observant, I was in the first few weeks. I would only watch them while they do their tasks and then learn from them silently. I am someone who works hard whenever someone gives me a task, and I always do my best in the things that I do. They would also describe me as a person who is fun to be with, someone who can read the mood of the room, someone they can talk to at ease, and someone they can really depend on. I've noticed that these were told by the people whom I grew a strong bond with and maybe that's because I am an introvert so it really takes time before I can finally be transparent to someone. But even if we are not close, I can guarantee that I am very kind and respectful to other people.

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

(Trigger warning: Depression/Anxiety)

Surviving every day is already an accomplishment for me. As someone who has been struggling with my mental health for so many years now, being able to live my life right now is considerably one of my very personal achievements. I am proud that despite having relapses and unexpected mood drops from time to time, I am still trying my best to do the things that I love, still trying to reach my goals and dreams, still trying to make it through every day even when life gets a little too tough for me to handle sometimes, and still trying to appreciate the meaning of existence for me. With regards to achievements from a different perspective, I am most proud of getting a degree in education after all the long tedious years of studying and going to school, I have finally graduated. I am also very proud of myself after getting the degree because I have made my mom proud and that's all that matters to me.