

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

If anything was possible, my dream job was to become a pilot. Ever since I was little, I have been really amazed at how planes fly. This made me dream of becoming an aircraft pilot. I also had some other dream jobs when I was little like becoming a doctor, a soldier, a police officer, a fireman, and even a basketball superstar and playing for the national team. But being a pilot was the one that got stuck on me until high school. I really thought that I could make it come true but as I have tried to research the job and its courses, all of that was ruined because of the amount of money that you must spend before becoming one. Since then, I left that dream and moved on. With that I learned how to face the reality that not all things that I can dream of will come true, there are things that are out of our control, and we can do nothing about it. What's important is that we are living our lives and choosing to be happy despite not having the life we dreamed of becoming.

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 countless experiences when it comes to facing stressful situations in my workplace and at school. In my workplace, I was working as a kitchen staff on one of the casual dining restaurants here in Bacolod. One situation that got me stressed was when we were having an event or a holiday and we were short-staffed. In this kind of job and industry, having a coworker who is absent would ruin the flow of operation, this means we must cover those tasks that he/she is supposed to do because the store operations should continue no matter what. In school, the thing that stressed me the most was when we were given a lot of tasks for different subjects and the deadline would be after it was given to us. I am not really complaining but it is still stressful because you will be pressured to complete those tasks in a limited amount of time.

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

The task that I found most challenging from my previous job was when we were told to work in more than one station per shift. Because of the pandemic, many of our coworkers got laid off and only a few of us were left to continue working. This also means that we are given an additional workload, and we can do nothing about it because that is the only thing to do in order for the business to survive and for us to still have work. After some time, I got comfortable doing the job even though there were only a few of us remaining. We also got challenged when we had auditors coming to the store every quarter to do some checking to see if we followed the operation standards that the company implemented. I can still imagine the pressure when they come to the store, and we must get a passing score from them because if we fail, there will be another audit after a month.

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

For my previous managers, they see me as a quiet type of person. I rarely talk, especially when I am working because I am not fond of talking while doing my job. I am not that close to my superiors in the sense that I do not joke around with them and just talk about work-related things. When it comes to my previous coworkers, they see me as a friend. I am close to them, and they are one of the reasons why I stayed and enjoyed doing my job for a long time because of the bond that we made. I can joke around with them, get a few drinks after our shift, and just talk about life. For both my previous managers and coworkers, they describe me as a very respectful person. I always know my boundaries inside and outside of work and only say things that cannot hurt other people's feelings even in the middle of a commotion. I do not like trouble and always try to remain calm.

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

I am not really an achiever in school and in my previous work. I see myself as an ordinary student and an employee who just does the things that I should do. But what I considered a personal accomplishment was when I finished my studies. I am thankful that I have done it without asking my parents to support me financially because I would be a burden if I asked them to do so. I managed to balance my schedule at work and at school for 4 years and I am proud of what I achieved. For some people, it was not much of a big achievement but for me it was. Sometimes I look back on the struggles that I encountered during that time I realize that I made it. I am looking for more personal accomplishments that I can be proud of, and for me to accomplish something professionally in the future.