



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

If anything was possible, my dream job is to be a national athlete, specifically in the field of basketball. I am a huge basketball fan, I was introduced to the sport at the age of nine, and since then I have fallen in love with it. Back in 2013, that was the first time I saw The Philippines compete internationally in the FIBA Asia Cup. It was held at the Mall of Asia arena, and it was full of Filipino crowds. Even if I only watched the games through the television, I could really feel the intensity and passion Filipinos have for the sport. The Philippines cruised through the tournament and made it all the way to the finals. But sadly, their quest for gold came to an end as they finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. I felt heartbroken as I watched my idols in tears during their defeat. That was the moment that I said to myself, that someday I'll represent The Philippines and I'll get that gold medal that my idols truly desire.

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?

Back when I was in college, there wasn't a single day that I didn't experience any stress. Each school day of any academic year was tough and challenging for me. Especially the time when I decided to switch courses. I initially took up electronics engineering when I was a freshman but later, I decided to switch to business administration instead. When I started at my new course, I didn't know any of my classmates and it was difficult for me because I had no background with studies that relate to business. I had a hard time during those early college years. But as time went by, I learned how to handle stress at school. What I did to overcome stress was to simply avoid distractions and focus on the tasks at hand. That way I could finish early and have time to do other recreational activities that would help me recover. If I had an activity that is due three days from now, I would finish it on the first day and use those extra two days to either review my notes or do other activities.



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

I had my internship program at the Social Security System for four months. I was placed in the Large Accounts Department or "LAD" where we catered to contributors who had contributions exceeding one hundred thousand pesos. Anything that is one hundred thousand pesos and above, we handle them. The task that I found most challenging was the data entry because of how precise and accurate we must be when inputting data. I was specifically assigned to check if the employers have gap months with their contributions. It was difficult because of the high number of contributors that are present and active here in Bacolod. I had to check each contributor individually and see if they had gap months and I had to be accurate with my listings because even a slight typographical error could affect the entire entry. On average, I check around 10-15 contributors on a daily basis. It was a hectic and challenging task, but I managed to pull through.

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

During my internship program, my supervisors and coworkers would describe me as an efficient worker. I finished all my assigned tasks way ahead of schedule. I wouldn't proceed to the next set of tasks if I wasn't so sure, or if I didn't understand the assignment. Back then, I also had this weird characteristic that I couldn't sit still whenever I had any unfinished work that I had to attend to. So as a coping mechanism, I tend to finish all my tasks way ahead of their due date but in a formal and orderly fashion. Aside from work-related activities, I also hang out with my coworkers a lot. I bond with them during breaks and ask for pieces of advice that may help me in my department. Overall, I learned a lot during those 4 months, not just in the field of work but also outside of work as well.



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

The one personal accomplishment that I am proud of the most is graduating from college. Back then, graduating from college was close to impossible, especially when I was about to enter my senior year. My family was financially unstable, and I was put in a very difficult position to pause my studies for a while and look for a job that would help me pay for my tuition fees. At that time, I thought I could never finish college and get a degree. But as fate would say it, "the stars will align". Everything happened simultaneously and eventually, I didn't have to put my studies on hold. With the help of my family and friends, I was able to graduate from college. After the graduation ceremony, I quickly searched for my parents and embraced them as tightly as I could while tears were falling from my eyes indicating how happy I was for this accomplishment, and it wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for them. And that I am forever grateful.