



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

Ever since I was young, I have wanted to become an archeologist and travel the world searching for lost ruins and artifacts. I wanted to learn linguistics, paleontology, history, mythology, etc. Anything revolving around centuries of lost history and ancient civilizations was a wonder to me. I was inspired by this when I first read about dinosaurs in the encyclopedias my parents bought me. I was so fascinated by them that I started reading the rest of the encyclopedias at home, and I got interested in Ancient Greece, Rome, and Egypt. These civilizations were what piqued my curiosity and I started reading more about them. Not long after that, my father made me watch Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark, which made me fall in love more with the idea of becoming an archeologist who travels the world, meets new people, and discovers relics and civilizations that were once lost to the world.

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 most stressful situation I have ever experienced was the time when we had to pass the final printed manuscript of our research paper. Our teacher wouldn't approve of our final draft because she kept noting mistakes that we had made, and I had to repeatedly edit it and pass it to her. By this time, it was around 36-40 hours (about 1 and a half days) until the deadline, and none of my teammates were answering our group chat, so I had to repeatedly review and edit every mistake and come up with entirely new paragraphs in some of the chapters. It did not help that the program that we proposed kept getting denied, so I had to think of new proposals all by myself. I was stressed to the point where I could feel an intense headache coming from all the crying that I had done just a few minutes before.

I only overcame the situation when I saw one of my teammates reply with a useless question, and I realized that I should just stop thinking about them and focus on the paper. I told myself "I can just give them low scores on the Peer Evaluation sheet" and started to take deep breaths to calm myself. It was too late for them, anyway. After calming myself, I re-read all the corrections my teacher gave and slowly but surely revised every single one. By the time I finally finished the edited manuscript, it was nearing midnight, and around 12:30 AM my teacher finally gave me the okay to print the paper.



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

I was a teaching intern at Negros Occidental High School. One of the most challenging tasks I have done was presenting my teaching demonstration. I never liked talking in front of a lot of people. Not only that, the students in the class I was going to teach were very rowdy and barely paid attention whenever their teacher was delivering her lesson. I had to find ways that would keep their attention while also making sure that they were having fun and learning. The task I enjoyed the most was keeping records of their scores on their tests and performance tasks. My assigned teacher had around five to six classes and taught around four of those six classes in a day, so I had to be fast and accurate when recording their scores, and then accompany my teacher to her next class and help her set up her laptop and projector or TV and then take attendance as she sets up her presentation.

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

I was an intern at four different areas; Riverside College's HR office, their SHS department, Negros Occidental High School, and the guidance office of Carlos Hilado Memorial State University's guidance office. The teachers in charge all described me as a bright and hardworking person. I rarely took breaks because I wanted to get my work done as fast as possible because there was so much to do. Due to that, even though they say I'm hardworking, they also say that I should take breaks and not overwork myself.

My fellow interns also say that I am a hardworking person, but they also tell me that they admire how punctual I am and that they never see me come to work late. I always tell them that it's because I don't want to be complacent and that I always want to get the work started as early as possible. Some of them called me crazy for waking up super early every day, and some just told me that I should get some sleep occasionally, if I have free time.



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

The accomplishment I am most proud of is when I got the letter that confirmed to me that I would be graduating Cum Laude. I never expected it because I didn't really keep track of my grades, so I had no idea I was eligible for it until I got the letter. I was so happy that I almost cried. Everything that I have worked hard for, the little to no breaks, the multiple all-nighters, and crying and stressing over projects have finally paid off. I was excited when I told my parents. My siblings were also happy for me and congratulated me. Then, my parents posted about it on Facebook, and because of that I got a lot of people congratulating me in the comments, and I even got multiple cash gifts from my relatives which made me even happier and more thankful for my achievement. We also celebrated everyone who graduated from college and high school among my relatives from my mother's side, and my uncle surprised me with a cake.