



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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be to become a chef. I really like cooking. Maybe, I liked cooking because my parents and siblings also liked cooking. It is one of our many bondings as a family and most likely because we own a small food stall in our town. My older sister also took up Hotel Management when she was still in college, and we spent a lot of time cooking, we also liked to check out new local restaurants. I spend a lot of hours every day watching YouTube and TikTok videos on how to cook some authentic dishes and practice how to cook them. But it depends on the budget and the availability of the ingredients. I also like baking; it is more complicated because you must be accurate with the measurements. Too much of everything will lead to a disaster except if it is chocolate.

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 finished my bachelor's degree at the Technological University of the Philippines – Visayas. I am one of the many students who can attest and say that a normal day should always be a stressful day including Saturdays and Sundays if you are from TUP-V. If you are not stressed today, then something is wrong. It might be that you forgot something important, or you are missing some projects, or you're about to fail. Because dropouts and failing in a major or minor subject in our school are normal. If you are from a high school that gives high grades you should accept the faith that you will always have a 75 in that one subject every semester, especially the minor subjects, as they are very important. As a TUPVian, the most popular coping mechanism is to drink. It is very effective in forgetting your problems for the night because as expected you will be stressed again the following morning.

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

I was assigned as a line technician in the main building. I handle the Package to Magnet Attach machine or the Paraquada machine. It is a series of 5 machines that are connected by a small conveyor belt. It includes the On-loader, Paraquada, the Fox machine with feeder bowl, the oven, and the Off-loader. It attaches chips into magnets using epoxy. The most challenging part of being a technician is to master everything about the machine, its parts, how to troubleshoot the errors, how does every part works, and many more. Because you must be accurate in everything, a little mistake can sometimes cause a problem that will cost millions and will lead to termination and debt. The task that I like the most is cleaning the Jet valve. I can rest while cleaning the accessory. It is the accessory that dispenses the epoxy into the magnet. Cleaning



the parts of jet valve is the easiest but I still have to be very careful because it also costs thousands, especially the smallest part.

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

Working in the Manufacturing Industry is not that easy, especially when dealing with the big bosses. And you also must be careful in working with the products because they are fragile and very expensive. I think my senior technicians and supervisors think of me as a serious person when it comes to working on the production line. I do not talk that much except if I'm asking questions, or I am being asked. I take everything seriously when working because I do not want to make mistakes that will cause me to be terminated and to be sent back home. But when it comes to my schoolmates who are also having their training with me, I am very loud, I really do talk a lot. Maybe my personality depends on the person I am with, or the level of friendship, and to my daily mood. Because if you are talkative or easy to deal with, maybe we could get along.

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

The one thing that I'm most proud of is when I finished my bachelor's degree. It was my proudest moment. The only thing that I have been looking forward to for the past 4 years. I'm the youngest among my siblings and I'm the only one that has not yet graduated from college. The pressure is really high when you are the only one that is left studying and all my other siblings are already working professionally. But at last, I graduated and I'm currently hoping to have a stable job to help support my family. I'm not only proud of myself but I'm also proud of my parents who supported me through college even when they are in their 60's. Age does not really matter. They did not hesitate to help me. Special thanks to my older brother for providing for the family financially. For the sacrifice of working abroad to help me finish my college.