



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

My dream job is to be the business owner of a bookshop with a café. Ever since I was a young girl, I have loved the vibe and atmosphere of bookshops that it's become a safe space for me or a comfort place. It is a kind of place where people are just quiet, contemplative, peaceful and somehow ready to get lost in a book. Books give readers a chance to travel without having to go anywhere. It is also the cheapest way you can travel.

Adding a café to my bookshop seems to be the most perfect idea, no other pair would fit excellently. There would be servings of hot and cold drinks and pastries. Tables and chairs for customers who would love to read books by themselves or chat with a friend. Both the café and bookshop would be warmly lit to complement the atmosphere of coziness.

In the end, this is still all just a dream.

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?

When I was in my last year of college, we had to do our thesis in groups of five. At the beginning everyone in my group was still helpful and enthusiastic but as time went on. A couple from my group got careless and detached, in a way. So, it took a toll on everyone else. It left us much more work in a limited time.

I then figured that it was best if we let our professors know about our issue. Hoping to resolve this, it did not even help at all. The two people from my group would only help when we were almost done with a chapter.

So, what I did was I asked the professor if we could have a time extension before our due date but if that wasn't allowed, kick out the other two from my group who weren't making much effort.

It all worked out in the end because they approved my request for a time extension.



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

During my university time, I did not have Internships or OJTs, but we were able to replace that with what we called Plant Visits. It was not challenging at all for me. In fact, I enjoyed it. The most enjoyable for me was when we visited Rivson Goldplast Manufacturing in Bacolod City. It was a plastic and manufacturing company specializing in an extensive range of plastic food ware and packaging products. We observed how their products were made and the process involved in their production. Our objective was to learn and be educated. The purpose for the Plant Visit was to expose us students to industry and engage in thinking about transferring our classroom learning to our future in engineering.

It was fun to see all the processes happening behind the scenes. How the equipment is being handled and operated. Back then, it really inspired me to really understand and appreciate the operators and technicians when most people could only see the finished product that they made.

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

My previous classmates in university would describe me as kind, approachable, and determined. I believe that keeping a positive attitude and self-discipline is very important for success. I created rules for myself. First of all, I write down a schedule for each week. I feel comfortable when I keep myself on track with what I have planned for each day. I try my best to keep my plan going and not to mess up. I divided the tasks for a certain time. Studying is the most important thing to help me learn. I always keep it up every week. Then, I liked to improve my English by reading books and watching TV. I also did group studies with my friends to encourage us to think creatively, learn new concepts and also to help with my communication skills. Group studies by exchanging of ideas helped me understand the material we were studying more.



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

I am very proud of myself for sticking through 4 and a half years in college and for passing the board exam in Mechanical Engineering. It was not an easy feat. I struggled in maintaining my motivation and self-discipline to study especially in the few months up to the board exam. What drove me to accomplish this was my parents and family members who saw my future for me. Although I am very happy that I made them proud, I just always felt that Engineering is not for me. Now I am taking a different path and testing the waters. This all comes down to my choice, of who to listen to and who influences my life and that can make a big difference. We are responsible for what we become, and no one has complete control over me other than me. All I have to do is to be bolder than I was before.