

If anything was possible, I would have multiple dream jobs. I would be a scientist, a pilot, and an educator.

I have many dreams in life, which is also why I have many dream jobs, and each of them is for a specific purpose.

The reason why I dream of being a scientist is to contribute to this society in my field. As a Materials Engineer, I dream of using the knowledge and skills I have gained at school to solve the problem of plastic pollution to save the planet that we live in.

Next, I want to be a pilot. My grandfather was a jeepney driver and my father was once a seafarer. So, to complete the land, water, and air modes of transportation, I thought that it would be nice to be a pilot and travel to different countries in the world.

Lastly, I want to be an educator. I want to share all the knowledge, lessons, and experiences that I have gathered throughout my life other people.

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 experienced a lot of stressful situations in my previous job. I first started as a Quality Control Inspector in a plastic manufacturing company. We were trained for two weeks and then we were assigned to our respective buildings. As someone new to the job, there were times that I had questions, but I did not have someone to ask them, because they were assigned in other buildings. So, I had to be resourceful and ask some of the employees even though they were from a different department. During breaks when I was able to be with my co-departments, I confirmed my questions just to be sure.

Another stressful situation that I have experienced was working on a night shift on a holiday. Besides fighting drowsiness, I have noticed that it was during night shifts that a lot of machine malfunctions occurred, so I had to be more vigilant.

Despite having to go through plenty of stressful situations in my previous workplace, I am still thankful. Through it, I have learned that with the right attitude and mindset, as well as with help from others, I can overcome any stressful situation.



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

In my previous position as production management trainee, the task that I found the most challenging was catching up with the target output set for the production team. A lot of machines were old and malfunctioning, and so they could not contribute to the daily output required to meet the quota set by the sales team.

To add to that, almost every day there were employees who were absent may it be because of the weather, of having to bring their children to school, or of them being sick. This is why during my time as production management trainee/acting production manager, we implemented roll call to check how many employees were present and absent.

The task that I enjoyed the most were weekly meetings with other departments to see our performances throughout the week. It was in that time that I got to meet other people and talk about our struggles and how we can overcome them to meet our goals.

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

My previous manager/coworker describe me as a reliable coworker. When I was a newbie, I was eager to watch others do their tasks and learn from them, and so, when they were absent, I was the one who covered for them because I know how to do their tasks. We were assigned to separate buildings and had different nature of tasks but during my first three months in the company, I made it my goal to learn everything that I can learn from them.

They also see me as fun. Although I may be serious when I am doing something, my funny and outgoing nature would come out during breaks, when we'd joke at each other and catch up with the latest events in each other's lives. During team buildings and company events, we would often sing and dance to have fun and share a part of our lives which is not usually seen when we are working.



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

The personal accomplishment that I am most proud of was when I graduated college. It is an accomplishment that will always be close to my heart because it is a shared effort between me, my family, my friends, my teachers, and all those people whom I have met during my college life. It was never an easy journey in any aspect, may it be physically, mentally, and financially.

My college journey challenged me physically because it was at that time that the pandemic hit. It also challenged me mentally because there were a lot of things that I had to study and retain in my mind for quizzes and exams, to get a high grade. Lastly, it was financially challenging because I come from a family that is struggling financially, but my parents are working hard to send us to school so we can graduate and find jobs to supply our daily needs. Despite all those struggles, it remains an accomplishment that I am most proud of.