



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

My dream job would be a chef and manage my own restaurant. I didn't realize it until recently, but I always had a talent for cooking. I was in elementary school when I started learning how to cook. I also enjoyed learning to cook different kinds of food. I would get a recipe from the internet and then try to cook with it. Even in my leisure time, all I do is watch cooking shows and movies about cooking. My mother also loved baking cakes and she also taught me how to bake. And recently, I also discovered that my biological father is a chef in Canada. So, I realized it made sense that I was always interested in cooking. I also liked going to cafes and restaurants just to pass the time. Then I had the idea that what if there's a restaurant where they serve almost everything? Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, drinks and liquors, coffee, and cake. Then it would be open 24/7. That would be an awesome job for me.

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 working in our family's water station, there was this day that we had a slight problem with the taste of our product, and we had a customer complaint. To give context, in a water refilling station, there are sets of filters the water would have to go through to remove the unwanted impurities from water such as sediments and bacteria. And the product should be laboratory tested to see if it's clear for consumption before you sell it to the public. Two days before we got the complaint, we changed our filters, and because of that the taste of the water slightly changed since the filter hasn't settled in yet. It was only evident that complaints would come in. So, what I had to do was reach out to every customer that we had and explain why it tasted different. I called some of our customers and for the others, I went to their houses and personally explained the situation. It was a stressful situation since I was on my own at that time, but I pulled through by calmly addressing the issue and communicating honestly and clearly with our customers.



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 an assistant manager at our water refilling station, I found that dealing with employees was the most challenging for me. We had three employees in total, and it was difficult for me to handle them because of our age gaps. All three of them were very much older than me so I had to still be careful to treat them with respect when I approached them. At the same time, it was hard for me to point out the mistakes they make and habits that are not recommended when working in a water refilling station. And we can't just let go of them without even letting them have a chance to work on their shortcomings. What I enjoy the most are the physical tasks. Working in a water refilling station, you can't really avoid having to do physically demanding tasks. You have to lift containers from one place to another all the time. I enjoy it the most because I like to stay physically fit. I may not look like it but I try to squeeze in exercise to my daily routine.

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

I think they would describe me as organized, neat, and someone who accepts and adapts to the situation at hand. Organized in the sense that everything that I do is listed in the schedule with regards to the priorities of that day. I also put up a schedule of which customers we would have to deliver for every day of the week. I'm also neat, I like to work in a clean environment, so I always clean every station I am assigned to. Especially since my last job was in a water refilling station where cleanliness is always a must. I am also a person who adapts to every situation I come across. I don't really like the idea of always looking for the ideal situation in life. So, with any situation presented, I always accept it as it is and think of what I can do about it. I think it's also a waste of time if you complain or argue about the situations you're in rather than just accept it and think of the ways you can get around it.



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

I haven't really had a professional accomplishment to be proud of, but I do have this small personal accomplishment that I'm happy about. My small personal accomplishment is that I graduated with a college degree without my mother having to pay any tuition ever since. My biological father left us when I was 2 years old. Since then, I was raised by a single mother. And I knew how expensive education can be during these times, especially in our case. So, when I was in high school, I made sure to work on my grades, study hard, and apply to a public university. That was the time that public colleges started offering free tuition. I applied at Carlos Hilado Memorial State University and luckily, I passed. I instantly decided to go for CHMSU even though I've had second thoughts. I realized it was a good decision since my brother would be in college as well after 2 years and I'm sure my mom can't handle the financial strain of two of us in private colleges.