



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

If anything was possible, my dream would be to become a veterinarian. My father has a farm where my siblings and I grew up spending a lot of our summer breaks and weekends. There are horses, goats, chickens, turkeys, pigs, cats, dogs, and a few other animals I may have forgotten to mention. Growing up with animals was a fun experience and it made me into the person I am today. I have a very soft spot for animals, especially for stray cats and dogs. When I was living alone in Cebu, I adopted 3 stray dogs to keep me company and even brought them here in Bacolod when I went home. Animals need medical attention as humans do, and when my dogs get sick it's been a habit of mine to take them to a veterinarian right away. I sometimes spend too much money just so they can be pain-free and healthy; this often makes me dream of becoming a veterinarian instead so I could help a lot of animals in need, especially strays who are voiceless and have no one to rely on.

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 think stressful situations are almost always available, especially in workplaces; I have been working for quite some time and I think all of us could attest to that. There are times when some people are rude and mean and the receiving end doesn't even know what they have done wrong to receive such treatment. There are times when the workload is too much, and expectations are high. I have experienced both scenarios and at the end of the day, it will always be about how I reacted to the situation. When the stress is about work, I try to think about positive things and continue working, telling myself that once the work is done, the stress will be gone. When the stress is coming from a person, I normally wouldn't care and do my best at work; however, I'd act and let someone authorized know if there are rules that are not being followed or regulations. At one of my previous workplaces, I was bullied by a supervisor, who removed my incentive just because I wouldn't lend them money. This happened to everyone on my team, so we all went to human resources to complain about our supervisor.



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

The most challenging task in my previous position was teaching little foreign kids. I did not study how to become a teacher and it was quite challenging to share my knowledge with a person who doesn't share the same culture as me. I think it is important to understand how a person thinks when teaching them, even something as basic as teaching them a new language. Talking to little kids from our country we would know what things they are interested in because we are from the same place; however, things are different everywhere and it is important to relate to someone to get their attention, especially kids since their attention is hard to keep. I had to try and keep up with trends from their country, so I have something to talk about during classes. I researched new toys, games, foods, movies, and plenty of other things so I could relate to them on a personal level.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

I think many people would say I keep to myself most of the time, but I work hard and enjoy working. I am kind and respectful because that's how I want to be treated. I respect everyone's beliefs and opinions and try to stay away from conflicts as much as possible. I don't like talking about people very much, I don't like gossiping about colleagues, that's why I wouldn't bond with people who like doing these things. I am helpful in plenty of ways, that's why this new arrangement and rules are somehow unique for me. In the past, I was one of the people standing up and lending a hand to those colleagues who might need help to understand a few things, but this experience was quite nice since I could focus more on my task. Overall, my past colleagues would say I'm a nice person to work with.



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

I am most proud of being a woman and becoming a mother like most are. Pregnancy was such a hard and painful journey for me, and my first one was very heartbreaking since I lost my baby. Now that I have finally become a mother, I am very proud and happy. A lot of women who have been pregnant will have different experiences, but one thing is for sure, it's not easy. Our body goes through a lot of changes, and we make plenty of sacrifices. I think that makes us, women, amazing creatures, superheroes, if you must. Labor and delivery are a different story, if people think pregnancy is hard, they should try pushing a watermelon out of their privates. It was excruciating, and the only thing I could think of afterward was how wonderfully made a woman's body is. I am not only proud of being a mother, but I am also proud of all women who go through too much change, be criticized, and remain strong, whether they want to be parents or not.