



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

Being an Architect would be my dream job. I revel in creating something out of pure imagination, starting from a blank page, and slowly progressing into a finished product. The thought of "How am I supposed to design this from what a person I barely know, just described", to "Woah, I just finished the whole thing, how did I even do that?". The feeling of producing something out of nothing but vague descriptions of strangers you just met always amazes me. The continuous development and evolution of architecture inspired me to further develop my skills and widen my perspective on things I thought I already knew.

As Le Corbusier once said, "Architecture is the learned game, correct and magnificent, of forms assembled in the light". The use of the word "game" implies the playful and imaginative aspect of Architecture. While "correct and magnificent" alludes to the precision and workmanship of designs, and lastly "forms assembled in the light" states the significance of natural in every structure. Light always changes how you perceive an object.

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?

In my first Apprenticeship in Architecture, I was under an Architect with poor time and project management. He juggles multiple projects each having consecutive deadlines to each other, and/ or having the same deadlines while only having myself and a friend as his aid. I would go to the office before 8:00 AM, start working on my task, end by 5:00 PM, take-home projects and work until I finish all of them, for tomorrow would be the deadline. And sometimes, as I'm already in charge of 2 or more projects, another one would be pushed onto me to be completed by tomorrow or the end of the day.

The worst I experienced was when I was asked to create a design with complete plans, a 3D model, a photo render of the model, and a video walk-through render of said model and attend the meeting which was 4 hours away all in the span of 24 hours. This was the point where I questioned my pursuit of architecture.

I was able to overcome all these stressful situations by resting whenever I could, and if I do get too overwhelmed in my predicament, I would turn to my mother for guidance and emotional support. She would always reassure me of my doubts and remind me to take a breather.



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 I had to encounter was when I first started working as an Online English as a Second Language teacher at 51talk, primarily teaching younger children English. As I am an introverted person, talking to people was never my strong suit. However, I eventually got the hang of it. My experience in teaching polished my skills in English and taught me patience. Especially when it comes to children and beginners learning something new. It also made me meet new people from a different culture from mine, and eventually became friends with my students and their parents.

As for the task I enjoyed most, it was also one of the tasks I was most stressed about, which was Architectural work. The process of designing was enjoyable and pushed me to think outside the box. It changed my view of the world, and further enhanced my senses, especially my sight. It made me see things I would have never noticed before I started my journey into architecture.

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

I'd like to believe that they would describe my work ethics as focused, fast and creative. As much as possible, I always stick to my deadlines and finish all my work on or before the deadline. I am also a very focused person. I do take breaks when I get overwhelmed, but I also try not to take them as it would pull me out of my rhythm and creative flow. I'm the type of person who would wake up in the middle of the night and open my laptop just to create the design I thought of while in bed.

In addition, I am also determined to do what I want to do, given the means and opportunity to do so. I do have fears of embarking onto something new and unfamiliar, but I will always follow through in pursuit of knowledge and the expansion and development of my current skills, and new skills yet to be learned.



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

I'm most proud of participating in *Palarong Pabansa* tournaments when I was in Elementary; twice and High School; twice as well. In grade 5, we won gold, and it was the first time in 6 years since Western Visayas won the gold in Volleyball 12 under girls. We also won gold in my 6th grade, in my 3rd year of high school, and in my last year of high school, we won the Shakey's Nationals. Though we did not win the *Palarong Pambansa* in my last year, winning Shakey's was the highlight of my high school life.

Furthermore, I am also proud of myself for being able to finish and complete Architecture and graduating. Looking back to those moments when I struggled, I would never have imagined myself surviving the grueling studies, sleepless nights, and countless breakdowns. It was a study I sought after, yet I was not prepared to handle. Yet, against all odds, survived.