

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

Veterinary has been what I have dreamt of being my job since I was young. It has been my passion to rescue, shelter, and treat stray or abandoned animals around our area. Growing up, I became attached to animals, because we once used to live in a rural town. If I look back further, it was my father who shows me the heart for the poor animals, as he provides them with food and a home outside of our house. I have been fond of chickens, ducks, carabaos, goats, and mostly, dogs. If only we had the financial capacity or had a Vet school in the region, I would pursue to become a veterinarian. However, this did not stop me from fostering dogs, and educating other people about the Animal Welfare Act. Currently, we have three rescue dogs, along with our own two dogs. Even in these small ways, I was able to help these animals even if I am not in the field of Veterinary.

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?

It was during the last school year of college when I encountered a lot of stressful experiences. It has been my assumption that 4th year will be go easy, with only at least 6 subjects by the first semester and OJT by the second semester. Thus, I did not hesitate to join our club organization and ran for Executive Secretary. We had lined up activities and events planned for the marketing students, and pile of academic tasks, along with our thesis. What I did not expect that, my experience as the secretary was dreadful, when I carried the responsibilities of the president and vice president. In the end, I was severely mentally and physically exhausted, working on both roles as an officer and a student. Despite all the pressure and difficulty, I remained resilient and steadfast to my mission, to serve the marketing students. That is when I started asking for help then. I finally opened and let other people work on the other task I can't fit in my schedule. I visited the school psychiatrist for a counselling session and raised my concerns to our club moderator. After a few months and a series of club activities, I was able to realize what my role is as the club secretary and put limitations for owning everyone's liabilities.



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

I had my OJT internship in a bank and worked under the Internal Audit. The set of my everyday tasks includes data entry and filing of documents. I also often help with the documentation of daily transactions of the bank, which I consider the most crucial part of my work. This task includes encoding the amount of cash for a specific transaction, and if I am not careful, there will be a discrepancy in the total balance. I used to meticulously review my inputs and avoid any type of typographical errors, making it challenging for me. On the other hand, I enjoy filing the documents and application forms of the clients. It is my main task to make a digital copy of the documents, that serves as a backup and for safekeeping purposes. After scanning and making a digital copy, I organize them in a specific folder and submit an online copy. This task helps my supervisor oversee in many ways, and I feel fulfilled with my accomplishments.

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

In my workplace, most of the staff commend me for being a workaholic, and I always receive good feedback from them. My supervisor is amazed with how focused I am when I work, finishing my tasks early. In the first few months, the first impression of the employees towards me was that I am a serious individual. However, I would rather identify myself as focused and goal oriented. I avoid chatting and stalling whenever I start my work. My attendance was also impeccable, as I arrived early and finished my duty hours. Therefore, my supervisor recommended me to another department, because of my good work ethics. This opportunity to work in different departments expands my skills and knowledge in banking. In addition to this, I built a good connection and relationship with all the employees. By the end of the training, they continued to open their lines for me, wanting to keep in touch for any future possibilities.



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

The accomplishment I am most proud of was when I finally graduated from college with Latin Honors. In my perspective, to get hold of the diploma is enough, but there was a different sense of fulfilment when I was awarded Cum Laude. It was even a surprise to me, given that I shifted courses and knew that my grades on the Accountancy course were satisfactory. However, I was able to discover my passion and enhance my skills in Marketing Management. It was not an easy journey I have went through, but all my hardships and breakdowns paid off when I wore my medal on our graduation day. I also believe that more opportunities will open for me, because earning such an award also shows my character as a diligent individual. Thus, I will carry all the learnings and values I have gained from my experience and exhibit them in my future career.