

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

If anything was possible, being an astronaut would be my dream job. I have always dreamed of working for NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, since I was a child. One major reason why I dreamed of working for NASA is that I am fascinated with stars, galaxies, and what's beyond our solar system. There is this one question that makes me more curious about what's outside Earth. The question goes like this: "Who knows if our neighboring galaxies are home to another species of life?". I am the kind of person who likes to ask questions if they interest me, and I would do anything to know the answer. This reason alone also answers the question of why I enrolled as a Chemical Engineering student. Before choosing my course, I researched to see if there were opportunities for Chemical Engineering in NASA, and I was lucky to find some. Another reason why I wanted to be an astronaut is that I liked being alone with a nice view. I like being alone because it gives me peace and space to collect my thoughts and think clearly.

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 been a tutor for about 2 months, and the most stressful situation I have experienced would be teaching English to a 3-year-old Chinese. It was stressful because she was super hyper and all over the place. She doesn't want to learn English, and she just wants to play with me. We had two 25-minute sessions at that time, and that was the longest session I had ever handled. It was challenging because I had to compete with her energy and, at the same time, find a way to divert her attention from her toy. What I did was, tell her that she can teach me how to speak Chinese in return. Indeed, she taught me how to speak Chinese, and at the same time, she was attentive to what I was discussing. We have gotten close for a short amount of time, and I have learned that she is a very smart kid.



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

One of the most challenging tasks of being an online teacher is having to teach a toddler that doesn't even know how to talk yet. I had a client once who enrolled her toddler, a 2-year-old, for an English tutor session. It was stressful because, clearly, the kid cannot talk. I kept on lecturing until we finished the 25-minute session, but it was just the mother who was responding.

The task that I enjoyed most about being a tutor was having a "Free Talk" session with a teen or adult. I enjoy it a lot since we are just given a topic and all we must do is talk about it. Also, because I get to learn things about them and about their traditions, beliefs, and other stuff.

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

I think from my On-the-job Training at Hawaiian Philippine Company, the supervisor from the Quality Assurance Office would always tell me that I am a very dedicated and hands-on person. I would always look for ways to solve a certain problem. Especially that at that time, their excel programing code was messed up. The Supervisor asked me to try to fix it, and I did even if I already forgot some of the codes that were taught to us at the University. My classmates, on the other hand, describe me as an enthusiastic, determined and a very positive person. I would always finish my work before allowing myself to relax, and I always ensure that my work would pass my standards.



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

I have two personal accomplishments I am most proud of. One is being a Citizenship Advancement Training, CAT, Officer during High School. It is some sort of military training. I graduated with the rank of Major S7 in our batch. I am very proud of myself surviving the physical and mental training for the whole 3 months. The other accomplishment is during college, I consider passing our professional Chemical Engineering subjects as an accomplishment and I am proud of myself for that. My hard work, dedication, and sacrifices have paid off.