



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

If anything was possible, my dream job would probably be being a Surgeon. When I was young, I really had no idea of other types of occupations and only knew of the basics they would teach you as a kid, like a doctor, nurse, teacher, fireman, farmer, and a policeman. One day, out of nowhere, when I was on a bus with my mom going towards the city, she opened up a conversation. She said "would you like to be an accountant when you grow up? You'll only need to sign then you'll be paid a lot for it.". As a kid, of course I agreed with my mom and that became my goal. But when I stepped into high school, I got access to the internet and had enough time to explore other things. At this period of my life, I started getting hooked on K-Drama and other TV Series, which mostly focused on the medical field. I enjoyed watching medical dramas and was inspired by how the doctors were able to save lives no matter how complicated the problems were. It was at those moments when I really wanted to be a doctor. I wanted to know the specifics of the human body and wanted to know how to be able to heal them. I was even more pumped up because we had Biotech class when we were in High School, where we experienced wearing lab gowns, using microscopes, watching documentaries, and had moving exams. I really would have enjoyed learning in the medical field and being a doctor despite the difficulties I would face, but in the end, the reality is that I am the eldest and I have my priorities. I had no hard feelings for my family that I couldn't pursue medicine. I am still happy that I could graduate with a 4-year course, find a job early, provide for them, and let my sister take on my dreams instead.

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?

Yes, I have experienced being in a very stressful situation in college. It was during my second year when I really had it at my hardest. Because it was during a pandemic situation, classes took place online, so all the tasks were communicated on our learning modules or via messenger. We took up our Intermediate Accounting subject during that time, which really required intense studying, a lot of understanding and patience. That subject was the root cause of all stress on top of other tasks. Waking up was hardly something to look forward to anymore because, despite clearing up my to-do list during the weekends, once Monday starts, we are bombarded with new tasks other than what they had scheduled the week before. Handling a lot of tasks was okay because it was the role of the student, but that subject really was the icing on top. Despite my hard work and sleeping late, my scores were really something to cry on and be sad about. It really felt like my efforts were not paying off. Witnessing my academic struggles for the first time, my father who was very uptight on my standing in school, finally loosened up. He really played a big role in me overcoming it. My friends, who were smarter than me, also took up accounting courses at that time and he got to hear testimonies from their parents that there were a lot of breakdowns that took place. He finally realized that the course I was taking up wasn't a walk in the park and stepped up to assure me that whatever happens, it will be okay. Him, saying that was like a thorn being removed from my heart. I was afraid of not being able to live up to his expectations, that's



why I was pressuring myself the whole time. After my father comforted me and encouraged me, I somehow relaxed and did a lot better. And if there every comes a time that I would feel bad about my performance, I instead redirect my attention to my hobbies to overcloud my negative thoughts and face another set of challenges the next day.

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

In reference to my position as an intern during my OJT in college, the task I found the most challenging was monitoring companies. I took my internship at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Bacolod, and one of their roles involves regulating companies, and monitoring was part of the task. In monitoring companies, what we do is check the timely submission of their GIS and AFS, and check if they have any violations then proceed to calculate the fines. What makes this task challenging was that we both needed to check their submissions in the database and find their physical folder in the records room to double check if it is not yet uploaded in the system. We must be careful in calculating everything because the fines were not small amounts and are being processed right away to inform the clients to ask them to pay those. As for the task that I enjoyed the most, it would be the culling of old files in the corporate folders. We would start by the earliest years then check if their physical submissions were uploaded in the system. We kept those who are still not yet uploaded. What makes this task enjoyable was that its focus was organizing and attention to details. After culling out the submissions already in their records, we kept them in an area and then returned the folders to the records room.

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

In my college days, my group members would probably describe me as someone dependable, responsible, and organized. Whenever there were tasks, I had my own share of being a group leader, so I had the tendency to work very hard as to not disappoint my members and do my best to recheck everything for us to get higher grades. It was the same when I was working as the secretary of our academic club. It was evident that our president finds me as someone dependable and responsible because she trusts me that when she would assign tasks, I would deliver to her in the highest quality possible. As the eldest in the family, this has greatly affected my behavior regarding how I would do things. I wanted my parents to have lesser worries, that is why I developed the behavior of being dependable and responsible. I would learn the efficient ways to do things and strive to double check things to lessen the possibility of delaying or encountering problems in the future.



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

In my life, there are two professional accomplishments that I am most proud of aside from being able to finish my degree as an academic achievement awardee. That would be being able to pass the Civil Service Examination – Professional level and the CAT Level 1 – Certified Bookkeeping exam with High Distinction last year. As a graduate of Management Accounting, taking the CMA exam was expensive for me and I wanted at least earn certifications so I can show that I have credibility in certain work areas. When I took the Certified Bookkeeping exam, I was very anxious at first because only a few from our class had the courage to take the exam and I had no one to ask for reference or some tips from their experiences. But thankfully, I was able to pass the exam with flying colors. As for the Civil Service Exam, I was really under a lot of pressure because some of my relatives passed the exams despite the low passing rate. Despite finding the test a bit taxing and wasn't sure if what my results were going to be, thankfully my efforts paid off and God helped me in passing this which really made me and my family happy.