



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

If anything is possible, my dream job is to be a politician. Specifically, I want to become the president of the Philippines. I know this will sound too noble, but I want to help the suffering and marginalized Filipino people. I'm tired of feeling powerless, so I want to stand up for those who are hungry, sick, homeless, and oppressed—those who have no choice but to slowly die somewhere with no one to care for them. I have the heart to help, but I don't have the means to do so.

That is why, if given the opportunity to have this dream realized, I will first root out those corrupt politicians and government employees who suck the life out of the Philippine government. Instead of 4Ps, I will implement projects that create jobs instead of having them depend on the government. I will create strong connections that will help us with our problem with the harassment of our fishermen, as I am also aware that just us—the Philippines alone—are not enough. I would also give more priority to our farmers' produce in the market, as our country is one of the agricultural countries in Asia, but we are one of the biggest importers of agricultural products. I will change the education system to one where the creativity and minds of children are being developed instead of the current one where they are like robots that memorize things they are told to, and all go in one direction. Lastly, instead of legalizing divorce, I would legalize the penalization of cheating to raise more responsibility among Filipinos and have them realize how serious the thing they are entering is.

I know this can be done by the current administration, but I do not know if there are actions currently being undertaken, as I do not feel there are any changes at all. In fact, I feel like it is even getting worse. This is why, if I can do something, I'd rather act than wait like always and be disappointed.

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 had a ton of stressful situations during my college days, but the one that stands out is that one time when a friend and I were tasked with balancing the five-year estimated balance sheet and the cash flows of our feasibility study. The job would not have been so hard if she tried to help, but all she did was look at the spreadsheets and tell me she understood nothing. I tried to have her understand what was going on, but she did not even pretend to listen. I was so stressed because I lacked sleep for several days that week, and the deadline is coming up fast. I trusted her to help me, having known each other for years, and we were close at that, but I was just disappointed. So, what I did first was leave our work there and take a break to catch my breath and calm myself. It was because I knew that I wouldn't get any job done with my emotions at that time. After calming myself, I got back to her and had her explain what was wrong with her and



why she didn't want to learn the task. After resolving some personal issues, we continued the work and saved two things: the deadline and our friendship.

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

During my internship at Central Negros Electric Cooperative, the task that I find most challenging is starting the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month as it is the time for me to encode and submit the SSS, Pab-ibig, and PhilHealth contribution. They have this system in which all the contributions of the employees are generated and printed each month and all you must do is encode it. It was challenging because I had to reconcile the balance of the total contributions stated on the hard copy and the encoded in the site. I must do that every month for their 600+ employees. My accuracy and attention to detail was always tested whenever I encoded those amounts.

The most fun part is during routing clearances of those employees who resigned and doing follow-ups of the filed leave, over-time, and time adjustment with errors. It was fun as I got to interact with other employees and check on how things go with other departments. Aside from the stories about their work experience which they tell us, I also receive free food and stationaries from employees I got close to. I was also given the chance to see the different people in their walks in life in the disconnection department.

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

At the end of our internship, we were given an evaluation by our direct supervisor of how our performance had been during the duration of our stay at their company. On the scale of 1–5 with 1 as very poor and 5 as very good, I got 4 on one item and 5 on the rest. That 4 was given on the item about making professional connections with other employees, which I think is accurate. I do make connections with others, but I maintain them on a level that is only required for me to get my job done in a good way. Although I make personal connections with colleagues there, I only do so with those whom I feel comfortable opening myself to. Overall, I do think that my supervisor and colleagues would think that my work ethics are good, as I only show a professional attitude during work and leave the other attitudes and personalities outside of them. I at least have the sense of knowing the right place and the right time to act on something.

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



I don't have a lot of accomplishments yet, as I am still searching and paving my way to the place where I should be, but with what I have so far, I am most proud of passing the Civil Service Exam during my third year of college. I wasn't interested in taking the exam as I have no plans to work with the government until now, but my friends convinced me to take it, as it only costs P500.00, and you can have retakes for however much you want. So, I gave in to their convincing and took the exam with only a 1-night review and YouTube videos. I am proud of it, as I expected that if I were to pass without review, I would have just an 80% passing grade. But I was wrong; I passed with an average of around 85%, and I felt proud of how much stock knowledge I have. Now, that certification is just like a trophy for me to brag about to my relatives whenever I get criticized for not continuing my accounting journey.