



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

If anything was possible, I would be a botanist. As much as I love accounting, it is sometimes taxing and overwhelming. Ever since I was a child, I have been fond of plants, especially flowers. I can sit and stare at them all day without getting bored. I always love to watch time lapse videos on YouTube or any other social media platforms of plants growing from a seed or flowers blooming delicately, as if you can smell their fragrance across the screen. However, I do realize that there are only a limited number of schools that offer a degree in botany, and it is quite impractical. Thus, I resorted to accounting, as I also learned to love it during my senior high school years. Years later, I still have this love for botany. I remember having a flower and vegetable garden when I was in first grade and now, I am trying to have one again. Maybe that's also the reason why I love hiking, I may not be into physical activities, yet I am always in awe whenever I am surrounded by unfamiliar species of flora. I also have a habit of taking photographs of flowers wherever I go. It just amazes how unique they are yet also beautiful in their own way. In another universe, there would be another me just lying in the field of flowers and basking under the sun. The place would be so magical, and I'll just be there learning more about them.

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?

Most college students will agree that one of the most stressful days of your life is when you start to work on your thesis. It is even quite true that there will be disagreements among members of the group and time management will be one of your challenges. Having been a research leader in both quantitative and qualitative research throughout senior high school caused me a great deal of stress, so when I was in college, I made a pledge to myself never to lead research again. So, when I entered college, I intended to be just a cooperative member. However, things didn't go as planned as our research leader assigned almost all the tasks to me. I was the one assigned to proofread all the parts, research almost all of the RRLs, and prepare the necessary documents. It came to the point that it is as if I am already the one leading the group, thus I raised that concern in our group chat which just created a misunderstanding between me and my research leader. However, I didn't regret communicating my concerns as it resulted in a better result. Our leader is already doing her part and designates the tasks equally. Fortunately, it didn't create a rift in our relationship as we are all friends in that group. Aside from that, I cannot deny the fact that juggling research and other subjects is very challenging work to do. I must have an organized to-do list to submit my work on time, fulfill my obligation as a member, and study for



quizzes and seatwork. Overall, even though it was a stressful experience, I still gained a lot of knowledge not just academically but something that I can apply in my future work.

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

In every workplace, there is always a balance of both challenging and enjoyable tasks or experiences. I am a fresh graduate, so I still do not have any experience relating to a work position, but I also experienced a lot from my internship. I was an intern at Yusay Credit and Finance Corporation. We have a departmental rotation, so I get to experience how to work in every department. The most challenging task that I've ever been to is auditing. The tasks were repetitive, however, that's not the problem. The challenge in the auditing task is that you should always be attentive to details and very precise in cross-checking data. Since I was helping their internal auditors, I am also recording different types of errors made by their cashier and accountants from different branches. There have been a few instances of theft in the past, hence these errors are also recorded to investigate potential theft. I remember recording a certain error that was later on categorized as a major offense by one of the internal auditors. If there are challenging tasks, there are ones that I've enjoyed doing. I particularly love doing internship work at the accounting department. The tasks there were considered confidential, yet it was one of the most enjoyable departments I've ever been to. I love the fact that we are working with their bookkeepers and accountants. It's also when I realized that accounting, especially bank reconciliation, is easier compared to how we were taught at school. I enjoyed doing excel work there and recording accounts on their ledgers.

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

We have regular internship feedback every Friday with HR. We voiced our concerns in the department to which we are currently assigned, and HR will also tell us about the concerns of our department heads. One of the employees there described me as someone who's always serious at work. If I am given a task, I will work on it as soon as possible. Another employee described me as good at data analytics and working accurately, especially when doing Excel work. I am also very



meticulous in checking paperwork in the auditing department and Bacolod branch. They also described me as someone who finishes her tasks on time or even before the deadline given. The employees in Yusay are very friendly, especially since most of them are millennials, so we easily enjoyed each other's company. Thus, there's a healthy relationship between them and the interns. The interns who I worked with would describe me as someone you can rely on when you're confused with the task. They would constantly tell me that I am a person who works nonstop and is unable to take breaks. That might be true, but I'm now starting to take good care of myself.

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

I have a lot of things that I consider as an accomplishment no matter how big or small they are. I think one of the biggest accomplishments of surviving the management accounting program. I doubted myself multiple times during my four years in college, and graduating is a testament that showing up every day, no matter how anxious or tired you are will still eventually get you to the finish line. Another thing that I am most proud of is passing the Civil Service Exam, the Certified Bookkeeper Exam, and the Registered Cost Accountant Exam all in one take. I didn't even expect to pass those three exams since I am busy with my academics. I remember crying after passing the Registered Cost Accountant exam because that's when I finally realized that I'd made it. That's when it finally sunk in how I managed to do it. Looking back, I know that I wasn't alone when I was fighting my battles. Someone who created this universe was with me.