



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

My dream job would be to be a bookstore owner. As a kid, I never understood the power of books to evoke an emotion or their lore escape. I never had a memory of my parents teaching me to read or having any books inside our home; therefore, growing up, I loathed the idea of reading anything. However, it all changed when I visited my cousin during summer vacation. She has these amazing bookshelves with an array of books to choose from. Then I realized perhaps that's why they don't have any television because books can provide them with entertainment. Then, as the days went by, I decided to pick one fantasy book that completely changed my life. Books provided me with an escape from reality, a people that I would never have a chance to cross paths with yet found solace in them. Books have given me a world full of dragons, elves, and so much more; therefore, I want to be an instrument for people to see the world differently and provide them with an escape from the chaos of the world. I know it may not be as noble as being a being a doctor or teacher nor as fancy as being called an engineer or attorney, but I believe that life should be lived the way you want it, not because society wants it.

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?

My college life is partly composed of stressful situations that have shaped my perspective on life. I was told by a piece of paper that I am not qualified nor enough to enroll in my dream course therefore I took a leap and settled for my second choice, however that leap was one of the best decisions I have made. It was an everyday mental battle to continue studying without having an ounce of interest in my program during my first year of college and it reached the point that I was burned out and having constant panic attacks due to school activities. Thankfully, I woke up one day tired of being depressed and anxious, so I started to wake up early to exercise and did some daily reflection that helped me to realize things. One of those things is that I never given my program a chance to fully commit to it because I was compelled by myself that I didn't belong in my program. I realized that all along it was my self-sabotaging tendency that prevented me from enjoying my program. Fortunately, I had 3 more years to make the most of my experience in my program that allowed me to fall in love with the language more.



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

I interned in various focal units, such as the Center for Internal and External Relations at Carlos Hilado Memorial University and Tesda RTC-Talisay. My experience in both offices has helped me greatly in my professional growth; however, I always find it challenging to organize and assist an event. When I interned in the Center for Internal and External Relations office, we must organize or assist other offices of the school's events; therefore, I would run around the university, ensuring that everything went smoothly, from publicizing the events to foods and venues that must be taken into consideration. It takes physical and mental tolls on me that I lost so much weight and sleep for it. On the other hand, I enjoyed writing write-ups and assisting learners of Tesda RTC-Talisay with their applications. I get to talk with different people from all walks of life; seeing life from their perspective is a valuable experience for me.

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

My immediate supervisor at Tesda RTC-Talisay described me as a dedicated and reliable intern. I was always eager to learn and would go out of my way to assist my colleagues with the assigned task. I believe that dedication is essential to any work; exerting effort and time on a certain task can pay off, which will reflect on the quality of the outputs that you deliver. I am reliable, according to my immediate supervisor's evaluation, due to my performance without any supervision. They feel assured that I can do my task and assist learners even without them in the office vicinity. They would attend meetings or seminars and leave me a list of the tasks to be completed, and I always managed to complete the task. I always strive to exhibit those attributes in my work.

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



My proudest accomplishment would be earning a degree with Latin honors. I was always doubtful of my capability, always questioning my academic strength; therefore, I have never dreamt nor thought of being a cum laude. Growing up, I was the "mediocre" among my siblings, never the smartest one, the talented one, or the sporty one; I was always labeled as the "mediocre one." I have never made my parents proud since I never excelled in anything. However, during my graduation, when I told my parents that I would be graduating with a Latin honor, for the first time in my life, I saw the spark that I had longed for so long in my parents' eyes. The sparks that haunt my thoughts every night for as long as I can remember hoping that one day I could be the reason for it. Now that I have witnessed that I can finally make peace with those haunted thoughts.