



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

Ever since I was a kid, I dreamed of becoming a doctor. If anything was possible, I would've pursued the profession and studied medicine in Manila. Doctors play such an important role in society. Being in the frontlines, I have nothing but respect and admiration for our medical professionals, and I once dreamed of becoming one myself. The idea of serving the people in times of need really resonated with me.

Their crucial role was even more highlighted during the pandemic. Our doctors sacrificed so much to keep our society going, even up to the point where they put their lives on the line. I wanted to be able to contribute to the community in such a noble way, even if it meant I would have to be at risk almost every day in my career. If I was given the opportunity to study medicine, I would do it in a heartbeat.

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 entire college life was one of the most fulfilling yet stressful moments of my existence. I was able to meet new people from different backgrounds and cultures, create connections and build relationships, and I had to come out of my shell to experience college at its fullest.

One common experience that everyone has during their college life is being stressed during the hell week. One straight week of nothing but exams will really suck out one's energy and will to continue. During our exam week, I would be very grumpy and irritable because of the pressure of having to do well in the exams to be able to remain in my degree program. This was true when I was in my first year in college.

As time went on, I practiced ways to properly counter the hell week. I would study weeks or even months in advance, prioritize my academics over going out during weekends, and maintain consistent focus when in class. I realized, the hell week is indeed harder than any other days in one's college life, but with the correct approach and flexibility in adapting to the challenge it poses, anyone can overcome it.



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

I was able to have my internship in one of the top accounting firms in the Philippines, and the opportunity came with a great challenge. During our first week of internship, I was assigned to a client where I was required to visit their office and do audit procedures there. I was tasked to vouch for the client's invoices for four consecutive years. The challenge comes from the bulk of the invoices that I had to vouch. Luckily, I was with my three other co-interns who valued cooperation and collaboration as much as I do. We organized the invoices and started from the oldest year up to the latest one. We divided the invoices per quarter, and I was assigned to the third quarter invoices of each year. The work became manageable, and we were able to enjoy doing the task as we went along with it.

After around two weeks in the Audit department, I was transferred to the Tax department. In there, I was able to vouch for the client's tax returns and research tax implications on different situations for the client. I enjoyed the latter task the most among all the other tasks because I was able to absorb a lot of information and knowledge from my research. I really enjoy reading and learning new things, so the task was more of a favor than work for me.

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

I really did not have any feedback sessions with my supervisor when I had my internship but based on my groupmates' comments on my work ethic during college, I am very punctual to group meetings so they would usually rely on me to remind them of the date, time, and location of our meetings. I am also very particular about the quality of work that we were submitting, so I would initiate the proofreading and final revisions of our outputs. I also value teamwork and cooperation, so if there is any friction between our team members, I see to it that we resolve the issue as soon as we can and maintain the good connection that we have within the team. Lastly, I am known for my persistence. College was a hard time for all of us. Despite that, I see to it that I continue to strive hard and do what is expected of me, no matter how difficult or challenging it is.



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

I have a lot of wins during college, but one thing that I am most proud of is I was able to represent our university in the 2023 CFA Institute Research Challenge. Among over 20 teams across different universities in the entire Philippines, our team was able to secure a spot in the national level, and we were able to compete to the final portion of the competition before it proceeds to the international level. The live question and answer portion of the competition was livestreamed, and it was such an honor to be a part of a great experience. Our team was able to finish strong, placing 3rd-runner up overall.

Another thing that I am proud of is I finally got my bachelor's degree in accountancy last July of 2024. After four and a half years of both challenging and fun days in college, I graduated with Latin honors from one of the top universities in the Philippines. I have nothing but pride and honor to be able to achieve such a feat.