



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

Without the hindrances of finances, location, knowledge, and/or location, my dream job would be a programmer – specifically a game developer. As a gaming enthusiast, I love the intricacies and details of a game I'm playing. I have also been playing games as early as 8 or 9 years old. It only went up from there and I still consider myself a gamer. There are even times when I am playing that I wonder how the programmers actually developed this game. How is it possible to have this kind of interaction within the game? What are the things they have programmed in order to achieve this level of detail in the game itself? These are just some of the questions that pop up in my mind whenever I am playing and enjoying a game. Another reason why is because it looks cool. Being able to encode all the necessary programs and seeing it run smoothly is truly bliss. So, for now, this dream of mine will just be stored in the back of my head and maybe, just maybe, I'll get the chance to pursue it in the near future.

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?

In my past experience as an ESL tutor, I have not really experienced a stressful situation as it was a happy and systematic workplace. Hence, I will be focusing on my college experience. I think most of the other fresh graduates would agree that the most stressful situation we have been in is the undergraduate thesis part of the college. In my case, my group was known as the group who always finishes first than the rest. I think that became a stressful situation for me and my group due to the expectations of the professor and the mentor. It was really stressful handling the group – although I was not the leader in the paper, I often find myself becoming the leader whenever we work as a group. I had to disseminate tasks, organize documents, proofread their works, adjust the necessary details, and provide overall feedback to each member and to the group.

Thankfully, I was able to overcome it due to the willingness of my team members to improve the quality of their work. With their efforts and the group effort, we were able to slowly overcome the situation by tackling each task one at a time instead of stressing out all the tasks at the same time. This is why organizing the tasks first and having a systematic approach of gradually doing them is beneficial to avoid unnecessary stress and problems.

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



During the internship months in the Bacolod City National High School, the most challenging task given to me was handling the students. Since my sections were heterogenous, it was truly a mix and match of students from all sectors. There are students who are nice, and there are students who are very rowdy throughout the classes. It was so stressful managing the classroom atmosphere that caters to the needs of these diverse group of students without compromising another. I had to go out of my way and out of my comfort zone to do things I had never thought of myself doing just to handle the students. I had to ensure that all of the students I had were happy and attentive during class discussions.

For me, the task I found very fun and enjoyable was actually the checking of papers – especially the essay tests. This gave me an opportunity to see the thought process of the students as they wrote their essays. It amazed me just how different the perspectives of each student were and how they were able to come up with such ideas. Through those essays, it gave me a simple glimpse into the lives of the students, and it became important in building rapport with them. Although the internship was very tiring and stressful, it has its own fair share of enjoyment as well.

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

My past colleagues and classmates would often describe me as someone that is detail oriented and efficient with the work. They would always say that I do not miss out on any details of the task and information I provide them with and always up to date with such information. And yes, I do agree with such description because I always tell myself that all information should be delivered in a timely manner to keep it relevant and useful. Another description they have for me is efficient. They would say that I always find ways to make the work efficient with time and resources. Multitasking is a crucial aspect of a work, but only those tasks that can be multitasked. If the task should be allotted focus, then it should not be multitasked with other activities. This is why I believe that efficiency is of equal value to quality. Efficient, yet quality work is always accepted anywhere.

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

During the internship, the accomplishment I was the proudest of is when I was given the chance to work behind the scenes of the DSPC or the District School Press Conference. It was due to the invitation of my teacher mentor who actively works for the DSPC. It was such a privilege because this kind of work allowed me to meet with a lot of schools and significant personnels in the District of Bacolod. I was also the head of the student volunteers and the right-hand man of my mentor. I was also even complimented by other teachers and the English Head of Bacolod due to my work ethics and efficiency. Although there were some lapses and difficulty, I was able to overcome them and got the recognition I deserve afterwards. It was truly an experience that I will never forget, and I am looking forward to another chance to be a volunteer again.