



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

If anything was possible, I would be working as a mammalogist and a part wildlife documentary team. I grew up with a great fascination with animals, most especially with mammals. It started with the book handed down to me by my brother, The World Encyclopedia of Animals, then a never-ending marathon of Animal Planet and Discovery Channel documentaries. I would even memorize facts about animals and pretend to be Steve Irwin. My interest in mammals got intense when I read about platypus. They are generally mammals but had characteristics of the other animal groups. A beak like a duck, webbed feet like those in amphibians and reptiles - plus male platypus are venomous, they also use electroreceptors like those found on fishes, and most notably is that they lay eggs. It's been a childhood dream to head to Australia and be part of a documentary team to observe platypuses. Understanding how they came to be, where and how they live, their anatomy, and even how they breed, are all part of my bucket list.

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?

Back in La Salle Brothers and Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (LASBEMPCO) - Store, there were only five employees including me. Each of us has their specific role to play to run the operations smoothly. There was a three-day school event, and our store was always full. One of our two cashiers had to be absent due to an illness. I tried to learn cashiering within a few hours just to cover the manpower lacking while preparing the sales report to be presented to the board members. At the end of our shift, we tried to reschedule our receiving and opening hours so that the inventory staff and I could take turns in cashiering while still able to perform our respective tasks. Even with just one of us is absent, it would still affect our operations. That is why as a large retail store, manpower, communication, and proper delegation of tasks are highly needed. We made sure to prepare countermeasures to ensure our operations run smoothly even we lack manpower in the future.

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

In my previous position as documentation assistant, the task that I found most challenging was reviewing the old and worn-out documents submitted to our office. What makes it difficult is the strain on our eyes caused by so much reading and the time it takes to clarify and confirm information. Some information is not readable and needs clarification from the clients, however as a back-office employee, I do not have direct interaction with our clients. We send an email to our relationship managers and associates and have them do the clarification and confirmation for us. The clients, on the other hand, usually answer within a day or two – making the confirmation



process longer. While waiting, I must make use of the documents and salvage what I can just to finish preparing everything and it would be easy to insert the information given back by the client. In contrast, the task that I most enjoyed was monitoring the fire insurance policies and credit life insurances. I had to make sure the folder for every client is alphabetically arranged, including the contents of the folders.

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

As someone who is a bit new to the professional world and still trying to find his footing. I believe it would be committed. When I do something, I make sure it is not half-baked. I put in effort to make sure I am doing the right thing and aiming to have a good result. I know that my output and the process of how I did it could reflect who I am as a person and as a professional. I am committed to showing and proving that I am capable and reliable in doing what I am tasked with doing. I go to the office early to prepare all the things I'll need for the day and try to finish before the deadline. Simply put, I'm committed to learning and understanding all lessons and tasks I encounter and apply them to myself to do better and to be better.

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

One of the personal accomplishments that I am most proud of would be being the team captain of our college athletics team and winning all of my short distance events. I never had the limelight when it came to sports when I was a child. My cousins and I were expected to play basketball and volleyball due to our height advantage, but I never had interest in playing those sports – what I was into was sprinting. I enjoyed the adrenaline rushing through my body, the anticipation of waiting for the starting pistol to fire and the race to start. It was a great experience to have a team rely on my judgement to decide what event they will be assigned to and who they would be put against with. The pressure and urge to win motivated everyone to go beyond. With everyone's cooperation, we were able to strategically defend our title as overall champion in the athletics category for 3 consecutive years.