



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

A stethoscope, an injection, and a first aid kit— these were my favorite toys when I was a kid. I always had a fascination with the medical field, spending my afternoons pretending to be a doctor and treating my stuffed toys. I wanted to be a doctor. I wanted to be like the people who once gave me a second chance in life. When I was a few months old, I had an intussusception. Putting my life at risk. Of course, I couldn't recall the exact sequence of events, but from what my family had told me, I was blessed enough to be under a kindhearted doctor whose family name matches his purpose in life. His name is Dr. Tabang, which, if you translate it into the English language, means "help." From then on, I get to continue my story as a kid who survived an operation at such a tender age. Growing up, I have been a sickly kid. I would spend most of my days at the hospital for various reasons each time I was admitted. Contradicting what kids would usually feel whenever they are in a hospital, I was always so excited. Maybe it's because of the healthcare workers' warm smiles and tender voices that made me feel at ease, or maybe because of the strong strength of disinfectants, which up until now I still like. I owe it to them that I was able to become healthy again when I stepped foot in junior high school. I was an STE (Science, Technology, and Engineering) student, one of the few lucky ones to pass the specialized curriculum at my dear alma mater. The reason I chose it is because I wanted to study whatever aligns with my interest. Even as time went by, fragments of my dreams as a doctor remained in me. I excel the most with English and science, becoming a science and technology executive writer at our school's official publication and competing up to regionals. From books and dramas, I love everything that shows the medical field. Even until college, where I wasn't fortunate enough to study my dream course, I still wished that I would've been preparing to be a doctor. I still have enough time, so maybe I could make this dream possible someday.



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?

When I was still at Carlos Hilado Memorial State University, studying for a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, majoring in Structural Engineering, every single day almost felt like a challenge. The memory I had of when I was the most stressed is when I failed Integral Calculus. As a university that takes pride in ranking high on every Civil Engineering Licensure Exam, CHMSU made sure that the students would be held to the highest standards. I admit that I was struggling a lot considering that civil engineering was never my first choice. Almost everyone in our class would get a barely passing grade for our major subjects. Despite the hardships I face academically, I still do my very best and compensate in the area I excel in. When I failed, I had to deal with the pain for about three days but decided that there's no use crying over spilled milk. I could recognize that I needed to study more, so I spent more hours studying the course outline, practicing and solving a lot of problems, and asking advice from those who knew better. I surrounded myself with people that are of good influence and even had a tutor. I also reflected, thinking of better ways to approach such a devastating event. I made sure that it would be the last subject I will fail. True to my words and because of my hard work, I passed all of my major subjects the following year. I came to realize that once I put my mind on a goal, I could achieve it with constant dedication.

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

When I was the assistant secretary for the American Concrete Institute of the Philippines—CHMSU Talisay Student Chapter, I faced a lot of challenges when it came to balancing my time. As a civil engineering student, the workload is really heavy, and I needed to exert more effort with my academics. But of course, I have a responsibility as an executive officer for our esteemed organization. The most challenging part was during our exam week when I had to finish a proposal and organize our documents, preparing for an upcoming event for our organization. I was deeply challenged that time, and the workload was overwhelming. But of course, I made sure to set my priorities straight and became more responsible with my time. I made sure that I studied enough for the exam and passed all my outputs on time. I also made sure that I completed my tasks as the assistant secretary. I made sure to create a strict time frame and approach my tasks with urgency. I organized my notes, answer sheets, field books, and other documents in a way that would be less overwhelming for me. I could say that I worked well under pressure. But of course, I won't take the credit alone since I was lucky to be mentored by our organization's president and secretary. They gave me useful advice, which, up until now, I still use. After that challenging week, I got to release the burden when our organization received an international award, and I passed all my exams.



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

My classmates, friends, and organization members would refer to me as someone who is organized yet creative. For years, I have enjoyed summarizing class lessons and taking notes. I carried that hobby up until now, being someone who has organized notes and piles of color-coded worksheets. During college, my friends would ask for notes from me and compliment my approach to note-taking. They are always structured well and organized. In the organizations I have joined, I would hear comments about how they admire organized and calm work ethics. I am someone who gets the job done but, at the same time, still approaches the task with delight. Even though I may be stressed, I still try my very best to be more organized, responsible, and creative. I always do my best so that I can deliver an efficient outcome for my organization. I do not settle with just a "fine" output; I want to continue improving it. Since then, executive officers from the Rotaract Club of Silay would often approach me and ask for help when it came to organizing documents. Officers from my university organization would also ask me to create publication materials and would recruit me for big events to create a presentation or poster. I would never say no since I am glad that they are seeking my help and trusting my work ethic. I am honored to be someone that they can rely on in organizing a task or creating a creative output. Up until now, I continue to improve more thanks to the people who ask for help from me and for those who give me constructive feedback.

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

The accomplishment that I am most proud of is being elected as the secretary for the Rotaract Club of Silay. This organization has been well known in our city ever since. I would only look up to those people who were members of the club. I always see them as responsible community members who have pure hearts. So, when I got elected, I was really honored. It is not an easy task being a secretary for this organization, so learning that they see me as someone reliable for the role, I feel happy. I am proud of how the organization continued to flourish during our leadership term. Compared to previous years, our club has gained more recognition from the main club and has been more active. Seeing the projects I proposed and spearheaded being accomplished brings me joy. It is nice that not only am I nurturing my leadership and administrative skills, but I also help our community in Silay City through our programs and events.