



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

If anything was possible, my dream job would be to become the CEO, founder, and owner of multi-trillion-dollar companies that are not corrupt and provide jobs for thousands or millions of people. I grew up in an environment where you had to do more than what you could handle just to survive, and I saw how the people from the bottom thrived every day just to make ends meet. Some people live from paycheck to paycheck. Some people had to skip meals just to survive. I have seen the worst. But there are plenty of honest and dedicated but very unfortunate people who, if given the chance to prove their skills and worth, could greatly be of service to their community. I would love to give those kinds of people a fighting chance in life because I have the authority and resources to do so since I am a very wealthy CEO. Maybe all I ever wanted was to be one of the people who could be given that kind of opportunity when I was down so bad and I could've turned my life around early on. But I believe that everything happens for a reason, and we are where we are today because we have a purpose to fulfill.

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?

We can't avoid stress, especially in the workplace. Each person has a different stress level tolerance, and we all have different ways to cope with it. I remember I was a J-1 US Visa Exchange Visitor Program way back in the year 2018-2019. I was working as a line cook at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas. I was assigned to the breakfast station for the fine dining restaurant of our hotel, and I was partnered with one Black American guy named Marcus. He was a funny guy, but my principle has always been "work is work." There were times when he would leave his messes at our station. He'll clock out of work without finishing his responsibilities, leaving me to continue his work before I can leave the hotel premises. I called him out for his behavior by approaching him and talking to him politely about his actions. I got so stressed with his behavior because I am an organized type of person. He told me he understood, and he won't continue doing so moving forward. Since then, I always saw him check the station first before leaving. I appreciated him doing that, and I didn't stress over the same thing again.

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

When I worked as an administrative assistant on board a cruise ship, the task that I found the most challenging was when crew members joined the vessel and when they disembarked to go home. Both tasks are relatively similar and different at the same time. I had to deal with plenty of documentation for both operations. I had to make sure that they were complying with standard protocols and mandatory seafarers' regulations. I always work overtime during those days because



I have a lot of responsibilities and scheduled tasks I need to complete urgently. While I do have a task I found the most challenging, I also have a task I enjoy the most. It is always before the dinner line opens when part of my task is to taste the food and give my comments if it is complying with the standard taste and temperature before it is served to the guests. I get to taste foods from different cuisines every day. I must make sure that the food temperature and food safety protocols are strictly followed.

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

Based on how I worked with my past colleagues and managers, I think the first thing that they will say if they are going to answer this question is that I am an organized type of person. They did mention to me before that I am quite meticulous when it comes to working because I always try and do my best to make sure that everything goes well with no hiccups, especially during operations. There are days when I need to make sure that everything goes well according to the scheduled itinerary, but there are also days when, if the situation calls for it, I must be adaptable, resourceful, and understanding because of unforeseen events that suddenly happen. As much as I can, I always make sure to meet the deadline and prioritize my tasks well, and they also told me that I am mostly, if not always, early for the events. They will tease me if I'm truly a Filipino because I am not late.

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

The latest personal accomplishment that I am most proud of is being able to buy a house and lot together with my husband. We both started from nothing. We had no savings, no wealthy parents to give us allowances, and no backers to help us get a job in a big company. We have to strive and do our best in everything that we do every day so that we can reach our aspirations and ambitions in life. We both had very big dreams, and it took us a while before we were able to reach this point in our lives. I am, we both are, very proud of this milestone, and we believe that we still have more achievements and breakthroughs to reach. We have heard people around us belittling us, saying that we won't be able to achieve our dreams, but we didn't let those words stop us from persevering. Instead, we used those as fuel for us to propel ourselves further forward and to set foot on greater heights.