



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

If anything were possible, I would be an astronaut turned writer. I have always been bewildered by the stars. I get mesmerized by them, and I have always been intrigued by the idea of the unknown. The universe is a relatively large place; who knows what is out there? To me, encountering something unknown and learning everything I can about it would be incredible. I love the pursuit of knowledge, and I love it even more if that knowledge can help give me satisfaction, joy, and pride. I want to do something that could help inspire and move others. I love learning about new things, and I love sharing about them.

I would write about my journey to the stars and describe how beautifully intimidating things are. How could you look at one thing and fear it but at the same time be so enthralled by its haunting beauty? I would inspire others to go for their dream no matter how unreachable it can be, to try until they have had their fill of it. To be selfish and claw their way towards them, desperately and intensely. Tell the people out there that fear is nothing but a construct and that they can break their way through it. Tell them that if they really try hard enough, anything can be achievable. And how they can be like one of the stars in the sky, shining so intimidatingly bright and beautiful.

And if it really were possible, I would write about things that people would relate to through my stories and through my poems. To be an astronaut and write about the stars— that is the dream.

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?

As a medical student back in college, I was very accustomed to stressful situations, as we always dealt with things where lives were at stake and a mistake could turn into something much worse.



There was one situation where someone had decided to ask us pharmacy interns if we had all the medicine in her prescription. My colleague and I had only started our internship that day, and we were still very unfamiliar with the system they used on their computers. The pharmacy was so hectic, and the pharmacist was running all over the place; they didn't have the time to teach us how to do things just yet. We tried to redirect her to another line, but everyone was preoccupied.

As the customer kept insisting, we asked someone if we could try to check, and they had said yes. We did the job, but it took us quite some time, and the customer that asked us was annoyed and reprimanded us. It was also the time when the rush was starting to die down, and the pharmacist was able to help us calm the situation. We apologized profusely and told her that we had explained before that we were new and that she had insisted that we do it because she couldn't wait. The pharmacist talked to her and told her to buy her medicine from a different establishment, even though all the medicine she needed was available.

That altercation was very stressful to me, as it was a hard pill to swallow. I overcame it by composing myself and holding myself high and being patient because, even though it took us some time, we had finished our task by ourselves. It was a learning curve, the fact that not everyone will have the patience and kindness to give. That is how I learned to be patient with things even in stressful situations, to always look at things in a different perspective.

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

The task I had found the most challenging during my internship was learning how to read cues from people.



I find it quite challenging because you would not always get the same customers and patients in a day. That was why it is important to read cues so you can assess how to approach and talk to them. It was a challenge dealing with people with different moods. You would always need to be understanding and see things from a different perspective. I did not always know how to deal with people, how to interact with them, despite loving interactions with others and with strangers.

Although this task was a challenge to me, it was also something I enjoyed the most. I have always loved pursuing knowledge and knowing that I have obtained a skill that I struggled with for so many years. It was a proud moment for me to be able to communicate well with others.

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

My colleagues would say that I always get things done. During school projects, I would always take on more tasks than others, as I quite enjoy doing them, especially if creativity was involved. I like to focus on my tasks and delegate them from the most important to the least. I would do the easy tasks first to get them out of the way and focus most of my time on the harder ones. I like being organized. I have my Notion that helps me with organizing things; clutter makes my brain itch when it comes to files.

You could also say that I am a very determined person, and when I say I will do it, I will do it the best I can. I have always given all I had in my tasks, and what I was unsatisfied with, I would try to learn from it and apply it on the next task. I like learning from my mistakes, and I improve that way.



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

I would say that I am quite proud of the journey I went on to get my diploma. College was not easy, and I have learned so many things from it. I survived it, and I am most proud of the growth I had gone through it all.

Being put into stressful and fast-paced environments has become normal, and I grew a lot from it. I can keep my pace up and deliver great results at the same time. Mistakes became normal, and learning from them is something I live by now. I became flexible and adaptable and do not let things get to me that fast. I can regulate my emotions and keep them in check.

I am also quite confident in my ability to understand things and people now. I have learned to communicate well and communicate my intentions properly, which proved to be the greatest challenge I had back in college.

I would say that I really am most proud of my growth through this journey of finding oneself; the diploma was only a pit stop on the way to my dreams.