



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

If you persevere, you can always make your dreams a reality. If you set your goals straight and keep the burning passion in your heart ablaze, you can always find the voice and calling within. However, the road is not and will never be easy. There are always challenges along the way that you need to overcome. The harder the battle, the sweeter the success.

Ever since I was a child, I have dreamed of becoming an educator. I dream of inspiring the young ones. To teach them not just lessons from the book, but also life lessons. Fast forward, I studied hard at a prestigious university (CHMSU-Talisay) and finally got my Bachelor of Arts in Social Science degree. You may wonder, if it's not "education," how can you become a teacher? The answer is simple: I found out that I can teach regardless of my course if I have the skill set, the goal-driven mindset, and the right opportunity.

For the past two years, I have lived in this dream. Indeed, anything is possible. In the end, you always reap what you sow. Not because it is easy—but because you have earned it.

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?

Even if we are already living our dreams, it's not always rainbows and sunshine. We may get our dream job and do our work with excellent effort; we cannot change how people will look at us or think of us. That is not something we cannot control. Their minds are not ours, but the decisions and choices always fall upon us. In short, we are the captain of our reactions.

In my previous workplace, I've shown my students not just theories and concepts but real-life scenarios. I believe that the lessons they get from reality will leave a mark on their lives. I deal with students with different personalities day by day. Yes, it's exhausting and stressful, but since it made my heart fulfilled, I continued. Stressful days with my students became normal. I have learned to adapt and formulate strategies to make things less stressful. I established command and discipline with my students. It shaped their character and behavior not just inside the classroom, but even outside.



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 a teacher, the task I found most challenging was to discipline students who defy every rule in the institution. Change is constant, yes. But change does not happen over time. I had to set a boundary to maintain the progress of my students. Sometimes, I had to make tough decisions to prioritize the greatest good of the greatest number.

As challenging as it was to be a teacher, it is also fulfilling. I found joy in and out of the four walls of the classroom. I enjoyed organizing events for my students such as leadership training, mangrove planting, and even outreach programs in partnership with barangays near the school.

As an educator, I experienced things I had not experienced before. I have seen the gap between the past and present generations. I had learned to understand the reason why they behave the way they do. I came to know their stories.

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

My past colleagues and school officials will always describe me as responsible and trustworthy in the workplace. It is probably because I always say yes whenever I am assigned to work on something, and I am prompt in doing so. Most of the time, my assignments focus on hosting, organizing seminars, editing certificates, and program flows whenever we have events.

I am also capable of balancing my time with my two advisories—in the department and school publication. I always try to produce quality outputs as well whenever I am asked to accomplish something. I also did our accomplishment reports every semester to show progress and seek areas for improvement. I also speak on behalf of my students who are raising their concerns to be raised properly.

In our workplace, our college academic coordinator would always tell me I am one of the best people she has on the team, and it is actually hard for her to let me go. These words coming from her are humbling, but I believe I have to seek a new path in my career to produce another version of me.



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

*Enlightened. Motivated. Transformed.*

If I were to describe my personal and professional accomplishments that I am most proud of, I would encapsulate them into three words.

*Enlightened.* I have awakened the senses of my students when it comes to their school performance.

*Motivated.* I may have taught my students the hard way, but I have seen their progress. They become motivated to go and learn at school. From students who used to be late for class before to students who now value the significance of time.

*Transformed.* I am proud to be an enabler of the talents of my students. I have students who were shy before, but because I discovered and believed in their capabilities, they have learned to believe in themselves too. From someone who cannot speak in front of a large crowd to someone who now carries him/herself with confidence and joins actively in school activities.

I believe they are the greatest accomplishments in my life so far, and I will always carry them in my heart wherever I go.

As Miss Universe 2018 Catriona Gray once said, *"We owe it to our children to believe in them."*