



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

As a kid, I wanted to become a Geologist and travel around the world to different geological sites. I did get to take BS Geology on my first year but later I decided to shift. But if we're talking about if anything was possible, I wanted to be a professional football player, not just any professional player but someone that would play in the Premier League in England, the most elite football league in the world, starting for a Top 6 club. Basically, a football superstar, the Cristiano Ronaldo or Lionel Messi of the Philippines and carry our national team to a World Cup appearance. If you know me personally; I live and breathe football. It is the greatest team sport made by mankind. As the Brazilians say, "Jogo Bonito" which translates to "The Beautiful Game". From watching games live, to analyzing post-match statistics, being in the loop of players changing clubs during transfer season, I follow every single thing about football. I even expanded my knowledge in geography and linguistics because of football since it's widely played in Europe and Latin America, I get to learn Spanish, French, German, Italian and so on. I would also know towns or cities that aren't mainstream to the people like Strasbourg in France, Leverkusen in Germany, Mallorca in Spain, Reading in England and so on. I share these interests with my close friends as well so our whole friend group love everything there is to football. I did play varsity football throughout my high school days and did try to play during university; Unfortunately, I just wasn't good enough to play professionally. I would often tell people I met that being a professional football player was my impossible dream. Facilities here in the Philippines are so outdated and inefficient that even if I played at an early age, I would still be surplus to requirements if I wanted to play in the Premier League. Most people would say that football is a boring game to watch since there isn't a lot of scoring happening. The true elegance of football is in how the team will score a goal. Those intricate long-range passes look so simple on tv, but it takes a true genius to makes to passes look effortless. Football teaches patience, to not be so rash and to think what the next move would be. The dribbling with the ball on your feet is not as natural as those professional players make it look like. It takes exceptional skill to execute them magnificently. To conclude, maybe in another lifetime I could live out that 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?

I was the Store Manager for our family business, and I dealt with a lot of stressful situations such as customer complaints, supplier delays, increase in ingredient costs, employee leaves and so on.

At some point it gets to me that I feel like I'm working 24/7 and I have no rest in my mind that I can't sleep well at night. This continuously happened for a few months, so I felt very exhausted physically and mentally. Knowing that I can't keep on doing this to myself since I eventually might get sick, I decided to try and find a way to overcome it. During these times I was very lethargic and so the 1st thing I did was to try and be active. I started to take short walks during the weekend since my house is near a park. Then it escalated to jogging and eventually running. Until today I was not that consistent with my running, but I try to really go on a run every weekend to clear my mind and to also build a habit of being active. I haven't overcome the stress completely but being active helps ease it down.

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 found most challenging was editing and posting for social media. I don't really have a creative eye when it comes to these kinds of tasks, but I did them anyways since it was also part of my job. If I would make the design from scratch, I could not. I always need a reference to follow what kind of design I'll make. However, the task I did enjoy the most was procurement of my goods from suppliers. I liked how I had the freedom to search and select which supplier I would get my goods from as long as it's within budget. I learned the essence of small talk, which is important for building a relationship with the suppliers. I also liked the problem-solving aspect of it, making me think what is the best possible outcome regarding time of delivery, total expenses, cheapest price and so on. Overall, these tasks have helped me greatly with improving my personal skills.

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



They would describe me as professional. Once I get to do work, I will always be professional. Doesn't matter if the other party is not, I can control my own actions and will uphold that personal standard in being professional. As an individual, I treat everyone the same. From bosses to maintenance workers, they all deserve to be treated professionally. Since I was the store manager, I would also tell my staff that they too should hold themselves to a higher standard and execute tasks professionally. Sometimes it's not as smooth especially with dealing with unprofessional individuals, I always say "Tranquillo" in my mind to calm down and not be affected personally with whatever the unprofessional action was. I strive to also apply this professionalism during the duration of my training and hopefully to my eventual on boarding with Path Cutters.

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

I would say I am most proud of managing a business with no prior field experience and I did well. No background in business but I always wanted to have my own. From research and development to procurement to logistics to social media managing to also working as a substitute staff when they're on leave, I did a lot of roles that I had no experience at all and instead of crumbling into pressure, I stabilized the system enough that now I don't have to be involved with the business anymore since my mom can now understand the workflow of the business because I streamlined the process for her. I'm also proud that I became active again. I really love walking in general so bringing this back in my to do is really nice as well.