

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

I am very vocal about my aspirations, and it is my ultimate dream to become a flight attendant, whether it is with a local or an international airline. I know it is my purpose to serve other people, and I believe being a Flight Attendant is the most sophisticated job for that vision. Aside from the perks such as the beautiful uniforms, professional make over training, and getting to travel the country or the world for free, what attracted me to the profession the most is the first aid training, aircraft evacuation and public announcement drills, and getting to meet a different set of people for each flight because it does not only supply me with the knowledge and skills for the job, but I could also use it in my day to day life to keep myself and others safe, and improve my social and communication skills. Moreover, each passenger in the cabin has their own stories to tell: some might be rewarding themselves with a vacation break after working for a long time; some might be going home to their families; some might be finally travelling to the destinations of their dreams since they were young; and some might be grieving and coming home to see their sick or deceased loved ones for the last time. The thought of creating a positive experience, ensuring they are taken care of during the flight, and bringing them to their destinations safely in exchange for putting their trust in me, the crew, and the airline really makes me want to pursue the job even more because it resonates with my purpose.

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 am the kind of person who gets stressed when being assigned to jobs that involve handling money. One time, I was assigned to collect payments from schools and issue them receipts for their payments. It seemed like an easy job at first, not until I arrived at the rendezvous and encountered hundreds and thousands of students in line waiting for me to receive their payments. I was told to issue written receipt stabs, so I had to write each student's names, payment details, and fill the receipt with the needed information manually for hours. Much worse is that the bag that was given to me was not an attaché case, but plain tote bags so not only does it compromise the safety of the money itself but put myself at high risk from hold up or theft in public as well. I had no chauffeurs to accompany me, so I had to commute with a huge sum of money with me. This would go on once or twice a week in different schools. The struggle does not end in the collection because once I arrived at the office, I was also responsible for creating collection breakdowns and summary and recording each payer into the company's written record and I had to write it all manually. I had to make sure that the receipt stabs, the record, and the money on hand are all accurate with each other. The thought of making one mistake and an inaccurate amount stresses me out because I would be responsible for paying the lost amount with my own money. Thankfully, no crimes ever occurred, I always got to the office safely, and all records and collections made were correct. I overcome such challenging situations by acting nonchalant with the money I have in public to not make it obvious that I have something of high value with me, clearing my mind and focusing on every detail I collect during collection, and

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learning to ask for assistance with my colleagues with the auditing. Since then, I was accompanied to retrieve collections from schools, and someone assists me with the records and helped me figure out if there are any discrepancies with the records and payments.

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

Surprisingly, the most challenging task for me was to create a tour itinerary despite being a tourism student for 6 years. This is because the company have their own standards for the itineraries that are entirely different from what was taught at school, so I had difficulties with applying my knowledge to the actual job. Moreover, I am not an active traveler, so I have no firsthand experience and knowledge to add to the itinerary to make it more marketable and feasible, so I must ask for other's assistance and do extensive research on the destinations. It also surprised me to think that despite the high-level of stress it brought to me, the task I enjoyed the most was auditing and collecting payment from the schools because it was when I actually challenged myself to go beyond my limits, it was a very memorable experience, and it was when I discovered that I somehow have a skill in accounting despite it being my least favorite subject in college.

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

They would describe me as versatile and my work ethic as diligent, flexible, and collaborative. They stated it in the evaluation form for my internship requirement, and it was a privilege for me to know what they thought of me as an intern. During that time, I tried to accomplish as many tasks assigned to me as possible whatever they may be and with their guidance and support, I was able to do so with flying colors. I even got to accomplish tasks that were beyond my knowledge and job description and to never give up on a project until it was done. Moreover, my prior experience with the tools is also handy when assisting my colleagues with the formatting and compositions they may struggle over, giving me the qualities of being a reliable colleague in the workplace. Looking back, I have grown so much under that company that I was able to develop different qualities that are essential when I finally get a job in an actual workplace setting.

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

It is evident in the previous question that I have developed different qualities under my previous workplace's supervision. I was able to be resilient to the challenges and grow holistically as a person and as a young professional. I developed the value of being flexible with the tasks and the schedules despite the time constraints with the goal of helping the team achieve the set goal in mind. I was able to go beyond my limits and the thought of underestimating what I can do was overpowered with the goal of being as resourceful as possible. I was also able to showcase

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camaraderie and collaborative in times of high-stress situations when I showed empathy and helped struggling colleagues to reflect how much I can relate to their situation and be of help to them to achieve their own goals. All the values and the character I have developed in my previous workplace helped me become confident enough that I can get through challenges, regardless of how difficult it may be, and I believe I still have these characteristics to share to the company if ever I become an official Pathcutters VA.