

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

I think it would be a Japanese voice actress or an accountant working in the government sector with a regular position. A Japanese voice actress because I would love to learn Japanese and be more fluent with it. I could even live in Japan because of my job. Honestly, I really wanted to discover more about my Japanese blood because I've never had the chance to know more about the country that my father grew up in. On the other hand, government accounting had made me learn to love my own course more. It made me feel that applying accounting in real life is enjoyable too. It gave me a sense of fulfillment and confidence that I am able to use my degree with my own two hands. I'm not saying that I mastered everything about accounting, but I would love to learn more while enjoying the world of numbers and calculators.

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?

Yes, studying accountancy was already stressful in many ways. It's the biggest reason why I shift program into management accounting. But then, I think almost all courses are just as difficult as accountancy. The studying, the schedule, the piling tasks, and the finances used to give me a lot of stress back then, and that goes with most students as well. The stress was never really gone when I entered management accounting. It was the only chance left for me to catch up with graduation, so I needed to be stronger in facing challenges. I was able to overcome stress in college because I remained resilient and earnest throughout my college life. Sometimes, there are problems that I couldn't find any solution for at all, and that just gives me a lot of headaches. So, I always brace myself even when I'm scared and anxious. It's just what makes us hope and look forward to a better result.

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

During my on-the-job training, the most challenging task for me was operating the government system called eNGAS or the Electronic New Government Accounting System where we encode financial transactions of various barangays, suppliers, clients, etc. It was very tricky and kind of difficult but the more challenging it got, the more I find it enjoyable and interesting. Perhaps, the eagerness to learn and the kindness of those who taught me motivated me to not give up. Another challenging task was encoding the journal entry vouchers of various barangay transactions, expenses, collections, and deposits into the system with the correct details provided. These transactions are to be rechecked and approved by the bookkeepers. Hence, I find it challenging on what entries I should name if a difficult transaction got into my hands. These challenging things are enjoyable for me. As I stated, the more challenging it gets, the more interested and motivated I am to keep up with it and strive for more growth and learnings.



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

The encoders and bookkeepers in the office that I had on my on-the-job training with would describe me as cheerful. A bookkeeper used to joke a lot with me and told me that I'm such a happy kid who laughs a lot. They would also describe me as an individual who learns fast and does work swiftly. With 61 barangays in Bacolod City who are required to submit their disbursement vouchers monthly, the transactions we'd encode would seem to be endless. Hence, we need to be quick but accurate at the same time. I'm glad and thankful that I was able to catch up on their work pace during my on-the-job training. Lastly, they see me as someone who could work along with them. They treated me as a co-employee who works there and made my internship fun with a lot of learnings. They really hoped that I could work there, but perhaps the government wasn't really for me. And that's okay.

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

The professional accomplishment I'm proud of so far was to be able to pass the Civil Service Examination-Professional Level in one take last March. It felt like the lessons I earnestly studied during my high school life and my quick reviews paid off. Another accomplishment that I'm proud of is to be able to join in Bacolod Sectoral Youth Affairs and do a lot of amazing things that could help me grow and help people at the same time. Like for example volunteering in tree planting and stray feeding, build connections through seminars, attending leadership trainings and workshops, and be more aware about the happenings through each other's advocacies. A personal achievement that I'm proud of is to be able to be more forward and honest with myself and with other people. For example, no is no. There's no need to say yes to something I cannot do for others or for myself just to satisfy anyone. I'm also proud of myself for stepping into something I find new and scary but would still strive for acceptance and self-growth. Lastly, I'm proud of myself for being brave to learn Japanese and communicate with other foreign people to enhance my fluency in English and know more about Japanese.