



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

If anything is possible, I would like to be a professional basketball player. Ever since I was a kid, I would see my father playing this sport and from that day on, I have learned to love and be passionate about it. I would wake up early in the morning just to play in the vacant basketball court near our house and practice different skills for it. As time went by, I tried joining several women's basketball competitions at our school and that passion continued when I decided to train for our City's Women's Basketball team. But time will not always favor our plans. I wasn't able to continue my training because my parents really wanted me to pursue more academic goals since everyone around me has seen me as an academic achiever and they expect a lot from me. From that day, I decided to leave my passion to focus on my studies and now on my career. If anything would be possible, this is the dream that I wanted to achieve which I think would heal that younger me who aspires to be the greatest woman basketball player of all time.

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 have worked as a Production Officer in a manufacturing firm which has a fast-paced environment and often requires urgent plans and solutions. One of the stressful parts of being a production officer is how to impose new rules on the production staff. I served as the middleman of the management and the staff and there will be some rules that you would admit to being tough and difficult for the staff to do but they need obey with rules of the management. As someone that handles the team, it is also my responsibility to hear them. There goes the dilemma on how compromise between the two parties in such a way that the imposed rule by the management will be both beneficial to them. For that company, management decisions are always final but as Production officer, I have learned to listen and speak up for the management to hear the thoughts of employees and make new plans that could benefit everybody. It is stressful to be that someone who's always in between, but it gives me a different level of fulfilment doing the job with no one being left behind.



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

As a production officer, the most challenging task that I have encountered is to be mentally and physically present every day. Working in a fast-paced and continuously operating company, I am always required to be with the production team, oversee the production floor, and meet the production needs. It challenged me in such a way that even if I am on my rest day, I still need to have some important decisions to make to avoid stoppage in the production. My mental and physical well-being was really compromised at that time and that is also one of the factors that I chose to quit the job. On the other hand, one of the tasks that I enjoy working as a production officer is witnessing product development. Every year, the client requires the company to do product development for innovation and keeping up with the market. In this task, I have learned several food manufacturing ideas, tips, and processes that are new to me, especially as someone who has graduated from the business field. There are positive and negative aspects to that job, but what is important is that I gained a lot of experience and learning from that journey.

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

I think my managers and colleagues would describe me as someone who always shows the best in everything I do. I am very goal-driven and once I am passionate about something, I really work hard to do my best on it. Also, I am the kind of employee who is always eager to learn and grow. Entering the food-manufacturing industry as my first job really took me a lot of courage and determination to learn about the industry and I think that is one of those things that my managers I have seen that they decided to promote me to a higher position with bigger responsibilities. They saw a huge potential in me that sometimes I cannot see in myself and it is really a different kind of fulfillment and achievement to have grown into someone that is far different from who I was years ago.

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



As I look back to who I am several years ago, I can say that I have accomplished a lot may it be a small or a big one. Most of them are something to be proud of but if I could choose one, it would be to graduate on time. When I was in my last year in college, our family struggled a lot financially because that was the time when my parents separated and my mom was the only person working for us at that time. I have reached out to my friends, classmates, and other family members for me to ask for allowance and donate some amount for my school fees, and I really struggled a lot doubting if I could graduate on time. But with the help of my friends and family I was able to graduate and somehow pull myself out of that darkness. Luckily, I found a job after my graduation, and I was able to finance my younger brother, and he was also able to graduate the year after I graduated. Now, it may still be hard, but our family is gradually seeing the light of hope and blessings that enable us to survive every day.