



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

If there is one dream job that I would and can do for the rest of my life if anything was possible, it would just be an HR Staff, specifically in recruitment. In my internship experiences, I have come to realize that I want a job where I can interact with different kinds of people on a day-to-day basis, while also having time to be alone doing administrative work.

Having that specific role in HR is something that I would look forward to going to everyday because I would go to work knowing that there are new faces I can meet and talk to. Another thing that I love about having a recruitment staff role is that I can use my skills in assessing applicants that we need for the job. With that, I would like to continuously improve my people's skills and data management skills since I really enjoy applying those skills to work.

I feel like being part of HR is my dream job now because I really enjoyed my time during my internship as an admin staff member and a recruitment intern. This is my dream job because doing this job is where I can be both an introvert and an extrovert at the same 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?

Yes. As part of an academic club's executive branch in my last year of college, our organization faced a lot of challenges that really gave me so much stress. One of the main things all clubs in our institution must do is have as many events as possible for the school year, and so we were always in charge of event-organizing on top of our personal academic tasks.

Our main cause of stress as officers is usually during the planning period, when we must create letters of request to certain institutional departments and offices and it is up to them to approve our event, and they don't approve of it. Sometimes things don't go as planned as well with the speakers or the suppliers, and we must adapt fast to source for different options.

While it is normal that those things could happen in event-planning, stress is inevitable. So, when I am in school and encounter these types of problems, I try not to react negatively and stay composed. Then I would take a walk around campus to be refreshed and regulate my mind. Sometimes I eat snacks to shake off stress, too. Those are the things that help me overcome stress, and I believe they are effective for me personally.



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

Looking back on my previous role as an intern in the recruitment team of Pathcutters Affordable Staff, I must say that I loved all the parts where I had to talk to people. So, for me, the tasks where I conducted interviews—on-call and face-to-face—and when I had to welcome and interact with applicants, were both my most enjoyable and most challenging.

My tasks related to communicating and conversing were the most challenging for me because although I am more of a talker—I like talking to my friends and building new connections with people I meet—one of my fears is speaking in public. So, when I was given the task to welcome applicants, give them an overview of the company and run them through the testing instructions, I was terrified. But I conquered that fear by saying yes to that challenge every time I was asked, and I just found myself looking forward to doing just that every day. Since then, I would excitedly call applicants on the phone, and if there are walk-ins, I volunteer to do the interview. I would also patiently wait for invited applicants, so I can welcome them and give them instructions.

I feel grateful that I was able to turn my most challenging task into my most enjoyable task. Not only that, but I also feel like I really improved my communication skills and am now prepared for even more challenging tasks to come my way.

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

During feedback sessions, my previous colleagues and supervisors would always describe me as an adaptable intern, a fast-learner, and someone who can master the processes quickly. Happily knowing that they are pretty much satisfied with my performance, I was thankful and became close to them.

The type of colleagues and supervisors in two of the previous internships I had were very supportive and really wanted me to improve, but at the same time called me out for my mistakes, so I think they would describe my work ethics as congenial, professional, and accountable. True enough, I like being friendly while maintaining professionalism at work. If I had a task or if I had to work on something, I really consider it as work and set aside the friendliness. But during breaks and no-task times, I like to talk to my colleagues and be friends with them. In addition, if I commit a shortcoming, I immediately acknowledge that I am in the wrong and think of ways to make up for it.

I just feel lucky that in my previous roles as an intern, I was put in workplaces and environments that were nurturing to people who still have a lot to improve, and to incoming fresh graduates like I was.



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

Since I just graduated from college and I don't really have anything that I can consider an accomplishment, the first thing that I can probably share that I'm most proud of is being able to graduate with Latin honors; as someone who shifted courses and didn't really prioritize academics anymore in my remaining years in college. I am proud that I still made it to honor roll while also focusing on the academic club that I'm part of—which is maybe the second thing that I take pride in, since our organization ranked as one of the top academic clubs during the school year, with my part being the executive secretary that made the club's records and numbers.

The next and last one is probably the most recent goal that I accomplished, and it is being able to save money—without asking my parents at all—to fund myself on our graduation trip outside of the country. Since last year, me and my friends made one bank account as our piggybank for our trip, and I strived so hard to cut my daily expenses to save my allowance, and I feel very blessed that my finances were just enough for that vacation.

Thinking about accomplishments both motivates me and makes me feel pressured. At my age, I still don't have a lot that I can really consider an accomplishment, but hopefully someday there are a lot of things that I can achieve that I'm really going to be proud of.