

# **Reflection on our Interview with Engr. Daliah Anoc**

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# **Introduction**

The interview focused on what current computer engineering students should focus on, what to expect, and what to aim for in their careers. Engineer Daliah Anoc, a graduate with a Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering from the Technological University of the Philippines, tells her story and what she believes are the advantages, and what being a computer engineering graduate brings to your career.

## **Summary of the Interview**

The main portion of the interview touches on Engr. Dahlia's experience after she graduated. Starting off in Phil Star within the IT department, before being absorbed fully for developing a system to automate recursive tasks. The continuing portions of the interview moves to the subject of what she believed she gained from computer engineering, how it helped her, and what sets it apart from other engineering courses.

Engr. Dahlia also expresses what she recommends current computer engineering students focus on while still in their studies, and what to do after once they have graduated. She mentions that certificates are what gives computer engineers credibility within their domain, and—when we are finally working in the computer engineering industry—that we should improve our mental and social capabilities. She advised us to be resilient, good communicators, creative, and to continue educating ourselves since our field of study is ever evolving.

## **Personal Reflection**

The Interview with Engr. Dahlia Anoc allowed us to reflect on the realities of pursuing Computer Engineering as a career. Hearing her journey through graduating at TUP to beginning her career in Philstar's IT department showed us that the path after graduation can be unexpected but full of opportunities for those who can be adaptive. Her experience in developing an automation system can show how even the skills we're building can eventually lead to meaningful roles in the future. It also reminded us of how broad and versatile Computer Engineering is, giving graduates the ability to fit into different areas of the tech industry.

What stood out to us was when she explained the advantages she gained from studying Computer Engineering. The balance of hardware and software knowledge gave her an edge in flexibility, something that can be seen as unique or makes Computer Engineering stand out more. Hearing those made us appreciate the value of the program itself, rather than just limiting ourselves to one area. It emphasized that engineering is more than just technical skill, it requires problem-solving, perseverance, and being open to continuous learning.

She highlighted how certifications can help build credibility, giving more evidence that continuous learning is a necessary action that needs to be treated like a skill. Overall, the interview was very motivating. It gave us a clearer view of what to expect in the future, and it encouraged us toward studying and career planning with more intent. Starting to know the choices we make now will affect the possible career opportunities we find later before or after finishing the program.

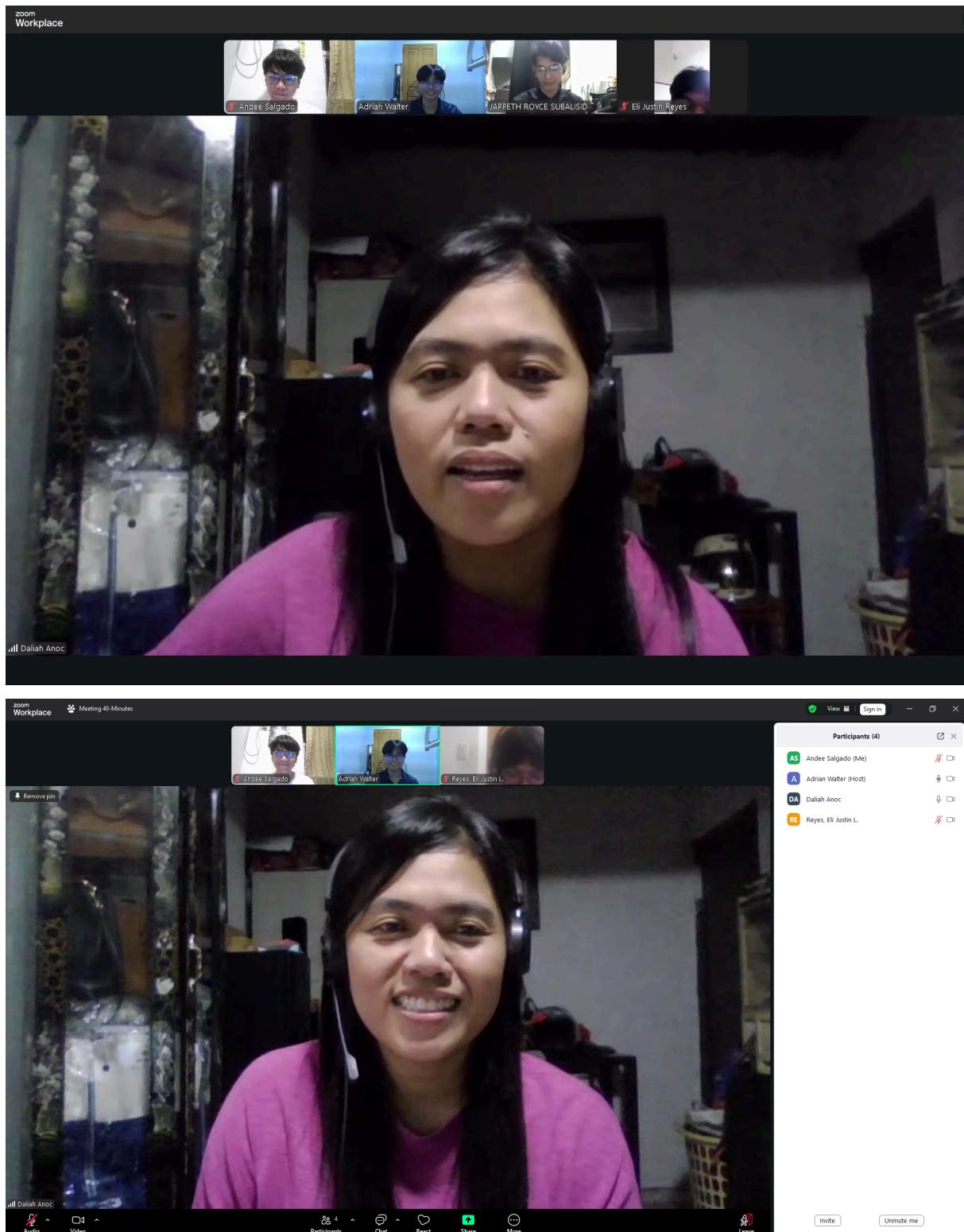
## **Connection to Course or Program**

Her story demonstrated the adaptability of the computer engineering program in terms of future employment, which is consistent with what we have studied in class. Her proficiency in programming, systems, and automation helped her in her work, which confirmed our belief that our subject of study is applicable to other disciplines as well. She also frequently discusses the qualities of an engineer, which we have studied in this course. She advises us to be resilient and effective communicators.

## **Conclusion**

The interview opened our eyes of what to expect going forward in pursuing this course. She told us the advantages of pursuing this discipline and gave us snippets of her experience being in the industry, which gave us valuable insight before we graduate. This interview is a great source of information as a first year student that can allow us to learn what to do in the future and avoid any possible mishap that may occur. Lastly, we'd like to thank Engr. Daliah Anoc for her time and effort to enlighten us on the experience of a computer engineering alumni.

# Appendices



*Images taken during our interview with Engr. Daliah, through a zoom meeting.*