1. I am the eldest of nine siblings. I have three sisters and five stepsiblings. I am the typical eldest in many ways; decisive, practical, and organized.
2. My sisters and I’s nicknames for each other are Pinky and the Brain. Naturally, as the eldest, I am the Brain.
3. I listen to music while I work, most often lo-fi beats. I grew up in a busy household, so I am used to the noise when focusing. While writing this, I was listening to ‘Hello’ by Mr. Argyle.
4. “If it’s to be it’s up to me” is my biggest life motto, which was passed down from my grandmother. She is one of my biggest inspirations and my desire to adventure and learn truly comes from her.
5. When I was twelve, I made a bucket list. I have kept it to this day and aspire to accomplish the list; from swimming in the dead sea to catching a jar of fireflies. I am halfway through it already!
6. I learn best by talking ideas and problems out. I enjoy collaboration with others, and I know I have truly learned something once I can effectively communicate it to someone else.
7. I am not naturally talented when it comes to quantitative work, but I work extremely hard at making up for it. I am not afraid to admit my shortcomings and overcome them with hard work.
8. I interned at KPMG in high school. I was sixteen, taking the bus to Downtown Houston, learning how to work in an office and file taxes. It was a unique opportunity that shaped my desire to learn about the business world early on.
9. I play the New York Times word games every single day. I enjoy the competition and intellectual challenge.
10. I love working with my hands. I recently picked up pottery and have made plant pots, bowls, and plates. Working with pottery has taught me patience, focus, and creativity.
11. I collect sneakers. I tend to dress in simple colors and basic styles, but when it comes to shoes, this is where I really let my individuality shine.
12. My favorite entertainment is watching anime. The creativity, design, and complex stories have always drawn me in.
13. I love coffee and matcha. Despite giving up most caffeine, I drink decaf and still find ways to make a great cup of coffee.
14. Outside of my traditional career desires, I hope to own a coffee shop one day.
15. I am a morning person by all accounts, sleeping in past 8am is nearly impossible for me.
16. I ensure to get a good workout in every day. I am not looking to run the fastest mile or lift the heaviest weight, but I enjoy working out and taking care of myself.
17. I grew up playing soccer and believe this has shaped my leadership style. I grew to recognize everyone’s strengths, my own strengths, and how to collaborate as a team early on in life.
18. My biggest creative outlet is crocheting (similar to knitting). I enjoy having to plan a project, buy the materials, design the pattern, and spend hours and hours executing it. The average project takes me twenty hours. I love gifting my creations to those I care most about. To me, handmade gifts are the ultimate representation of love.
19. My love language is gift giving. Seeing the look on someone’s face when you got them *exactly* the right thing is an unbeatable feeling.
20. My motto with food is try everything once, so there is little I have not explored.
21. I love to hike and explore nature. I have hiked across the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Zion and more.
22. I have plants that I have kept alive since high school. I truly appreciate nature and seeing my plants grow and transform is really rewarding.
23. I have lived in many cities and love exploring new places. I grew up in Houston, then in Charleston, Athens for college, and now Atlanta for my current job. Durham is hopefully next on the list!
24. I am not afraid of a solo adventure. I have backpacked through Europe, spent two weeks in Alaska alone, and am not scared to see a movie by myself.
25. I organize my life by making lists. To do lists, idea lists, gift lists, bucket lists; you name it. This exercise felt very natural to me!