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Self-Reflection: Discovering Myself

Background

I was born in Manila, Philippines, and lived there for seven years with my three older siblings and parents. In May of 2007, my parents decided that it was for my siblings’ and I’s best interest to move to America. We packed up our lives, immigrated to Hawaii, and settled in Kalihi where my grandpa lived while he was still alive. Up until I left Hawaii to go to college at the University of San Francisco, I lived in and attended school in Kalihi, so the small town holds a significant place in my heart.

Personally, I believe that I peaked in high school in terms of how well I did in school. I had straight A’s except for one semester, and I was heavily involved with student council. My freshman and sophomore year of high school, I was the student council Vice President. In my junior and senior year of high school, I stepped it up and became the class president. Student council really changed me as a person because it forced me to step out of my comfort zone. It also brought me good friends that I know I will have for a lifetime. I can confidently say that student council was one of the most meaningful experiences I have ever had in my life.

The only downside of being involved with student council was that it took a lot of my time. Before I started high school, I loved to play basketball and even played for teams in my community. It always a goal of mine to play for my high school’s girls basketball team. However, the practices conflicted with student council activities, so I chose to let go of basketball and devoted my time to council. I also loved playing musical instruments like the piano, clarinet, ukulele, and drums. However, I had no time to continue practicing because most of my time in high school was spent in school. Recently, though, I received a new piano as a gift from my mom, so I was able to revive my passion for the instrument and began to play again.

My parents did not want to deter my focus from school, so I never had a job until after I graduated. I worked at retail stores a couple times after graduating from high school, a short duration each time. My first job was Target, then Shoe Palace, then Footaction. I worked for around a month in each job. It was not until I transferred to UH Manoa that I stayed at a job for a long period of time. After transferring, my sister was able to get me her old campus job at the Shidler Office of Internships and Career Development. I have been working there since January 2019 and still am. In September 2019, I decided to get a second part-time to help me pay for my own car. I got a job at Elite Parking Services and have been enjoying working for the company.

SWOT Analysis

My strengths are that I am very determined, a quick learner, reliable, and can work well with others. Whenever I have a task or an idea in mind, I will do whatever it takes to complete it in a satisfactory manner. I can also pick up on things very quickly which is a strength because I can assist with many different roles in a company or organization if needed. Personally, I believe that I am reliable and that is a strength because others will know that I am someone they can count on for anything. Whether it is a friend looking for help or my job needing me for something, it is safe to say that I will be there. The last strength that I have is being able to work well with others. In every job, there will be many occasions where an individual would have to work with their coworkers, and they need to be able to do it efficiently. I do not have any problem collaborating with others to complete a task.

Weaknesses that I have are procrastinating and my underdeveloped public speaking skills. I find myself in many situations where I put off doing my work because I choose to do other things that I feel are more enjoyable, then end up having to cram and stress over the assigned work. My public speaking skills could use a great improvement. Although I did a lot of public speaking in high school, I still get really nervous when I have to which in turn leads me to speak too fast and jumble my words together.

Opportunities that I have are the summer internships that are currently taking college student applicants and my job at the career development office at Shidler. I have been actively searching for summer internships and have found quite a handful that are looking for students in my major. My job also allows me to have a direct connection to companies and professionals which is advantageous to starting my career.

Threats that I have are the low job market because of COVID and the other students who are interested in the same internships as me. I have friends who have struggled to find full-time jobs after they graduated because many companies are not hiring because of the pandemic. In fact, one of my friends got an internship with FICOH but they cancelled it because of COVID. This is a very big potential threat to me and my job opportunities after college. I also must be concerned about other students who are interested in the same internships as I am. They could outperform me during interviews and or have a better-looking resume since I was not as involved in college as I was in high school.

Potential Career Fields

Career fields I feel holds the most potential for me are Information Systems and Marketing, which ironically are my two majors. These are career fields I feel like have a lot of potential for me because they are fields in which I am not only skilled in, but also very interested in and enjoy doing. Having a career in either field will give me the ability to get paid doing what I love. I loved coding and working with programs and computers, but I was also always interested in creating and designing creative content, so Information Systems and Marketing would be good career pathways.

Myers Briggs Test Results

My Myers Briggs test results were INTP which means that I am a designer, logical, conceptual, likes challenge, and a good architect. I was not surprised by the results because I felt that it was very accurate about my character. For example, when it says that I am a designer, I think it is evident in my interest in creating creative content. I also love challenges. It was not a surprise that the test indicated that I was a good architect. As a matter of fact, if I did not major in business, I would have wanted to go into the architecture or civil engineering field because I loved to design and build things. From this test, I learned that I was conceptual. Prior to taking the test, I would have never described myself as conceptual. After seeing it in my results, I began to see how I can be conceptual at times.

Elevator Pitch

Hello! My name is Jane Pagaragan and I am pursuing a degree in Management Information Systems and Marketing. Currently, I work at the Shidler Career Development Office and for Elite Parking Services which has made me more self-directed and developed my ability to work with a variety of people from different backgrounds. Although my current positions do not relate to my majors, I would like to explore my potential career fields. Given the opportunity, I would like to bring my skills and abilities to the company while simultaneously honing them and learning more about the field.

Three Companies I Want to Work For

My desired job is to be a Computer Systems Analyst or anything in the IT/IS side of a business. With that being said, one company I would want to work for is Servco Pacific. I want to work for Servo because it is in the automotive industry and has positions for computer analytics and tech. Outside of my education, one of my hobbies and one of my biggest interests is cars. Working for Servco combines my hobby with my desired profession.

Another company I want to work for is Hawaiian Airlines. It is a company I would work for because I respect them as a company and personally, I think they are a good airline. Working for an airline also means travel benefits which is a plus because I love to travel. I think I will enjoy working in the business and tech side of Hawaiian Airlines if I already think they are a great company outside of working there.

For the aforementioned companies, I would need to contact the recruiters for each company through career expos and or apply for job postings they might have. I could also reach out to people I know who have connections to professionals in that company. For example, my boss is very close to the recruiters from Servco. He could put in a good word about me and it would greatly influence the hiring decision. My friend and his family are very close with one of the HR managers in Hawaiian Airlines whom I have also previously met. If I express my interest in a career for the company, he can help me get a position.

A third company I would want to work for is Activision. They create video games and many of which are my favorites. I want to work for them because I think it would make me love my job and career knowing that I play some type of role in the creation of my favorite games. Unlike the last two companies, I do not have any connections to anyone that may help me get a job in Activision. In order for me to contact the company, I just need to apply for their job postings online and or find the recruiters contact information and reach out directly.