

1. Title Page

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2. Introduction

As part of the fulfillment of our finals requirements, our group interviewed Engr. Carmello Canonoy, an alumnus of the Technological Institute of the Philippines, a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, and currently working as a professor. The interview covered his advice, tips, and answers to the given questions that will benefit and guide future Computer Engineering students such as us. It tackled most of the questions focused on the common misconceptions, ideas, and personal perspectives that Engineering students mostly have. Additionally, it included questions that give peers such as us, learning Computer Engineering, guidance on how we can navigate our journey.

3. Summary of the Interview

During the interview, one of the key points and insights we picked up from Engr. Carmello, who has been working for multiple academies throughout the years, is the importance of building your foundational knowledge and skills. He clearly emphasized that there is a significant difference between simply knowing your materials and truly understanding the knowledge required in this engineering profession. He also pointed out how such foundational skills can serve as an advantage and remain an essential aspect of becoming a competent and capable Computer Engineer.

Moreover, he highlighted that learning and dedicating more time to understanding the basics can greatly support our future careers and professions by the time we graduate and begin facing real-world challenges. This involves exploring more programs, studying various codes, and familiarizing ourselves with other technical materials that will develop our skills before entering

the fast-paced corporate world that continuously integrates technology into our modern way of living.

4. Personal Reflection

What struck me most from the interview of our chosen alumni “Mr. Carmello Canonoy” was his emphasis on mastering the different foundational skills like Programming, Mathematics, and Logic early in the CpE journey. His realization is that Computer Engineering is not just about hardware repair but a blend of interdisciplinary subjects. It reminded me that the course demands both technical depth, resilience, and adaptability. His honesty about facing his difficult moments and the temptation to shift courses was relatable and reassuring, which he told us that struggles are part of the process, not signs of failure.

His story made me reflect deeply on my own academic and career goals. I realized that building strong fundamentals now will shape my future success, especially in projects and my future job. His regret about not being proactive with his free time inspired me to manage my schedule better like using vacant hours for homework, advance study, or skill-building. I also appreciated his gratitude toward friends and mentors, which taught me the importance of surrounding myself with people who support and challenge me positively.

As a CpE student, I now see the course as a journey that requires consistent effort, reflection, and appreciation of the process. Mr. Canonoy’s advice aligns with our curriculum’s goal of developing well-rounded and competitive engineers who are skilled in both hardware and software. His experience reinforces the importance of communication skills, technical proficiency, and goal setting which all of them are embedded in our CpE program. I plan to apply his lessons by managing my time efficiently, seeking mentorship, and embracing challenges as part of my growth as a CpE student

5. Connection to Course or Program

The interview with Engr. Carmello connects with what we have learned in class because it emphasizes the importance of foundational knowledge, coding skills, and practical applications, all of which we study in our courses. His advice and teachings closely relate to my personal experiences in college, as we have faced challenges in understanding complex concepts and managing my time to practice coding and other technical skills. The interview reinforced my understanding of my future profession by showing that success in Computer Engineering requires not only technical knowledge but also determination, continuous learning, and the ability to overcome any obstacles. At the same time, it also challenged us to think beyond textbooks and lectures, reminding me that real world engineering involves continuous learning, problem solving, and adapting to fast paced technological environments.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the interview with Engr. Carmello really left a strong impact on us and helped us understand what it truly takes to pursue Computer Engineering. From him, we learned the importance of building a strong foundation in the basics, not just rushing through lessons. We also realized that struggles, mistakes, and failures are natural parts of the journey and should be seen as opportunities to grow rather than setbacks. He emphasized being proactive, taking the initiative to learn more about programming, coding languages, software tools, and other aspects of Computer Engineering beyond the classroom. Learning that determination, willpower, and a willingness to constantly improve are key to staying on track and preparing for the fast paced tech industry. We're genuinely grateful for the chance to hear his insights because they gave us the clarity, the motivation, and the practical advice that we can apply to our academic and career path. We hope to carry these lessons with us as we move forward and possibly even stay in touch to continue learning from someone who has already walked the path we're about to take.

7. Appendices



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