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## Transcript

Question 00:00

And I'm gonna be asking a bunch of questions and we're just gonna chat. It's very chill. Like you don't have to overthink it. And that is gonna go into the data and we're just gonna get to know you, basically.

Maria Noriega 00:07

Okay, hum.

Question 00:14

That's all we're doing here. Okay, so first question is, what's your favorite way to spend a weekend?

Maria Noriega 00:23

I love traveling. I think, anyway, that anytime I have time, I like to travel like anywhere, like your boat trip or like whatever I can.

Question 00:33

Okay. Sorry, I can't really hear you like that. Well, but can you repeat that one more time?

Question 00:54

That's awesome. Are you a coffee or a tea person? Do you prefer what kind of tea?

Maria Noriega 01:01

I prefer tea, Chai, I don't know if I have a favorite movie, but I like all the chick flicks, maybe legally blonde and from comes to, early bird.

Question 01:06

Oh, that's good. What's your all time favorite movie? Do you have one?

Question 01:23

Oh, that's a good one, are you an early bird or night owl?

Maria Noriega 01:36

I prefer mornings, cooking, I'm really into fitness, so most of my foods are like the same, like chicken, rice, salad, finish, I think it was not like the first time I went to Disneyland, but like the first time I went when my brothers were old enough is like I'm the oldest.

Question 01:41

Do you prefer cooking or eating out? What do you like to cook?

Question 01:58

That's good. Getting rice. What's your favorite childhood memory?

Maria Noriega 02:20

So at first there were babies, so there were just like in the strollers. But like maybe it will be like the third time when I was like 9 and they were like 4 and 6, so we were, oh, spending time together.

Question 02:42

What's your favorite ride?

Maria Noriega 02:48

I don't know. I like the teacups I think it would be like, I don't know if it's the superpower, but it would be like photographic memory, remembering everything I read or see or experience.

Question 02:54

It's fun. If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Maria Noriega 03:15

Because I don't know. I mean, I think it will help me like studying, if I just read it, then it will make me maybe more smart cuz I like reading, but sometimes I forget what I read. So I would have to read it twice or more than one time. I can just redirect and remember easily.

Question 03:35

That's what's your favorite type of music?

Maria Noriega 03:44

I like RMB.

Question 03:49

Who's your favorite artist?

Maria Noriega 03:51

I think the weekend is consider RMB, but they would, I would say the weekend, I don't camp as much, but I do hiking really often.

Question 03:57

I love the weekend do you enjoy outdoor activities like hiking or camping?

Maria Noriega 04:10

So I like hiking.

Question 04:13

Do you like being outdoors? What's your favorite outdoor activity?

Maria Noriega 04:20

I like kayaking or just going for a walk. I also like going to the beach.

Question 04:30

Have you been to a concert recently?

Maria Noriega 04:35

The most recent was like two months ago.

Question 04:38

What did you.

Maria Noriega 04:38

I was Steve bulky.

Question 04:42

Oh, the DJ. But where did you see him?

Maria Noriega 04:46

It was Texas how? Patrick Island.

Question 04:50

Oh, cool. What's your go to? Comfort food.

Maria Noriega 04:57

Sushi.

Question 04:58

What kind of sushi? Like what's your favorite?

Maria Noriega 05:03

I like any sushi that has avocado in it. So it can be like crap but it doesn't matter. But it has to have avocado.

Question 05:17

If you could meet anyone famous or historical figure, who would it be and why?

Maria Noriega 05:27

I don't know. I mean I don't know if it's like 3 related, but I'm like religious so maybe like god her because I like reading the Bible and I like following his words, like forgiveness, the importance of family, friendship, being a good person towards anyone.

Question 05:38

What would you say, Kim?

Maria Noriega 05:53

So I just like his stitchings.

Question 05:57

What would you say to him or ask him if you could meet him right now?

Maria Noriega 06:03

Well, I think the most important thing that he has thought me is forgiveness. Cuz sometimes I have a hard time letting go off things. So I don't know. I think I have gotten better but I will just talk about him to like make me or teach me how to forgive easily. And just like let us go with things and more for, I mean, because everyone deserve forgiveness, but also to have more like peace.

Question 06:37

I love that. That's cool. What's a hobby you've always wanted to try?

Maria Noriega 06:46

I don't know if it's a hobby, but I was wanted to do skydiving or padded shooting.

Question 06:52

Why do you wanna skydive? Just for the experience.

Maria Noriega 06:58

I think I just like being outdoors and I like the trail. I like being adventurous. So I think something will give me a lot of adrenaline. But I think it would be cool to do.

Question 07:14

Are you more introverted or extroverted?

Maria Noriega 07:18

I think extroverted.

Question 07:23

Because you're so extroverted. Like what do you like to do in social settings? Like ex? Describe your social interaction.

Maria Noriega 07:35

Well, I think I just like having a lot of friends. Like I think it's easily for me to talk to, to other people, like making new friends, like not like talking through strangers, but just like interacting with people out of know and then making new friendships. And it's something I enjoy. I think I like better being surrounded by people and like having people I can count on or rely on. And I don't know, I think I also get bored if I'm alone. So I don't know. I have always had a lot of friends and I like meeting new people. Also like people from all around the world. I also like traveling. So like people with different cultures and different I don't know, way of thinking so I can learn more if like there the way they think and the way they see the world.

Question 08:31

Cool. Do you have a favorite season?

Maria Noriega 08:36

It's summer, because I don't like the cold weather I don't know.

Question 08:37

Why do you like summer more than the other ones?

Maria Noriega 08:45

Just for me, I think my body cannot handle it. Like I have always live in really hot places if it's a little cool, I don't it. I don't like wearing all the jackets and the layers. I think it's uncomfortable for me. So I just, I get cold really easily. And when it's summer, I think I can do more activities outdoors. I can walk for a run. I can go to the beach. I can go surfing. I can, I don't know, just being elders is more pleasant for me when it's hot.

Question 09:17

Okay. Are you a morning routine person?

Maria Noriega 09:21

Yes, I think I like waking up early because that way I feel I'm more productive, yes.

Question 09:28

Do you have a specific morning routine?

Maria Noriega 09:31

So I usually woke up at 7 a.m. And then I do my breakfast, I take a shower, I brush my teeth, get ready. And then around 8:20, I do yoga and then I start my classes at around 11. And then after I got to the gym and then like just go on with my day.

Question 10:03

What's your favorite way to exercise?

Maria Noriega 10:07

I go to the gym every day. But I also enjoy doing Pilates or indoor cycling.

Question 10:17

Do you like lifting weights?

Maria Noriega 10:18

Oh, yes, I do. I also, I know it's not considered sport, but I love dancing.

Question 10:26

I feel like it is considered.

Maria Noriega 10:28

I mean, for me it is. But people say it's an art, so, well, I speak three languages and I would like to learn more.

Question 10:34

What's a skill you'd like to learn in the future?

Maria Noriega 10:44

So I would like to learn over like, I don't know, maybe like six languages if it's possible. Like I will like to learn the skill of likes speaking like multiple languages, Spanish and French and I'm trying to learn Italian.

Question 10:59

Okay, which other languages? Oh, cool.

Question 11:16

See you. What's your favorite board game or card game? Do you have one?

Maria Noriega 11:23

I like bingo a lot and oh no, bingo.

Question 11:28

What about them is fun to you?

Maria Noriega 11:33

The first time I played bingo, it was like three years ago. It was like a in my past college, they used to do this activities like late night activities for a student. So I don't know for me it was for like old people. But then I play it and I just like, I think I get really excited. There's like a lot of trail like, I don't know, I'm I think I'm really competitive and I like winning. So it's just fun.

Question 12:06

What's the most interesting place you've traveled to? Because I know you said you like to travel.

Maria Noriega 12:15

I don't know if, oh, for me it was the most interesting. I like Italy a lot just because they have a lot of culture. And I live, I like, sorry, art and museums. So I had experience to go to different churches and museums. And in the past they had like a lot of his 3 and really good artist, which is like a really cool place to see like all these paintings and sculptures and everything. And also the architecture, it's really cute.

Question 12:47

That's. I bet do you have a favorite quote or saying that you like?

Maria Noriega 12:54

Traffic.

Maria Noriega 13:00

I don't know, maybe I don't know if it goes like this exactly, but after the storm comes to Rainbow, I just like staying positive every time, even when things go wrong. So I don't know, I, I'll, I always like to think about that because sometimes you're really stress or sad and you think everything's going wrong, but you just have to like stay calm for a little bit and know after all the bad things, something's good about to, to come for you.

Question 13:37

I like that quote, too. What's a goal you're currently working towards?

Maria Noriega 13:48

I think I'm, I'm going. I mean, I started maybe like a year ago and I'm still working on it for, but being more organized. I have a weekly schedule and I try to kind of every day just so I can be more organized. And I like being productive to sell. I don't think I'm perfect yet, but I'm just getting better at it.

Question 14:19

What's the way that you've worked on it? Like stayed a little bit more organized?

Maria Noriega 14:23

Well, I usually every Sunday I plan like my days. I have like a weekly payment planner. So I just write like what time I'm gonna wake up or what time I'm gonna study, what time I'm gonna work, go workout, what time I'm gonna do my homework, when I know, for example, if I said that I was gonna go to Jimmy at 5, then it's 5 and I know I have to go. And then if it's 7, I know at 7 I have to take a shower. So like that way I'm not like, oh, I have nothing to do and I just chilly know, like I think time is precious. So I just like doing something productive at every time, every little time I have.

Question 15:09

Give a planner.

Maria Noriega 15:11

I do, I do.

Question 15:15

Do you enjoy watching sports? Sports do you like to watch?

Maria Noriega 15:23



I like watching basketball just because my dad, he used to play basketball when he was younger. So he usually takes me to the basketball games. But I also like watching soccer a lot.

Question 15:42

What's your favorite type of dessert?

Maria Noriega 15:45

I would say I stream or cookies.

Question 15:49

What kind of ice cream do you like.

Maria Noriega 15:51

It's really simple, just vanilla.

Question 16:00

What's the best piece of advice you've ever received? Do you remember?

Maria Noriega 16:06

As it was one of my high school teachers. So I was going for like a hard time and I just felt like I had a lot of pain in my heart. And I was going to like difficult stuff. So he was talking to me and he said like he gave me an example for example, if you hit your leg or you hit your arm or whatever, like you cannot avoid the pain like if you hate yourself, you're gonna get hurt but it's your option to, it's more like a mental thing if you wanna keep that pain forever, okay, I hit my arm and it hurts for like an hour but then after you forget about it and doesn't hurt anymore. Or you can think like for a couple of weeks or months, I don't know why I hit my arm like it was so difficult, I get hurt and it's so comfortable so like pain is like temporarily and you cannot avoid it, but like being hurt for a lot of time and like remembering that pain, physically it's over but keeping that pain in your mind or your heart, like that's optional. So it's just like, I don't know if it if someone hurts you, it's gonna hurt for a little bit then you forget about it and then you go on with your life. Or you can keep remember. Bring. Oh, I don't know why this person did this to me. Like they were so mean. So like that's only gonna affect you. Moreover, I love going to the beach.

Question 17:39

I totally agree. That's awesome, what do you consider your happy place? Like a place that you really love.

Maria Noriega 17:55

Like this is the first time I live by the beach in San Diego. Maybe that's one of the reasons I decided to move here so when I was living somewhere else, I will go to the facial maybe like twice a year, four times a year if I had a chance. So now that it's closer to me, I like going like once a week. If I have time, maybe just watch a show or a movie.

Question 18:34

What's your favorite way to relax after a long day?

Question 18:46

Do you have a TV show that you're currently watching right now that you like?

Maria Noriega 18:52

Yes, I'm actually from albuquerking and I'm a chemist. So there's a show call breaking that, which is like a chemist from albuquergan. So there, then I finished that one, but then there's a second show that's like related, but it's not the same. It's call vertical soul. So that's the one I'm watching right now.

Question 19:15

Cool. I've never watched that show, but I think I've heard it's good.

Maria Noriega 19:19

It's good so I always have, it's not that I have a hard time sleeping, but after I take a shower, if I do take a shower in the, and then I like sometimes I, I mean, I sometimes I shower my hair, sometimes I don't.

Question 19:22

What's the last thing you always do before you go to bed?

Maria Noriega 19:44

But I usually take a shower, like to have like my body fresh and then I will watch like 10 minutes of a TV show, so I can sleep easier.

Question 20:00

Do you find that watching TV helps you sleep?

Maria Noriega 20:02

Yes, cuz I don't know, I think if all the lights are off and I'm just watching a show, like makes me more sleepy rather than if I just like go to bed like that without watching my phone, like TikTok or something.

Question 20:11

Hum.

Question 20:19

What time do you usually go to bed?

Maria Noriega 20:21

I usually go around 10:00,30 or eleven.

Question 20:31

What's a childhood dream that you had that you still remember?

Maria Noriega 20:36

Sorry, what?

Question 20:37

What's a childhood dream that you had as a kid that you still remember?

Maria Noriega 20:42

I think I have always wanted to go to Paris since I was the kid, like I started studying French. So I always wanted to go to Paris and I just think it's a really cute city. So the, the time, the very first time I went to Paris, it was a really good memory for me.

Question 21:02

What do your passions and dreams look like? What do you want to do when you grow up?

Maria Noriega 21:07

Definitely. I wanna travel all around the world. Like I wanna visit every continent like I don't know if it's possible to go to every country, but the most countries possible and as a scientist, I wanna make a positive impact. It might feel like either having a product or like like finding something. Do you research? Like whatever I do when I feel like make like sorry, me like a Mark.

Question 21:47

If you had to be a role model to other students in high school or just people in general on a certain subject or topic that, you feel like you've been through, that you can talk about, what would you choose and can you explain that?

Maria Noriega 22:02

I think no matter no matter how good or a role model you are, people have to be passionate about that subject. Cuz I'm really passionate about science and I enjoy and I love science, but I

don't think people are gonna listen to me if they're not interested in science. So I don't know maybe the things I say, they're not gonna impact as well as other people that are out actually into science. Maybe just cuz I feel a lot of people are not into science and maybe they just don't care about it. But for people that I wanna go into science fields, I would say it can get hard if it's not easy, but if that's what really if that's what you're really passionate about, you should just keep forward because sometimes you're gonna feel like you're in a, I mean I have feel that maybe I'm not like enough for that feel. I'm not like smart as others. But you, I would say you have never, you don't have to compare yourself to others cuz that like race or battle it's against yourself like you're only gonna get better and better. And you can only compare towards yourself if you compare to others people like they have different ways of study, they have different memory they have different setting skills so if you compare yourself to your peers, you're never gonna make any progress you have to compare yourselves towards this the person you were yesterday or months before. So just remember that it's like a personal raise and only focusing yourself and how good you're doing and just like you can lean and dependent others but just like they can help you study and get better together but not to compare yourself towards others.

#### Question 24:03

What about being a woman in science? I feel like that's pretty cool. I feel like not a lot of girls are scientists.

#### Maria Noriega 24:11

I think that was like a hard time for me doing my undergrad, because I'm, I feel like I'm a minority. There's not a lot of girls in my field, and there are not a lot of Hispanic girls, I might feel. So it was just hard for me to look up for a role model. There was usually all men. Most, I feel like I only had one female professor. They were all males, or my classmates were males. So I know we can get hard because sometimes you're looking for inspiration or just like someone you feel comfortable with, or someone you can, like, trust. And I feel guys in this field can get very competitive. And they, they always gonna, they always wanna be better than you and they're only gonna push it down. So it's hard, but just try to rely on the most girls possible, even if it's just like till the girls see you, you have to help each other out because if you didn't do, then no one else will. So it's important to stay together and help each other out.

#### Question 25:23

Hum. Well, I'm trying to think like this app, like you could talk about how you feel like you're a little bit of a minority. And I'm sure other people feel that way when they're going into hard fields like maybe even engineering or science or something that's a little more male focused.

#### Maria Noriega 25:44

Hum.

#### Question 25:45

What advice would you give to someone that's going through what you went through in undergrad?

Maria Noriega 25:51

I will tell them that they shouldn't listen to others. I mean, as a girl in science, I have, or we're not supposed to be starting these, or we're not supposed to work on these jobs, or we're not supposed to be in this classroom. Like there's a lot of guys that still think that way, that like science fields or math feels, computer science, coding, it's only for guys. And no, I mean, science, math, stem is for everyone. It doesn't matter like your girl or boy, like your culture, your religion, your nationality you raise. I would say sciences for everyone can enjoy it, explore it, how to be like a real scientist. Would I degree to just be interested in science. Like it's for everyone. Everyone can learn about it. And it's just something that we experience in our everyday lives so I will just tell them that don't listen to others.

Maria Noriega 26:59

Like you belong there. You're capable of doing that. You deserve to be in the place you are because you have proven yourself and you're worth it. Like you have past six times you have pass the classes. So if you're in that classroom, if you're in that job is because you earn it.

#### Question 27:21

Can you explain maybe some struggles or some challenges that you face while you were in undergrad and how you dealt with them?

Maria Noriega 27:29

I think my biggest struggle, it was my very first semester. So I think I mean, I give this advice, but maybe I like emphasize it a lot just because I couldn't follow my personal advice when I was younger.

Maria Noriega 27:48

I was like 18 my very first semester. So I was originally studying engineering and that was even worse because you I was basically the only girl. Like it was just like a girl and like to others, but I feel like I was the only girl that look like me. Like the other two girls there were more like masculine. So, like, I'm not saying they're not girls. I mean, I'm just saying I feel like I was like the girl that was always, like wearing dresses or like wearing pink and super, like girly. So everyone else looks like weird at me, even though the girls, because the other girls, like there, they were dressing like more masculine. So I don't know, I always feel like an easy target. So I was always like surrounded by boys. And it was hard just like seeing like there was no other one that look like me or, like I can relate to or like too, I was taking different causes and I was taking physics so

I was taking the class and I was taking the laugh what are different professors? So I remember like this professor for my lab he'll I notice he was failing me on purpose like at first I was noticing that he will like greamy like really low grades and I was I don't think I'm getting all these answers wrong. Like I started asking my classmates if I can compare my test or my activities with them cuz I was getting like 2 out of ten four out of 10 and they were getting like 10 out of 10 and we literally had the same answers. So I was like what's going on? Like I don't think I deserve this grade so I want to talk to him. And I was I don't know what I'm getting this grades like if there's something I can improve or I just wanna know what I'm doing wrong so I can get better grades. And basically he told me that like he was not gonna change my grades and if I was not happy about it, I could go and talk to the dean. So that's what I did. I want to I show all my proof to the dean saying you can compare all the test, you can compare all the homeworks like I don't know why his greeting me so low and all the others are getting way better grades, and we have the same exact answers.

Maria Noriega 30:15

Then this professor was not really happy about it because he thought that I was not gonna go and talk to Dean. So I notice how he was treating me different from others, especially cuz I was the only girl in the lab. And at first it was just, I was just like being skeptical but then I decided to gather all my evidence in case I needed to and I recorded the conversation. So I was like, you know what, I don't wanna retake this laugh cuz I feel like I'm studying, like I'm putting effort on it and I don't think I deserve to fail. And he said, well, if you don't want to fail my class, the only way you can pass is like he ask me to have, like sex in order to pass a class. And I said no. And he kept harassing me. Like he got my personal information. Like he was sex sing my personal number and everything. And I had like all the proof and I went to the dean again and I had like give the recordings and everything. And since all the engineering department was all boys, like all the professors, the deans, the head officers, like everyone was smells, no one believed me. They were like, first of all. You're 18, so you're overage, so whatever you do, it's like your own decision.

Maria Noriega 31:43

And then the Bo, like I had the text messages, I had the boss recruitings, and they were like, well, it can be anyone else. Like we cannot see the face of the professor, so like it can be anyone else. So no one believe me. Like I thought I had enough proof to show how he was blackmailing me and harassing me, and no one did anything.

Maria Noriega 32:05

Maybe cuz I was way younger and more immature. Like I decided to change my field, so I want to study chemistry where I found not a lot, but more girls. But just like I emphasize that advice a lot because I think I couldn't like I couldn't follow my own advice when I was younger, cuz I felt like



really intimidated but like all the males in the field, no, I mean I had all my tests were like they could see my answers were right but he was still rating me wrong.

Question 32:36

I'm sorry that happened you. That's crazy. I like. So they didn't do anything even though you had the recordings and everything?

Maria Noriega 32:53

And I had like all the other my classmates test but we had the same answers and they were getting way better grades than me. I had the voice recordings where he said I was not gonna be able to pass a classify that I have such with him. I had like the messages where he was texting me and calling me to my personal phone number and seems they couldn't, it was not like a video or they couldn't see their face. Like they just said that like I was making it, like they said I was the one who was failing and I didn't wanna fail. So I was just like making this up so I can pass the class. And they also said since I was 18, like it was my personal choice to give my number to people, or which I never gave my personal number. Like he went to the school report records and he got my phone in my email from somewhere in the school website.

Question 33:54

Despite undergrad, have you ever faced any other challenges?

Maria Noriega 34:01

Well, I think that was the hardest. Then I feel like it got a little bit easier when I changed to chemistry just because I, there were more girls and it was more, it was more even. It was not its engineering still, I think it's always hard not finding like someone you can relate to in this type of field, because it's like an intersection, like being Hispanic woman in staff, so people are always like, you're always gonna see how males get all the benefits and girls have to work harder. So it's not like a vague event that happened to me, like the very first one, but it's just like a small things every day. Like there were a lot of seminars and sometimes we had guest speakers. So there were male scientists that will go and give a talk to others, and you can see how all the other scientists, like, they respected them and they were, like, really proud and applauding and everything. And then when you had a female speaker, all the males were trying to, like, push her down. Like, you could see it's really visible how everyone in the field treat women different. And they try to make them less, like, they treat them as if they were not smart enough or they were not prepared enough, even when they're sometimes even more than other guys. So it's something that you get treated like that or you can see how other girls get treated like that. And I feel like not everyone, but most of the guys are always trying to push girls down and make them feel like they're not supposed to be there, and that's not their field.

Question 36:09

I feel that. I feel like it's hard being a girl sometimes but is there something that you are proud of accomplishing?

Maria Noriega 36:25

I felt like really part of me when I graduated three months ago, just because since most of your professors, it's not like they tell you like writing your face that you're not gonna make it, but like I feel some professors make it way harder than they should. For example, I had, when I was taking, I think it was like circuit physics, it was way later on of my degree, it was more advanced physics. So I remember a friend of mine, she got Covid. She was a girl. So her name was Bianca. She got Covid and she couldn't take one of the test. So I mean, she was literally in the hospital like she was really bad because she has ads now. So she spent like a week in the hospital and she had the medical bills and all the proof. And she was like, sorry, professor, I don't know if I can take the test any other time like I was in the hospital. And he's they're no, like, I mean it's not her fault like she didn't decided to get Covid. And he said, no, like she missed the test. And I mean she was able to pass a class, but she thought she was thinking about dropping the class because she thought she was not gonna make it. I mean, of course she didn't good. She didn't do really well as she could have if she had the opportunity to take test, but she still has a cost. And then there was another time where in the semester my grandma died, so I had to go, well, I was living in Albuquerque, but my grandma was, it's not there. So I had to travel to the funeral and be with my family. So it was also like a family, not excuse, but like a family issue. So I talk to the professor as well saying, I'm sorry I think I'm gonna miss the test because my fam, my grandma die so I have to travel to be with my family. And he also said no, I'm sorry, I cannot do anything about it. Also miss a test, but then I will see some of the guys. They were like first. I don't know exactly the reason, but like sometimes they didn't show up to the test. I mean I don't know if it was like a family emergency or a health related emergency like me and my friend friend, but why? I think like me and my friend we had a belly reason to have a makeup test. Why would you tell us? No, but then I don't know what else it's I don't know what else can be a worth a reason to miss a test and have a makeup that your grandma dying or you having Covid.

Maria Noriega 39:23

So I don't know why he said es to this other guys, but not to us. So there were some professors made it really hard for us, especially the girls when I feel like if you're a professor, you should be passionate about teaching and like sharing your knowledge to your students. So some of them make it a little bit harder for you then what you already is just like graduating was like I was really part of myself because I also remember my mom when she was doing her undergrad. She wanted to do engineering. So when she was in high school, she wanted to do engineering and the college advisor told her, I don't know if you should do engineering because that's not for girls.

Question 40:03



Hum.

Maria Noriega 40:13

Like you should go for marketing or business or finance, like something where you can find more girls. So that was probably like, I don't know, she's 50 now, like 30 something years ago. And if that happened to my mom and it's still happening right now, like 30 years after, like, I mean, it's sad that's still happening that there's still people with like promoting matches them. But I'm just happy that I was able to overcome all those things and being able to get my degree and get a job, and get into grad school.

Question 41:01

What kind of science do you want to specialize in?

Maria Noriega 41:04

So I did chemistry for my undergrad, and I'm doing health science right now. So the thing I wanna do, I wanna have my own products. Like, as a chemist, I wanna have my own line of products of skincare and sunscreen. So I would say it's like pharmaceutical chemistry, yes.

Question 41:34

Pharmaceutical. That's cool so you're passionate kind of about science and healthcare. Sort of cool do you, DRA, do you enjoy traveling alone or would you rather be with people.

Maria Noriega 41:56

Yes, with people. I have never travel alone.

Question 42:04

What's a place you've always wanted to live?

Maria Noriega 42:10

I would say friends.

Question 42:15

France.

Maria Noriega 42:16

Yes. Just like, I don't know. I mean, the times I've been there, like, the food is really good. And I feel people, like, here, they're always worried about something, about school or like their job or like, I don't know, like they're always in a rush or they always have to be doing something or like they care a lot about people's approval. Or I don't know, being good at school, being good at your job, which I'm, I know it's important, but I feel like your friends, like or in Europe in general,

people just care more about being happy. Like their goal is to be happy and have like a good time, travel, like have fun I don't know. I feel like there is much more in life than just like studying and working. You should always be able to have fun and and just like spend time with friends and family and just be happy.

Question 43:22

What school did you go to again?

Maria Noriega 43:24

It's UNM, the university of New Mexico, at SDSA.

Question 43:27

And then you're getting your masters now, right? Where is that? Cool. I got SCSU.

Maria Noriega 43:38

You go.

Question 43:38

I go there right now.

Maria Noriega 43:39

You went. Okay.

Question 43:43

Do you have a favorite way you like to study?

Maria Noriega 43:55

I think I'm really a visual so whenever there's the professor is giving the class and they're like making graphs or drawings, I like to read and do drawings of the things I understand are also like watching videos, like those videos on YouTube that have like little like drawings about, I mean, they're explaining the topic, but they're showing something on the screen. So not only like reading it, but whenever I see how the things work visually, I will say like, like videos or like watching like the the like the board where people are like riding or making the figures, the graphics.

Question 44:50

Do you? What's your favorite thing to do in San Diego for fun?

Maria Noriega 45:02

I like going to gym and like working out, but I feel like you can do that anywhere else. But I will say just going for walks at the beach, I usually go to either LA Hoya or Mission Bay, Miss Mission Beach, sorry I go to church and like the church groups.

Question 45:15

Which beaches?

Question 45:28

Do you have any other hobbies outside of going on walks in the gym? Like anything you're a part of, like activities or clubs are, which shirts you go to?

Maria Noriega 45:46

So I it's weird cuz I go to a Catholic church that my neighbor show me. So I started going really recently just because I mean, I was going to one of key so I was just trying like different ones and then I started going to this when my neighbor, which is really close to where I live.

Question 46:04

You.

Maria Noriega 46:12

But then I feel like on campuses more like cushion groups. So I I'm catalog I'm not Christian, but I give it a try and and I like the way to do things like I feel they're more like dynamic like their services, like we call it mass, but they call it services so I feel like it's more dynamic and it's more like a group therapy, I would say I don't know like everyone talks and give their opinion. So I think that's really fun. There's like a group called compass which I've been going to like their meetings. So I enjoy that.

Question 46:49

What's the group called?

Maria Noriega 46:51

Oh, it's called compass.

Question 46:53

Oh, come. I've heard of that, actually, what's a topic that you feel like you could talk about for hours?

Maria Noriega 46:57

I felt there was like promoting themselves on campus.

Maria Noriega 47:07

I'm just like you're really passionate about science so like anything science related, I think my favorite topic would be like conservation biology, so all like the biodiversity, the types of like animals, the species extinctions, either that or I also like fashion, like floating or like fashion, not only like shopping but like fashion trends or like fashion history.

Question 47:46

That's awesome. The last question is, if you could give advice to anyone or quote your favorite quote or something that you would want the world to know, what would you say?

Maria Noriega 48:01

I would say like one advice I could give to anyone is that. Your happiness depends on yourself. Like I just wish people didn't compare themselves to others because if you're always trying to look to the person next to you, everyone's different and everyone has their own spark. So maybe you could be really good at something and bad at. I mean you cannot be perfect. So we all have our flaws, but we also have things that we're good at. So you should be proud of the things you're good at. And if there are things that you wanna get better at, focus in it and get better for yourself just to prove that you're capable of doing it for yourself. But never compare your part, your progress or your abilities or your capacities to anyone else, because everyone else has, like, their own struggles and their own history and their own methods of buying work, their work. So your happiness and how good you are, like, that's only something that you can compare to yourself. So whenever, like, try to say, oh, why they have this or why they accomplish this or why they're like this. And I'm not like that. Because if you keep your life comparing to others, like, you would never appreciate the things you have or like your skills or whatever you're doing or whatever you're good at.

Question 49:39

Awesome, I love that. Well, that's it for today's session. I feel like I really got to know you and we're gonna give that data to our boss and if I need more from you, I'll just send you an email and I'll get you get you on here again but thank you for join. Morning.

Maria Noriega 50:00

For sure.

Question 50:00

I hope you have a good day.

Maria Noriega 50:01

Thank you.

Question 50:03

I hope school is going well. Is school going well? I'm glad.

Maria Noriega 50:07

Here it is. Thank you.

Question 50:12

Let me know if you need anything and I hope you have a good day.

Maria Noriega 50:17

Okay. You too. Bye.

Question 50:19

Bye.

Okay, so let's start. Okay, how do you approach making and maintaining friendships?

Maria Paula Noriega 00:18

So I usually I'm really open with my friendships. Like I did not try to just have like one type of friendships. Like I wanna be diverse about it. I feel the most diverse type of friendships you have, it's gonna help you to have a better view of the world. Like everyone has their own experiences, their own culture, their own tradition. So you can observe all the good things of your friendships too, make yourself like a better person to learn new things. So I'm really open with everyone.

Maria Paula Noriega 00:56

Like I try to make as much friends as I can from different countries, different whenever they have different entries. So maybe if I don't know much about like I don't know economy, but my friend is really good at economy. Then I can learn something from him. And then I feel a good way of maintaining friendships is just being loyal and honest with them, avoiding conflicts. But if it's necessary, just like talk them through. Oh, it's be honest with them and don't be selfish.

Question 01:36

Hum, awesome.

Maria Paula Noriega 01:36

And just like I would think that you should create yourself, sorry, you should always create your friends as you would like them to treat you. And, so my closest friend right now would be my best friend that I've made in college.

Question 01:50

Can you describe your closest friend and what you admire about them?

Maria Paula Noriega 02:05

And I really like that. We're from the same culture and we have some similar experiences. And I really admire that. She is really, she's really strong. Like whenever something happens to her, she knows exactly what to do. She stays calm. She's always positive. And also she's really honest with everyone and with herself.

Question 02:33

Okay. How do you handle disagreements or conflict in relationships?

Maria Paula Noriega 02:43

So I feel that's like the hardest part of friendships or relationship, but I feel that's also what makes it stronger, knowing how to deal with it. I feel whenever you have a disagreement with someone and you cannot talk it out and the friendship ends, it means that you were not really like good friends, right, through friends. Because if the friendships are strong enough, it would be, it would be fine if you just talk it out and say like your point of view and what you feel and think about the situation that happens and if you make it work then I mean good to go it's gonna be like a good friendship is gonna be stronger. Like every time you talk about a disagreement and solve it differently with it's stronger each time after.

Question 03:42

And what's the best piece of relationship advice you've received?

Maria Paula Noriega 03:50

Yes, like a love relationship or like in general.

Question 03:56

Anything, like any relationship?

Maria Paula Noriega 03:59

Well it's like regarding a love relationship but I feel like it can be applied to anything. So I read this in a book and it gave an example so I really like it so it was saying how a couple they were married and the guy will always wake up super early in the morning and we're never wake up, the wife like he will wake up early, it will like go get breakfast and then bring coffee and donuts for the wife. And whenever the wife woke up then he already had a workout done or the breakfast done for her or whatever. That was like an act of love from him to her. He was like, okay, I woke up early and I want you to keep sleeping more, rest more. So I'm gonna work out, I'm gonna clean the house, I'm gonna do whatever I gotta do in the morning. And then I'm also gonna bring you some food so whenever you wake up, everything's ready. You don't have to worry about it. So he was doing that thinking that was the best thing for her. But then the wife

was getting mad because it's like, why do you always wake up in the morning and you never wake me up? Like she felt like left out. She was like, why you never want me to go with you to run or like to get breakfast? Like you always do all the things alone and you never wanna include me. So she was feeling like disappointed and she was being, she was feeling left out. But I like the book said none of them were wrong. Like the husband was doing that because he thought that the best for her was to keep sleeping more and rest. And then he was also providing breakfast after but she wanted to be included. So she was like, no, I don't mind if you wake me up. Like I just wanna spend time with you. So the learning was like everyone has like their love language. Like some people like they're like really touchy. Other people like expressing their love with words. Other people like expressing their love with actions. So not because someone doesn't do what you expect them to do doesn't mean that they don't love you. Like each one shows her love in a different way. So not because I show my love in a different way that my mom doesn't mean that I love her. So you just gotta understand that sometimes they don't do what you expect to do because they don't have your same brain and they don't, think the same way you do. So you have to be understanding and accept their love in their way they they show it, but also express your feelings and like accept the way they do it, but also like so and communicate the way you feel. Then they can also take your you're thoughts into consideration. So communication is really important understanding and communication is really important like it has to be balance. So that way if I feel like if things are not said, then you would never know what's going on in their minds and there's room for disagreement.

Question 07:24

Hum.

Question 07:31

Do you have any favorite childhood memories?

Maria Paula Noriega 07:40

I would say like the very first time I went to Disneyland with my brothers, she's like, the few times I went, I was by my, it was by myself with my parents cuz we have like a 6 and 8 year gap. So the first time I went with them, it was a special memory for me.

Question 08:02

Okay. I love Disneyland.

Question 08:11

How would you describe your personality in a few words?

Maria Paula Noriega 08:16



I think I'm really open minded. I usually don't get bother about what people do. If it doesn't accept affect me, maybe it's something I wouldn't do personally. But if it doesn't affect me, I just let everyone do whatever they gotta do. I don't mine what's not of my business. But also I'm like, I'm really open to things and I'm really I'm like an extrovert. Like I like making friends and meeting new people and I'm really open for New York activities and New York experiences.

Question 09:00

What are your core values in life?

Maria Paula Noriega 09:06

I stand that we have all, we should always be proud of ourselves. Not every day we can give our best, but even if we cannot give 100% of us, when we give an 80% and if we just have 80% to offer, but we offer what we have in the moment, we should always be proud. Cuz sometimes we're gonna have harder days and other days, but if we still like show up and give the best of herself, even we're not familiar like it, that's like a really good improvement. Just like always try to be better person that you were yesterday and just treat everyone respect. Just I feel everyone deserves kindness and respect no matter what, even if they don't show it to you. You should never lower your standards for bad people. You should always treat everyone with the same values that just contains her. But just because you're humans, how do you?

Question 10:21

How do you define success and happiness?

Maria Paula Noriega 10:27

Well, I feel everyone has their own definition of happiness and success. Maybe what I free as happiness or success, maybe like other people wouldn't agree, but for me, success is just having balance in life. Have a, like working a good amount of hours, making good money, but also having time to then with my family, with my friends, travel. Like I don't feel having a super good job at success, right? If I'm working all day long, all year round, like it doesn't matter if you don't have the best job ever, but if you still have time to do the things you enjoy like hiking or going, I don't know, for a walk and spend time with your family, like having a balance and doing things that makes you happy.

Maria Paula Noriega 11:24

For me, that success, I don't feel like a lot of people have it. I feel a lot of people are either really busy with their studies or their jobs, which like you will never enjoy it as much. If we're doing that 21st seven years, you should also have some free time to do things that you enjoy.

Question 11:56

What's a moment in your life that made you feel truly alive?



Maria Paula Noriega 12:04

I would say the first time I went to Europe, but like I that I paid for all my trip. Cuz like the first time I went, it was with my parents. All of the first few times I went to Europe, it was with my parents. So they pay for the expenses. But like the first time I went and I pay for the whole trip, like I enjoyed it a lot and I just saw the experience with different eyes because I knew the amount of effort I put into that, going to that trip. So I feel I enjoyed it more because I was proud of myself that I made that possible. And, it was still like as fun and everything as the other times, but also I was more mature and I could enjoy more thanks because I knew it was possible because all of my effort. So. I don't know, I like traveling a lot. So just like, like exploring new cultures, new countries and architecture and the nature that I'm not seeing every day, it was really good for me.

Question 13:22

Okay.

Question 13:29

Have you ever experienced a big act of kindness for s, for like someone did to you or that you did for that?

Maria Paula Noriega 13:42

I would say like the most recent one, I stay like a friend stay in my apartment because she was having some problems with her rent. She thought she renew her at least, but then like she didn't really or he wasn't accepted. So then she was supposed to move out and like she didn't have a new apartment to move the next day, so she couldn't find something. So I let her stay for over a month in my apartment. And for me, it's something I wouldn't usually do just because it's out of my comfort zone because I don't really like having roommates. Like I haven't, I like having my personal space and I'm just like for me, like my apartment or like my room or whatever. Like it's like my safe place. I will say I like relaxing there, like sleeping. So I don't have, I don't like having like other people there. So let it here stay for a month and being happy about it, like being happy that I was helping her. It was nice cuz I knew if I didn't let her stay at my place, she wouldn't have any other option cuz she doesn't have like a lot of family or friend. Is here so I know that I was really being helpful because otherwise she will have a really hard time finding somewhere else this to stay. Either if even if I was out of my comfort zone, I knew I help her so I WA I was proud of myself and I think that was also really kind of me.

Question 15:25

Awesome. If you had a chance to meet your future self, what would you ask them?

Maria Paula Noriega 15:36

I will ask myself if I'm happy in that moment, if I accomplish the goals they had, if I will, if I had some regrets and just if I feel like fulfill about the life I'm living at the moment.

Question 16:00

Okay.

Question 16:11

If you could change one decision from your past, what would it be?

Maria Paula Noriega 16:20

I feel like when I was younger I was somewhat intimidated by the mails in my field of study. So I did like some changes in my career path just because I kept hearing s, like engineering was not like a feel for women. So I, I let others get in my mind and I let others like change my goals or direction that moment, just because I was scared. So I kind of regret it. I'm still happy with what I'm doing right now, but I shouldn't let others decide what I want for myself.

Question 17:17

What is your take on the current state of the world?

Maria Paula Noriega 17:24

I'm somewhat disappointed because I feel like so many bad things are still happening. And they've been the same as in the past couple years or a couple decades, I don't know. I feel gay people or LGBTQ, they don't have a lot of rights and they're still having some stigma or they're still being hated. And it's just so sad that some people would say that we're still more open minded as in the past, but still like I feel there's a lot of hate towards ogtbq or other different races like there's a lot of racism. Also there's that I feel like women don't have the same opportunities as men. So all these issues people would say that they were like really old issues that happened like couple years ago, but there's they're still happening so it just add that we all this technology and revolution and like people being more open minded, we're still facing the same issues here couple years ago and, okay, I I f I do agree I feel technology makes your life easier.

Question 18:47

What's your opinion on the role of technology?

Maria Paula Noriega 18:58

I know some people are like here that like technology robots are gonna take over humans but I don't think so cuz still like, I don't feel robots can completely take over humans because we have emotions that robots can never have. So that's something really important but I do feel that you're making your life easier and is just like really comfortable having the technology

there. Forever we need it and it's really like if we wouldn't have it it would be really time consuming. So I just feel it makes her life comfortable so I'm really happy with all the technological advances we have right now.

Question 19:54

What's the most significant personal transformation you've undergone?

Maria Paula Noriega 20:00

I would say it happen after a correct accident I had just because that was like a really low moment in my life where I was, about to die. So when I overcame that I just became a whole different person. I think I appreciate life more because it may realize that your life can be taking any day or any moment. You don't have you don't have anything security live. So whatever you have right now, you should always be grateful for that you should you should always leave your LA your day. So you should always leave your life it was your last day.

Question 20:45

I'm sorry to hear that. That's kind of sad.

Maria Paula Noriega 20:49

That's fine.

Question 20:57

1 sec. Sorry.

Question 21:14

Are there any unanswered questions or mysteries about life that fascinate you?

Maria Paula Noriega 21:15

Okay.

Maria Paula Noriega 21:22

I'm really curious about alive outside earth like other planets or also in the ocean, just like those things are really far from the human to explore like we haven't explored like only if I'm not wrong, only like 8 to 5% 5 to 8% sorry of the ocean we have likes for suspicious the territory. So there's so much more live and so much more to learn about the ocean or also like in in other galaxies, other planets. So I'm just wondering like if there are different animals that we don't know about if there's like, I don't know I'm just wondering how other planets be. I don't know. I don't believe in aliens honestly, but I know there's something out there that we don't have any idea how it looks like. So I'm just curious, how would it be?

Question 22:51

How do you view the balance between science and spirituality?

Maria Paula Noriega 22:59

I am religious, but I'm not as religious as like my parents, I would say. So I like practicing my religion, to be like, but what I like about my religion is that it helps us to forgive, to be loving, to be honest, to be weird, family. Like the lessons that are in the Bible, I like to apply them in my, in my life and in my daily life. And I feel it makes me a better person, a state.

Maria Paula Noriega 23:37

But I do believe more in science just because that's full of facts and that's something you can prove. So there's some things in the Bible that I know they cannot be real because of science. So even if I'm not believer, I do believe more in science just because I know people have probe it like a million times and in like, I don't remember really well how saying goes but like religion is not based in acts, it's just based on faith so there's nothing really, there's nothing you that you can prove her religion just have to believe in it. So I don't know I will say more like all the problems in the real world can be proven or can be again, just because something factual.

Question 24:26

Hum.

Question 24:52

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Maria Paula Noriega 24:56

In 10 years I definitely wanna be married. So I mean I don't know if it's gonna be my actual boyfriend or someone else. But I do wanna be married with someone I truly love and he loves me the same way I love him back. I do aspire to have a marriage like my parents have, someone I can trust, someone I enjoy sharing my life with and someone hopefully done divorce later on.

Maria Paula Noriega 25:31

And I don't know about kids. I do wanna have children. So whenever I have them, I just wanna be with them. I wanna have a nice family and spend time with them as much as possible. I don't wanna have a job that I enjoy, but also that gives me enough time to can tie with my family and travel and food, things I enjoy and just be happy overall.

Question 26:08

How do you handle failure or setback?

Maria Paula Noriega 26:13

I always try to be positive even if I fail. I feel that mistakes should always leave us a learning because maybe you didn't win, but every failure is still a win because you're gaining knowledge and you're gaining experience. So the next time you do that, you know what you shouldn't do and you can try new things and maybe those new things will make you succeed. So even if you fail, you should always learn from your mistakes and never keep trying.

Question 26:57

Are there any fears or challenges you're actively working on right now?

Maria Paula Noriega 26:57

Everything.

Maria Paula Noriega 27:05

I would say I don't know. I mean, also after my accident, I was scared of doing some things. So like, it's just like, I don't know, it's kind of dumb, but I had like PTSD. So I was really scared of, of driving after. So I wouldn't wanna drive or I don't wanna drive when it was like snowing or raining or really dark at night. So just because I didn't wanna drive or I didn't wanna be inside of a car, just because really like traumatize. I was holding myself back from new experiences. So maybe there was like a road trip or a party or just like hanging out with friends that would involve me to be in a car to go get there. So I will always say no because I was just like having a really hard time getting into a car again. So then over the time I just realize that you cannot stop living life just because you're scared. So I mean, if something's gonna happen, it's gonna happen either way. So you shouldn't just be wasting your time and holding yourself from having fun or living new experiences just because you're fear or you're afraid of something happen.

Question 28:39

What's something you've Learned about yourself recently?

Maria Paula Noriega 28:45

Well, this is like the very first time that I'm living away from my brothers and my family. Like when I went to college for undergrad, I was just living like 40 minutes away from them. So I was not living in their house anymore, but I was still I will still see them every weekend. So this is like the very first time that I'm actually away from them. So I'm just, I'm late maturing even more than I thought. I was like an underguy cuz I consider myself like I thought it was like really mature in bound to grab, but now I'm maturing more and I'm like, I don't know, I'm learning the doesn't matter how old you're like, you will always need your family, like your mom especially like sometimes there are really dumb questions, but I'm always like calling my mom. Oh, like my head really hurts, but I don't know how many pills of Abili should take. Like it doesn't matter that my mom's not like a chef or my mom's not a pharmacist, but whatever question I have, like our. Will always trust her so I'm just learning every day that it's just really hard to be without

your mom there. Everything that happens I'm always calling my mom just to ask her what should I do or just to let her know. How my day is going.

Question 30:21

Do you have any personal mantras or quotes that inspire you?

Maria Paula Noriega 30:29

I think it goes like this. I it's just like a really basic one but it's just like always after this term code comes the rainbow. And I just like to think about that whenever I'm having a hard time like it's gonna be hard for a while and you're gonna suffer for a while but nothing lasts forever like not all the good things last forever, but also not all the bad things last forever. So it's gonna be hard for a while, but you just have to push through and after it, good things will always come. Once you hit bottom, there's always like up uphill after that. So I'll just be positive and know that like if it's really bad, you can all get worse, you can all get better.

Question 31:29

What's the most valuable life lesson you've Learned so far?

Maria Paula Noriega 31:30

Stop that. Sorry.

Question 31:35

The most valuable life lesson you've Learned?

Maria Paula Noriega 31:40

I think most of the things are related to my accident, but I do feel like that help me a lot changing my life perspective. But it's also related to that we usually make a lot of plans for the future or sometimes like we really want something. Let's say, oh, I really Wanna go to Asia, but like I'm gonna go Asian like 10 years so we're just like planning things ahead and ahead, but sometimes it's hard to there right now but we should always take advantage of what we have right now cuz time is not, we cannot just expect that we have all the time in the world. So maybe the opportunities you have right now you're not gonna have it the next day, the next month or the next year so it's just sad but I mean every anything can change. The next day some people go blind the next day some people have an accident and they get paralyze or you can just die. So everything you wanna do you should always do it whenever you have time and don't let things that you really wanna do for later on because you never know if it's gonna happen in and once let's say that you really wanna go to Asia and then you say, well I'm gonna go in 10 years but what if in 10 years you still don't go and you're gonna say like, oh now I'm older now I have a family and then I have time so like, I wish I went to Asian when I was way younger as a teenager as when I was in my 20s. So just the things while you can cuz then you're gonna regret it.



### Question 33:32

Have you ever had a life changing travel experience?

Maria Paula Noriega 33:36

I think when I study abroad, it was like, it help me a lot to just like be a better person and met and be more mature. Because you're living by yourself, you're living away from your friends and family in a new culture, in a new country. You're learning a new language. Maybe like this people don't have the same culture that you're like the same tradition. So you have to learn how to live with those traditions and be part of their culture and their country, just to show respect or to be included. So that was like a really good experience I had. I learn a lot of Bank and I think it also makes you smarter in a way.

### Question 34:29

Hum. Do you prefer like city life or like the countryside?

Maria Paula Noriega 34:38

The city I have always live in like kind of like big cities. So I have never experience like a life in a small town. And I don't know if I will like it just cuz I'm really used to like big cities. And there's always stuff to do. And I'm really outgoing. So I like doing sports or being outdoors or going shopping or whatever. Like I'm always doing something fun and different. So I don't think I could do those things in a little town and I will get bored.

### Question 35:20

If you had unlimited resources, what would you do with your life?

Maria Paula Noriega 35:28

I will definitely, if I had a lot of money, I will definitely help different causes. There are a lot of things that makes me sad, but I just wish that like everyone, everyone the serves to have food. And it's just really sad when people do not have access to food. So I will, I don't know, maybe make an organization or just tonight money so people can have food every day and water, because that's necessary for your help, for your lifestyle. People shouldn't be worrying about getting food. Like it, I don't know, I cannot imagine like waking up in the morning and not having any food available to have breakfast and like having to go face without eating. And I also believe that education is really important and education can change someone's life. So I will also try to make an organization or something related to give supplies and money and just like the access application to everyone. Because it's just really sad in some parts of the world where people, they don't have enough money so they have to start working at a really young age. Cuz if they don't work, then they don't have food or they don't have a house. So they start working when they're like kids and they cannot go to school because they don't have the time. They're always

working to help make money for their family so they can all have a shelter and some food and water.

Maria Paula Noriega 37:11

So, I feel like you shouldn't skip education. I mean, it's necessary for them. They don't have any other option, but it shouldn't be that way so it's just sad. So if I had the possibility I will definitely try to make an impact and a change in giving access for everyone for food and communication.

Question 37:38

I love that. What legacy would you like to leave behind?

Maria Paula Noriega 37:51

I really passionate about science so I just wanna like I do wanna I'm doing research right now, so I do wanna find something I don't know what but I just Wanna find something and it would be really nice like you later on whenever like I'm dead but my name would be on the books like on the chemistry books or whatever. And like when people are learning about chemistry and like cuz I whenever I was learning and I read books there. I was like oh this guy or this girl discover this or discover that so that really inspires me, especially if it's a girl like seeing women like doing cool findings like that's really inspiring for me cuz most of the findings are for, are about male scientist but whenever it's a girl I'm wow that's like right that's really cool like she's really smart. So if that really inspires me I know that will inspire other girls saying that like girls in stem are really leaving the remark. And I don't know maybe that will like push them to keep working for their dreams and and if they're interested to that will push them to like keep working hard and they can also do the same. Like if I did it, they can also do the same.

Question 39:23

Bye. Do you believe in soulmates?

Maria Paula Noriega 39:30

I do. I do. I feel, there's always gonna be someone out there that's meant to be for you. You doesn't have to be only for a boyfriend. I think you can also have like friendships that can be your thoughts. Obviously, you're not gonna have a thousand soulmates, but I do believe that you can find someone that's meant for you. You it can be a friend or a couple or whatever. But I do believe that whenever you meet them, you just gonna know that person has been waiting for you.