

Tête-à-tête #8



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1. What does a typical day in office look like for you?

Answer: Ofcourse it starts with a cup of tea!

Typically, my day starts with 'Prime Time'. 'Prime time' is the time which I dedicate to plan the entire proceedings of the day which includes a mix of business development, strategy & operational work.

This exercise helps me to be more efficient as well as effective in my functioning. During the start of the week I usually plan the commitments, meetings etc. by blocking my calendar. This helps me in better utilisation of time and prioritisation of important tasks.

Post this activity, I devote my time for emails. I also ensure that I give some time for walking the floor to catch up with my colleagues which aids in knowledge exchange, sharing of best practices at work etc.

2. Your job entails a lot of travel and juggling different goals. What do you do to cope with all the challenges?

Answer: I would like to say that I love to travel and explore new places, meeting people and getting real life education. Having said that, yes, travelling is indeed challenging. I plan my travel well in advance and spend sufficient time on booking appropriate flights and hotels (which are at optimum distances from the destination). This reduces the stress of travelling.

I practise meditation which helps me to stay positive throughout the day, more so while I am travelling. Keeping fit and healthy is another challenge and I make sure to educate myself about the food which keeps me moving.

Last but not the least, I ensure that I never lose track of my emails no matter where I am.

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3. What is your biggest challenge while dealing with the Indian student?

Answer: The biggest challenge is student expectations, which sometimes are beyond their reach. However with patient personal counselling I tend to support them effectively.

4. What is the best part about your job?

Answer: The diverse nature of job which includes business development, strategy, branding, and operations etc, coupled with meeting new people is a great experience as it helps in my professional growth and development.

5. What are the aspects of your job that you like less?

Answer: I really enjoy my work profile but there are certain factors beyond my control, which if given a chance would like to avoid. These include hotel food during travel, flight delays etc.

6. What do you consider your greatest achievement? You can quote from outside your work too.

Answer: Consistent and strong performance since last 4 years which has helped in increasing the student intake year-on-year.

7. Highlight one thing about your university that you cherish the most.

Answer: One word, i.e. The People. I work with Faculty Recruitment Team very closely and everyone is simply amazing. I would like to mention them here- Robert Graham (my Line Manager), Dr. Alexander Galloway (Vice Dean) and Department Administrator/Student Recruitment Coordinator of all the 8 departments.

8. What is/are the skills absolutely necessary for your job?

Answer: Effective Communication and Public Relations.

9. What is the one skill you would most want to acquire?

Answer: I would like to develop my digital marketing skills which includes social media, email campaigns etc.

10. What are your hobbies?

Answer: I enjoy cooking, swimming and playing with my 2 year old daughter.

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