



VIRTUAL STUDENT EXCHANGE INTERVIEW

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DOROTA'S BIOGRAPHY

- Dorota Krawczyk is 24 years old.
- Born in the city of Chrzanow, Poland
- She went to college at Cracow University of Economics
- She Studied International supply chain studies and a minor in Economics
- Dorota works as a Logistic Account Specialist
- Her two favorite hobbies
 - Running
 - Baking



INTERVIEW QUESTION #1

DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE. WHAT ARE THE KEY MILESTONES? WHAT TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS ARE EMPLOYED?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

“Based on my observation of when I was in the University, My learnings focused on the importance of Poland’s global supply chain community, and how to keep as many businesses thriving, to prevent the from failing like it did in the past”

“Also, international economic relations are as important to maintain a healthy economy”

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

I do agree that many of my business courses do teach that relationships are a priority in maintaining a healthy business and a beneficial trade with other countries.

A key milestone in my academic business career is developing an open mind and being very open to many things that maybe different.

ANSWERES SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

We both have similar answers in terms of maintaining relations with other countries to build a thriving strong economy. The difference is that she did not mention anything about a key milestone she has met in her academic career.

INTERVIEW QUESTION #2

WHAT ATTITUDES EXIST IN YOUR COUNTRY REGARDING GLOBALIZATION AND TRADE?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

“The attitude of the country currently is very shaky. The president is very much more conservative, including the topic of our economy. And the growing people who are more liberal do not tend to agree with his views and there have been many protests against his policy making. There are a lot more regulations coming in on us, but I find they are helping us have an established international standing and competition.”

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

In the United States, I believe that globalization and trade are a big part in our economic wellbeing.
The most recent trade wars that are going with china, have actually hurt many of the companies in the US, which lead to companies shutting down, many workers losing their jobs, and the wellbeing of the economy is being somewhat unstable. This shows how important trade is.

ANSWERS SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

We have a very similar answers in terms of the governmental challenges we both are facing today.
The difference would be that, Dorota did not make mention of trade or globalization within the country of Poland.

INTERVIEW QUESTION #3

WHAT CULTURAL/ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTING ACTIVITIES ARE MOST POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY AND CITY?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

“The most popular entertainment within Poland is probably the men’s volleyball team because they are very good. Also we have won international gold medals in world volleyball finals. Boxing is very popular as well and of course Football, which usually is the craziest based off fans. In cities, concerts are a big part of cultural entertainment.”

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

The most popular sports in the United States are Basketball, American Football, Hockey and Baseball. In addition, the movie and music industry in the US is very big. As you may already know, Hollywood is the host of the movie industry. In addition to all of those, boxing and Ultimate fighting are very popular.

ANSWERES SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

We both have similarities when it comes to boxing and music concerts.

But we have major differences when it comes to other sports like hockey, basketball, American football, and baseball.

INTERVIEW QUESTION #4

ARE THERE ANY MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY THAT YOU CAN CLARIFY?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

“There are misconceptions, which probably include that we are rude people, but we really just like to get straight to the point with things. We are also very open and accepting country that wants to thrive with others, politically and economically. Since in our history we have been a lot of times left behind. I have realized that Poland has many influences in US here with the names of neighborhoods, streets, foundation, and well known people.”

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

There are many misconceptions that I believe our country needs to fix. This misconception is that many conservative Americans think that people from foreign countries are a burden in terms of financial assistance, and medical government incentives. This is not true, because people that come from foreign countries, believe that the US can provide them with the fundamentals for them to build the American dream.

ANSWERS SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

Some similarities is that people on both countries can be sensitive about certain matter, and relay the wrong message.

The differences is that in recent times, the US is not as open to migrants who want to seek the American dream as it use to be. Where Poland is very open and accepting of any people from any walks of life.

INTERVIEW QUESTION #5

HOW IS TECHNOLOGY IMPACTING THE PROFESSION AND GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY IN YOUR COUNTRY?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

“We are trying all sorts of logistic software's to implement into our offices. Well at least when I first started to work, there were all sorts of educational meetings on the technology we need to be using to improve our functions on daily basis.”

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

Technology is a major player in the global supply chain industry in the United States. Many companies used electronic sourcing software's for data organization, efficiency and fluid transactions in our daily work processes.
In addition, Artificial intelligence and autonomous technology are the next big factor in optimization every business needs for efficiency and transparency.

ANSWERES SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

The similarities are that we both utilize various technological venues to better the business final outcome.

The difference is that Dorota did not make mention of how the technology is improving their functions, and what new technological innovations are being tested or implemented.

INTERVIEW QUESTION #6

ARE THERE ANY LEADERSHIP SKILLS THAT ARE IMPORTANT FOR THE LOGISTICS PROFESSION?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

“Leadership skills are necessary for anyone working in the logistics profession. A person needs to know how to solve issues when they are alone on the workplace. In addition, a person needs to know how to assist fellow colleagues on tasks that maybe a bit challenging.”

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

I believe that Leadership skills are very important to have, regardless of profession that a person is on. With that said, people that work in the logistic profession do need to know how to troubleshoot various challenges on the workplace, and should know how to lead.

In addition, leadership skills includes being able to see the full scale of the process of from where the raw material is made to where the final products are to be sent out to.

ANSWERES SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

The similarities is that Dorota mentioned a great point that person that assists their fellow colleagues on tasks does employ a form of leadership skill. In addition, we both agree that leadership is an important skill to have within the logistics profession.

The differences is that I elaborated on other ways that would fall under the term leadership.

INTERVIEW QUESTION #7

WHAT ATTITUDES EXIST IN YOUR COUNTRY REGARDING DIVERSITY IN THE CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

“Like mentioned before, We are very open and accepting country that wants to thrive with others, politically and economically. This also included that diversity is a major factor in enabling the corporate environment objective . But I also think that we need to show more frequent interactions between the corporate staff and their diverse workforce.”

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

In the United States, diversity is the building blocks on which the country was founded on. That said, I also believe that diversity can be traced on all levels of professions. It is found on corporate levels, on workforce levels, and managerial levels.

ANSWERES SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

A similarity we both have is that we both believe in embracing a diverse work environment.

The difference is that Dorota thinks that there is a lack of interaction between corporate staff and the diverse lower workforce. Where in the US, this barrier is not there, and corporate staff host many events which allow lower level workers to interact with them.

INTERVIEW QUESTION #8

DESCRIBE THE APPROACH TAKEN BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND COUNTRY TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN AND/OR MANUFACTURING IN GENERAL?

INTERVIEWEE ANSWER

« The government have taken various sustainability measures on businesses throughout the country. Poland sustainability mostly pertains to companies that leave a great deal of pollution such as automotive industry, aerospace industry, défense industry, textiles industry, maritime technological industry. »

INTERVIEWER ANSWER

Sustainability in supply chain and manufacturing is a major topic in the united states. The government have put down major regulations on certain levels of various pollutions that companies leave behind.

But in 2017, president Trump pulled out of the international Paris Climate deal, due to shift in political views after the administration change. But I believe that sustainability is a very important matter.

ANSWERES SIMILARITY/DIFFERENCES

The similarities is that we both believe that sustainability is a critical and important matter that needs to be addressed on daily business activities. Also, throughout the years, our governments have put regulations to tackle environmental issues that major companies leave behind.

We have no differences in terms of sustainability, and we believe that it is a very important matter.