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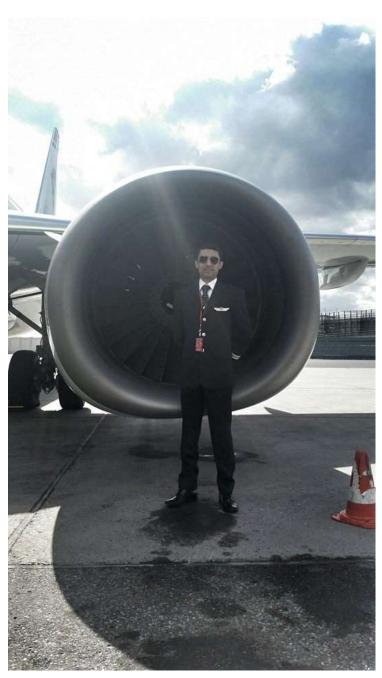
An interview with a pilot,
Jakub Jablecki,
a Pole born in Krosno,
now living in Norway
Erasmus+ Project,
The Second High School
in Krosno, Poland

**Anna Drobek** 

My guest is a Pilot - First Officer with Norwegian Air Shuttle – Jakub Jablecki. I have some questions regarding your job and life.

# 1. Did you always want to become a pilot, or did someone else awake the passion of aviation in you?

Aviation has always been an inherent part of me. When I was 4 years old, I flew for the first time in my life from Warsaw to Oslo. On that particular flight, I was invited to visit the cockpit and see all the buttons and lights. Apparently, this started my passion. Moreover, my uncle in Poland had a small private aircraft for a short period, but he did also feed me with aviation magazines. All these things inspired my passion for aviation.



2. A pilot's job might seem to be easy, let's talk about how it was to get to this goal? How much did you have to sacrifice?

Before I could apply for the flight school (Luftfartsskole) I had to complete the military service in Norway. The flight training took 3.5 years and was divided into two parts; the theoretical part in Norway, while most of the flying part (practical) took place in USA. The training was intensive and required discipline, hard work, motivation and sacrifice. Often you had to friends choose between and studying.

3. How do you recall the time in the military? Was it horrible, or did it teach you something?

Life in the military taught me some very useful skills. I learned that

military training and service are the best ways to get them quickly and establish them as a habit. This is because you are thrown into a completely foreign environment.

You need to adapt to survive:

- ➤ Personal Discipline. Life in the military will instill high standards in all personal departments. This may be from hygiene to uniform, from physical training to the office work that you do.
- ➤ Teamwork. One of most primitive, integral aspects ingrained from the time you join the military to the time you're separated is the requirement that you are able to function as a part of a cohesive team.
- ➤ Tenacity. Whether it's running up hills with bags of sand or keeping yourself awake during an ice cold night watch you learn to push through mental and physical barriers.
- Firing Weapons

The mind and body are capable of a great deal more than we realize. It's just that most people never push themselves hard enough to discover their full potential

#### 4. Which airline do you work for? How many places have you seen?

I work for Norwegian Air Shuttle which is third largest low-cost carrier in Europe, with the fleet of 102 aircraft (94 Boeing 737's and 8 Boeing 787's Dreamliner).

Europe, Middle East, North Africa, Svalbard (most Northerly destination in the world that an airline operates to).



At my office – Boeing 737

- **5. Can you describe your work in one word?** Responsible.
- 6. How is it`...each flight is exposed to a great amount of pressure because you are responsible for the aircraft. Passenger safety depends on you. Are you despite that, able to perform your tasks while still enjoying flying with passion?

Normally, we are fully aware of the fact that there are many passengers behind us, in the aircraft. However, we cannot focus too much on that because this will draw our attention away from the task we are performing. Yes, we are able to enjoy the flying even though there is a great amount of pressure.



Planning, preparing and setting up the approach in to Nice, France

7. What was the toughest challenge, or unforeseen situation you have ever faced?

So far, I have been lucky and not had any emergencies. However, on several occasions we were close to make an emergency diversion, due to passenger's medical problems.

8. Are there any female pilots? If yes, what are they like? What do you think about them?

We do have some female pilots in Norwegian Air Shuttle. Some days ago, I flew with one female Captain for the first time in 8 months.

Female pilots are professional and adept, like every other pilot in the company.

9. You have to be an ambitious person because everyone can say, "I want to become a pilot", but few actually pursue that dream. However, you have actually made it. I have heard that you study a lot...

It's true, I have been dreaming of becoming a pilot, like many other young guys. In order to succeed, I had to work hard, sacrifice and maintain high level of discipline. Throughout my education, I set myself achievable goals, in order to stay motivated. I am a short-term realist, but long-term optimist, This keeps me running.

As pilots in Norwegian Air Shuttle, we have to stay proficient in all of the aspects of the job, and that includes simulator training every six months that First Officers and Captains go through. It's a constant learning environment, which requires constant dedication. You don't just get this job and it's like, "Okay, I got it. I've made it." It's constant learning, you're always trying to increase your knowledge.

## 10.Do you think your job is prestigious? It's after all highly valued and necessary in the world.

Being an airline pilot for Norwegian might be a little prestigious, because we are responsible for transporting passengers from one place to another, safely, quickly and efficiently.



During a preflight inspection – under the belly of the Boeing 737"

11. Many people are afraid of flying. Is an airplane a safer form of transportation than a car, or maybe it's not after all?

No other form of transportation is as scrutinized, investigated and monitored as commercial aviation. The structural and mechanical parts of planes have become more reliable while navigation systems have become more sophisticated, thus mitigating the chance of collisions due to poor visibility. A person could fly every day for an average of 123,000 years before dying in a plane crash. Whenever we fly, we have a one one-hundred-thousandth of one percent (.000014%) chance of dying.

Car travel is the most treacherous. About 1.24 million people die on roads worldwide every year.

# 12. How is it soaring in the skies? How do you perceive the world with that perspective?

The flying and soaring in the skies is great. We always get to see the sun, no matter what kind of weather there is on the ground. In addition, the sunrise or sunset at 41,000 feet (12,497 meters) can create a beautiful scenery.



Cruising at 39,000 feet over the Alps (Austria)

# 13. You are guiding light. Do you have any advice for young people that do not know how to achieve their goals? What should they do to become successful like you?

First, get good grades and stay out of trouble. Second, here is some advice that helped me achieve my goals:

- Define success for yourself.
- Learn from those who have already achieved "your" goals.
- Set achievable personal, academic, and career goals.
- Keep your expectations high.
- Understand your abilities and disabilities.
- Develop strategies to meet your goals.
- Use technology as an empowering tool.
- Work hard. Persevere. Be flexible.
- Develop a support network. Look to family, friends, and teachers.



Landing in Oslo

Thank you very much for the interview. I wish you promotion and persistence in achieving your goals.

Anna Drobek



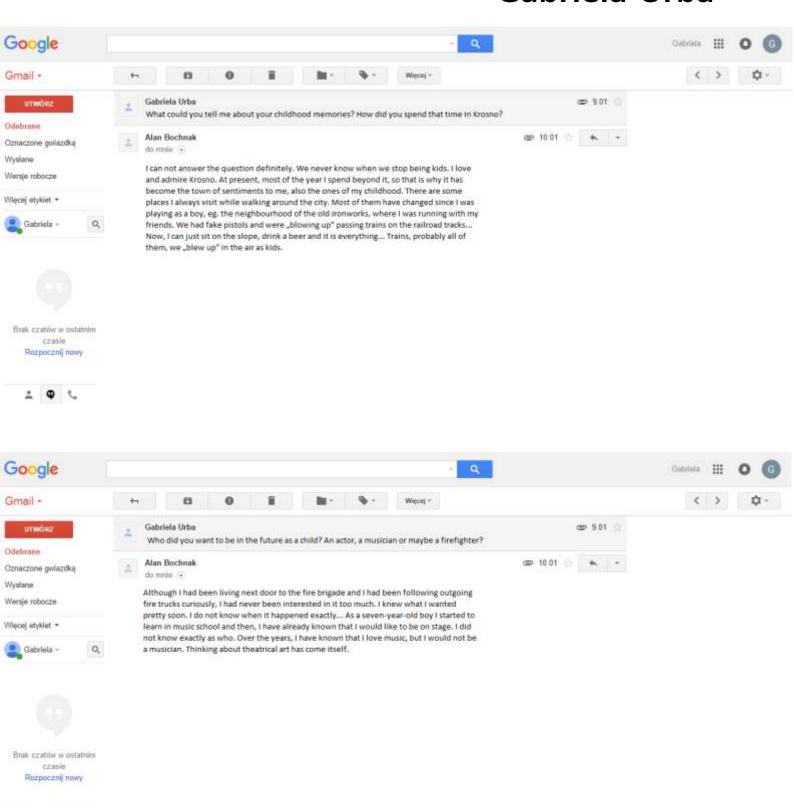


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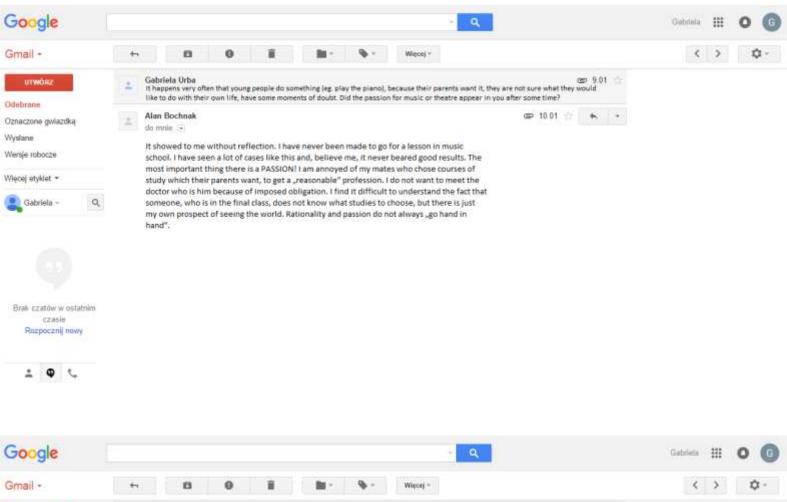
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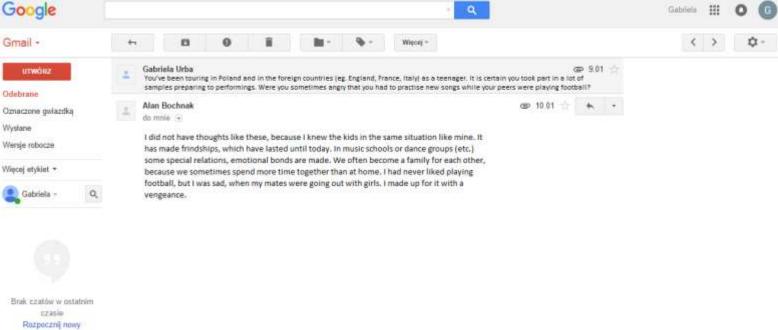
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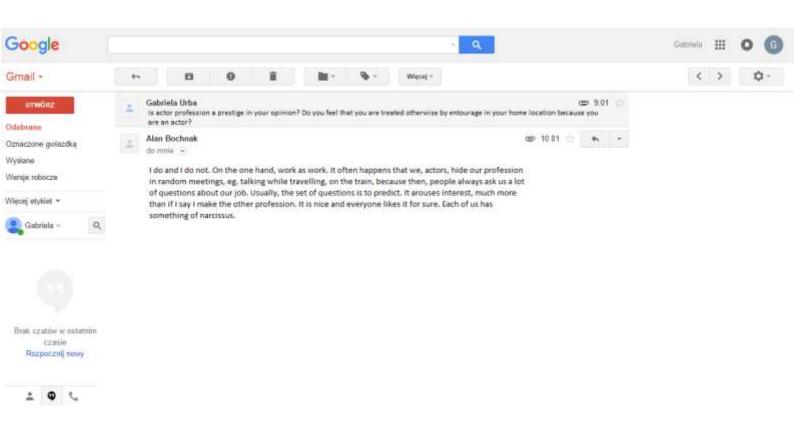


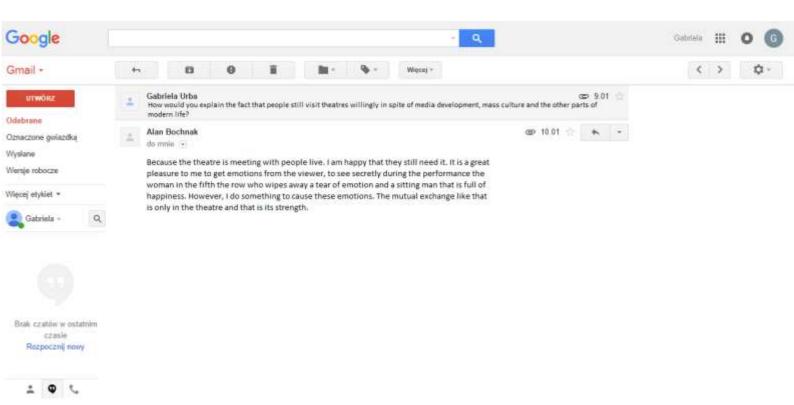
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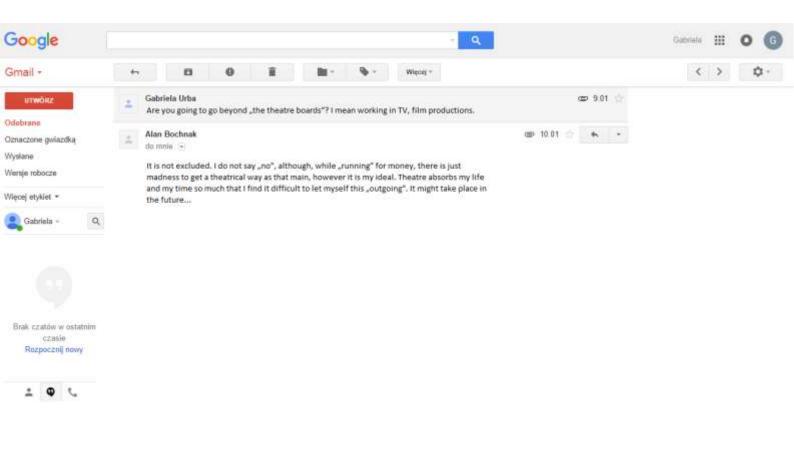


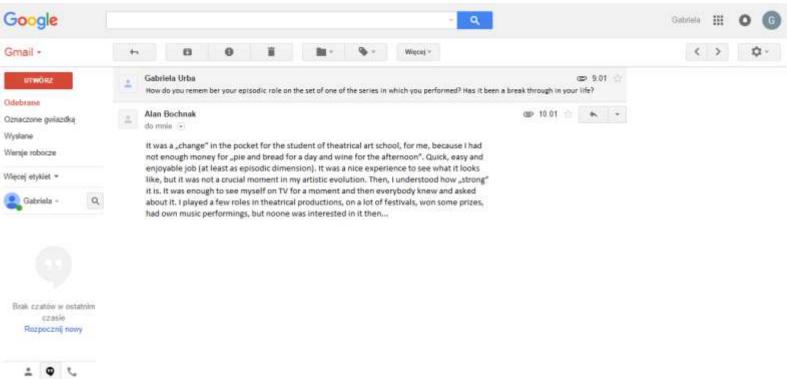


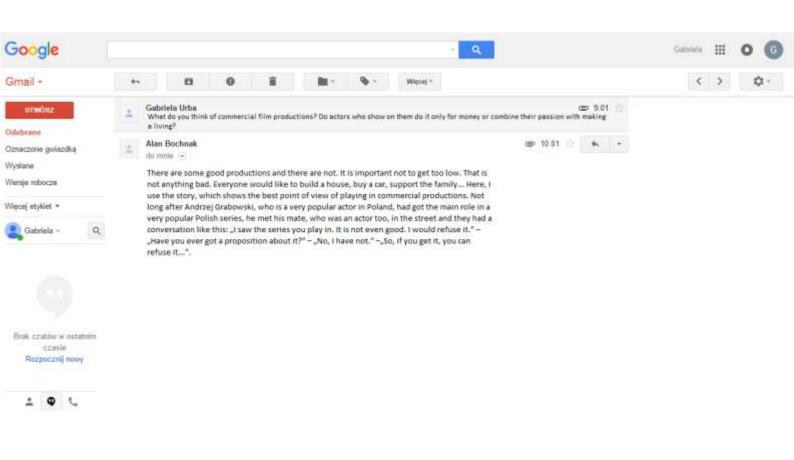
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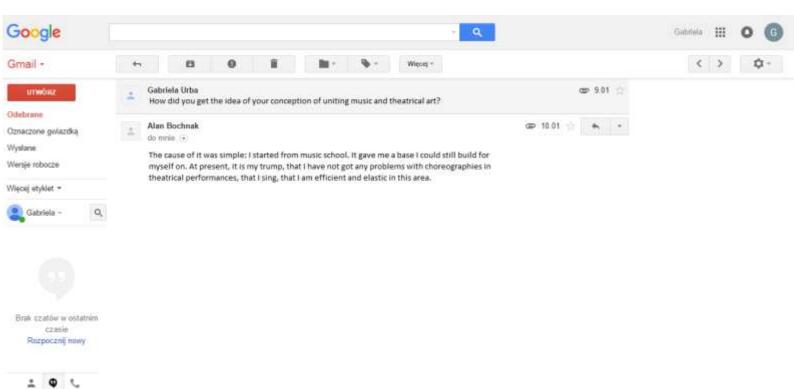


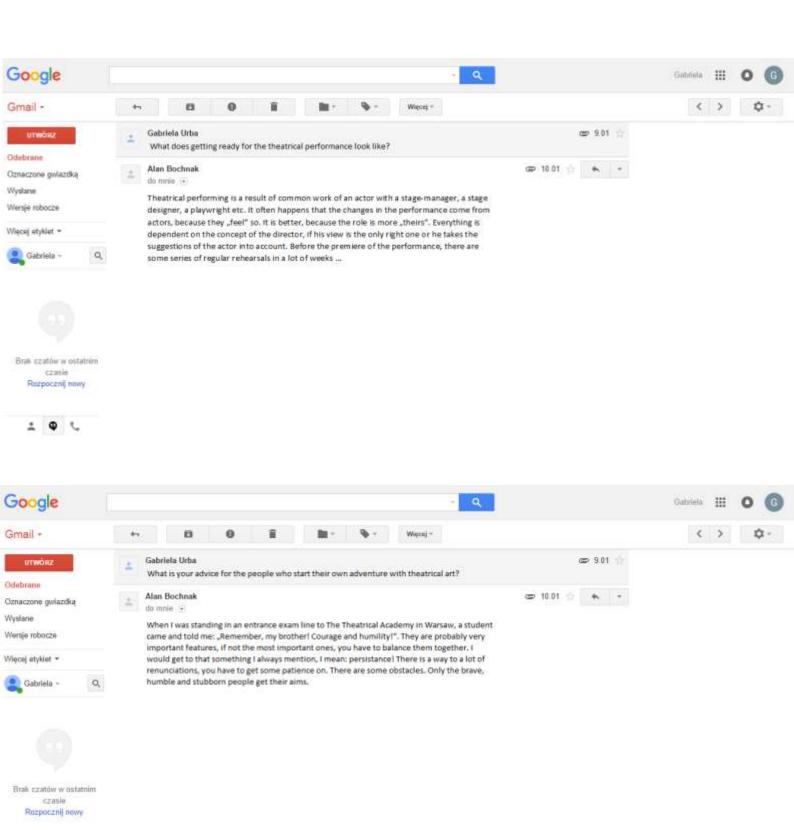












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