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Semester Overview

Welcome to the Spring 2022 Shidler Global Leader newsletter! After 2 long years of uncertainty and remote activities, the Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) were finally able to connect with the school and community in a largely in-person capacity. We are excited to share with you our experiences and our thoughts on this past semester.

Whether it be toiling in the tepid marshes of Kawainui or fundraising on the luxurious lawns of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, the SGLs were able to develop camaraderie through participation in and contribution to a wide variety of service-to-school, service-to-community, and professional development events. And while the majority of SGLs remained in Hawaii, first-year Marcus Mau partook in a study abroad in Denmark, which was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

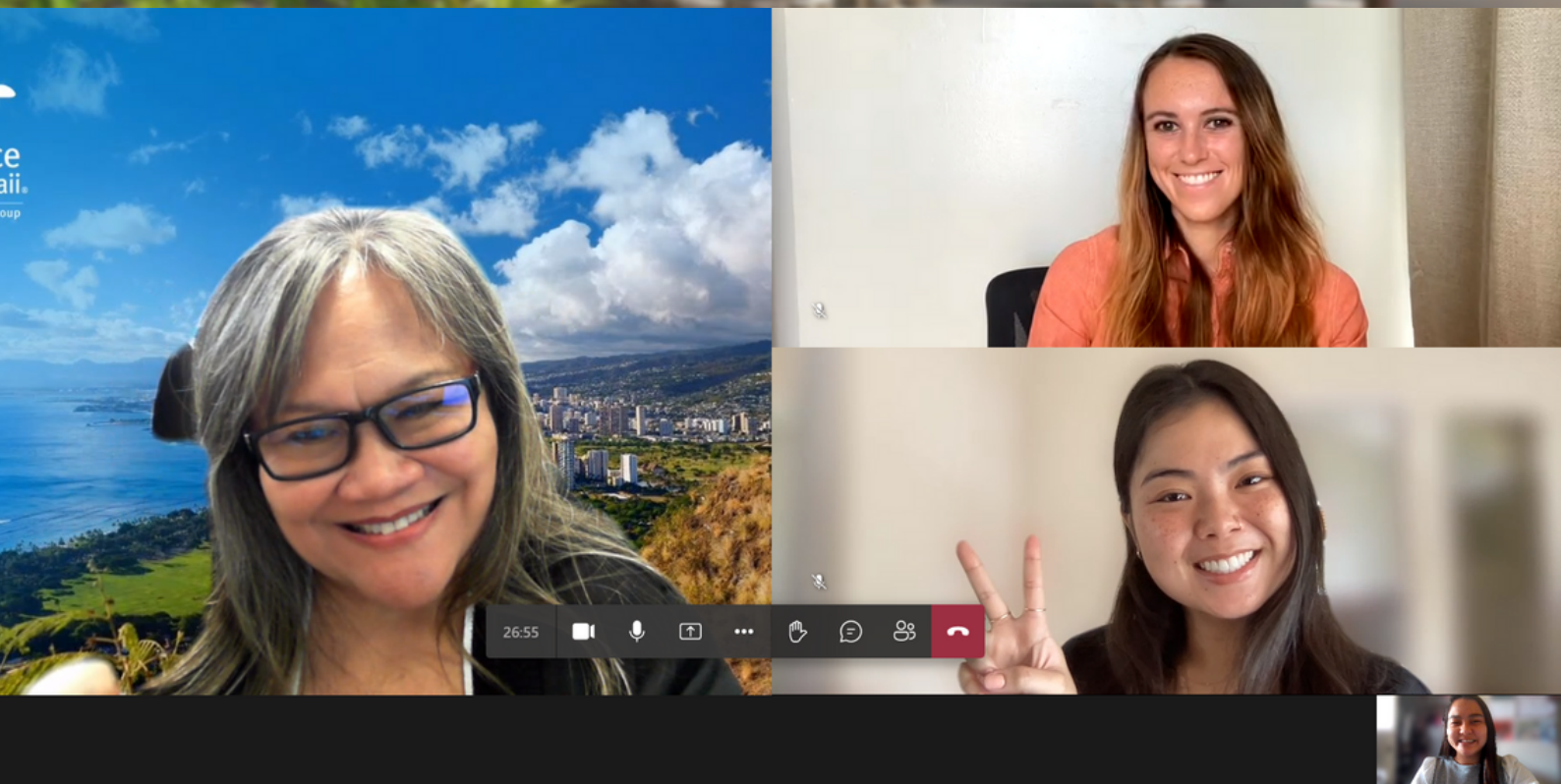
Now, please enjoy a narrative journey through the Spring 2022 semester, as told by the SGLs.

SHIDLER CAREER EXPO

On Thursday, February 23rd the Shidler College of Business Office of Internships and Career Development held their virtual Career Expo on Handshake. The career expo which lasted from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM included over 30 companies, all with full-time, part-time, and/or internship opportunities available for students.

During the Career Expo, one of our SGLs, Kelli Chinen, had the opportunity to participate from a company perspective through her internship at Kumabe HR. She had a learning experience seeing the Career Expo from an employer's perspective rather than the usual student point of view. Overall, the Career Expo once again allowed students to connect with a variety of employers in a wide range of industries (banking, the federal government, tourism, etc.) to further advance their careers, with hopes that the Career Expo can soon occur in person.

SPRING 2022 SHIDLER **VIRTUAL** INTERNSHIP & CAREER EXPO



EXECUTIVE VINEYARDS

For the first time in two years, the Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) were able to attend and volunteer at an in-person Shidler event, Executive Vineyards. The event included alumni, professionals, and local restaurants, filling the outdoor event space with laughter and excitement celebrating the return of in-person connections. These connections represented a return to a new normal and celebration of the Shidler college and its alumni community.

During Executive Vineyards, the SGLs were split into four different roles. Three of the SGLs helped with guest check-in, another three helped with the VIP room, six sold raffle tickets, and our own Natalie Kwon was tasked with livestreaming the event. The raffle sellers got to practice their business selling skills with one attendee purchasing 100 tickets from them. The winners of the raffle received one of two grand prizes which included an all-inclusive stay at the Ritz Carlton or two roundtrip Alaska Airlines tickets.



Shidler's very own Mr. Jay Shidler was an attendee at the event and conversed with the SGLs. He also supported the raffle fundraiser. Along with the pleasure of meeting Mr. Shidler, they were able to try some of the amazing local food after completing their responsibilities. All of the SGLs agreed that the Beef Wellington and Asato Family strawberry and green river sherbet stole the show.



BUSINESS NIGHT

On May 5th, 2022, Business Night brought a revival of celebration and networking enjoyed by the SGLs and Shidler student community. Business Night serves as the school's largest networking event of the year, and the SGLs were involved in a plethora of ways in helping the event's successful execution.

Five SGLs served in the Business Night Student Committee: Mark Ushiroda as the Director of Awards and Publication, Alyssa Mencil as the Co-Director of Marketing (Advertising), JJ Bernardo as the Co-Director of Student Recruitment (Presentations), Kelli Chinen as the IBC President, and Natalie Kwon as the Executive Director. Further, SGL Ila Ferris served as one of the two emcees for the event, entertaining the event's guests of over 450 people.

In addition to being a night of networking, Business Night also serves to celebrate student awardees of Business Night Awards, which are sponsored by local businesses and Shidler alumni. This year, seven of the fourteen SGLs were awarded Business Night awards.

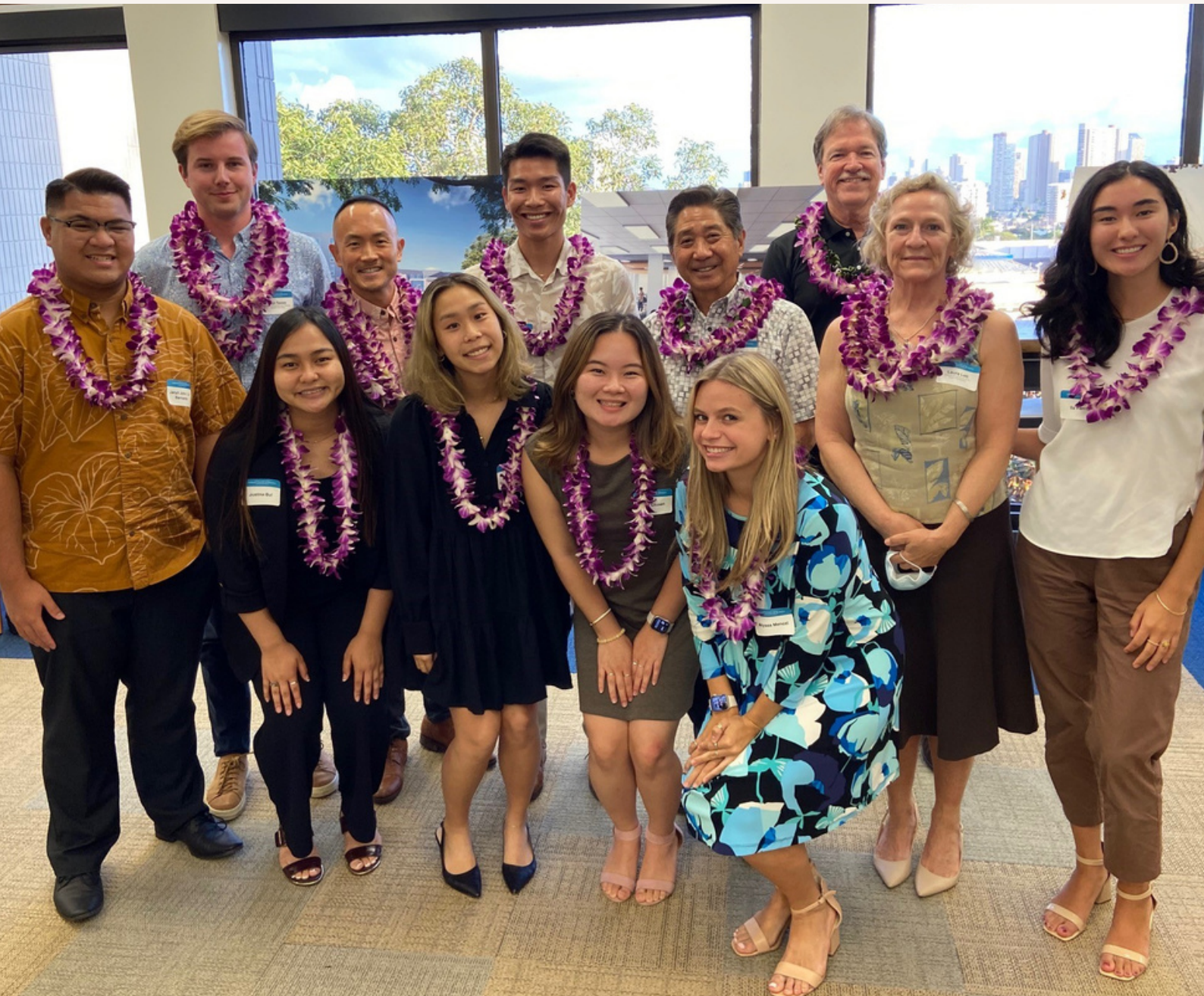
With the past two years of virtual Business Nights, this year's event served as a hopeful new beginning for in-person networking opportunities for students and a celebration at the end of an academic year. The event could not have been a success without the many local businesses offering time and scholarships for the business students of the Shidler community. We already look forward to next year's event full of conversation and celebration.



MENTOR CONNECT

The second-year cohort of the Shidler Global Leaders participated in an awesome semester-long mentorship program with the help and support of Shidler's Office of External Relations. These SGLs were each paired with a mentor based on their professional endeavors and academic background, providing each individual the unique opportunity to tap their mentor's expertise, learn about their career journey, and ask for any advice as they prepare to take their first steps in their career.

Each SGL conducted three individual mentoring sessions throughout the course of the Spring 2022 semester, and they have all shared their experiences at the Wrap-Up session on May 18, 2022 at the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship. Discussing their reflections, the SGLs lent their lessons learned, which all wrapped around the theme of truly understanding the importance of finding purpose in a career, learning to adapt to new and changing circumstances, and always representing the best version of themselves.



RMHC FOOD DROP



The Shidler Global Leaders partnered with the Ronald McDonald House Charities Hawaii (RMCH) to sponsor lunch/dinner meals on three separate occasions (January 29th, February 19th, and March 12th). Families staying at the Ronald McDonald House typically come from Hawaii's neighbor islands or Pacific islands, to care for their child who is battling a serious illness. Transitioning into the "home away from home" is stressful during an already difficult time. To relieve a portion of the day-to-day stress, the SGLs were grateful to prepare nourishing home-cooked meals for 105 family members total to enjoy.



Meals were divided up between SGLs by main dishes, side dishes, desserts, and drinks. Lots of us were able to get busy in the kitchen, and we received great feedback on dishes such as our Japanese curry, chili, spam musubi, chicken katsu, and butter mochi. To be most efficient and safe, ready-to-go dishes were dropped off at Manoa Marketplace, and a selected SGL would transport all meals to the Ronald McDonald House. RMHC heavily relies on local support to assist its operations, so meal sponsorships were a great opportunity to give back to families in need safely.



RMHC NEWSLETTERS

This Valentine's Day the Shidler Global Leaders volunteered at Ronald McDonald House Charities in Manoa! RMHC is a non-profit family and children's charity dedicated to supporting families with sick children in their time of need. We were tasked with organizing and assembling their newsletter which they were planning to distribute soon. With two separate shifts, the SGLs were able to fold nearly all the newsletters with the required information so that they could be distributed. To boost efficiency the SGLs split up the tasks and made an assembly line to get through all the work!

This community service event was both enjoyable and fulfilling! The staff at RMHC was so kind and even provided us with fun McDonald's themed socks that we were able to wear. It was also nice to have a relaxing service event where we could connect and get to know one another. All of our 2nd year SGLs studied abroad last semester so it was great for the 1st and 2nd years to catch up and become acquainted with each other! This is just the beginning of our service events and we can't wait to see what we have in store for the rest of the semester!



LYON ARBORETUM

On the morning of Saturday, February 26, the Shidler Global Leaders gathered at the Lyon Arboretum, located right by Manoa Falls. In preparation for the event, the Lyon Arboretum staff cut down an invasive eucalyptus tree into small pieces, enabling the SGLs to assist with removing the pieces from the garden. The tree would be reused as compost. In the pursuit of efficiency, the SGLs formed a line to carry branches and chunks of the tree stump from one end to the other.

After nearly two hours of hard work, the SGLs successfully removed all pieces of the tree and moved on to help with weeding for the second half of the event. The SGLs formed a circle around a section of the garden containing native Hawaiian plants and worked their way inwards to remove grass and weeds using sickles. The end result was a clean circle of uncovered dirt and almost two large buckets full of weeds.

Despite receiving a few mosquito bites and having sawdust-covered clothes by the end, the SGLs were proud of their work, which was made possible through robust teamwork and dedication. The group was able to further their knowledge of environmental needs in Hawaii and realize the importance of conserving native species.



KING'S RUN

The SGLs volunteered to distribute packets to people participating in the Honolulu Marathon's KING'S RUN. The group was divided between two shifts; as the first shift came to an end, the second shift of SGLs came to take over. During these shifts, the SGLs broke off into pairs to help man the tables with the packets containing the runners' bibs, pins, and t-shirts. As participants came to pick up their packets, it was nice to chat with some of them and learn about where they were from (not all were from Hawaii!), and wish them luck on their run.



OSPCA ADOPTIONS

The Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) volunteered with the Oahu Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Oahu SPCA) on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at the Enchanted Lake Pet Store. This is a non-profit organization committed to ensuring that “every healthy treatable animal will find a forever home.” Some services include rescue shelter operations, low-cost sterilization, and wellness clinics to save thousands of animals' lives. At the event, the main tasks involved walking 4 dogs, working with 4 cats, processing applications, answering questions, and other miscellaneous tasks assigned by the coordinator. There was a bonded mother and daughter dog pair that was able to get adopted that day, which was a heartwarming experience for the scholars. We wish Tiny and Phatz a happy life and the best of luck in the foster program with the loving family we met.



HUI O KO'OLAUPOKO

Hui o Ko'olaupoko is a non-profit organization that works to protect Hawaii's watershed and ocean resources. The Shidler Global Leaders worked together at Kawainui with Hui o Ko'olaupoko to restore the wetland. Kawainui is Hawai'i's largest wetland and is threatened by overgrowth of invasive plants. The SGL's cleared the invasive species like cattail, water lettuce as well as overgrown grass in order to make space for native species.

The SGL's were split into two groups, one working in the water clearing water lettuce with rakes and paddling on a canoe to reach the deeper areas of the pond. While the other group tread through the mud to clear overgrown grass and weeds. At the end of the two hours, the groups came together to plant native grass along the water's edge.



COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

I was fortunate enough to be able to study in Denmark during the Spring 2022 semester. Everyone told me that I would have a great time and learn so much but I didn't really appreciate that until I was actually in Denmark. I took a little bit of time to get used to the cultural (and climate) differences between Denmark and Hawaii. However, once I got used to everything, my study abroad experience exceeded all of my expectations. Being able to not only live in a different country, but also be in such close proximity to so many others is an amazing experience. Even amongst the Scandinavian countries, there were a decent amount of differences between the cultural norms and laws. Then there were the other countries in the EU which had their own cultures to appreciate.

I also thought the different languages were amazing to listen to. For example, while I was in Brussels, I got to hear primarily French, but also a bit of German and Dutch, all of which I think are very interesting languages. I rarely hear those languages in Hawaii, so being so close to European languages was an incredible experience. I had heard from some people that Danish didn't sound great. But, after living here for over five months I can confidently say that hearing Danish is one of my favorite aspects of Denmark. I got the chance to not only hear Danish being spoken, but also Danish songs, which further made me appreciate how smooth the language sounds. Not only that, but because I lived with a lot of international students, I got to hear a few other languages. I mainly heard Spanish and Portuguese, both of which sound beautiful, but I also heard a little Japanese, which was great since I haven't heard much Japanese since I took it in high school.

It was hard to imagine how much I would grow when I first landed at CPH, but the experience was unforgettable.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS



J.J. BERNARDO: As I reflect on my four years at Shidler, I can truly say that it was the people that I met along the way that has made the whole experience worthwhile. I've been blessed to surround myself with many individuals who've positively impacted and influenced my experiences, beliefs and ambitions. So my advice is to always surround yourself with an awesome community. Doing so creates a journey full of memories and lessons which will help you grow in ways unknown.

KELLI CHINEN: I can't believe my four years at Shidler are already done! I will be forever grateful for the relationships and memories I've made over the years. My advice for everyone is to make every memory count and go out of your comfort zones. Whether it is studying abroad, taking on internships, or networking, you never know where your experiences may lead to. So take those first steps towards the world of uncertainties!

JUSTINA BUI: My advice is "speed is not a need". College is a time where you should explore, see what you have passion for, and have some fun along the way. School can be very stressful but it's okay to not put too much pressure on yourself and to take a breather every now and then. Remember that you are doing the best you can and everyone moves at their own pace!

ALYSSA MENCEL: These past four years went by in the blink of an eye. Now as I look back at my college experience I am so grateful for all of the opportunities I had and how they allowed me to grow. With that said my parting advice is to live in the moment and embrace it. Sometimes we are so focused on our future that we miss being present. So I challenge you all to be present with your friends, peers, professors, family and mentors. Those moments go by fast and you don't want to miss them.

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MARK USHIRODA: I think it's important to enjoy your college experience because in the blink of an eye you'll be graduating and starting your full time job. Cherish your time with friends, participate in clubs, go for that internship! College is so short, make the most of it!

ILA FERRIS: It is completely normal during your senior year that you have anxious feelings about the transition between college/work, deciding what path you want to take, and where you want to go. Although it's important to plan ahead and take initiative for your future, enjoy your last year and remain present! Have fun, spend as much time with your friends, and stay involved within Shidler because your last year with fly by!

NATALIE KWON: Like the many milestones we face in life, graduating college brings lots of reflection on the past. In my years of college, paying for my own education and making the most of every opportunity were my two constant goals; through the SGL program, I was very fortunate to be able to accomplish both of these things in my college career. My advice as a soon to be graduate is to try your best to find these goals or values in your life that you can stand by when everything else seems uncertain. These goals can be the inspiration for you to seek opportunities that are out of your comfort zone and communities that have the same aspirations as you. Yet among all of these major life reflections and self curiosities, still enjoy the small things that make you happy. :)

Congratulations 2nd year Shidler Global Leaders!

We cannot wait to see what your future holds! Thank you for guiding us and being awesome role models this year. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors

- Mahalo, 1st Year SGLs :)