Welcome to the Spring 2019 Shidler Global Leader Newsletter! This semester was filled with hours of community service, late-night studying, laughter, and gallons of milk tea.

We welcomed back our traveling Second Years, Keri Kawatachi and Joshua ‘Pono’ Akau, and bid farewell to our two First Years, Moana Kimura and Shannon Mau, as they hopped on a plane to start a new adventure in France and Singapore, respectively.

The Spring 2019 Cohort, led by Eryn Yuasa, always found ways to give back to the community and the college through various service events. In this newsletter, the SGL’s showcased their favorite moments from each of our service events.

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The Shidler College of Business’ Spring 2019 Internships and Career Expo was held on Thursday, February 21. Hosted by Career Services, this event provided students with the opportunity to network with over 60 companies right on campus.

The Shidler Global Leaders volunteer for this event every semester performing various tasks. This semester, the SGLs were not only up front handling check-in and guiding company representatives to their designated tables, but also behind the scenes helping with setup, parking, and cleanup. Serving the college at events such as these is one of the focuses of the Shidler Global Leaders program. It provides the scholars with exposure to the college’s vast connection pool while providing the college assistance with its large-scale efforts.
On March 7, 2019, the Shidler Global Leaders had the privilege of helping at the 19th Annual Executive Vineyards, an event dedicated to raising funds for the Shidler College of Business Alumni Association. The event featured many different restaurants including Merriman's, MW Restaurant, La Tour Cafe, and more, with raffles and silent auctions throughout the night. The SGL’s arrived before the event to assemble pamphlets and wristbands, and helped throughout the evening selling raffle tickets with the Cherry Blossom Court and assisting with the silent auction.

We had an amazing time not only assisting the Shidler Alumni Association, but also interacting with the guests who took time out of their busy schedules to support our college. There was a large sense of community throughout the event, as hundreds of professionals from all fields came to attend this annual event.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

HAWAII FOOD BANK

Joshua 'Pono' Akau

On Saturday, January 19, the Shidler Global Leaders volunteered at the Hawaii Foodbank. Hawaii Foodbank provides food so that no one goes hungry. They work to gather food and support from our communities. Then the Foodbank distributes food through charitable agencies to those in need. The SGLs helped sort and pack canned goods and other non-perishable foods for distributions for those in need. This workday was very special because senator Mazie Hirono stopped by to show her support for the Hawaii Foodbank. The SGLs worked hard so that those in need won't go to bed hungry.
The annual Hawaii Pacific Health Great Aloha Run is an 8.15 mile race that extends from the Aloha Tower to the Aloha Stadium. The run celebrated its 35th anniversary this year and on Sunday, February 17th, the Shidler Global Leaders had the opportunity to aid with the packet pickup portion at the Great Aloha Sports, Health, and Fitness Expo! The SGLs had a wonderful time meeting the participants and making sure that they had all the information they needed for race day. The Hawaii Pacific Health Great Aloha Run promotes a healthy and active lifestyle and the SGLs are so glad that they could be a part of such an amazing event.
Access Surf is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities and wounded veterans enjoy the water. Access Surf continues to be a pioneer in the advancement of adaptive water sports, ocean recreation, and therapeutic instruction for people with disabilities throughout the state of Hawai‘i by putting on events such as Day at the Beach and Wounded Warrior Day at the Beach.

On March 2nd 2019, the SGLs drove out to White Plains Beach to volunteer at their monthly “Day at the Beach.” Unlike other semesters where the SGLs assisted on different stations, namely assisted swim, water safety, and lunch preparation, this semester, we were all tasked to handle inventory. Our responsibilities included counting the inventory, distributing shirts to volunteers and participants, and collecting them after the event. At the end of the day, we also helped break down tents and made sure the beach was cleaned up.

With Access Surf, not only were we able to enjoy the beach, but we were also able to witness smiles from the participants and be around dedicated people who made this event possible. Aside from giving us the opportunity to support a cause, this organization helped us remember that anything is possible if we all work together.
In Hawaiian, hapalua means “half.” The Hapalua Run is Hawaii’s half marathon that is held on the second Sunday in April every year. The race brings together runners from all over the world, as they run through a 13.1 mile course taking in Hawaii’s beautiful scenery.

This semester, on Saturday April 13th, the Shidler Global Leaders had the opportunity to volunteer at the Hapalua Run’s packet pick-up. Our responsibilities included handing out runner’s bib numbers, helping with online registration and answering questions the runners had. We were able to meet all types of runners, from locals to those who came all the way from Australia, to first time runners and to those who have been doing this race for years. Our very own Pono and Corina also got to practice their Japanese language skills, helping to direct the Japanese runners to the correct stations and answering questions. The Hapalua Run is especially special to the Shidler Global Leaders as we are able to work side by side with our amazing Program Coordinator, Rikki Mitsunaga. Thank you to the Hapalua Run for allowing us to volunteer and we look forward to helping out again next year!
HOPE GALA

Chase Nakamura

On May 4th, 2019 the Shidler Global Leaders volunteered at the American Cancer Society’s 7th Annual Hope Gala at the Sheraton Waikiki. The Hope Gala featured live music, a photo booth, and gourmet cuisine. The theme of the evening was “Midnight in Venice” and we enjoyed dressing up in our cocktail attire in support of the American Cancer Society and the local Honolulu Hope Lodge, which provides a home away from home for cancer patients and their caregivers. The gala helped raise funds to support the American Cancer Society’s mission to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the world in the fight against cancer.

We assisted with the silent and live auctions taking place throughout the event. We organized winning silent auction bids by individual and served as messengers to let them know of their winnings. In the live auction, we assisted the American Cancer Society staff by congratulating the winner and bringing the gift basket prize to their seat. Concluding the event, we cleaned up the stage as well as centerpieces from each of the tables and were commended for our amazing efficiency. It was great to see so many prominent Hawaii business leaders supporting such a great cause; serving as role models in the business realm and within our community.
As my semester at the Rennes School of Business in France comes to an end, it is such a surreal and overwhelming feeling because I am truly living out my dreams. I chose to study in France because I wanted to step out of my comfort zone and embark on a completely new adventure to broaden my perspectives on the world. I frequently visit Japan so I am able to visit Asian countries a little more easily than others. I have never been exposed to European cultures or experiences, as this is seemingly quite limited in Hawaii and also means very long travels. I thought of studying abroad in Rennes, France as a way to jump into an unknown ocean and learn how to swim. Being here for four months, I have learned so much about the French culture, as well as who I am as a person.

Learning about the French culture in the classroom and applying it to everything I see in the streets of Rennes and Paris was one of my favorite things that I got to experience in France. My professor told us throughout the semester that we are, “living through a historical era,” which is something that he has never been able to say during his 40 years of teaching. The “Yellow Vest” protests can sometimes be uncontrollable and horrifying, but I learned that within the French culture and history, conflict brings the French people together. Although they are protesting against the French president, they are unifying and working together peacefully, which I thought was intriguing and a very unique take on the situation.

Before coming to Rennes, I always had my family and friends closely surrounding me for comfort and support. After this entire experience, I learned that I am able to be independent and rely on myself for happiness and contentment. In Rennes, I was able to self reflect frequently while walking through the enormous, natural parks or have time to myself to simply sit in the sun to read a book. Through this experience, I feel that I have become a new person that appreciates the little things about home that I have missed, but also one who is intrigued by new adventures and sights.

I am so grateful for the Shidler College of Business, the Shidler Global Leaders Program, and Mr. and Mrs. Fish for providing me with this incredible opportunity of studying abroad to learn and grow so much within these past four months. Although my learning and growth has just begun, I can come back to the Shidler College of Business and share my experiences to encourage others to gain cultural knowledge to be a global citizen.
For the past five months, I have been studying at the world renowned National University of Singapore. Having previously spent a semester abroad in Australia, I easily settled on Singapore for my second exchange, considering that I wanted to experience life in an eastern country. This is only the second time in my life that I have ventured into Asia, and the first time that I have ever travelled alone internationally. While at first I was daunted by Singapore’s extreme academic competition and suffocating humidity, I quickly came to appreciate it for its innovation, opportunities, and for its people. During my time here, I have met other exchange students from all over the world, and have traveled to different Asian countries, gaining many valuable cultural insights as well as creating lasting friendships.

One of the most notable things I’ve learned in Singapore is its leaders are excellent forward thinkers. Geographically, Singapore is about five times smaller than Hawaii yet boasts a population six times larger. In order to deal with the limited space available, it has implemented extensive housing measures, building into the sky. While Singapore has rapidly urbanized, it has also managed to protect its natural resources and the environment by promoting sustainable energy usage, building an impeccable public transport system, and executing reforestation programs.

On the other hand, I also recognize why Hawaii’s culture is so special. While our opportunities may not stack up to those in Singapore, they are ample. Not everything is a competition, and there are chances for everyone to succeed. In Hawaii, success is defined mostly be one’s personal contentment rather than by one’s test scores or job offers. I am certainly looking forward to returning to an academic culture where I am not constantly forced to contend with others in order to ensure my position on the bell curve.

Thanks to the Shidler College of Business, the Shidler Global Leaders Program, and the Freeman foundation, I have been able to celebrate many new cultures while gaining a better appreciation for my own. Without so much support, I would not have been able to experience so many new places and people. My stay in Singapore has furthered my desire to continue Shidler’s goal of attaining International Excellence, and I cannot wait to share what I have learned with others when I return home.
Alone, the Shidler Global Leaders were kept busy through multiple leadership, internship, and scholastic activities throughout the semester. Here's just a short list of what our Shidler Global Leaders did on top of their classes this academic year:

Michelle and Pono were selected to be on the Business Night committee, and helped the college bring together over 500 students and professionals for Shidler’s largest networking event.
Joyce, Michelle, Momi, Keri, Pono, Eryn, and Brittany received awards at the Business Night event.
Corina and Pono took home 3rd place (and 1st for U.S. schools!) at the MICCSR case competition in Tacoma, Washington.
Momi and Eryn were selected as Forbes Under 30 Scholars, and attended the Under 30 conference in Boston, MA. They also competed in the CFA Research Challenge and won the local round, getting to compete in the championships in New York City.

There's more to go! After this semester ends, we want to congratulate our SGLs for their plans going forward: Michelle at Kumabe HR, Pono at Blue Startups, Chase at Booz Allen Hamilton, Momi at Ernst & Young, LLP, Brittany at Blue Startups, and Eryn at Capital One.
"KEEPING UP WITH THE SGL'S"

Eryn Yuasa

The SGLs also used this semester as an opportunity to connect with alumni and former Oscar and Rosetta Fish Fund for Excellence Scholars to see what they've been up to and how the program has helped them throughout the years.

JARENN NAGAISHI-CHOI

Scholarship Cohort 2011-2013

Jarenn Nagaishi-Choi, is an HR Business Partner for the Walt Disney Company. She states that "having a network of professionals, peers, and faculty to help [her] grow personally and professionally" was one of the best experiences that the cohort gave to her, alongside her study abroad experience at Yonsei University. Make your newsletter a beautiful representation of your company by inserting your logo, infusing it with your brand colors, and including official images from your files! Do you want to send out newsletters for Halloween or Christmas? Do you want to show the fun side of your company for a change? Or do you want to use your company newsletter to advertise your new products or services to new and existing leads? The options are endless!

CHRISSEY EMMENSON

Scholarship Cohort 2014-2016

Chrissy Emenson is a Senior Audit Assistant at Deloitte & Touche. LLP. Her career is important to her because it makes her feel like she's making an impact and has the ability to keep companies honest.

KIRK WEI

Scholarship Cohort 2015-2017

Kirk Wei is now based in Seattle, Washington and working for Deloitte & Touche, LLP as a Technology Risk Advisory Consultant. Kirk serves as one of the West Coast alumni ambassadors for the Shidler College of Business.

STEPHEN JOSHUA RASAY

Scholarship Cohort 2016-2018

Stefen Joshua Rasay is a data associate at S&P Global Market Intelligence. Alongside his current job, he is also working towards his Master of Science in Applied Analytics at Columbia University.

RYAN MATSUMOTO

Scholarship Cohort 2008-2010

Ryan Matsumoto is a Vehicle Marketing and Communications at Planner for Toyota North America and is currently based in Texas. He attributes the cohort for allowing him to expand his global perspective and that aided his transition into making a career outside of Hawaii.

LONG TRINH

Scholarship Cohort 2006-2008

Long Trinh has received his MBA from York University and is currently an associate in the real estate department at the Bank of Montreal. He mentioned that the program provided him an abundance of confidence to walk out of the Shidler College of Business and go forth to start his career.
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Eryn Yuasa

ALISSA KELLY

Scholarship Cohort 2016-2018

Alissa Kelly, a 2016-2018 cohort member, has recently relocated to New York City, where she is continuing her career in accounting with her new position as a Staff Accountant at HelloFresh, America’s Most Popular Meal Kit delivery service which IPO-ed in 2017 with a value of over 1 billion Euro.

KENDRA BURCH

Scholarship Cohort 2009-2011

Kendra Berch is a Senior-at-Large Financial Institution Examiner at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). She works on a team to analyze risks for large institutions with over $100b in assets. As an accounting major, Kendra mentioned that she loves what she does, and owe her career to the FISH Scholarship (and her volunteering at the Shidler Career Fair with the FISH scholars back in 2009!)

KELLI SUNABE

Scholarship Cohort 2016-2018

Kelli Sunabe is currently in Deyang, Sichuan as part of the Peace Corp, and teaching English at Sichuan Engineering Technical College. Even though she’s thousands of miles away in China, Kelli still finds the time to talk to the current SGLs and share her numerous experiences with leadership and organization opportunities that she had in college.

MASON CHOY

Scholarship Cohort 2009-2011

Mason Choy is in the supply chain financial analytics team at Boeing. He attributes his time as an SGL to aiding his personal and professional development, including from networking opportunities and from his study abroad experience, where he studied abroad in Hong Kong and helped to create a strong alumni network in the area.

TATE CASTILLO & MATTHEW YOSHIOKA

Scholarship Cohort 2016-2018

Tate Castillo and Matt Yoshioka founded Kope Soap, a soap company that upcycled coffee grounds into environmentally sustainable soap products. Through the course of this year, they have entered the UH Business Plan competition and the UH Summer Startup Launchpad. Tate also represented Kope Soap as a finalist in the EO GSEA competition in November.