Welcome to the Fall 2019 Shidler Global Leaders Newsletter! This semester, the 2nd year scholars were very excited to welcome seven new scholars, as well as send off three scholars abroad to France and the Czech Republic!

The 1st year SGL cohort includes Brannon Kusumoto, Kylie Butts, Melissa Yago, Noah Okamoto, Francesco Forti, Isabel Feldmann, and Alexis Dennis.

Corina Quach and Joyce Pang spent the semester abroad studying at the Rennes School of Business in France, and Monique Frances Rapacon at the Anglo-American University.

The SGLs this year grew together tremendously both professionally and personally. We gave back to the community we are all thankful for through community service projects and school events. This newsletter highlights their events and experiences this semester.

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SHIDLER DAY

Written by Moana Kimura

The very first event of the semester is, of course, welcoming all the Shidler College of Business students back to school to encourage a healthy and successful semester ahead! The Welcome Back "Shidler Day" is held every year in the beginning of the Fall semester, and is highly anticipated with the student body!

This event brought together the Shidler College of Business students on the first Thursday of the semester, September 5, 2019. During Shidler Day, the faculty and staff as well as the Shidler Global Leaders assisted in giving out to the students free pizza, popcorn, drinks, and chips. The students had a chance to meet many different teachers at this event, and other faculty that they may not have a chance to interact with as much during the semester.

Having events like these are important for the Shidler College of Business because the students of the college always work very hard to upkeep the image and prestige of the Shidler. These events allow for us to give back to the students, and encourage them to be excited for a brand new semester. Students are proud to be a part of the Shidler College of Business, and through events like Shidler Day, we are able to award them for all of their hard work.
On Thursday, September 26th, 2019 the Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) took part in one of the tastiest networking events around! The SGLs and other Shidler student leaders had the opportunity to dine across from some of the most successful Shidler alums—gaining invaluable tips and insight from various leaders in their fields of study!

To kick-off the night, the second-year SGLs were connected with their mentors. The rest of the students and professionals mingled amongst themselves before dividing into smaller groups for dinner. The divided groups were split between the mentors and Shidler students, allowing time for each group to meet with each other under a different ambiance at each restaurant. The restaurants that provided the entree courses throughout the night were: Flour and Barley, The Eating House, and Herringbone.

Within the groups, pairs of two students enjoyed a more intimate networking experience by sharing a meal across from two professionals. Students and mentors alike enjoyed each other's company (and the restaurant's featured meal) for a 45 minute period before switching to the next eatery with more yummy food and new connections!

The night then ended where it began: at Flour and Barley to enjoy dessert and more mingling. The Mentor Connect was a wonderful event to partake in, and we had a fabulous time—we made wonderful connections, received excellent advice.
During the Fall 2019 semester, the first year Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) and two fellow Shidler students attended a 5 week personal branding workshop series hosted by former Starwood Hotels and Resorts executive Mr. Keith Vieira, in conjunction with Richard Varley, director of our Shidler College of Business Internship and Career Development Office. Over the course of the 5 weeks the students learned how to develop better interviewing techniques through storytelling, aligning our core values with company values, and making a lasting impact on the interviewer.

For our first session, we were asked to tell a story about ourselves that showcased who we are as a person. This was a great opportunity for all of us to identify a pivotal story that has shaped us into who we are today, as well as give us a chance to learn a little bit more about one another. For our second session we were asked to tell a story that highlighted a core competency that companies are looking for, such as effective communication, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and so on. Mr. Vieira and Mr. Varley gave us valuable insight during these sessions into how to improve our stories and highlight the uniqueness of our potential when interviewing.

Beginning with our third session we shifted our focus more on aligning our stories with the mission and values of a chosen company. Mr. Vieira taught us that it is very important to align ourselves with the company because this reveals our dedication and interest to the interviewer. During our fourth session we conducted a mini-interview in which we were asked a couple questions and it was our goal to answer them prepared with a story about us that reveals our core competencies, our ability to overcome adversity, and a tie-back to how this relates to the company’s vision or mission. Finally for our last session, we learned how to prepare a closing statement to leave the interviewer with, such as a personal story about how the company has impacted us, or highlighting an event or cause the company puts value in and why that inspires us to be a part of their network.

At the end of the 5 week series, each of us reflected on the self-growth we gained from this workshop and tools we will carry with us throughout our collegiate and professional lives. Thank you to Mr. Keith Vieira for taking the time to help each of us develop our storytelling and interview skills, and to Mr. Richard Varley for coordinating the workshop series and providing us with valuable feedback!
On September 24, 2019, Matt (Fish Scholar 1996-1998) and Erin Takamine signed a gift agreement for a $100,000 Endowed Scholarship to benefit future Shidler Global Leaders. Matt is the Executive Managing Director at Beecher Carlson and his wife Erin is the Managing Director at KPMG LLP.

Matt recalls the huge difference that the Fish (renamed as Shidler Global Leaders) Scholarship had on his years as an undergraduate business student. The scholarship subsidized his education and helped him focus on his studies and gaining relevant work experience through internships.

This endowed scholarship will support many Shidler Global Leaders in the years to come and gives them the opportunity to excel in their studies and pursue goals without financial burden, just as the scholarship program did with Matt. We are very grateful Matt and Erin and thank them for their kindness and generosity in giving back to the Shidler College of Business. They join Lauren (Ono) Loo (Fish Scholar 2008-2010) and Azamat Kumykov (Fish Scholar 2001 - 2003) who have been financially supporting the Shidler Global Leaders program.

Thank you for your generosity, Matt and Erin Takamine!
HALL OF HONORS

Written by Francesco Forti

On Thursday, October 10th, 2019 the Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) assisted in recognizing some of Shidler’s most accomplished alumni. The Hall of Honors event is a benefit for the Shidler College of Business Alumni Association and this year brought together quite an impressive group to the Sheraton Waikiki. Not only did the SGLs arrive early and stay late to prepare and clean the venue but were also given the chance to dine with previous Hall of Honor recipients during the event.

This year Dean Vance Roley and Jay Shidler presented the welcome to the hall of honors to five alumni; Russell J. Hata, Lance M. Inouye, Micah A. Kāne, Wendy Peterson, and Wendy Tong Barnes. Each recognition was accompanied by a video that shared the background of the recipient and a thank you to the Shidler College of Business for playing an important part in each of their business careers.

Attending the Hall of Honors event made us feel like we were really a part of a community rooted in the Shidler College of Business. It is often mentioned that the school has an outstanding network, and it was at this dinner which that network truly showed itself. This offered a great opportunity for the SGLs to further immerse themselves into the Shidler alumni community. Our global leaders left the event not only with life lessons learned from the recipient’s journeys but also with new connections made by speaking with Shilder’s exceptional alumni.

Congratulations once again to Shidler’s 2019 Hall of Honor inductees and thank you to our presenting sponsor Y. Hata & Co. for your support!
On Thursday, October 15th, 2019 the Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) assisted The Office of Internships and Career Development host the semi-annual Shidler Career Expo. The Shidler Career Expo gives Shidler students an opportunity to interact and network with over fifty local and international companies and gain valuable insight about internship and career opportunities. Companies included Hawaii Pacific Health, HouseMart, GEICO, Hawaiian Electric Company, Northwestern Mutual and many more.

The Shidler Global Leaders were able to assist with the Career Expo from beginning to end. The SGLs were at Shidler early in the morning to help set up under the tents, while some SGLs were shuttled to off campus parking lots to assist the business professionals with parking and bringing their materials to campus. The SGLs were constantly working throughout the day and sometimes even in between classes to ensure the event went smoothly.

Helping with the Internship and Career Expo will always be a great opportunity for the SGLs as we were able to network with business professionals from all across the state. Many of the professionals are proud Shidler Alumni and the SGLs even got to meet former SGL Michelle Pham, who now works at Kumabe HR. Seeing the vast amount of students at the event shows the continued success of the Expo. The SGLs walked away with invaluable knowledge of the different companies and are excited to continue to participate in the future Internship and Career Expos hosted by The Office of Internships and Career Development.
The Shidler Scholarship Luncheon took place on November 4th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village to honor the scholarship donors and recipients of Shidler. Once the luncheon began, students and donors were seated together to allow recipients to thank their donors and allow donors see the impact of their donations on the lives of the recipients first hand.

The SGLs used the time before the event started to network with the donors as well as the fellow Shidler College of Business students. The SGLs then attended a Professional Development Workshop which taught the SGLs the importance of critical conversations as well as provided strategies on how one can improve critical conversations.

The Luncheon allowed the SGLs to meet members of the UH Foundation who provided advice and wisdom to the SGLS. Conversations included career advice, appreciation for the donations made by the donors, leadership and professional development. The Luncheon allowed the SGLs to express their appreciation, become more career ready as well as enjoy a delicious meal!
On Friday, December 20th and Saturday, December 21st, the Shidler Global Leaders assisted attendees of the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa’s Fall graduation ceremony.

On Friday, the day before the ceremony, Alexis and Melissa assisted Lori with setting up the Stan Sheriff Center for the graduation ceremony. This included helping to set up chairs according to the seating chart, as well as distributing programs within certain areas.

On Saturday, the day of commencement, the SGLs were stationed on the exterior of the Stan Sheriff Center and directed individuals to their desired destination, depending on if they were a graduate or family/friends. Another duty the SGLs fulfilled included answering common questions and relaying them to Lori, one of the ceremony coordinators, in order to help the processes of future graduation ceremonies run more smoothly.

This was a service to school event that enabled the SGLs to congratulate all of the graduates from the Shidler College of Business. This was a great way to give back to those who were our mentors and classmates in the past few semesters.
On October 19, 2019, the Shidler Global Leaders took part in their first community service event of the semester! This event was one that was suggested by one of the first-years, who was interested in partaking in a community service event held in the nature.

Ho'oulu 'Aina is a 100 acre nature preserve nestled in the back of Kalihi Valley, and is cared for by Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services, a non-profit community health center. The purpose of Ho'oulu 'Aina is to provide people the freedom to make connections and build meaningful relationships with the 'āina, each other, and ourselves.

Ho'oulu 'Aina's missions was clearly achieved with the SGLs, because we were all able to come together as one to share food, knowledge, and friendships while restoring the area. We planted sugarcane and banana plants in the valley to increase biodiversity and create a healthier environment. In addition, we softened the soil, removed dead leaves from plants, and removed invasive plants to help other native plants thrive. Overall, this event was very fun and different from many of the other community service events we have done in the past.
On Saturday, October 26th, 2019 the Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs) took part in giving back to the community through an organization called Meals on Wheels.

Hawaii Meals on Wheels is an organization that is dedicated to helping Oahu's elders and individuals with disabilities preserve their independence at home by providing hot, nutritious meals and regular personal interaction with those they serve. The organization works hard everyday to prepare lunch meals and packages to those enrolled in the program, and with the help of volunteers, are able to deliver the meals right to their doors.

The SGLs were assigned different delivery routes when volunteering with the Hawaii Meals on Wheels. We were given instructions on different meal plans that certain clients have, and were given a route with addresses to deliver to. It was a very fulfilling experience to be able to deliver the meals and see the smiles on the clients' faces. We enjoyed talking story with the clients and connecting with them as well.

During our delivery routes, the SGLs were also able to spend quality time together and have great bonding experiences. Hawaii Meals on Wheels was an experience that showed the direct impact we were making, and was very fun!
Volunteering at the Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai is one of our favorite community service projects to partake in. Ka Papa Lo'i O Kanewai hosts a “first Saturday” of every month, where they invite students from the entire University of Hawaii campus, as well as members of the community to help with the work that must be done at the Lo'i. This is one of my favorite events because we are not only giving back to the environment, but acting to help preserve ancient Hawaiian practices at our very own campus.

Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai is a thriving taro patch located near the Hawaiian Studies Building on the University of Hawaii at Mānoa campus. There are a variety of native and indigenous trees and shrubs growing along the stream and low-lying slopes. The three values that are promoted at this lo'i are Laulima, Mālama, and Pu‘uhonua.

Everyone was divided into a few different groups who were then assigned different tasks and put into rotations. The first rotation was hiking to the stream where we learned about the flow of a lo‘i - where the water comes from, how they are constructed, and what different parts of the lo‘i are called. We then stepped into the lo‘i and pushed the leaves floating on top of the water into the mud to fertilize it for the halo (taro plant). Lastly, we stepped into the heiau to learn about the history of the lo‘i and the importance that it brings the University of Hawaii and the Hawaiian culture.
On Saturday, November 9, 2019, the SGLs participated in a community service event held by Malama Maunalua at the Kuli‘ou‘ou Beach Park.

Malama Maunalua is an organization that is committed to restoring the health of Maunalua Bay through habitat restoration, science and planning, and education and outreach. There have been over 3.5 million pounds of algae removed from over 28 acres of land, with the help of over 10,000 volunteers since 2015.

During our experience at Malama Maunalua, the SGLs first learned about the invasive algae species that are prevalent in the Paiko beach area such as Gorilla Ogo, Leather Mudweed, and Prickly seaweed. We were informed that these invasive algae species flourish off of an environment caused by sediment and runoff from the land, and can kill coral reefs and native angel communities.

After the education portion of the event, we headed to Paiko Beach. At Paiko Beach, we were assigned a plot in the ocean in which we picked the invasive algae out of the water. These invasive algae were put into bags that would then be taken to a farm behind Kaiser High School to use as fertilizer. After just one session of clean up, we were already able to see a huge difference in the water. Restoration efforts like these are awesome to take part in, because we are able to take part in a much larger purpose!
On Sunday, November 24th, the Shidler Global Leaders had the opportunity to assist the Ronald McDonald House Charity following their annual Share a Night Gala; an event filled with delicious food and wine, auctioning, and live music.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Hawaii helps to improve the lives of the children of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim by providing a "Home-away-from-home" for seriously ill children and their families.

The SGLs transported items from the Sheraton Waikiki into moving trucks and met at the Judd Hillside Ronald McDonald House to help carefully unload the remaining merchandise and materials into the house. After everything was back in place, the group was offered an educational tour of the house. Throughout the tour the group was shown different rooms, learned about the Ronald McDonald House Charity in depth, and went over topics such as requirements for eligibility, their purpose/mission, and how heavily volunteers impact the organization.
On December 6th, 2019 the Shidler Global Leaders took part in volunteering with the Hawaii Foodbank to sort and inspect various dry goods for distribution to charitable agencies.

The Hawaii Foodbank helps families who are struggling to keep up with the ever-growing cost of living by providing food and support. Especially near the holiday season, the Hawaii Food Bank believes that no parent should have to choose between buying their child a present or putting food on the table. The gift of food can give families a reason to celebrate, and give them hope and peace of mind for the holidays.

During this community service project, the SGLs first learned how to verify if certain items were suitable for use to be distributed to families. They needed to be undamaged and non-perishable to be deemed acceptable by the Food Bank. The SGLs were also instructed on how to discard items that were not safe for use. After, we learned how to properly sort all items to help the food bank efficiently organize and deliver their products. Throughout the service event the SGLs worked together to sort items efficiently and bond with one another. This event allowed the SGLs to give back to the community, especially during this special time of the year.
On Sunday, December 8th, the Shidler Global Leaders volunteered at the 47th Honolulu Marathon Packet Pickup held at the Hawaii Convention Center.

This year’s marathon took place on Sunday, December 13th, and is approximately a 26.2 mile run, the 4th largest marathon in the U.S.. The marathon brings together people from all around the world to experience the beautiful scenic route around Oahu. Some participate in the marathon competitively, while others do as a hobby or to participate in an iconic event.

During the community service event, the SGL’s assisted with distributing runners bibs and passing out gift bags to all the runners. There were many vendors in the event. In addition, the SGL’s had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. Especially since a lot of runners are from Japan, some of us were able to practice our Japanese speaking skills when they asked us questions. Overall, the SGL’s had a great time volunteering for the Honolulu Marathon and look forward to doing so again in the future!
Since the beginning of September, I’ve had the privilege of studying at the Rennes School of Business, in Rennes, France. As an aspiring pastry chef, I’ve always dreamed of studying in France, so this was an experience I knew I couldn’t miss. There were so many things I loved about my quaint little city, like the weekly Saturday markets, with merchants that eventually remembered me and gave me discounts, and the regional specialties like crepes and kouign amann’s, which I will shamelessly say I ate almost every day.

My school is known for the abundance of international students, and as a result, I’ve made friends from all over the world – Taiwan, India, Spain, Czech Republic, Hungary, Peru, and so many more! I was also able to connect with people from outside my school, through Instagram and extracurricular activities, and I’ve made friends that I hope will last me a lifetime. During the short breaks from school, I had the amazing opportunity to make short trips to neighboring countries, such as the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic (where my fellow SGL, Monique, acted as my tour guide to show me around Prague).

This was my fourth time doing a program abroad, but it has been by far the most eye-opening for me. Being away from home for four months made me realize how much support I have from my friends and family back home, and I have gained a greater sense of gratitude for the small things I have.

It’s been a crazy journey filled with life lessons, amazing new encounters, and lifelong memories. I’ve told my family and myself so many times that I’ve stopped keeping count, but I’ll say it again: I am so extremely grateful to have gotten the financial support of the Johnson Scholarship, and the opportunity to experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It was a memorable four months, but I’m so excited to go back home to finish up my last semester at the Shidler College of Business!
For this fall semester, I was selected to be one of the Johnson Scholars to study abroad at ESC Rennes School of Business in France. Although it was my second time studying abroad, this experience in particular has been eye-opening for me; not only did I get to learn more about the various European cultures and history, I also had the opportunity to get to know myself better throughout the process.

In just four months, I was able to visit 15 countries and 21 cities in Europe and Africa. Either with new or old friends, or even traveling solo, all these journeys have been absolutely amazing and unforgettable. From spending a night in the airport to skiing for the first time, from meeting up with an old friend in a new place to getting lost in every city, each and every step of these journeys counts towards valuable life lessons. I was able to learn, grow, and even think based on new perspectives for local and global issues. With close interactions with individuals from various cultural backgrounds, I developed new ways of thinking which I really hope to apply in my career or on the world’s most pressing issues. With more global knowledge and awareness, I will strive to leverage what I know for the betterment of our local community and beyond.

This experience overall has been very rewarding and I truly appreciate all the support from my friends, family, and the scholarship.
Whenever people ask how my experience was, I find it hard to fully explain how I truly feel to a point where I’d rather keep it to myself than give them an incomplete answer. It’s hard to put into words how it wasn’t just about the places I’ve seen but also the things in between. The people, the challenges and learning, and the realizations. Reducing this experience into a few words is just impossible but I’ll give it a try anyway.

This experience made me realize how big, and at the same time, how small the world is. It’s big because it took me 30 hours of travelling to get there and knowing that I won’t be able to see my new friends anytime soon because of the distance. I went to eight different countries in four months. I was in Prague where I attended Anglo-American University. When not in school, I walked around parks and grabbed coffee from different cafes. I traveled to Austria alone, went to a spa in Hungary with my roommate, visited a family friend and did a cooking class in Italy, hiked in Switzerland, saw the Eiffel Tower in Paris, danced Flamenco in Spain, and went to the biggest Christmas market in Germany. Personally, that is a lot yet I know there are way more places I haven’t discovered, foods I haven’t eaten, and cultures I haven’t experienced.

Despite the overwhelming size of this world, this experience made me realize how small the world is through the friends I’ve made and the people I’ve met. If you think about it, every part of the world has their own beliefs and traditions. We all see things differently yet there are things that will eventually connect us. The things I have in common with my friends and other people made me realize this world isn’t that big after all. The realization that there are people out there, thousands of miles away, that you connect with changed the idea that I had about distance.

I often catch myself thinking deeply, trying to digest every experience I’ve had. I might have overused this phrase since the beginning of my time abroad, but I am truly grateful for this experience. I am not the same person I was when I went there. This experience changed who I am completely.