

# SHIDLER GLOBAL LEADERS

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## SEMESTER OVERVIEW

Aloha, and welcome to the Fall 2022 Shidler Global Leader newsletter! We are excited to share our experiences and our thoughts on this past semester with you.

This semester, we welcomed a new cohort of eager Shidler Global Leaders (SGLs). In Hawaii, the SGLs were able to connect through participation in and contribution to a wide variety of service-to-school, service-to-community, and professional development events both on campus and throughout Hawaii. Through these events, the SGLs support the Shidler College of Business and exceptional community organizations.

Across the globe, five SGLs broadened their horizons, choosing to study abroad in various countries in Europe and Asia. In turn, the SGLs met new and interesting people from various backgrounds, persevered through challenges, and worked towards our mission of becoming the globally-minded leaders of tomorrow.

# SHIDLER DAY



The Shidler College of Business held its first Shidler Day since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic. On a beautiful Thursday, all of the Shidler clubs and organizations set up their tents and tables to promote themselves to Shidler students. As hundreds flooded the Shidler courtyard, there was no doubt that everyone was excited to be back in person.



It was an amazing display of the tight-knit community that Shidler has to offer and an electrifying start to a semester that marks the transition into the future and past the pandemic. After speaking with representatives from various clubs and organizations, we can surely say that Shidler Day has greatly contributed to the interest and participation in the seemingly endless opportunities at the Shidler College of Business.



# MENTOR CONNECT



During the evening of Thursday, September 27th, the Shidler Global Leaders along with students from Shidler clubs including the International Business Organization, Business Executive Society of Tomorrow, Inter-Business Council, and various other organizations attended a networking event with our very own Shidler Alumni Professionals. Throughout the night the current students and alumni were rotated through three restaurants including Moani Waikiki, Skybox Taphouse, and Crackin' Kitchen to allow everyone to get the chance to meet and connect.

The event provided the current Shidler students with the opportunity to not only ask questions and seek advice from the alumni, but to also look out for internship possibilities with the numerous firms that our alumni work at. This event was an excellent chance for the Shidler Global Leaders to meet previous Shidler students that came before them and went on to do great things. It was a ton of fun.

# HALL OF HONOR

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Shidler College of Business held the Annual Shidler Hall of Honor. The SGLs assisted with the event set up and reception before dining on yummy food. Four notable alumni were recognized for their business excellence, professional accomplishment, and dedication to Shidler and the collective community of Hawai'i. The business leaders that were inducted into this year's Shidler Hall of Honor were Terry George, Julie Arigio, Shelee Kimura, and Paul Tse. These esteemed leaders in our community have leveraged their Shidler education and have cultivated networks across Hawai'i that positively impact the community.



# CAREER EXPO

The Shidler Office of Internships and Career Development hosted the Fall Internship and Career Expo on October 27th, 2022. After two years of virtual events, the Fall 2022 Internship and Career Expo was held in person. Students and employers filled the halls of Shidler. Over forty different employers from local, national, and international businesses participated in the career expo. The event provided a great opportunity for students to network, ask questions and meet employers all within a Thursday morning.



# SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



On Monday, November 7th, Shidler students and donors were able to meet and network with each other at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki at the annual Shidler Scholarship Luncheon. This year over 100 scholarships were awarded to over 450 students!

The event allowed students to meet and thank their donors. Dean Vance Roley provided a welcome and update about the Business School, with Lance Higa, President of the Shidler Alumni Association giving the sponsor remarks.



For the keynote, undergraduate, and graduate speakers, The Executive Managing Director and Captive Practice Leader for Brown and Brown, Matt Takamine provided the Keynote Address, with Tyler Kainoa Sanford and our very own Ruby Aliason providing the graduate and undergraduate speeches respectively.

# RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

On the morning of July 23, the Shidler Global Leaders gathered at the Ronald McDonald House in Manoa to assist with preparing donation letters, which would be sent to addresses across Hawaii. The group formed an efficient assembly line for folding letters and stuffing envelopes and was able to prepare hundreds of envelopes ready for delivery by the end of the shift. Donations enable the Ronald McDonald House Charities to garner support for families who need financial assistance with housing and treating children facing severe illnesses. The Shidler Global Leaders were happy and honored to be able to assist the organization once again.





# HAWAI'I FOODBANK



On Saturday, October 1st, the Shidler Global Leaders volunteered at Hawaii Food Bank with the Shidler Alumni Association. Students from Shidler clubs, such as the Business Executive Society of Tomorrow, Delta Sigma Pi, Graduate Business Student Association, Inter-Business Council, International Business Organization, and Society for Human Resource Management also participated. We packed bags of food in support of the Food 4 Keiki Pantry Program, which will be distributed to children on Oahu and Kauai.

The SGLs participated in different tasks throughout the warehouse. The majority of us created an assembly line to package bags with five different items - canned fruits, vegetables, entrees, tuna fish, and oatmeal. Others kept the area clean by collecting trash. We broke down cardboard boxes and put the plastic in a separate bin to support recycling efforts. After three hours, we were able to package over 6,000 bags of food.

This was not only a great way to help the community, but also an excellent opportunity to meet the Shidler Alumni Association and other students.

# KA PAPA LO'I O KĀNEWAI



On the morning of Saturday, November 5th, the Shidler Global Leaders and other student groups, including the International Business Organization, and other University of Hawai'i student clubs as well as Kamehameha Schools, volunteered at the Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai at UH.



Since numerous students showed up for this event, five groups were created which gave students from many different backgrounds an opportunity to meet and work together throughout the day and take care of a crucial part of the culture here in Hawai'i. This helped reinforce the importance of *mālama ka 'āina*, or caring for the land, as students were able to help take care of the lo'i, clean the ala wai that supplies the lo'i with water, and learn about the importance of *kalo* in Hawaiian culture.



Mahalo to all the people who work together to maintain the Ka Papa Lo'i O Kanewai, and for giving the Shidler Global Leaders the opportunity to come out to volunteer and have a fantastic time giving back to Hawaiian culture.



# RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES GALA

The RMHC Gala was a charity event held by the Ronald McDonald House Charities at the Alohilani Resort on the evening of November 19th, 2022, with an attendance of over four hundred guests from different industries and walks of life. This event ended successfully thanks to the effort of Shidler Global Leaders, who assisted with various activities during the event to provide a smooth event experience for the guests.

The charity event consisted of silent auctions, live auctions, and on-scene cash donations. For the silent auctions, the Shidler Global Leaders assisted with guests' online account registration and lookup on their currently existing accounts. That way, the guests were prepared to participate in silent auctions. For live auctions, the Shidler Global Leaders helped several interested buyers on the scene place bids to ensure a swift and smooth bidding process. The live auction ended with several items sold, including a guitar signed by Paul McCartney, the famous musician and former member of the popular British band - the Beatles. Last, the Shidler Global Leaders assisted in collecting cash donations from the guests and distributing yellow RMHC towels to each guest who donated.

Ultimately, the event fundraised more than fifteen thousand dollars in cash and online contributions, in addition to the tremendous generosity of the buyers in the live auctions who contributed to the fundraising success of this event. The amounts raised will be utilized by RMHC to help better support the families and children in need.



# JACOB GRAHAM

*Rennes School of Business, France*



My study abroad in Rennes, France, and by extension Europe, has been an immensely beneficial experience in many more ways than I initially expected. When I first outlined my goals for this semester, it was 1) to step outside my comfort zone, 2) to immerse myself in French culture, and 3) to take courses that I normally wouldn't have. I can say that I have already met most of these goals.

I chose to study abroad in France due to its geographical and cultural distance from Hawaii, and my experience in France has certainly been conducive to pushing me to be more independent, as I have to navigate everyday things like buying groceries, cooking for myself, cleaning my apartment, making reservations, and taking different types of public transport in a different environment. As the great Mark Twain said, “broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.” I believe that I view life with a different outlook in a way that is tangible.



I often find myself going out to different places with others, and although I experience the same events as my classmates and friends, these experiences are viewed through a different cultural lens, so I am exposed to different, unique perspectives. This is deeply enriching because I get to view the world through a different set of eyes, so to speak, and relive these events in a different way.

Ultimately, my study abroad in France has been an experience that has helped me understand myself better, and I am sincerely grateful to my university and the Johnson Study Abroad Scholarship for enabling me to travel to, live in, and experience France.



# STEFANI SAKAMOTO

*National University of Singapore, Singapore*

I am very grateful for the opportunity to study abroad at the National University of Singapore during the Fall 2022 semester. Living in Singapore has been an eye-opening adventure with many exciting new experiences and tremendous growth. Educationally, I was able to interact and network with NUS students, faculty, and the community to expand my foundation of international knowledge. I explored a multitude of places and met friends from all over the world, who are now part of my ohana. I look forward to having reunions here in Hawaii, as well as visiting their home countries. Being an international student afforded me the opportunity to gain new cultural perspectives, and to independently navigate the many challenges of living in a foreign country.



One of my goals was to gain an internship. I had the honor of working with the GROW Accelerator, in partnership with AgFunder. John Friedman, the Director of GROW, allowed me to help with GROW's Demo Day and the Agri-Food Tech Asia Expo. Learning about innovative products created by startups from countries like Israel, Indonesia, Australia, Italy, and Nigeria was enriching. Assisting with these events enhanced my professional skills and sparked my interest to work internationally in the future.

Singapore's proximity to other countries made it an excellent gateway for traveling. During the two reading weeks, I visited South Korea and Malaysia. I met with friends from Shidler who were studying abroad in South Korea and we explored Seoul together. Visiting new countries and experiencing cultures outside of Singapore were some of the highlights of my study abroad experience.

I will forever cherish the indelible memories of this semester. I am extremely thankful and empowered by my newfound confidence from living on my own and deepened cultural appreciation. Thank you to the Freeman Study Abroad Scholarship for providing the financial support to become a stronger person in all facets of my life. I will be able to offer more to society due to my study abroad experiences. I am very grateful to everyone who helped me achieve my aspiration to study abroad.

# LYDIA JUN

*Korea University, South Korea*



In Korea, I experienced a lot of “firsts.” For the first time, I saw snow and wore scarves, long coats, and heat tech to survive the freezing temperature. For the first time, I ate spicy chicken feet and grilled intestines to satisfy my hunger for soulful, flavorful, and interesting dishes. For the first time, I became friends with diverse people I never thought I would ever be able to meet, including students from Brazil, Morocco, and Kazakhstan. For the first time, I was finally able to converse with my Korean family members due to my drastic improvement in my Korean language skills.



I am incredibly grateful for the Freeman Foundation for enabling me to gain each of these experiences. Overall, I learned that I am fully capable of accomplishing challenging things, like living alone in a different country! Moreover, my exchange in Korea helped me to gain a sense of pride in my culture and learn about my identity as a Korean-American, which I had struggled with in my childhood.

I came to Korea only with two suitcases and an excited heart, but I will be leaving with a wealth of knowledge and a new version of myself.



# JENNA MURAOKA

*Chung-Ang University, South Korea*



Being able to study abroad at Chung-Ang University in Seoul, South Korea has been one of the best experiences in my life. I have been able to see the beautiful leaves change in Autumn and the snowfall in winter, it's something I will never forget. Since I am graduating soon, I have been taking courses to make me a more rounded individual in the business world like marketing, human resource management, and finance classes. These courses had many group projects and it was very interesting to meet and work with people from all over the world as well as students from Korea.

It's hard to choose just one favorite part of this semester, but going to Jeju island has to be at the top of the list. It was a short flight from Seoul but a completely different experience. The island was small and we were able to go around it in one day, and in many ways, it reminded me of home. We went hiking and went to Woljeong beach and many scenic areas of Jeju like the Manjanggul lava tube while also taking in the local cuisine like black pork belly and meeting so many nice people along the way.

Thank you to the Freeman Foundation for supporting my semester abroad! Overall, this semester has been filled with historic site visits, tourist attractions, and so much good food!



# KAYLEE MIKI

*University of Roehampton London, United Kingdom*

This semester abroad in London at the University of Roehampton has been an absolute blessing. I have learned so much about other cultures, people, and myself. My courses this semester focused heavily on international business. In addition to my tutors (the British equivalent of American professors) being internationally experienced, many of my classmates were from other countries, including Ghana, France, and Turkey. It was interesting to learn about their cultures and discuss academic topics with people who have a different perspective of the world.



One of my favorite parts of this semester has been traveling to other European cities like Edinburgh, Paris, Genova, Copenhagen, and Cologne. My trips were a mix of traveling with friends and solo. Solo traveling was a new experience for me, as all the trips I had gone on in my life up to now had either been with family or friends. When I first left to travel alone, I was both excited and nervous. Now, after visiting five cities solo, I encourage anyone who has ever wanted to but is hesitant about solo traveling to do it. I have made so many amazing new friends through my travels and have had the opportunity to be immersed in so many different, beautiful cultures. It pushes you to get comfortable with the uncomfortable and be adaptable in new places, cultures, and environments. Solo travel and study abroad are truly journeys of self discovery.

Mahalo to the Johnson Study Abroad Scholarship for the financial support that made this experience abroad possible and to my family who has encouraged me to push my boundaries. This truly has been a remarkable semester where I have learned so much about the world and myself.



