

# *Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence Fish Scholars' Newsletter – Fall 2014*

## *Semester Recap*

Welcome to the Fall 2014 Fish Scholars' Newsletter. This issue highlights the Fish Scholars' activities under the leadership of Natasja Goodin, our cohort coordinator. It has been a busy semester for the Fish Scholars with Service-to-School, Community Service, Johnson Hall, and Study Abroad Adventures.

This semester, we focused on getting our fellow students excited about business. We hosted events for the Johnson Hall pre-business residence to help in their professional development as future business people.

We wrapped up the semester with a breakfast get-together. It was a great to sit down and enjoy each other's company after a busy semester. We wished safe travels to Natasja Goodin and Bethany Kwan on their exciting study abroad adventures in the Spring.



First Row (left to right): Kathy Oyadomari, Cassandra Joy Ecraela,  
Angelica (Wai Sam) Lao, Michelle Dang

Second Row: Christina Amundsen, Bethany Kwan, Stephanie Suda, Natasja Goodin, Jessica Lee

Third Row: Patrick Ma, Ren Tachino, Ken Kanemitsu, Manuel (Tony) Wong Cam

# *Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence Service to School*

## **Shidler Success Seminar** *September 9, 2014 and September 10, 2014*

The Shidler Success Seminar is an annual event hosted for incoming freshmen in the Pre-Business Ace Cluster Program. The Fish Scholars partnered with the First Year Programs for this two-day seminar. The Success Seminar provides students the opportunity to learn more about the Shidler College of Business's admission requirements as well as various ways to get involved with the extracurricular activities on campus. The Fish Scholars were able to share some of their experiences with the students, as well as, provide tips on how to maximize their undergraduate experience. The students also got to participate in a Shark Tank activity to give them a preview of some of the things they may learn about once they enter Shidler.



The Shidler Success Seminar is one of the Fish Scholars' favorite events. It is fulfilling to see students get involved with student clubs and other extracurricular activities after attending the Success Seminar. As upperclassmen, it's great to see the impact that we can have on others by hosting events such as the Success Seminar.



## **Hall of Honors** *September 30, 2014*

The Shidler College of Business Hall of Honor recognizes distinguished Shidler alumni for their contributions to their profession, community, and to the Shidler College of Business. This year's award recipients were Roland Casamina, Curtis Freeze, James Lee, Gina Mangieri, and David McClain. The Fish Scholars were given the amazing opportunity to volunteer at this event.

We assisted with the initial set-up, guest registration, parking validation, escorting guest to their seats, and clean up at the end of the event. During dinner, we heard inspirational stories from the awardees, and learned about how the Shidler College of Business impacted their lives. The Fish Scholars enjoyed being able to help at such a prestigious event and look forward to volunteering again next year.



## **Internship and Career Expo (Career Fair)** ***October 16, 2014***

The Internship and Career Expo hosted over 50 local and mainland employers, including The Boeing Company, Bank of Hawaii, and Merrill Lynch.

Students were given a chance to connect with professionals, inquiry about jobs, and learn about internship opportunities. The Fish

Scholars were instrumental in ensuring the event went smoothly. We assisted with setting up tables and chairs, checking in employers at the registration table, passing out water, and the breakdown of the event. Overall, the event ran smoothly and it felt great giving back to the Shidler community.



## **Scholarship Luncheon** ***November 3, 2014***

The 2014 Shidler College of Business Scholarship Luncheon recognizes student scholarship recipients for the current school year. Students got to thank their donors and get to know them over lunch at the Waialae Country Club.

During the luncheon, majority of the Fish Scholars sat with members of the Hawaii Community Foundation in honor of the Oscar and Rosetta Fish fund donors. We talked about past experiences, future plans, and personal aspirations. It was a wonderful event and great opportunity for the students to get to know their donors and express their gratitude.



## **Shidler Open House** **November 16, 2014**

The Shidler Open House gave prospective students the opportunity to learn more about the business program and the benefits of being a part of the Shidler community. The event composed of informational sessions and an open forum for parents and students to ask questions about the programs, clubs, and organizations at Shidler. There were representatives from each business club, PACE, and international exchange for the parents and students to talk to.



The Fish Scholars were stationed at the international exchange table where the students came to ask questions about our experiences, where they could study, what classes they could take, and how much it could cost them. We also talked about different scholarships and grants that are available to them for their study abroad travels. Fellow Fish Scholar, Wai Sam (Angelica) Lao, was able to share her study abroad experiences in Germany. It was amazing to talk to the students who seemed really excited to attend college, get involved in the business community, and get a head start on their college career.

## **Shidler Faculty Christmas Party** **November 16, 2014**

The Fish Scholars had the amazing opportunity to participate in the Shidler Faculty Christmas Party this year. We dressed up as Santa's little helpers and helped pass out gifts to the faculty. It was special to surprise all the faculty with this fun portion of the evening's program. It was great to give back to all the faculty who helps make our education at Shidler exceptional. We loved the event, being able to see all the smiles on their faces as we passed out gifts. We wish everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!





# *Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence Community Service*

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kid's Sake** *September 7, 2014*

As our first community service of the semester, the Fish Scholars volunteered at the Bowl for Kid's Sake, Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraising event at Aiea Bowl. While at Aiea Bowl we were divided and assigned to various stations for the duration of the event. Our duties included check-in, parking attendant, photo booth workers, and food runner. It was a great opportunity to help out such a wonderful organization and interact with members of the community. The theme of the event this year was Wild Wild West, and it was very enjoyable, fun atmosphere to be in. Everyone at the event was very excited to be there, it was fun to watch the participants bowl and see the smiles on their faces. It really made us feel that our effort contributed to the community.



## **Children's Discovery Center Costume Ball** *October 26, 2014*

The Children's Discovery Center Costume Ball was a great opportunity for the Fish Scholars to interact with children during the Halloween season. There were different stations such as giving out treats, helping kids playing a fun game of ring toss, as well as passing out a delicious dinner to families. Some Scholars were given the opportunity to help children create Halloween lanterns using various spooky-themed stamps and paper. The Fish Scholars really

enjoyed being able to put smiles on the children's faces. It gave us the opportunity to make Halloween special for the younger children without the large masses at malls or the danger of going door to door.

## **Honolulu Marathon** *December 13, 2014*

The Fish Scholars were fortunate to help at the Honolulu Marathon this year. We were able to pass out race numbers to participants and wish them luck for the race the next day. It was eye opening to see so many people from all over the world coming to pick up their packets for the marathon. The Fish Scholars enjoyed each other's company while helping at a busy, but fun event.



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## *Johnson Hall – Residential Life Program*



### **Welcome Back Event** **August 26, 2014**

Fish Scholars kicked off the semester at Johnson Hall with a welcome back event. For the formal program, Assistant Dean of the Shidler College of Business, Robin Hadwick, and the Fish Scholars introduced themselves to the residents. After, we played some icebreakers and mingled for the rest of the night. The Fish Scholars answered questions residents had about classes or what to expect at Shidler. We were able to learn more

about the residents such as their future plans and goals for the upcoming semester. It was a successful event to kick off another great semester at Johnson Hall.

### **Resume and Cover Letter Workshop** **September 16, 2014**

At this event, the Fish Scholars helped answer any questions residents had about resumes and cover letters. We also offered support to getting one started or to refine an existing one. Each resident was paired up with at least two Fish Scholars. The Fish Scholars also brought three documents with them that would serve as guidance for the residents. The first document was a resume template that outlined how a resume should be formatted. The second document was an actual resume that was well put together. And the third document was a list of action verbs that would help students phrase their resumes. Overall, the event was a huge success and the turnout was great!

### **Mock Interview** **October 15, 2014**

To help students better prepare for their future careers, the Fish Scholars held a Mock

Interview workshop. It began with a presentation that consisted of general interview tips such as appropriate attire, firm handshake and confidence. After the presentation, the residents were able to test their interview skills. Since there are many different types of interviews they may encounter in the real world, residents chose from a variety of interview types such as panel interviews, one-on-one interviews, job interviews, and scholarship interviews. At each station, the students practiced their entrance, handshake, initial introduction. Then they were asked a series of typical interview questions. In each group, there was at least one Fish Scholar who took notes on the interview. The 'note taker' provided interviewees with feedback on their strengths and weaknesses. This event gave residents the ability to practice their interview skills in a low key, safe environment. The Fish Scholars who are more experienced with interviews were able to share their knowledge and also learn from each other.



## **Game of Life**

### ***November 19, 2014***



Fish Scholars recreated a version of the board game, the “Game of Life” for our monthly Johnson Hall activity. We had a life-sized board game complete with props such as a giant dice that the players can roll and “Fish” money. Each Scholar had a role, such as monitoring a section of the board game, giving paychecks, handing out loans, or being the banker.

The game begins with a choice to start working immediately and earn money or to go to college and take out a loan. Most players chose college, but there were a couple adventurous ones who dared to say “Why not?” and chose a job instead. Players had to make real-life choices based on realistic scenarios and limitations, such as buying a house, choosing to go to grad school, or having a family—while collecting raises along the way as they pass Pay Day.

Even though the objective of the game is to retire with the most money, Game of Life J-Hall version also incentivizes those who acquired the most Life cards, which represent noteworthy life-affirming experiences such as traveling abroad. We hope the students had just as much fun as we did and perhaps were introduced to a few more possibilities that they did not previously consider as they continue walking through their own Game of Life.

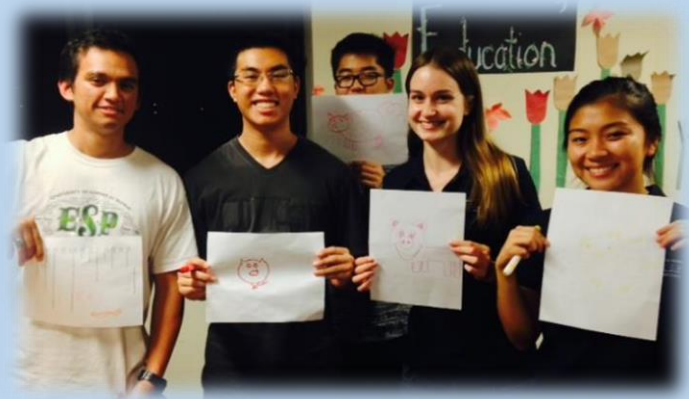
## **Farewell Event**

### ***December 3, 2014***

The Fish Scholars invited residents to join us to celebrate the end of a great semester. Since many of the residents are freshmen, we wanted to give them finals week advice. Each Fish scholar shared one finals survival tip that helps them get through finals.

After this, we played a fun game. Everyone was given a piece of paper and marker/crayon to draw a pig. From their drawings, Natasja explained how a certain part was related to a personality/trait. For example, a longer tail is correlated with more intellectuality.

We also got a chance to sit down with students and get feedback from our events this semester. The residents really enjoyed the resume workshop and found it useful. We asked them to input on future Johnson Hall events to help increase participation and really cater to what the students are interested in learning more about.





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## *Fish Scholars Abroad*

**Stephanie Suda**  
***PAMI Asian Field Study***

"This summer, I was able to spend three weeks in Asia, traveling to Tokyo, Japan; Hong Kong, China; Guangzhou, China; Manila, Philippines; and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. It was my first time traveling outside of the US, and I had an unforgettable experience. I traveled through Shidler Pacific Asian Management Institute, Asian Field Study, with twenty five other students from Shidler's Executive MBA, MBA, and Undergraduate Programs.



We spent about four days in each country exploring the business, cultural, and night life of each. The trip gave me a perspective of how different our life in the US is, and even how different life in each country is. I am quite a picky eater, so traveling to new places always poses a challenge for me to try new foods. In each country, I tried new foods, and really pushed myself outside of my comfort zone. In Japan, I tried Chicken Sashimi. In China, I tried all sorts of Dim Sum. In the Philippines, I tried Pancit. And in Vietnam, I tried Pho.

Traveling with the other participants really made my experience unforgettable. We had a lot of fun getting to know each other and experiencing everything new as a group. I was also able to really get to know my fellow Fish Scholar, Ren, who also participated in this program. We were able to share some fun experiences trying to get around new countries where we didn't understand the language.

My experience abroad would not have been possible without the Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship, and I am so thankful to have been given this amazing opportunity. I cannot wait to go back to Asia and have more exciting new adventures!"





**Ren Tachino**  
***PAMI Asian Field Study***

"For three weeks in July of 2014, I was able to travel around Asia and get the experience of a lifetime. Through the Shidler College of Business, I was able to participate in the Pacific-Asian Management Institute, Asian Field Study and visit different companies in five different countries. The cohort consisted of a combination of Executive MBA, MBA, and

Undergraduate students, myself falling into the latter category. Together, our group of 25 (including two professors) traveled to Japan, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Philippines, and Vietnam. Although they are all Asian countries, each place could not be more different from the last. With about four days in each country, we were able to visit multiple companies, take many cultural tours, and experience each place's unique food, people, and sites.



One particular memory involves waiting in line for four hours to eat at Sushi Dai, a famous sushi restaurant next to Tsukiji Fish Market. The wait was grueling, but the moment I sat down at the sushi bar and the first piece was placed in front of me, I knew that the wait was worth it.

Aside from cultural experiences, I also gained a lot of professional experience visiting the different companies in each country. The places varied from high technology companies, to food manufacturing facilities, to two different science parks in Hong Kong. It was an amazing experience and I intend to use this new international experience as I move forward with my career.

I cannot express how thankful I am for the Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence and everything it has done for me over the past three semesters. I was disappointed I would be unable to study abroad for a semester, but I feel this summer experience was more than worth it. The travel bug has bitten me and I cannot wait to go back!"

My favorite country that we visited is Japan. We were in Tokyo for four days, which allowed us ample time to explore. In my spare time, I was able to experience the Japanese night life, take the metro and visit the shopping district, and eat some of the best food I have ever tasted.

