

Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence

FISH Newsletter – Fall 2011

Semester Recap

Fall 2011 has proven to be another very busy semester for the Fish Scholars. Individually, we have continued to make an impact within the University of Hawaii by holding various leadership positions both within and outside of the Shidler College of Business. Ying Bong “Billy” Wu was the International Student Association President. Daniel Hee served as the Director of Professional relations for the Financial Management Association. Theresa Capestany served as the Corresponding Secretary for Beta Alpha Psi. Mason Choy was the UHM Financial Literacy

Program Co-founder. Jarenn Nagaishi-Choi was the Business Executive Society of Tomorrow’s Director of Finance. Matthew Amore was the Director of Corporate Relations for the Society for Human Resource Management. Huy Nguyen was the American Marketing Association’s Executive President.



The Fish Scholars were under the leadership of Ying Bong “Billy” Wu as the cohort coordinator for

the fall semester. As a cohort, we continued to work together as we volunteered in different community service events. We participated in the Children and Youth Day, helped fill children’s backpacks with donations for Aloha United Way, and performed garden maintenance at the Magoon Research Station. We also aided in various service to school events held at the Shidler College of Business such as the Career Expo and the Shidler Success Seminar. Together with the International Business Organization, we also held an International Fair in the Shidler Hallways to provide information for students who are interested in studying abroad.

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Community Service



Children and Youth Day

For the first community service event of the semester, the Fish Scholars volunteered at the state capitol for Hawaii's Children and Youth Day. This event is held once a year with thousands of Hawaii's families coming together to enjoy a day of entertainment and education. For this event, we helped set up and assisted in educational booths, assisted the event head with ground maintenance, and helped distribute thank you bags to the companies that participated in the event. We participated in this event from seven in the morning until four in the afternoon. We all contributed our hard work to

help the event run smoothly so that the children and families of Hawaii could enjoy a beautiful Sunday at the Children and Youth Day event.

School Supply Drive Packing

Aloha United Way's Society of Young Leaders is a group of young business and community leaders who are engaged in philanthropy and community caring throughout Oahu. On Saturday, October 8th, the Fish Scholars teamed up with the Society of Young Leaders to pack over 400 school supply kits for needy and homeless students in Hawaii. These backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to the different school districts throughout Oahu. Through this event, we were able to give back to the local community while making valuable connections with young leaders in Hawaii.



Magoon Research Facility

This community service project benefited the University of Hawaii's Student Organic Farm Training program at the Magoon Research Facility. The Fish Scholars helped maintain an agricultural research area by weeding, planting, watering, and other



general garden maintenance. This gave the Fish Scholars a chance to work outside with their hands while learning the importance of sustainable agriculture in Hawaii.

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Service to School

Career Expo

Third year Fish Scholar, Mason Choy, was one of the primary persons involved with planning and coordinating the Shidler Career Expo this semester. He worked together with the Office of Internships and Career Development to streamline the registration process and facilitate the event. The Fish Scholars were instrumental in ensuring the event ran smoothly by manning the registration table, monitoring the buffet room, and directing the professional representatives. This event allows students to seek out potential internship and employment opportunities with over forty companies. It also provides an opportunity for the Fish Scholars to network with professionals and to begin their own career search while giving back to the Shidler community.



Shidler Success Seminar

Every fall semester, the Fish Scholars host a Shidler Success Seminar to acclimate Ace Cluster freshmen to the Shidler College of Business. This semester, Fish Scholar Rachel Seachris coordinated the program with the help of Jarenn Nagaishi-Choi. At this event, students were taught the building blocks of business such as



professionalism, networking, and teamwork. The Fish Scholars gave an informative presentation on helpful topics for the transition into the business college covering such topics as clubs, scholarships, advising, and their own personal advice and experience. This event also called for a friendly competition between the Ace Cluster Freshman which put their newly acquired business skills to work. This competition, which was to create and market a product to a panel of investors, required innovation, creativity, teamwork, and presentation skills.

International Fair

The International Fair is an educational fair that provides information about international exchange programs and studying abroad for students. On September 28th, the Fish Scholars helped with student registration and a question and answer booth. We also helped promote international awareness and study abroad experiences together with the International Business Organization. Some of the Fish Scholars also had the opportunity to interact with exchange students from other countries. Collaborating with the Manoa International Exchange Program and the Study Abroad Program, we learned more about studying abroad which will help us to prepare for our own international experiences.



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