

Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence

FISH Newsletter – Spring 2011

Semester Recap

Spring 2011 has proven to be another very busy semester for the Fish Scholars. Individually, we have continued to make an impact within the Shidler community by holding various leadership positions in the different business clubs. Daniel Hee served as Director of Professional Relations for the Financial Management Association. Mariam Beard was on the executive board for the Entrepreneurs Club as Director of Communications. Kendra Berch was Director of Business Night and Theresa Capestany was Vice President for the Inter-Business Council. Michelle Lau served as the President of the Information Technology Management Association. Mason Choy, Rachel Seachris, and Jericah Baxa continued their terms as presidents of the Financial Management Association, Pi Sigma Epsilon, and the Inter-Business Council respectively. Lastly, this was the premiere semester of the International Business Organization with Ying Bong “Billy” Wu as the co-founder and President.

The Fish Scholars were once again under the leadership of Jericah Baxa and Mason Choy as co-coordinators for the spring semester. As a cohort, we continued to work together as we



volunteered in different community service events. We participated in the Chinese New Year's Festival, the Great Aloha Run, and the Honolulu Festival performing different tasks for each event. We also aided in various service to school events such as the Career Expo held at the Shidler College of Business as well as the Alumni Association's Executive Vineyards Wine Tasting at The Kahala. Together with the International Business Organization, we held an International Fair in the Shidler Hallways to provide information for students who are interested in studying abroad.

The Shidler College of Business had their annual Business Night event with Fish Scholar Kendra Berch as the

Executive Director. This year marked the 50th anniversary of Business Night and another Fish Scholar, Theresa Capestany, was the co-emcee for the evening. The night ended with various Fish Scholars receiving awards. Rachel Seachris won Outstanding Junior in Marketing. Michelle Lau received the Special Senior in Technology. Billy Wu won the Outstanding Senior in Finance while Mariam Beard won Outstanding Student in Entrepreneurship. Jericah Baxa received the Outstanding Senior in Shidler College of Business and Mason Choy received the Dean's Service Award. We would also like to congratulate Jericah Baxa, Mariam Beard, Kendra Berch and Michelle Lau as they graduate and move on in their careers. We wish them the absolute best in the future!

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Chinese New Year Festival

Our first community service event of the semester was helping with the Chinese New Year's Festival in Chinatown. We helped by passing out surveys to attendees to see how the event can be improved in the following years. While we were



surveying attendees, we enjoyed watching the cultural festivities, such as a lion dance. Our assistance in the New Year Festival will help the Chinese Merchants Association, a non-profit organization, plan and improve next year's festival booths, activities, and demonstrations.



Great Aloha Run

On February 21, 2011, the Fish Scholars volunteered at the Great Aloha Run. The volunteer activity was coordinated by Fish Scholars Michelle Lau and Rachel Seachris. Waking up before dawn to help with the post-race preparation, the Fish Scholars were hard at work



putting together the post-race snacks for the runners with other Great Aloha Run volunteers. As the first few runners finished the race, the Fish Scholars joined other clubs and organizations who were also volunteering for the event to pass out cold water and drinks to the finishers.

The Honolulu Festival

The Honolulu Festival is Hawaii's premier annual cultural event, promoting understanding, economic cooperation, and ethnic harmony between the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Rim region. The Fish Scholars participated in the Grand Parade down Kalakaua Avenue on

Sunday, March 13. In their Japanese Happi Coats, the scholars helped carry the Mikoshi, engage the crowds as they walked in the procession, and hand out water to other participants in the festival. This was a great opportunity for the Fish Scholars to give back to the community and contribute to an important event in Honolulu that complimented their outgoing personalities!



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Service to School

Executive Vineyard Wine Tasting

On March 10, 2011, the Fish Scholars handed out wine glasses and assisted with the silent auction at the Shidler Alumni Association's Wine Tasting event held at the Kahala Resort. This event created opportunities to network with alumni who are professionals in their respective fields island-wide. Through talking with them, we were able to gain helpful insight and advice as we prepare to enter the competitive work force in the coming years. Service-to-College events such like these help us learn and develop skills that complement our academic progress and empower us to achieve success and excellence both in our personal lives and professional careers.



Career Expo

Every semester the Shidler College of Business hosts a Career Expo that helps facilitate the relationship between its students and the business community. At this event, we assisted with setting up the tables for the event. We also helped deliver the lunches and waters to the professionals. As a group, we had the unique opportunity to interact with the professionals on a more personal level.

International Fair

The International Fair was very successful this semester. The Fish Scholars cooperated with the Study Abroad Program, Manoa International Exchange Program, Pacific Asian Management Institute (PAMI), and other study abroad volunteers to bring this informational session to students in Shidler. The fair has enhanced the international awareness in Shidler by educating students about the study abroad programs and other countries such as Hong Kong, Japan, and France. Students were able to visit different booths in the fair and received useful information to start planning their study abroad trip. We would like to thank PAMI for sponsoring a \$500 Travel Award as the raffle prize, which successfully attracted more students to participate in this event.

