

Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence

FISH Newsletter – Fall 2012

Semester Recap

The Fish Scholars had another eventful semester in which two of their scholars, Huy Nguyen and Jarenn Nagaishi-Choi studied abroad at Yonsei University in South Korea. While another scholar, John Tsuji was on a National Student Exchange program studying in Seattle at the University of Washington. The remaining Fish Scholars consisting of Do Kim, Matthew Amore, Kaili Taniguchi, Dakota Robinson, Jonathan ‘Carter’ Daubenspeck, Christopher Saki, Mason Choy, Daniel Hee and Ricardo Fernandez, helped facilitate events which included the Shidler Success Seminar, IBO International Fair, and the Johnson Hall Residential Life’s pre-business floor program. Community Service events included the Walk for Alzheimer event, Family Program Hawaii Christmas gift pickup and annual Honolulu Marathon. Service to School events included the Career Expo and assisting with the Hall of Honors Banquet.

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Service to School



Johnson Hall Residential Life Pre-business floor

A newly implemented program began this fall in which the Fish Scholars played an integral role in developing the Johnson Hall pre-business mentorship program. This program is designed to introduce pre-business students to the multitude of options offered in terms of academic fields of study, scholarships, internships and career placement assistance, and professional as well as social networking through Shidler College of Business. Throughout the semester the scholars provided various activities which included a welcome reception before the semester began, a movie night, International Education Fair, and a Dessert Social. The Fish scholars enjoyed being able to share their experiences with the pre-business students and helping them to make the connection to Shidler College of Business early in their academic pursuits.

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Walk for Alzheimer

The Fish Scholars helped in the Walk for Alzheimer at Magic Island. With the event starting around 7:00am, the scholars were at Magic Island in good spirits and ready to help set up the course for the fun event. During the walk they stood at different stations and locations throughout the course assisting the participants by providing them water as well as cheering and directing walkers towards the finish line!



Family Program Hawaii Christmas

The Fish Scholars participated in the Family Program Hawaii's Christmas Gift event. The Fish scholars met at Makiki Church and helped move hundreds of gifts from their holding area onto a city bus. After loading the gifts onto the city bus, the scholars and volunteers went to the Blaisdell Center to unload the gifts and organize them in their appropriate areas in preparation for the gift event.

Honolulu Marathon

To wrap up the semester, the scholars helped out at the 40th annual Honolulu Marathon. The scholars were at the Hawaii Convention Center distributing packets to the more than 30,000 runners. While volunteering, the scholars met runners from Germany, Japan, Sweden, and interacted with returning volunteers who annually give their time to help.



Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence International & National Student Exchanges

Jarenn Nagaishi-Choi & Huy Nguyen Yonsei University, South Korea

According to Jarenn and Huy, their international study abroad experience in Korea this Fall has been “truly amazing!” They discovered that Yonsei University has a beautiful, high-tech campus, passionate teachers, friendly local students, and an abundance of school pride! The Yonkojun Games between Yonsei University and Korean University was the epitome of friendly, competitive events that brought out the Yonsei Spirit. Academically the Korean Language classes have been especially enjoyable as Jarenn and Huy were able to learn Korean while having fun with



their classmates and teachers with whom they've formed close relationships. Both scholars also loved being able to experience the Korean culture through its food, attractions, music, and the daily customs and commodities they've learned to live by. While in Asia, Jarenn also had the experience to travel to Thailand, and both scholars traveled to Japan at the end of the semester to meet up with other Shidler business students studying in Japan. This experience gave both the travel bug and they hope to do as much traveling in their lifetimes as possible, especially after meeting students from all over the world! Jarenn and Huy are so thankful to have had this opportunity through the Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship and the MIX program and can't wait to share their stories with others upon their return.

John Tsuji University of Washington

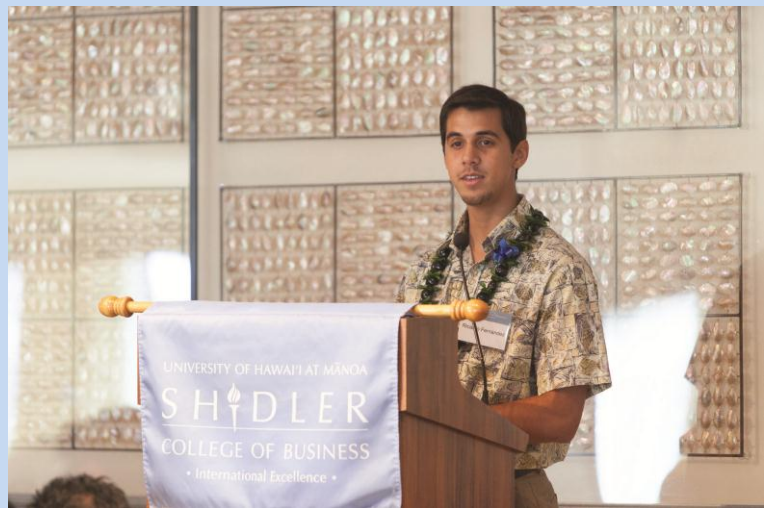
Spending the Fall 2012 semester at the University of Washington in Seattle was absolutely amazing and an experience that I will never forget. Having the chance to live away from home for the first time in my life was very beneficial to me and I found that the tremendous personal growth and maturity that I experienced was absolutely invaluable. Seattle is a wonderful city and the UW campus is beautiful with top notch facilities and dining areas. I really enjoyed the “big campus” feeling and the school spirit everyone sports around campus (especially on game days). Whether it was going to UW football games, trying out different places to eat on the Ave, or going to jazz clubs around campus, there was always something fun and exciting to do. Being a student at the University of Washington was a special and memorable experience and I highly encourage anyone who has the opportunity to participate in the National Student Exchange to do so. The experience of living in a new environment really made me a more independent and confident individual which are both important qualities that will be beneficial to me for the rest of my life.

Read about their experiences on their blogs available at
www.shidler.hawaii.edu/fishscholars



Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence Shidler Scholarship Luncheon Undergraduate Speaker

At this year's scholarship luncheon held at the Kahala Hotel, Fish Scholar Ricardo Fernandez was given the honor of being the undergraduate speaker. His speech was heartfelt as he shared to the audience his story and the impact the scholarship had on his life. It was a good reminder for the audience of students and professionals that the scholarships help students in many ways and that things should not be taken for granted.



(left to right) **Patrick Oki** (BBA '92), Scholarship Donor and keynote speaker, Managing Partner, PFK Pacific Hawaii; **Jay Shidler** (BBA, '68), Founder & Managing Partner, The Shidler Group; **Ricardo Fernandez**; **Brian Haaden** (Graduate Scholarship Speaker); and **V. Vance Roley**, Dean and First Hawaiian Bank Chair of Leadership and Management.