

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

## ***Semester Recap***

Welcome to the Spring 2014 Fish Scholar's Newsletter. This issue highlights the Fish Scholars' initiatives under the leadership of Kaili Taniguchi, our cohort coordinator. It has been a busy semester for the Fish Scholars with Service-to-School, Community Service, Johnson Hall Mentorship Program, and Study Abroad Adventures.

This semester, the Fish Scholars focused on getting pre-business students excited about careers in business. We hosted events for the Johnson Hall pre-business Residential Life Program (RLP) to help in their professional development as future business people.

We wrapped up the semester with a get-together at Koa Pancake House. It was a fun break stress relief after a busy semester, where the scholars were able to enjoy each other's company. We bid farewell to the second year Fish Scholars, Jonathan Carter Daubenspeck, Dakota Daubenspeck (Robinson), Christopher Saki, Kaili Taniguchi and John Tsuji, as they embark on the next chapter of their life.

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

### **IBO International Fair**

The IBO International Fair gave students the opportunity to learn about the Study Abroad Center and Manoa International Exchange programs here at University of Hawaii at Manoa. At this fair, the Fish Scholars had a booth that educated business students about various scholarships available to them through Shidler College of Business (e.g., Johnson Scholarship, Freeman Asia Abroad Scholarships), UH Manoa and national scholarship opportunities. Fish scholars were also able to share their study abroad experiences with their peers.



### **Internship and Career Expo (Career Fair)**

The Fish scholars helped Patrick Stuart at the Career Fair on February 20<sup>th</sup>. We helped set up before the event, greeted and escorted professionals to their tables, did water runs throughout the day, and clean-up after the event. Overall, it was a very successful event for both students and professionals.

### **Executive Vineyards**

On Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Fish Scholars assisted with the Executive Vineyards wine tasting event at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Waikiki. They helped in numerous areas including collecting tickets, passing out wine glasses and programs, and monitoring the silent auction on the ground floor. This event featured a number of UH Manoa Shidler Alumni as well as some of the most promising business people in Hawaii.



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



### **Lemonade Alley**

On Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Fish Scholars ventured to Pearlridge where they volunteered at Lemonade Alley. Lemonade Alley is an event in which children create a lemonade stand to benefit various charities. The Fish Scholars mentored the young participants on how to create a business plan and pitch their ideas. We enjoyed being able to apply what we have learned in the classroom and passing down that knowledge to the children. It was an amazing experience for the Fish Scholars, seeing the passion and motivation of the children as they became excited about business.



## First Saturday

Every first Saturday of the month, Ka Papa Lo‘i o Kānewai (Kānewai), a Hawaiian cultural research and outreach program housed under Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, hosts volunteers to engage in mālama ‘āina (taking care of the land) at the lo‘i (kalo patch) and mala (garden).

On the first Saturday of April, the Fish Scholars volunteered their morning to care for the land and to help Hawai‘i become more sustainable. The Fish Scholars first helped pass rocks from the kahawai (stream) to the other end of the site by forming a long line with the other volunteers. The rocks were important in building a wall that would help in diverting the water from the stream through the lo‘i and back to the stream.

The Fish Scholars also hiked a short 5 minute hike up mauka (uplands) to help clean up debris and natural materials that was trapped in the rocks to help with stream flow at the po‘owai (the point where the stream flows into the irrigation that feeds into the lo‘i). This was important for the well-being of fish, plants, and the lo‘i more downstream.

Finally, the Fish Scholars ended the day getting a little muddy as they climbed into the lo‘i to help clear the weeds growing in the kalo patch. The weeds and other plants that grow in the kalo patch often choke and take away nutrients from the kalo, so weeding is also an essential part in taking care of the lo‘i.



## 2014 Hapalua Packet Pick Up

On Saturday, April 12, 2014, the Fish Scholars were able to help out with the Hapalua Half Marathon and make sure that all of the runners in paradise were well equipped and all set for their race. Not only were we able to be there for the local community, but we also were able to distribute packets to military and tourists as well. It was an awesome opportunity to be goodwill ambassadors for Shidler College of Business, as well as being of service to our community.

As a cohort, we are fortunate to be able to do these events together. So, even though we were doing a simple task, our cohort really had a fun getting to know each other more, and we enjoyed meeting hundreds of people as they walked in to pick up their packets. The Hapalua Packet Pick Up was a very fun and beneficial event, not only for the community, but also for the Fish Scholarship cohort.

### **Hawaii Food Bank Drive**

The Fish Scholars were fortunate to help with the Hawaii Food Bank Drive on April 19th, 2014. The event occurred all over the island, including a station at McCully Shopping Center. This great organization took monetary and resource donations to help the less fortunate and make the island a better place.

The Fish Cohort was able to contribute to this great cause by promoting the event to passing traffic in the area. We waved signs and greeted passersby to spread aloha and encourage them to donate to this good cause. It was a great experience for all the scholars and it allowed us to bond, while assisting with a worthwhile humanitarian effort.

## ***Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence Johnson Hall***

### **Welcome Back Event**

On Friday, January 17th, the Fish Scholars hosted a Welcome Back Event for the Johnson Hall residents to celebrate the start of a new semester. As Fish, we talked about the importance of teamwork and communication to be successful in classes. In group projects and many other aspects of school, students must be an active member of a team and have effective communication in order to accomplish a common task. To demonstrate this, we played a game called the Human Knot. The Fish Scholars teamed up with the Johnson Hall residents to try to untangle themselves from the Human Knot. In order to accomplish this task, all members had to actively participate and communicate their ideas. After this short game, we ate dinner that was provided by the Residence Life Office. Over dinner, the Fish Scholars were able to meet many new residents and catch up with the returning residents. The Fish Scholars answered questions they had about their classes and about Shidler College of Business; and also talked about their future plans and goals for the upcoming semester.

### **Scholarship Advising**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> the Fish Scholars were able to host a scholarship advising session for the Johnson Hall pre-business students. It was the perfect time for the students to brush up on their application skills since the UH Scholarship deadline was the following week. Fish Scholars were able to help the residents find scholarships, show them how to apply, and read over their essays. Students enjoyed being able to receive input and learned how to use their personal experiences to differentiate themselves from others when applying for scholarships.





### **Mock Interview**

The Fish Scholars hosted a Mock Interview Event for the Johnson Hall residents on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. There were several stations available for the residents. At one of the stations, we had a PowerPoint and shared interview tips. Additionally, the residents had the opportunity to experience a panel interview or a one-on-one interview. During their interview session, the Fish Scholars asked the residents questions drawn from their own interview experiences. We had one person note taking and observing during the length of each interview. Feedback was then given to the resident at the end.



### **Mandatory Advising**

The Fish scholars held a mandatory advising session for Johnson Hall residents on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the Johnson Hall A Lounge. Residents were able to meet with Manoa Peer Advisors (MPAs) and figure out various routes they could take in their college career. Some students already had a good idea of which classes they needed to take, while others had no idea and appreciated the guidance. This event was a great way to help out the pre-business students and set them on the right track to graduate in a timely manner. Several of the Fish scholars were on hand to offer academic advice to residents. Overall this was a well-received opportunity and it will continue in the semesters to come!



### **Shark Tank**

The Fish scholars hosted a Shark Tank event for the Johnson Hall residents on Monday, April 21st. The residents formed teams with the Fish scholars and were given a goody bag of items to create their very own invention. The goody bags consisted of pipe cleaners, beads, popsicle sticks, string, etc. The teams got their creative juices flowing! Inventions ranged from a self-sustaining water fountain for UH to a portable taser device for your phone. The teams presented their ideas and business plans to the judges. It was a fun and educational event for the residents and Fish scholars!

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## *Fish Scholar Abroad*

### **Dakota Robinson - Singapore**

“I embarked upon my journey to Asia on December 20, 2013. My first stop was in Northern India to engage in field work for a Global Perspectives on Poverty Alleviation course. This was an amazing cross-cultural experience where we learned about social entrepreneurship as we traveled between slums, villages, and urbanized locations. We visited local grassroots organizations such as self-help groups, micro-finance organizations, and fair trade all the way up to government initiatives, such as the United Nations Development Project and USAID, among others.

From India, I traveled to Singapore to attend the business school at the National University of Singapore. I

learned a lot about the fast-paced high-tech society of Singapore and the competitive nature of the business school. During my time there, I was able to visit surrounding countries such as Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam. I love traveling, my soul longs for adventure, and my heart yearns for interaction with people of different lifestyles.

I experienced so much life, culture, and adventure studying abroad; I made deeper and wider friendships than I ever expected to and my horizons were continually expanded.

I'm so thankful for the Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship that has allowed me to study at the University of Hawaii and to study abroad in South East Asia! I encourage anyone and everyone to study abroad because it teaches you more about yourself and your strengths and weaknesses than sitting in a classroom ever will. Dream big and pursue your dreams.”

Read more about her experiences on her blog available at [www.shidler.hawaii.edu/fishscholars](http://www.shidler.hawaii.edu/fishscholars).

