

Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence Fish Scholars' Newsletter – Fall 2015

Semester Recap

Welcome to the Fall 2015 Fish Scholars' Newsletter! This issue highlights the Fish Scholars' initiatives under the leadership of Bethany Kwan, our cohort coordinator. This semester was filled with many events for the Fish Scholars! The scholars participated in Service-to-School, Community Service, Johnson Hall Mentorship Program, and Study Abroad Adventures.

This semester, the Fish Scholars were able to host Johnson Hall events for business students to help them develop their professional skills. With a total of four Johnson Hall events, the scholars and the residents were able to build relationships while building skills necessary to succeed in their professional careers.

The semester concluded with a Fish Christmas Party at Rikki's house. It was a fun and great night where the scholars got to take a break from studying, and enjoy each other's company! We each brought a dish to share for dinner, and activities such as a gingerbread house competition and Secret Santa. As we bid this semester farewell, we also welcome back our four Fish Scholars who were abroad: Jessica Lee, Kathy Oyadomari, Cassandra Ecraela, and Wai Sam Lao.



First Row (left to right): Nikki Oka, Alexis Panoncillo, Christina Amundsen, Michelle Dang. **Second Row:** Dustin Borromeo, Bethany Kwan, Mia Porter, Ken Kanemitsu, Kirk Wei.

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Hall of Honors

October 8, 2015

Some of Shidler's most distinguished alumni and supporters were honored on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Hall of Honors Awards, which took place at the Sheraton Waikiki. The outstanding alumni that were honored were Tran Trong Klen, Eric Martinson, Dawn Matsumoto, Lawrence Rodriguez, and Allen Uyeda. In addition to the 2015 Hall of Honor Awards, a very special Visionary Award was given to honor Jay H. Shidler for his gracious endowment of \$100 million to the Shidler College of Business. Along with only a handful of Shidler students, the Fish Scholars were sponsored to attend the prestigious event. They arrived early to help set up favors and programs, and also assisted with the VIP room and registration process. The Hall of Honors was truly a remarkable event, and the Fish Scholars felt so appreciative and honored to have had the opportunity to attend! It was also an opportunity for Fish Scholars to network and make connections with successful business leaders in the community.



Internship and Career Expo (Career Fair)

October 15, 2015



Shidler students had the opportunity to meet and network with many professionals in various fields of business on October 15th, 2015 during the Career Expo. The courtyard was filled with companies from every business major, including Merrill Lynch, Deloitte, Hilton Worldwide, and Mutual of Omaha. Local companies, such as First Hawaiian Bank, Roberts Hawai'i, and The Queen's Health Systems were also there to showcase career opportunities. The Fish Scholars worked behind the scenes to help set up, execute, and break down for the expo. Through assisting with the expo, the Fish Scholars were able to help create a space where Shidler's best and brightest students could network with potential employers. Seeing career connections being made that morning was an incredible sight.

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Walk to End Alzheimer's September 5, 2015

On September 5, 2015 the Fish Scholars got the chance to participate in Walk to End Alzheimer's at Magic Island Beach Park. The Fish Scholars arrived at around 5:30am to help set up. Even though it was quite early in the morning, the Fish Scholars were glad to spend their Saturday morning there. As the scholars prepared the materials, carried food and supplies to different tents, and began monitoring people who were participating in the walk, the scholars could clearly see the difference they were making by volunteering at the event. This event really made the scholars grateful for who they are and what they are able to do in life individually and as a group. Walk to End Alzheimer's was a wonderful experience and a great way for the scholars to spend their Saturday morning!



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer October 24, 2015



Early morning on Saturday, September 5, 2015 the Fish Scholars arrived at Aloha Stadium to help with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The scholars were assigned to help with the route and assist people in getting to the starting point. Perhaps the most rewarding part of the volunteer experience was being able to observe the amount of spirit and support the community had for the organization;

participants were dressed in purple! Witnessing how enthusiastic the people were as the Scholars directed them to the starting line was a really special experience.

Keiki Costume Ball

October 25, 2015

On Sunday, October 25th, 2015 the Fish Scholars had the opportunity to serve the community at the Children's Discovery Center. With Halloween coming around the corner, the Keiki Costume Ball was a great event for kids and their families to get dressed up and participate in Halloween-related arts and craft activities. As a group, the scholars helped out with the dinner service. Families lined up for pizza, drinks, and ice cream. There were slow periods, but there were many crazy periods when they all came at one, hungry for pizza and thirsty for chocolate milk! The scholars had so much fun serving the families. This event was very successful, attracting many families and allowing them to take part in Halloween activities in a safe environment.



Honolulu Marathon

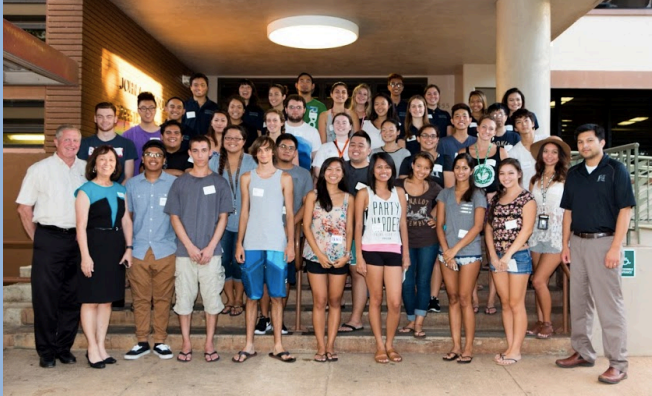
December 12, 2015

On Saturday, December 12th, 2015, the Fish Scholars volunteered at their last community service event of the fall semester, the Honolulu Marathon. They met with seasoned veteran volunteers to help with the last round of race packet pickups at the Hawaii Convention Center. As they passed out packets and guided runners to test their race chips, they had the opportunity to talk to other volunteers. Working alongside several of these men and women was very rewarding—their stories of their days growing up in Hawaii and on the mainland, and their connection to the Honolulu Marathon showcased the *aloha* they had for each other and for the race. As the packets in the boxes dwindled, the Fish Scholars felt grateful to have helped with an organization that consistently draws thousands of visitors from all over the world to our islands.



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Welcome Back Event *August 31, 2015*

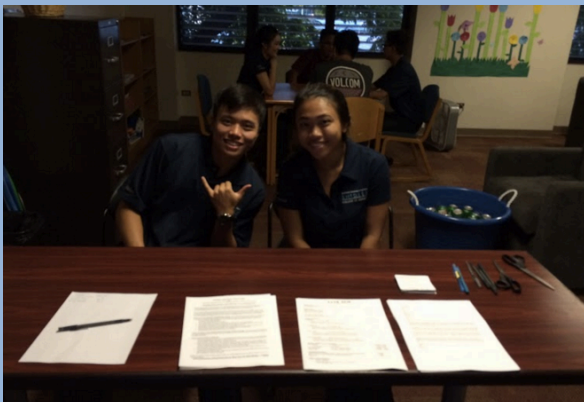
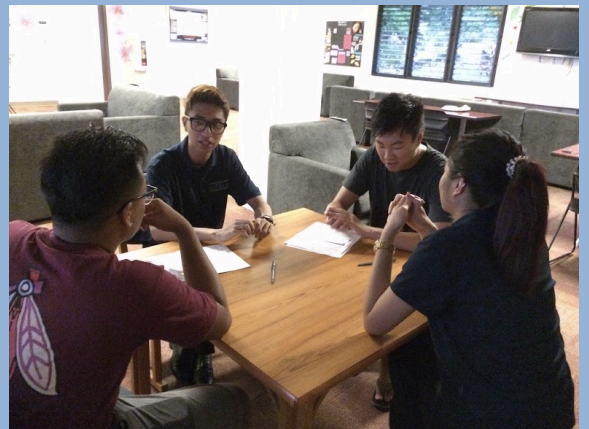


The very first Johnson Hall event this semester was the Welcome Back Event. At this event, the Fish Scholars introduced themselves to the Johnson Hall residents with an introduction powerpoint. After the powerpoint, the Fish Scholars mingled with the Johnson Hall residents, and provided them with advice about Shidler and the UH as a whole. Since many of the residents were freshmen, lots of questions were asked! Drinks and pizza were passed out all of the scholars and students networked with each other, shared laughs, and had a great time. Dean Vance

Roley even made a special guest appearance, and shared his experiences with everyone!

Resume and Cover Letter *October 12, 2015*

On Monday, October 12th, 2015, the Fish Scholars hosted a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for the residents of Johnson Hall. The scholars came up with a list of tips to improve resumes and cover letters, and handed them out to the residents. Residents were also given the opportunity to bring their own resumes for the scholars to look over and make revisions, as well as ask the scholars any questions they may have about resumes and cover letters. Many students did not know what a cover letter was, and the importance of it! Towards the end of the workshop, students gained insight on improving their own resumes, and learned how to produce cover letters for potential employers. The workshop ended with dinner and mingling!



Mock Interview *November 16, 2015*

On Monday, November 16th, 2015, the Fish Scholars stepped into the role of interviewers and gave Johnson Hall residents the opportunity to learn about interviews in a friendly setting. Students were paired up with Fish Scholars to practice different types of interviews, such

as the one-on-one interview, and the panel interview. Students were also able to experience what it's like to interview for an internship, a scholarship, and a job. The scholars came up with questions that real interviewers would ask, and gave students the chance to answer and practice for the real thing. After gaining this valuable knowledge, both students and scholars interacted with each other over dinner!

Farewell Event

December 7, 2015

During this Johnson Hall event on Monday, December 7th, 2015, the Fish Scholars hosted their last event of the semester. The focus of this event was networking, and since the atmosphere was more relaxed, Johnson Hall residents enjoyed games and food hosted by the scholars. The games played include the Pig Personality test, which revealed what kind of personality traits you have based on the pig you drew, as well as a very fun numbers game which had students competing against each other for a pen and paper! Both students and scholars enjoyed taking a break from studying for finals, and had a great time at the Johnson Hall Farewell Event!



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Fish Scholars Abroad

Angelica (Wai Sam) Lao

Shanghai, China – Fudan University

It has been said that one can see China of 5,000 years in the city of Xi'an and China of the last 1,000 years in Beijing, but to see China of the last century and future, Shanghai is the place to be. Everyday that I was in this amazing city, I can still hardly believe the fact that I have, indeed, lived here. Having grown up in a Chinese household, for me China was never a concept of a foreign mysterious land, but rather the motherland whose history and development I have only observed

peripherally. Even during the first few days in China, it was obvious that, at least in the case of Shanghai, I was looking at a very different China from the one that my grandparents or even my parents knew. The new financial district of Pudong and the Bund is absolutely flourishing with business activity, development, and tourism—and it has shown me an example of where the past works with the present to create a better future.



I have tried cuisine from more Chinese cultural provincial groups than I know, learned about the matters that are important to them by attempting to communicate with locals and watching Chinese media. What I have seen is that Shanghai really encapsulates how diverse China can be



and will be, as well as a conclusion that what is important to China should also concern other major countries. My only regret concerning coming to Fudan University is not knowing Chinese to a level where I can take courses taught in that language. The academics and student life here is exceptionally rich, and while they do welcome foreigners, there remains so many things that I cannot experience because English is still not widely or readily spoken.

One of the highlights of my semester was being able to attend a University of Hawaii alumni reunion in Hong Kong. I especially looked forward to the opportunity to expand my network

in Hong Kong, and being able to speak Cantonese really helped me to establish connections with the local alumni there. I hope to return to reinforce the new friendships I have made there and possibly even explore career options.

Read more about her experience on her travel blog available at waiintheworld.wordpress.com

Jessica Lee

Seoul, South Korea – Yonsei University

South Korea is a great country with delicious food, rich history, and a distinct culture. Studying at Yonsei has allowed me to learn from the professors, exchange students, and Korean students. It has been a fulfilling experience through an exchange of knowledge, language, culture, and values. I have picked up informal ways of communicating by the norms in Korea. Professors always talk about Korean culture and all of them have encouraged

us to embrace it, such as: ordering delivery chicken—one of my professors actually taught us how to use the app to order food, then she ordered us chicken and we had a mock picnic outside of our classroom!



Through school clubs and events, I have met a lot of exchange students from where like the states, Australia, Hong Kong, Mexico, and Germany. It has been fun exploring Korea with these people and I am grateful for the memories we have shared. Being in Korea has allowed me to travel

to cities in Korea like Daegu, Busan and Seogwipo, Jeju Island, and also outside of Korea. I've traveled to Hong Kong, Taipei, and Kyoto.

I have grown a lot since the day I flew from Hawaii. The most important thing is friendships that I will bring back with me, because studying abroad in a foreign country teaches you how to deal with problems together and how to work with different personalities. Korean culture is so different, such as the way they dress, the way they perceive relationships, and especially how spicy the food can be. Speaking of food, I have done nothing but enjoy every meal here! I cannot wait to tell more people about studying abroad and how much of an impact it has made on my perception of the world.



Read more about her experience on her travel blog available at seoullost.weebly.com

Kathy Oyadomari***London, England – University of Roehampton***

This semester, I had the opportunity to study abroad at the University of Roehampton in London, England through the University of Hawaii Study Abroad Program. There's so much to say about my time abroad. In the few months I was away from Hawaii, I was faced with new challenges, forced to step outside my comfort zone, and have learned a lot about myself. Throughout my time in London and in Europe, I have met people from all backgrounds. In class, I got to collaborate with business students from different cultures, which provided me with new perspectives. I've also met a lot of wonderful people while traveling and staying in hostels.



A large growing experience for me was traveling on my own. Traveling in Europe was very accessible, so I wanted to take advantage of this opportunity. I was lucky enough to visit Florence, Rome, Capri, Dublin, Amsterdam, and Brussels. I didn't do all of the travelling on my own, but when I did, it was a different feeling to be independent in a foreign place. Traveling to new countries allowed me to immerse myself in new cultures.



Studying abroad was always something I dreamed of doing. The Oscar and Rosetta Fish Scholarship for Excellence fund has made it possible. I am extremely grateful to be afforded this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Read more about her experience on her travel blog available at kathyxeurope.wordpress.com