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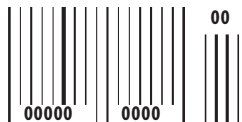
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presidential address



Dear ABSA & Prospective Members,

Welcome to ABSA! I am very excited to serve as your ABSA President for the 2008-2009 school year! When I walked into my first ABSA meeting freshman year, I remember feeling so intimidated by the officers and their business-professional attire. I never pictured myself becoming president, but the fact that ABSA is so wonderful proved otherwise.

So what makes ABSA so wonderful? Members just like YOU.

Here, you will gain great leadership skills, develop professionally, and have the upper hand in your career search. You will have the opportunity to attend our endless socials, play for our intramural teams, volunteer around Austin, compete in our family events, and much, much more.

However, it's the ABSA memories and friends you make during these events that will stay with you after graduation. ABSA owes its success for the past 21 years to members like you. You are the foundation of our professional, social, and philanthropic goals.

As your president, my goal is to provide an atmosphere in ABSA that fosters professional, personal, and social growth, so that you will be able to get anything and everything you have ever wanted from an organization.

To all of our prospective members, we understand that you have many different choices when it comes to joining an organization, and I encourage you to make ABSA that choice. Give us a chance, and you'll experience this wonderful organization firsthand. And don't worry – you do not have to be a business major or Asian to join!

To all of our returning members, please continue to give back to the organization you've grown to love. We appreciate all the talent you have brought to ABSA because YOU have made ABSA what it is today. Every year brings new officers, members, and experiences, so come back and help us make this year even better than the last!

On behalf of the officer panel, I am honored and excited to serve you for the upcoming year. We will continue working hard to ensure that this year will be an amazing experience for everyone. Here's to another outstanding year with ABSA!

Best,
Jocelyn Lee
President 08-09

get to know an officer. . .

JOCELYN LEE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Houston, TX

Major: Business Honors Program

Year: 3rd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

That's such a hard question! I'd probably go with oodles and oodles of home-cooked noodles.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

When Andrew Yoon doesn't check his email! Just kidding. My biggest pet peeve is when people don't live up to their word. I'd rather know the truth now, even if it's not what I want to hear.

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

The FRIENDS theme song: I'll Be There For You (The Rembrandts).



TIFFANY WANG EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Houston, TX

Major: Accounting

Year: 2nd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

My Mom's chicken and mushroom dish with rice. Nothing beats good ole' home cooking!

What is your biggest pet peeve?

People who make commitments and don't follow through. It bugs me when people are undependable and don't keep their word.

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

Ludwig van Beethoven - Piano Concerto No. 5 (Op. 73) - Adagio Un Poco Mosso. This is a beautiful piece that tends to strike people's emotional chords. I'll leave the interpretation up to you.

TIMOTHY LEE

PROFESSIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Sugar Land, TX

Major: Finance

Minor: Chinese

Year: 2nd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

If it really came down to it, I guess I would choose to eat sushi for the rest of my life. It's pretty healthy and tastes good.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

My biggest pet peeve is people who drive nice cars and don't know it. Goodness, what a waste...

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

A song that describes my life would be Piao Yi by Jay Chou. I think it's just a really fun song because he's singing about drifting cars on mountain passes in Japan and he wrote it for the manga series Initial D.



ERICA CHUNG

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Houston, TX

Major: Finance

Year: 3rd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

I would eat my mom's home-made egg drop corn soup – it has chicken, vegetables, and mommy's home-cooked goodness!

What is your biggest pet peeve?

When people let their irresponsibility directly affect you. If you want to be irresponsible, be my guest! But please, don't drag me down with you.

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

Since my life as of now is ABSA, I would say the song that would describe my life is Jason Mraz – "I'm Yours" dedicated to the members of ABSA! ;]

MONICA NGUYEN

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Pasadena, TX

Major: Accounting

Year: 3rd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

If I had to eat one food for the rest of my life, it would definitely be steak—medium rare!

What is your biggest pet peeve?

My biggest pet peeve is when people don't pick up their own trash.

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

Time of Your Life by Greenday. I'm just enjoying college as much as I can.



FELICIA TSAO

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Plano, TX

Major: Business Honors, Plan II Honors

Year: 2nd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

I think I'm already at the stage in my life where I'm eating only one thing—Orville Redenbacher's Kettle Corn. I would love to be buried with a tub of it. Popcorn in general though, be it fancy, gourmet, fancy gourmet, movie theater, homestyle, caramel, Crunch 'n Munch, Lesser Evil etc., is the food of the gods and a staple food in my diet. Yum.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

I can't stand it when someone puts my peanut butter in the fridge. It becomes less peanutty and clumpy.

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

It would have to be Muse's cover of "Feeling Good." The fusion of Sinatra's cheerful lyrical pep with Muse's darker electronic riffs and a melancholy voice definitely suits the way I view my life—optimism with an acknowledgement of reality.

ANDREW YOON

FINANCIAL VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Coppell, TX

Major: Accounting

Minor: Finance

Year: 3rd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

If I had to eat one food for the rest of my life, it would be sushi. My favorite sushi is either Spanish Mackerel or flounder. If you take me out to eat sushi, I will be your best friend.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

My biggest pet peeve is when my roommate sleeps through his alarm. I am a very light sleeper and the walls are thin...

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

I can go the distance - Hercules Theme Song. I can find my way, I can go the distance. I'll be there someday, if I can be strong. That's right. You can all go the distance.



JOHN TERADA

ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Edinburg, TX

Major: Accounting

Minor: Spanish

Year: 2nd

If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

I would have to say Japanese ramen noodles. The ones that I've had in Japan are incomparable to any and I can eat that every night if needed. Whoever has gone to Japan, order some ramen and I guarantee it's going to be the best meal! I even like the Japanese conbini (convenient store) ramen noodles.

What is your biggest pet peeve?

My biggest pet peeve would have to be not being respected. I always respect everyone I meet, and I would definitely hope others would return the favor. Although I am pretty easy going and relaxed about things, I would definitely not want other to think of me as someone to not take seriously and take advantage of.

If you had to pick a song to describe your life, what would it be?

I would have to go with "A Dios Le Pido" by Juanes. I think it describes my life and everyone's life in general. I'm not religious, but I feel this song brings a purpose to everyone's life of seeking purpose and looking up to God for guidance. For those that have never heard it, YouTube it!

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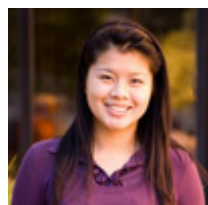
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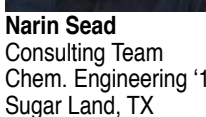
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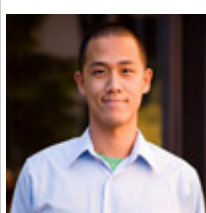
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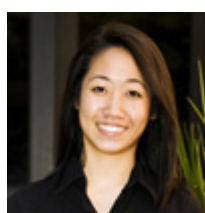
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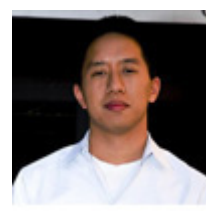
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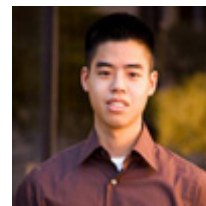


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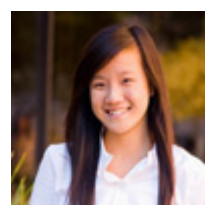
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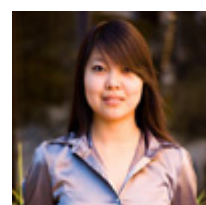
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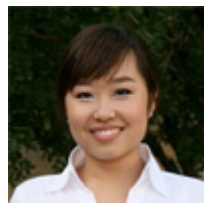


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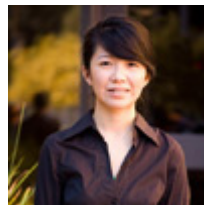
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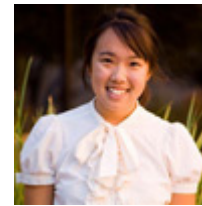
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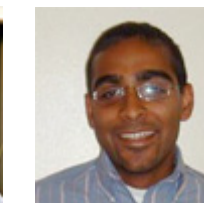
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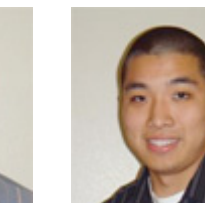
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general meetings

GM 1: GENERAL MILLS

INTRODUCTIONS, CEREAL, AND CURT CURTIS— ABSA STARTS OFF THE YEAR WITH A SUGAR RUSH

If people were still on the fence about joining ABSA at the beginning of the first general meeting, then by the end they were ready to pay dues and sign up. The officers' presentations showed prospective members what they could expect from ABSA and what to look forward to throughout the year. Officers discussed upcoming events such as camping which piqued the interest of members, giving them an idea of what sort of social events could be expected from the club. Director applications were also discussed, giving new members a great way to get involved and add something substantial to their résumé. At the end of the officer presentations, an entertaining slideshow from the financial branch

highlighted the benefits of joining ABSA and explained how there are returns that far surpass the cost of dues.

The guest speakers for the meeting were from General Mills, a corporation with many ties to the University of Texas and to ABSA. The speakers were both entertaining and informative, giving members useful tips on how to go about pursuing internships with not only General Mills, but with any company. Something that was worth noting was the fact that the speakers knew many of the older ABSA members on a first name basis. This was very impressive and showed the level of professional involvement that ABSA has with major companies and the connections you can build through being in ABSA.

The General Mills speakers handed out boxes of General Mills cereal and other General Mills products as rewards for answering questions and asking questions, encouraging members to be active in the discussion and voice their questions and opinions. The speakers clearly understood the demographic they were addressing because food was the perfect incentive to get members to participate. After a successful and informative meeting, members were welcome to take the leftover General Mills snacks, of which there were plenty. **Andy Wong**



GM 2 : ACCENTURE

SOLACE DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN: A FIRM SPECIALIZING IN CHANGING COMPANIES FOR THE BETTER

Accenture, one of the Fortune 500 companies, was very professional when sending in recruiters at ABSA's general meeting. Consulting is a very confusing world with equally confusing work, but the recruiters did a superb job explaining what their work entailed. It was very exciting to listen to former ABSA officers recount their experiences, as their stories soon merged with ours. It is crazy how fast time flies – it will only be a matter of time before we will be standing in their shoes.

It was amazing to see how

successful they were in the corporate world after college, a world most of us have yet to be exposed to. I personally enjoyed the recruiters' elaborate descriptions of the step-by-step process required in their career paths. It was comforting to know that if former members of ABSA and UT alumni could succeed in the business world, we would be able to as well! (well maybe...) Many members were attentive, providing insightful questions, all of which were beneficial to the overall knowledge we took away from the presentation. **Daniel Chao**



GM 3 : FAMILY EVENT

2008-2009 DIRECTORS AND FAMILIES UNVEILED IN TIME TO KICK OFF THE FIRST 'EGG-CITING' FAMILY EVENT

ABSA kicked off its first family event of the year at the third general meeting. Led by Sally Huynh, the event had a huge turnout of over 150 members! All the big sibs had treats and goodies prepared for their newly assigned little sibs. One family even brought food and drinks from Rudy's! For the first event, families had to decorate an egg and dress it up like a baby. As easy as it sounded, many found it surprisingly difficult to keep the egg intact. Next, families had to scramble and scavenge items to protect their eggs as they threw them across the room into a basket. Opposing families were organized to block eggs from

making it into the basket. Some families were a lot more "egg-ressive" than others. When the event ended, everyone pitched in to help clean up. All in all, it was a great team-building experience and an excellent opportunity for members to interact with each other.

After the family event, ABSA announced its directors for 2008-2009! Congratulations to all those who made it! We are very proud of these young leaders and expect another successful year under their leadership.

Afterwards, we all headed over to 888 Restaurant for our first benefit night.

Andrew Yoon

GENERAL MEETING

GM 4 : GRADUATE PANEL

DEBUNKING THE MYTHS OF LIFE BEYOND THE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

Kicked out of our comfort zone, GM #4 was held on October 9 in Mezes Hall. There was much confusion as members tried to find their way down to the hidden room, the smell of food eventually leading them to the meeting. After the usual announcements, our speakers for the night were introduced: a special panel of two graduate students, Debika Sihi and Scott Chao, who would talk to us about law school and the MBA program, respectively. Debika started out by talking about law school and the difficulties involved with admissions and coursework, her previous experience as a pre-law advisor for McCombs lending to her credibility. Both Debika and Scott emphasized

that a good GPA, strong scores on the LSAT or GMAT, extracurricular activities, and a dedication to something—a unique quality that sets you apart from others—were the keys to being accepted into law school or the MBA program. After a quick speech from both of them, Lee opened the floor to questions by members of the audience.

Some questions people asked included what GPA they would need to get into Yale or other top law schools, how the graduate school work load compared to undergraduate school classes, and whether having work experience was essential to being accepted. Debika said that she definitely had a lot more work, especially independent study.

Scott, on the other hand, said that in his MBA program, he didn't have as much busy work, but he was involved in lots of group projects, working collaboratively with others. Scott also said that how long you worked didn't matter so much as compared to the experience and lessons you gained from your working environment. What really mattered was if you could show how you had grown and matured. After the question and answer session was over, the meeting was over, and people were free to come up to Scott and Debika to ask any personal questions. Otherwise, members rushed outside to grab the delicious Chinese buffet that awaited them, thanks to Hoa Hoa! **Lydia Byun**



INVESTMENT TEAM WORKSHOP

Typically reserved for a smaller group, this year's Investment Team Workshop was open to new members and anyone with an interest in investing. The workshop explored the different types of careers in investing and the skills needed.

Investment Team members confessed that being a part of such a group vastly improved their level of responsibility and time management. One member also noted that his experiences on the team allowed him to familiarize himself with material he was learning in upper-division classes before they were taught in class. Upon mention, these skills also impressed recruiters and interviewers. As regular students, however, they admitted that lots of hard work and dedication were required.

Coming from students whose achievements included internships from Merrill Lynch and an offer from Bank of America, their testimonials were reassuring to prospective students taking first steps towards investing.

Following questions and answers, another member was asked his opinion about the current economic situation. He confidently replied that the market could and would be fixed.

As a new member to ABSA, it was definitely refreshing to see students enthusiastic and involved in the actual market. What doubts I had had concerning the economy were rest assured knowing that individuals such as the students from Investment Team moving on to take positions in the business world.

Thu Doan

BECAUSE MONEY TALKS MEMBERS OF THE I-TEAM SHARE THEIR TIPS FOR UNDERSTANDING THE STOCK MARKET TODAY



DRESS & INTERVIEW WORKSHOP

BECAUSE HOW YOU LOOK IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT YOU KNOW

On Wednesday, October 8, ABSA held their first every Dress/Interview Workshop. It was also the first time that Enterprise helped ABSA put on a workshop! Many freshmen attended the workshop, which showed their enthusiasm and interest in getting a head start in the business world. The speaker, Jamie, was extremely passionate, charismatic, and nice. She showed many great tips on how to prepare for an interview, what to do during the interview, and what to do after the interview. One of the most important tips she emphasized on was to ALWAYS send a thank you note to the recruiter immediately after an interview. "It really makes you stand out," she said. Furthermore, during the dress section, Jamie explained that men and women should always wear conservative colors because you are not going to an

interview to make a fashion statement, but instead to be professional.

Overall, the audience was very attentive during the entire presentation. All of the members seemed really interested in what the speaker was talking about; many were even taking notes of all the important tips. Instead of being a boring presentation, the workshop utilized a lot of audience participation. Jamie would ask questions about what one would do during a specific event, and then she would reward the person who answered with adorable goodies such as a little Volkswagen beetle stress balls or the almighty chip clippers. It was amusing to see people actively raising their hands and overreacting just to

get a prize. One of the most helpful aspects of the workshop was a compilation of slides Jamie presented about sample behavioral questions that companies tend to ask during interviews. She noted difficult, thought-provoking questions that most people would have stumbled on. Enterprise did an efficient and successful job of organizing this workshop for ABSA. The great turnout indicates that this workshop seems to be a worthy new addition to ABSA this year! Good job Academic! **Molly Sun**

APIA PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

ADDRESSING THE ISSUES FACING US IN LIGHT OF THE UPCOMING ELECTION

With the presidential election just 3 weeks away, many voters have been seeking more clarity not only on this year's issues, but also on the candidates' opposing stances toward them. The APIA (Asian/Pacific Islander-American) Debate was a great initiative that introduced pertinent political issues to Asian American students on campus. Shandon Phan and Ramey Ko acted as proxies for Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama, respectively. Each debater has founded grassroots organizations (Asian Americans for McCain and Asian Americans for Obama) dedicated to inform and mobilize the Asian American community on behalf of their respective candidates. The fact that the Asian American constituency within our age group has by far trailed any other demographic made this debate a wonderful opportunity to shake off a veil of apathy and inform ourselves of critical issues that we face in light of the United States'

current condition. Ramey and Shandon debated many issues, including healthcare, Iraq, and the economy. In terms of healthcare, Obama advocates strong government regulation as the means for full coverage for every individual. McCain, on the other hand, supports a tax credit that will allow families choices in deciding their insurance policies. On Iraq and foreign affairs, both candidates speak to securing America's strength and reputation (whatever that means). Obama regards the Iraqi war as a liability that must be resolved as quickly, but responsibly, as possible. McCain sees the war as a moral fight—one that has opportunity to rectify the United States' disgracefully consistent record of failing to follow through on the resolution of a conflict, i.e. Afghanistan during the Cold War. He believes that the compromise to

end a war as soon as possible comes at the cost of numerous future conflicts. Other stances on foreign policy are rather vague, as America's current crisis spotlights domestic issues. And to end on that note, neither candidate has proposed a comprehensive, plausible plan for the economy...yet. The infamous \$700 billion bailout is strongly touted by both sides, with Obama and McCain both taking credit for its realization. Certainly the bailout has allowed the credit market to breathe a little easier, but neither candidate has made a remark on the fact that the "rescue package" privatizes the profits and socializes the losses of Wall Street. What happened to Joe the Plumber on Main Street? Overall, while the APIA debate was very informative for its limited time constraint, it posed many more questions to be answered. **Felicia Tsao**

RESUME WORKSHOP

IT'S ALL ABOUT HOW YOU LOOK ON PAPER

Not knowing where the resume workshop was being held, I followed the sound of voices to a classroom on the fourth floor. When I looked into the room, I saw that things were very chaotic. Everyone was busy helping each other out. Upperclassmen were there to help underclassmen improve their resumes. Trisha Maberly from BBA Career Services was also there to help us. She made sure that our resumes followed the guidelines and format set by BBA Career Services.

I got some help on my resume from Jocelyn, our ABSA president. She gave me great suggestions to improve my "Experi-

ence" section, such as using better action words and more qualitative information. One of our members clearly took full advantage of all the upperclassmen's experience. She had at least four different pen colors on her resume!

At the end of the hour, more than 30 ABSA members came out of that chaotic classroom with pen marks all over their resumes. For some, this resume workshop was a great preparation for the company field trip to Foxconn later that week. For others, it's recruiting season, so it was a good time to brush up their resumes. **Sandy Duong**





ABSA'S VISIT TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMPANY YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

Our first Austin company field trip of the year was on Friday, October 10, 2008. To open up our year, we decided to change up the type of company that we visited so we went to Foxconn, a leading OEM manufacturer of electronics and components for companies such as Apple, Dell, Sony, etc. After all attendees gathered at Littlefield Fountain in business professional attire and their updated resumes, we drove to Foxconn's Austin location. The building on the outside looked like the typical, one-story tech firm. As we walked inside, we saw cubicles and cubicles of employees working on different things. We were led to a meeting room with refreshments, cookies, and snacks while the recruiter, Nina Shulte, introduced us to Foxconn and provided us with a brief agenda of our visit. Then, we went to the Failure Analysis lab to learn about what they did at the Austin location.

The Austin Foxconn location receives failed devices from

customers and runs them through a stringent testing process that involves hooking up each motherboard to a test computer and running test programs. Some failed motherboards go to the second section of the lab where they are further tested for stress and other specific problems. The Failure Analysis lab essentially helps the company identify potential recurring problems in its products and help it make improvements. Following the very detailed tour, we again proceeded back to the meeting room to learn more about Foxconn.

Foxconn is the second largest employer but also probably the least well known. That is because it produces parts and devices for other large electronics companies that market to customers. Foxconn is based in Taipei, Taiwan and headed by the richest man in Taiwan, Terry Guo. Its main manufacturing facilities are spread throughout the industrial centers of mainland China but it

has numerous locations all around the globe. Foxconn is truly "the world's largest company you've never heard of."

Our visit concluded with a Q&A session with several current Foxconn employees where our members got the chance to ask questions about the Foxconn culture and opportunities. Overall, this was a great chance to learn about the operations and culture of a globally expanding technology firm.

Timothy Lee

FOXCONN COMPANY FIELD TRIP

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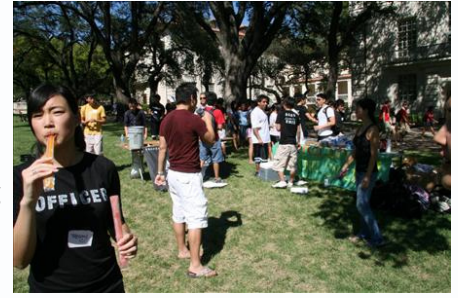
ENJOYING THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER WEATHER WITH MEMBERS OF ABSA

The first event for Social Week was a picnic held on the South Mall lawn on Friday, September 5. The drinks ranged from soda and water to Vitamin Water left over from last year's Feed Your Mind. As for food, they served cookies and pop-sicles. It was just a nice time to mingle with old members along with new members. There was also a surprise visit from last year's president, Jeena Denise Lee. She came in a red turtle-neck, which was ridiculous to wear in 90 degree weather. Perhaps she was hiding something under the turtle-neck. After a brief meet and greet, we played games with water balloons. Everybody was paired with a partner, and the object of the game was to toss and catch the water balloon

to your partner at progressively long distances. If the balloon popped, the pair would be eliminated. I do not recall who ended winning this competition, but whoever it was, I sure hope they're on our football team this year.

After the game, a group of old ABSA members decided to throw water balloons at Jeena in unison. I strongly suspect that they only attacked her out of love, of course. Afterwards, chaos ensued. Water balloons were whizzing by left and right. I managed to stay dry until a freshman girl thought it would be funny to smash a balloon on my back, soaking me. In the end, I walked away with some new friends, a wet shirt, and a bottle of Vitamin Water.

Khang Huynh



ABSA TUBING

SABOTAGING TANNING EXCURSIONS ONE ACADEMIC DIRECTOR AT A TIME



With the intention of getting an amazing tan, I went to the ABSA tubing social, on Sunday, September 7, with much excitement. The weather was amazing, and the sun was glowing. We all got a float and lined up to go down the San Marcos River. The water was *much* colder than expected, so after many high-pitched screams, everyone finally got into the water. We all knew that we could float down the river faster on our own, but we decided to hold on to each other. This decision caused most of us to get stuck in tree branches and algae, but our Asian Michael Phelps (John Terada) saved us every time. Unfortunately, some of us, thanks to Frank and Michael, fell into the water and got to feel the slimy mud and algae on our body. At end of the day, some of us lost our possessions in the river, some of us got bruised from slipping on algae, and some of us did not get the tan we wanted, but overall, the experience was amazing, and nothing can top that. **Jin Guo**

ABSA CAMPING

RELIVING A WEEKEND OF TRADITIONS WITH NEW AND OLD MEMBERS

This year, ABSA went camping at Windy Point Park, by Lake Travis. We all met at Littlefield Fountain with our duffel bags and packed into multiple cars. When we got there, we just chilled and enjoyed the breathtaking view of the lake in the hot, but breezy weather. After throwing around a football and kicking around soccer balls for a while, we all got together and started off our trip with the traditional “song game”. If you’ve ever been camping with ABSA, you know what I’m talking about. Everybody was divided into groups by birthday, and the goal was to sing songs that revolve around a theme. The theme could be songs with the word ‘love’ or songs from Disney movies. We had burgers and hot dogs for din-

ner. There was plenty of food but not enough coal to cook it all. Famished, I wandered over to Jon Fong’s campsite looking to feed my empty stomach. He had a stash of corn, beef, and random BBQ stuff. Later in the night, some old members brought some more coal, and we were cooking again for hungry members. The burgers were delicious! However, later in the night, we ran out of snacks and drinks, and many people complained about the lack of food and water.

As always, a group broke off to play the traditional truth or dare. We found out “Halo” Tran likes boys! Just kidding. Other games we played included an ‘A B C D’ Korean game. I believe it’s almost like the opposite of Simon Says. The rules were a bit con-

fusing, so I didn’t completely understand how to play. The best part of the game though was slapping the loser’s hands as hard as possible. Although my hands slowly became red, it didn’t hurt much.

Below our campsite, on the rocks, members gathered to swim, tell ghost stories, or just sit in the dark for long periods of time. Meeting new people was difficult for me, since apart from being very VERY shy, I had no idea what they looked like because it was so dark. Although I woke up the next morning back broken and sore from lying on the rocks so long, I thought it was another great camping experience with ABSA. **Khang Huynh**



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HOME IMPROVEMENT SEEN IN A BRAND NEW LIGHT

Waking up at seven on a Saturday morning to perform strenuous, manual labor may not appeal to most, but as the morning progressed, the inconvenience of losing a couple hours of sleep definitely paled in comparison to the satisfaction we got as a result of our hard work. The project that first greeted the members of ABSA was a mere skeleton of a house. After a brief orientation regarding safety, we broke off into separate teams: one responsible for caulking, another for laying down roof shingles, and yet another for cutting and nailing wooden boards inside the house. For some, the con-

struction process was a totally novel experience. However, our fears were assuaged by the assistance of veteran volunteers who taught us how to use table saws, nail guns, and other equipment. More importantly, these “regulars” truly enjoyed working on this house; their contagious enthusiasm encouraged us when our arms were feeling weary from hammering or painting. However, the day was not without its dangers, especially in climbing precarious ladders to nail heavy boards to the interior beams supporting the house. At one point, a hammer slid off the roof and barely missed hitting someone on the head.

Events like these only made the work more exciting. The weather was beautiful, and the work environment was fun and relaxing. It was a great opportunity to bond with fellow ABSA members, to listen to the stories of other volunteers, and to enjoy a nice popsicle on the roof at the end of the day. As we drove off after a long day of hard labor, no one complained about wasting time or expressed any regrets. All heads were turned in admiration towards the almost completed house that we had all contributed a bit of ourselves to. **Grace Kim**

KEEPING AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL

socials and volunteering

HAVING FUN WHILE TAKING OUT THE TRASH

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The first Keep Austin Beautiful of the year was held on Saturday, October 4th. As the previous Volunteering Director, it was really nice to once again volunteer for KAB and help out the community. Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB) is an annual ABSA volunteering event where the members help clean up Guadalupe Street that runs down from 31st to 38th street. As usual, a bunch of ABSA-ers gathered together early in the morning at Littlefield Fountain. Surprisingly, more than the expected amount of members showed up, *and* were on time. At 9:50, members started getting into cars to head to 31st street. We had plenty of drivers, which was wonderful. Once we got to Guadalupe, we separated into two different teams in order to take care

of either side of the street. Everyone was having a great time picking up... trash. Yes, that sounds weird, but when you are with your lovely ABSA family, everything seems fun. Some people picked up tire parts while others picked up cigarettes. Some carried trash bags while others used their gloves to pick up trash. It was really funny seeing everyone's eyes surfing the ground looking for things to pick up. Time went by fast, and in what seemed like a second, we were finished! With our mission accomplished, the entire ABSA group posed in front of the ABSA KAB sign in front of Starbucks. This year's Volunteering Director, Sandy, did a great job of organizing KAB! What a great way to start off a Saturday.
Molly Sun



DUMPLING DISHOUT EVERYTHING YOU COULD WANT IN ONE ROOM

ABSA's Dumpling Dishout, an annual event that allows families to showcase their culinary skills, was held on Saturday, October 4. It was an opportunity for family members to get to know each other while preparing the traditional Asian snack.

Dumpling Dishout was the first family event that allowed each family to bond outside of school.

Some families spent the day eating out and going to buy frozen dumplings from Austin's Chinatown while others watched DVD's, played board games, or just chatted.

Although the event was titled Dumpling Dishout, many families decided to get creative and prepared other dishes such as cupcakes, Chinese chicken wings, fried rice, and a very different (but tasty) puff pastry dumpling with a mushroom and cheese dipping sauce.

All the families met in the Special Events Room that evening to share the masterpieces they had cooked. There was a multitude of dumplings: from handmade to frozen, meat to vegetarian. After eating, families spent time mingling and competing

with other families by playing games such as Boggle or Taboo. One very generous family even brought their Nintendo Wii so others could battle each other in Nintendo's Super Smash Brawl or Wii Sports. A huge success, everyone left with stomachs full and faces smiling. **Tim Tran**

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT

EMBARASSMENT AND HARASSMENT ALL IN ONE AFTERNOON, IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE

In the cool afternoon of October 19, families met in front of the Littlefield Fountain. Big Sibs received directions on the challenge and the tasks that had to be completed from Family Director Jan Ma. After receiving the information, the families rushed off in separate directions in a mad scramble to win the Scavenger Hunt. Some quickly strategized game plans on how to best finish all the assignments prior to beginning. Each family had three hours to complete a list of tasks consisting of things like finding an out-of-state license plate, locating the ABSA Keep Austin Beautiful sign on Guadalupe and 38th, and searching for a funky toy at a local store on Guadalupe called Toy Joy. Families took pictures for documentation. In addition, they also made videos of members rapping 3 things off the dollar menu at McDonald's

and making a human pyramid with as many family members as possible. As a Little Sib of Family Half and Half, I received the pleasure of participating in the Scavenger Hunt. My family and I raced across campus taking pictures with University librarians and of us jumping in front of the Main Tower. The turnout of my family was amazing, with more than half of the family present. We broke up into groups to make the hunt quicker, which was also a great way for me to get to know members of my family better.

Among other events, the Scavenger Hunt brings families closer together and creates a sense of unity. As the family members begin to show their competitive spirit, the challenges allow members to engage more with each other so that they can accomplish their goals. **Ann Liu**

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INTRAMURALS

MEN'S SOCCER

FAZED ONLY BY ACCOUNTING TESTS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Half of the semester is gone and so is half of the IM Soccer team's season. So far, the ABSA soccer team has played its heart out, but they've ended up losing two close games. Many of this year's team is new to the sport and team captain, Vishal Kumar, is busy trying to instill the players with the skills needed to succeed. The first game on October 7 ended with a 4-0 rout after the team was forced to play without substitutes due to an accounting test. The second game, on October 14, was called 1-0 with ten minutes remaining due to inclement weather. As the team looks for-

ward to its final two games, it hopes to improve on its past performances.

In particular, the offense seemed much more confident towards the end of the second game. The forwards and midfielders were able to keep steady pressure on the opponents and surely would have more opportunities at an equalizing goal, had the game not been called. The final two games of the semester are set for October 21 and October 28. The team is confident that they can close out their season with two wins and hopefully secure an outside shot at the playoffs. We wish them the best of luck! Go



CO-ED FOOTBALL

BECAUSE GIRLS ARE BETTER THAN BOYS

Being on the Co-ed football team has been a great experience so far because of the good sportsmanship the members maintain. Not only are ABSA's members able to conduct professionalism in the field of business, they can also display skills in different areas such as football. The team is a worthy group to be a part of because of the great effort and spirit both the girls and boys contribute. The weekly practices with drills and scrimmages

improve the player's practice times and allows everyone to get to know each other a little bit more outside of general meetings. Being part of an athletic team requires a strong bond between all the players/members; this bond engenders teamwork, develops socializing skills, and promotes a supportive and enthusiastic attitude to cheer the team on. The players are motivated and competitive yet still keep in mind that winning isn't everything.

The mixture of guys and girls adds to the excitement of being on the team; girls prove that they can play football and be tough, and guys learn to tone down their way of playing and adapt to the girls. It's funny during practices when the girl has the ball because the guys hesitate to touch the girl. Being part of the team brings everyone closer together, making it a comfortable and light atmosphere. Our team

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spirit is most evident on game days, when everyone stands on the sideline, cheering for the team: “Go Defense!”, “Wooh, good job!”, etc. And at the end of every game, the players, along with the supportive members and officers that came out to watch, get together and put their hands in the middle of a circle and scream “ABSA” on the count of three. Simply seeing that alliance of the whole ABSA family forms solidarity within the organization. Ultimately, it feels like a big family, and that’s what adds to the grandness of ABSA. **Hue Dang**



MEN'S FOOTBALL

BRINGIN' THE THUNDER WHEREVER THEY GO

This is the first year that ABSA has had a men’s football team. People were at first a bit questionable about the capabilities of the team, but the men on the team were determined and knew that success and maybe a championship was visible and in reach. They knew they could make ABSA proud.

At the first game, everyone was a bit nervous. Erica was yelling at her interim coaches wondering if we had practiced enough. Fans came wondering who was on the team and if we had what it took to win. Then THUNDER (Tu Pham) came in, and we all felt a rush of empowerment as ABSA demolished the other team 20-0 easily, taking home the first win for ABSA men’s football. The game ball was distributed to the MVPs of that game who were Nook Truong and Tu Pham. They ate the opposing quar-

terback alive that night and helped the defense keep the score at zero.

After a huge victory, a bye week followed, and then another week later another game ensued. We were a bit too confident and executed our moves sloppily. We were also without the previous starting quarterback, Justin Wang, so we had to do a very quick substitution with Mike Yang. It was such a last minute decision for a key position, and it detracted from our own organization. The men lost the game 19-7; most of these points came from our own mistakes. The men vowed to practice better and not overlook the opponents ahead.

The third game was against the Stormin’ Penny Kiles. It was a heated battle and a very close game. ABSA, in hopes of keeping the play-

off vision alive, was in a must situation. Key interceptions by Randy Santa Ana, Manuel Geronimo, and Justin Santos kept the score at zero this time. The game ended 6 to nothing, and ABSA was still in the running for the championship.

The fourth and final game of the season was against the Dean’s Brawlers. In order to seal a guaranteed spot in the playoffs, ABSA had to win the game. Of Course, ABSA dominated the Deans and won the game.

Playoff schedules will be announced this weekend and the fight for the championship will be very intense and exciting. Everyone should come out and support your ABSA men and cheer us on during playoffs! **Manuel Geronimo, Jr.**

SEPTEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH TOVEY XU

Why did you join ABSA?

I joined ABSA a very long time ago. I'm not quite sure, but I think I was dragged to it by either Nick or Frank. I stayed because it was fun and very fulfilling for my stomach.

If the title of Member of the Month came with the power to create one law that every ABSA'er had to follow, what would it be?

I would make everybody dress and act like a different Pokemon for the month.



ABSA RECORD OF THE MONTH LEE WANG

...39 HRS STRAIGHT IN A SHACK

Why did you join ABSA?

Because Jocelyn told me to. Because Tim told me to when he was scanning my items at American Eagle ("I see you go to Univeristy of Texas! You're in business?!?!? I'm the VP of a professional organization called Asian Business blah blah blah. That'll be \$24.63). Because life without ABSA is like a broken pencil...pointless (pickup line stolen from Andrew). Just kidding. I joined ABSA because it's one of the best organizations that cater towards business students. ABSA manages to run ridiculous amounts of beneficial professional programs for members while mixing in an incredible balance with socials and philanthropy. All that plus ABSA has some amazingly awesome people.

What compelled you to stay in that shack for 39 HOURS?!

No homework, no classes, the joy of sleep deprivation, or-ange pong, grilled dog...why not?

FELICIA TSAO

Jocelyn Lee – You rock. And you have an awesome sense of humor!

Tim Lee – My fellow big sib! Thanks for always making me smile.

John Terada – It's been too long since I dissed your boyfriend, Obama. Let's debate soon! :)

Erica Chung – You are the sweetest. Thanks for making me laugh at OMs!

Tiffany Wang – I still have nightmares about company logos on Photoshop. Thanks for helping me get through it all. :) You're great!

Monica Nguyen – You are wonderful. I've hijacked your frog joke, and people LOVE IT. You and I should throw together a comedy routine

Andrew Yoon – Thanks for always making me laugh...even if it's AT you. :)

Yao Lin – Thanks for letting us invade your kitchen to make dumplings!

Tony Wang – You're a funny cookie.

Khanh Vu – Hey cutie.

Hoa Nguyen – Master chopper! Dump-ling dishout was so much fun!

Quan Zhang – Best Pokemon artist. The end. :)

Crystal Cooper – Hey lovely! I'm so glad you're in my family!

Michael Yang – You better watch out Michael Yang. I'M GOING TO GET YOU BACK

Angela Huang – I'm so excited to be working with you this year. Great job so far!

Jae Lee – Hey loser. :) You're still stuck with me after 10 years!

Patrick Lu – Patrick! Thanks for all your hard work.

Eric Tsang – Look how far we've come since Shepton Marching Band! :) I'm so glad to be working with you this year.

Jasmin Sun – Hey girlie. You're amazing! Thanks for working so hard.

Lydia Byun – I'm so proud of how you've jumped into this project! You're doing such a great job!

Sally Huynh – I love your enthusiasm and creativity! Thanks for always being so on top of things.

Jon Wang – Hello housewife. GO DO THE DISHES! :) haha

Will Tran – Hey poopie. Where have you been?

Law Tsai – :) Gaffigan!

Linda Nguyen – You rock!

Katherine Kang – I miss you beautiful! Let's hang out soon!

LINDA NGUYEN

John Terada: "... you can have whatever you like... something something college"

Yuning Ma: i've noticed a pattern.. we love free stuff (food, tickets, etc)

Michael Yang: great "gotcha (photo journalism" skills lol

William Tsai: tick..tick.. i didn't know you liked so much rap!

Tiffany's Wang: i miss my lovely tiffany :) let's have dinner before i leave!

Financial Yoon: you've been doing a good job :) i miss hanging out with the best branch ever!

David Ha: where are you these days? hopefully i'll see you before i leave

Monica Nguyen: we should eat together before the semester ends.. I know you're super busy, but I miss you :(

Reagan Nguyen: I haven't seen your "triplet" at JCL anymore.. hope you're having fun with all of your labs

Shara Ma: i <3 you, mom! good luck with teach for america :)

Julie Le: yay for being my mom again! i've seen you more this semester than I did all of last year!

Eddy Fong: hello mommy #2 - good luck with interviews

Erica Chung: you've been doing a great job - but i never get to see you anymore >.<

Nick Wen: hey scooter boy/camera hacker - can i drive your scooter?

Molly Sun: I had sooo much fun with ChinaCare - I really want to go again!

Timothy Lee: Let me know if you ever need help with study abroad questions :) Good job this year!

Marie DLS: i'm glad i spend my tuesdays with you!

Jan Ma: hey cute stuff - good job with family event :)

Deborah Dou: thanks for the awesome wallet.. i use it all the time!!

Jin Guo: you're so cute - its weird seeing you without the video camera :)

Patrick Lu: i'm glad you came to dinner with us! i need to learn some camera skills from you before i go to milan!

Eric Tsang: its always nice bumping into you at absa stuff :) we should have dinner before i study abroad

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Sabrina Koh: You're such a sweetheart - i love being your sib!

Robert Huynh: We (John and I) still need to take you to whole foods sometime!!

Raymond Tran: I never really see you at absa meetings, but it was nice meeting you over mafia

Brandon Chang: Do you feel as old as me when you go to GMs?

Stephanie Qin: Where are you? I never see you anymore :(

Sandy Duong: You make an awesome volunteer director :)

Bobby Tran: The less I go to Mill Lab.. the less I see you :/

Jocelyn Lee: We should have an old family reunion :)

Sarah Yu: Are you dressing up as a train conductor this year? So cute!

Patricia Mar: You're like the cutest person ever - i had fun having dinner with you

Felicia Tsao: I love the jokes you submit for the weekly e-mails (lol)

JOCELYN LEE

Alex Ling: Little sib! I always thought you and Raymond came as a package lol. Thanks for coming out! <3 <3
Alice Fang: How's Erica doing..make sure she doesn't stress out!! You're doing a great job pretty lady :)
Amanda Sheu: Little sib! Your t-shirt is so cute. Our family is full of talented artsy people!
Amy Koyama: Are you in my cost class...? lol
 Andrew Shi: Still flying all over the soccer field like you never get tired of running! Impressive!
Andy Wong: You are tall.
Andrew Yoon: You are tall too. Not as tall as Andy. Study with me! <3
Angela Douangkesone: Your glasses are so cute! I wish I could pull off that look..
Angela Eng / Cupcake: I can't believe Jello found a successor...
Angela Huang: Andrew is a creepy of-ficer / big sib..I know. Thanks for all your hard work and beautiful pictures :)
Anna Huynh: Yay we finally got to meet! We take cute pictures :D
Annie Li: Little sib!
Anthony Cheung: I've noticed that you always have very interesting questions in Lyceum..lol
Beini Xu: Thanks for your hard work! I don't see you around b-school randomly anymore..
Ben Lee: How did the cost grade go? FACR grade? See you in Lyceum, yo.
Bob Yu: Bob's angel just saying hi. Sorry to hear about your house. We love youuuu <3
Brandon Chang: *hug
Brian Li: Thanks for your hard work!
Britney Shum: I hope you got over your cold / sickness quickly! You should come out to more ABSA events!
Charing: <3 Auntie Charming
Charles Lai: Want to pick Name that Member one week?
Chris Kim: I like your shirt :)
Christina Ma: Hope you're doing better than I am in those MPA classes~
Cindy Khuu: Where did you goooo? You and Andres need to come back!
Cindy Lin: harhar <3. We take too many stupid pictures..Oh yeah I have to talk about about Japan!
Courtney Chen: Your hair is soooo long and pretty..how do you do that?!
Crystal Cooper: Gimme an A.....! Good job with Fitness Fridays! You're so hard-

coreee...

Cujean Lee: Make your t-shirt!! :)
Danny Mao: I guess having no MIS classes together means no running into each other at Mill Lab anymore..
Dchen: You really should get yourself a pair of nice headphones <3
Dha: Stop bailing on me :(**Derrick Shich:** You are tall. Looking forward to basketball season :)
Dustin Le: Niiiiice TD!
Eddy Fong: Your little sibs are so successful :P
Ellena Park: Thanks for keeping Sarah company when I'm never home!!
Emily Tao: Your picture-taking skills are just..superb :)
Eric Tsang: Thanks for your awesome work so far! Did you see yourself on Name that Member?!
Erica Chung: Oh nos! Uh ohs! Officers that hang out together start to talk like each other. New Member Retreat! New Member Retreat is coming up on...lolol. That's officer love <3
Felicia Tsao: The dark side of the officer panel..mwahaha. lol <3
Fenny Jie: I haven't seen you in forever pretty lady! Can you get me into the HK Study Abroad program? :D
Floria Chan: 356 is boring.....- ____ -
Geronimo: I get you and Julian mixed up a lot.
Grace Chen: Best TA ever! Thanks for your never-ending support :)
Grace Kim: You're so active in ABSA! <3
Grace Ko: Little sib! You haven't made your shirt yet....
Hans: Still haven't seen your new bike..
Henry Shi: See you at the Atrium..busy bee. Tell them that you're quitting 2!!!!!!
Henry Yang: Hiiii!
Huan-yuan Chen: Where have you been! I've been looking for you..especially on the soccer field!
Hue Dang: What's it like to have Van as a brother...? lol
Huiping Law: I haven't seen you in forever. How are those MPA classes?
Hugh Kim: Hyo! Thanks for being cameraman for our family..we take too many pictures haha
I-Han: Stop interviewing and stressing out.
 Imran: How's I-Team treating ya? :)
Jackie Kuo: Hiiiiiiiiiiii!
Jacklyn: Don't listen to Sarah..you're always welcome to our family events! It was nice having you in our family for 20

minutes though <3

Jae Lee: How's the video-recording coming along? Make sure you get a GOOD version of the Internal cheer next time J
James Yao: You're from NY. "Whoa..how did you know?"..Because we've had this conversation like 6 times already.. lol
Jan: Best family director ever! <3
Jasmin: Hi pretty ladyyyy! Your have the cutest clothes ever! Too bad I can't pull off those looks..
Jeffrey Pao: Sigh..nblox....
Jeremy Fang: Stop being like Andrew!
Jessica Chen: Hope to see you at more ABSA events!
Jin: Sigh MPA classes..Hope they are treating you well :)
Joanna Chou: Thanks for all your hard work! I know it's hard to work with Van sometimes..jk :)
John Terada: You're right..your rap probably was better than ours..gangster John
Julian: Halfway done. Tell me to quit crying. Do it..see what happens. Be ready to hand down your Mr. McCombs throne to Peter. <3 <3
Julia Kuo: Neighbor! ..we don't see each other very often even though we're neighbors..
Julie Le: Mom! Family dinner?
Justin Liao: I still have your socks boy! Rain is fun..if you see Dee..tell her to stop stressing out her life.
Justin Santos: Justin! What's up. Nada?
Kate Yang: Hey BC Rep! :)
Ken Nguyen: I haven't seen you since 888!
Khang: Wolfpak big sib!
Khanh: You and Thu are ALWAYS together! You're doing an awesome job! Keep it up :)
Kim / Jello: Cupcake..sigh..lol. Yall are so cute :)
Lee Wang: I really appreciate your hard work. You're so active as a director!
Linda Nguyen: Family dinner with Julie before she leaves? :(**Lulu:** Thanks for your hard work!
Lusi Xiao: Hiiiiii!
Lydia Byun: Thanks for doing such a great job with the Informer!
Marie De los Santos: Girl you were jammin to Ne-Yo – So Sick! I miss our old panel! <3
Max Ma: I like your hair cut
Michael Liu: How's the 1-year-overdue cookbook? hehe
Michael Yang: It's midnight and I can't think of anything..but I do love you!
Michelle Ly: Take care of Jacklyn!!

shoutouts

Molly: You shine like the sun

Monica Nguyen: You're a rockstar!! I don't know how to do everything that you do..omggg.

Narin: Perfect handwriting.....lol. I like your glasses! Hope you're enjoying Consulting Team :)

Natasha Tosirisuk: I think all the pictures that we are in together ..are just you jumping in at the last second and making a weird face..hahaha. :)

Nathan Chang: Where's Jay.....

Nathan Chiang: Should have dropped 326!! Take care of Jacklyn :)

Nathan Hu: Half-asian man...

Nick Wen: Blarghhh

Patricia Mar: I'm glad you picked ABSA!

Patrick Lu: You take pretty pictures!

Peter Nguyen: Mr. McCombs 2008 ;)

Randy Santa Ana: Awesome QB <3. I don't know how you do everything that you do!

Raymond Tran: RAM3N! Thanks for coming out..<3! You should have made your own shirt...the back that you made was good!!

Reagan Nguyen: Family dinner! Reagan's cooking!! :)

Robert Huynh: Thanks for your hard

work. It really shows!

Sally Huynh: Good job with alumni! :) I'm really looking forward to alumni weekend.

Sandy Duong: Good job with volunteering!!

Sanjeev: I love ABSA's goalie :)

Sara Chang: little sib!! Come out to more family stuff..and you should make a shirt!

Shara: Thanks for your support :)

Sharon Hsu: You're so active in ABSA!

Skyler: You've been MIA!

Somin: Little sib! I like your t-shirt..it's really cute!

Stephanie Qin: Great job in External!

Steven Luong: How do you know all those answers at the I-team workshops!?

Suzi Zhao: Your t-shirt is so intricate! You're the artistic genius of the family <3

Thanh: Haven't seen you since 888! Where have you been?!

Thu Doan: Yum crepes. That was fun! I'm craving again, lol.

Tiffany Kuo: I don't know why Van thinks we are sisters...we don't even look the same! J

Tiffany Wang: Sick and tired of your family kidnapping you and taking you

away from usssss!! Thanks for your hard work though. You're always on top of your game! Superwomannn~ See you on gchat later!

Tim Lee: Got cockroaches in the apartment yet? I suggest getting some heavy duty roach killer :P

Tim Tran: Stop sleeping in the Mill Lab. I'm sure there's a more comfortable bed for you at home!

Tony Tran: Stop interviewing. I never see you anymore.

Tony Wang: Get food with me!

Tovey: MOTM congrats!

Tracey Hwang: Little sib! Sorry to hear that Cindy essentially marked your t-shirt as her territory lol. Good luck with your Plan II classes!

Tu Pham: You're a really fast runner... I'm impressed!

Van: Fail.. :)

Vishal: Are we ever going to study together?

Lucy Lu: Thanks for coming out to so many events!

Wendy Lin: You're a superstar!!

Yuning: I always see you in the Atrium.. but I never run into you at ABSA stuff!

JOHN TERADA

Brandon Chang: Hey, Mr. Brandon. Hope the Consulting Team gig is going well!

Nathan Chang: Mr. I-team! How did the PwC thing go? And hope you did well on your ACC test.

Sarra Chang: Teach me some Korean!!! I'll teach you Japanese!!!

Daniel Chao: Hey, Daniel! I'll see you more in our Family! Go Half & Half!

Erica Chung: Miss Ewica! You're doing an awesome job as Internal VP!! I have one advice: Don't be scared of the soccer ball!!! :P

Jonathan Church: Hey, Jon. Let's make Half & Half the best family. And next time that creeper calls Won-Joo, you should tell him off. I've been nagging her about it all the time!

Crystal Cooper: Great job demonstrating the Fitness Friday stuff. I'll definitely try to make it sometime and push the Officers to all come. That would be a miracle. Can you help convince them with me?

Deborah Dou: Deborah! I just realized that we're in the same branch and the same family! Awesome :) Thanks for doing an amazing job with Feed Your Mind and conducting all those interviews.

Thu Doan: Hi, Thu. This is Hello Daniel, but I won't be Hello Daniel for long!!! Mwahaha... Great job so far btw!

Angela Douangkesone: Hey, Angela! Hope Ballroom is going well. I need to learn some dance moves soon! Teach me some!

Sandy Duong: Great job securing all the great volunteering events! I haven't been able to volunteer yet! I'll get on it ASAP!!

Angela Eng: Hey, Cupcake! Man, it feels so weird calling you that since you've already introduced me as Angela!

Alice Fang: I want to go to Fitness Fridays!! Haha. I still haven't gone yet! I want to, though, so the Officer Panel can be the most fit panel of any year!

Jonathan Fong: Hope the Rio Grande Valley is treating you well...yeah, not much to do, but at the same time there's South Padre Island and Mexico!

Eddy Fong: Hope you're done recruiting and you got offers from the ones you wanted. I've seen you wear suits all the time!

Manuel Geronimo: Hey, G-Mo. I'm sure I'll see you more often at Reliant...and will you let me in? Hah. And I heard you got a ridiculously good grade on ACC.

Crazy! Good job, man.

Jin Guo: My B.I. TA, we need a protégé! Kim's already found her protégé! Unless you were too good of a student and current TA that you are irreplaceable! Thanks for working closely with Robert!

Lulu Han: Hey Lulu! Hope you're having fun in the Executive Branch!

Sharon Hsu: Sharon, I want BA done with!!! Can we just fast forward to Spring Semester?! Hah.

Robert Huynh: Hey, Robert! Thanks for doing a great job so far and working with Jin! Yeah ACADEMIC. We will own the other branches. :D

Khang Huynh: Hey, Khang. Which GM will you show us your magic tricks? Or would you need an entire workshop?

Sally Huynh: Hey, awesome job on the first Family Event. It was a lot of fun and keep up the good work as Alumni Director!

Imran Jivani: Hey, nice job at the I-Team Workshop! And hope you did well on your PwC interview!

Lisa Khan: Country? What semester? Which program? I haven't gotten an answer yet!!! I'm waiting! -_-

Grace Kim: I hope you get into Leader-Shape!! It was a lot of fun :) And yeah, I

shoutouts

don't see you as often anymore. Are you avoiding me?! Ouch...

Won-Joo Kim: Hope that special person calls again when you're studying...haha. We should have a family party. ;)

Hyoshin Kim: Hey, Hugh! Hope you're enjoying ABSA!!

Vishal Kumar: Hey, Vishal. Wish I could play soccer. Let me know if you ever play randomly. I'd like to get back to playing!

Charles Lai: Charles, Charles, Charles. Where do I begin with you? Help make us the Family of the Year!! Half & Half!

Huiping Law: Ping! I haven't seen you as often. Hope you're doing well!

Dustin Le: Hey, Dustin. Let's beat out the other families and win Best Family of the Year!

Jocelyn Lee: Hey, Jocelyn! Thanks for being an awesome President and being so understanding. I don't know how you deal with us all! Haha.

Tim Lee: Senor Tim. BTW, I challenge your branch!

Brian Li: Hey Brian! Thanks for doing a great job as Project Manager and getting everything together for FYM. Hopefully we can do all the crazy stuff we were planning to do as a branch.

Justin Liao: Maybe when I am fit enough from Fitness Fridays I'll borrow your shoes to play IM Soccer. Hah, til then, I'm just a spectator!

Wendy Lin: Thanks for helping out with the Resume Workshop! I really appreciate it. Best of luck with your Case Competition group!

Ann Liu: Hey, fellow Half & Half! We gotta win this year!! Let's make it happen!

Patrick Lu: Hey, Patrick. Thanks for coming out to ABSA stuff even though you have

Jan Ma: Great job on the Family Event! It was really creative!! I just wished my family won!! Haha. It was really fun, though!

Shara Ma: Shara!!! I hope you're having a great time at SG!

Yuning Ma: Hey, Yuning! I've only seen

you once this entire semester!! How have you been?!

Hans Malzar: Yo, Hans! Hope you're having fun with I-Team! And let me know when you want to study for ACC!! I need to study with someone so I'm disciplined enough to do so!

Monica Nguyen: Hey, Monica! Just wanted to say, I'm glad to be part of officer panel with you in it! Hope more fun memories come along our panel!

Peter Nguyen: Good luck as Mr. McCombs, Peter! Just know you have 200+ supporters!!

Thanh Nguyen: Thank! I haven't seen you in ABSA! Come back and play hookey from your classes!

Linda Nguyen: Linda!!! Onenne time :) We need to hang out more. I'm in denial that you're going to Italy next semester. But perhaps I can fit into that suitcase... buy a durable one, please!

Kim Phung: Jello, I can't believe you found a protégé. Props on that. I need to get Jin going on finding a B.I. protégé.

Stephanie Qin: Hey, Stephanie! I'm glad we're in the same family! Go Half & Half! We're going to win the Best Family :) We better!

Marie De los Santos: Awesome job at the Family Event! It's marked JULY 15 :) Reminded me that we need to go Karaoke!!! I miss your amazing singing ability.

Henry Shi: You should've made everyone in Assassins target that certain individual...hah.

Candice Shim: Hey, Candice! Hope to run into you again and again. Hah. Odd that it's just me and Tim you run into a lot. Maybe because we go to Reliant too much.

Molly Sun: Bendan! Congrats on E&Y internship!! :) You'll love it, I'm sure. And we need to eat lunch and talk more often! Okaaay?

Jasmin Sun: Hey, Big Sib! We gotta win!!! What can I do to make us win?!

Justin Tam: Welcome to Half & Half! Help us win!!

Bobby Tran: Hey, Bobby. Thanks for always offering advice. They really help! And you, Michael, and I have to go to that place that has the mango and chile. ASAP!

Felicia Tsao: Ah, I'm glad you're voting for Obama and not influenced by Joe the Plumber :P I love you in our Officer Panel...makes it lively. Oh, and you've corrupted me.

Eric Tsang: Hey, Eric. I hate the new B-school closed doors policy...even though it's for the good of the students. I couldn't get in through the sides either!

Khanh Vu: Well, well, well...Miss Professional Director. Think you're better than the Academic? I've challenged Tim and we'll see which is the best branch. I just know it's a given (ACADEMIC). Hah.

Lee Wang: Hah, good job singing at the Family Event. Your voice reminds me of an announcer on TV or radio. Hah, random, I know.

Tiffany Wang: Tiffany! My fellow officer that lives in Jester too! You're doing an awesome job, btw!

Beini Xu: Beini, great job so far as director! Keep it up! And since this is written before the Cultural Workshop is happening, I know it'll be great!

Tovey Xu: Congrats on becoming Member of the Month again!

Michael Yang: Luis Miguel...necesitamos a ir al concierto de Daddy Yankee!! Jaja.

Andrew Yoon: Ah, I feel your pain every time you get attacked by Felicia...but it's just plain too entertaining!! I'm glad you're one of the officers. And whenever you want to bet on who is late, let me know I need mo money!

Sarah Yu: Michoso Sarah!!! Sook-jae! Another word I learned.

Sally Zheng: Sally! Cock-a-doodle doo! I can't believe we wake up and go to class at 8. But I'm glad you're in that class with me!

KHANG HUYNH

Eric Yu Chang - I miss you dawg

Jay Seo - I miss you dawg

Tracey Hwang: Our talks make me insanely happy; you're amazing!

Andrew Yoon: Thanks for the delicious cookieee!! mMMmm :]

ANDY WONG

Jon Wang: Mix my milk with your cocoa puffs, milky milky cocoa puffs

GRACE KIM

TIM LEE

Molly Sun: Qie ;)

Won-Joo Kim: ABSA>MPA >your life, etc

Khanh Vu: Hi Professional Director

Lee Wang: Good job getting involved early on!

Jocelyn Lee: You're great.

Tiffany Wang: Good work xtiffwang.

Erica Chung: Ewwwica!

Monica Nguyen: I hear you are really good at volleyball!

John Terada: Terada-go is awesome

Andrew Yoon: Let's play bball!

Felicia Tsao: Grr PetroChina

FYTT Club: Keep Fighting!

Lydia and Jasmin: Thanks for the hard work on Informer! Keep it up!

Floria Chan: Don't let the MPA devil consume you

Lisa Khan: You too!

Brandon Chang: Do you still play tennis?

Nathan Chang: Congrats on I-Team

Daniel Chao: Dchao, keep on that CMS

David Chen: Sup, foo

Nathan Chiang: Thanks for taking that cooler. It's been in my car for weeks.

Crystal Cooper: Great job with the Fitness Friday program!

Peter Nguyen: THE next Mr. McCombs 08-09

Thu Doan: Thanks for the food pickup help!

Angela Douangkesone: Congrats on

Scoring Careers!

Sandy Duong: I see a future MPA

Angela Eng: I don't always have food. I sometimes don't have food

Jeremy Fang: Sup, Jeremy

G-Mo: Thanks for not carding me in Reliant!

Jin Guo: Your family does too much. Yall need to chill out.

David Ha: I hope you can get back on OCR

Lulu Han: Hey Miss Moore Hill RA

Angela Huang: Good pictures!

Charing Hung: Charcharr

Robert Huynh: Great to see you around all the time!

Khang Huynh: Senior, coming through.

Sally Huynh: Have fun in Seattle when you visit!

Tracey Hwang: Come out more!

Sam Jeong: I'll get your reimbursement sometime

Imran Jivani: Congrats on I-team, too!

Grace Kim: Keep up that ABSA involvement!

HyoShin Kim: Hey Hugh!

Vishal Kumar: Woo soccer

Jackie Kuo: Come out to more than just General Meetings!

Anthony Kwan: Look forward to that Houston CFT

Andrew Lam: Good to see you at ABSA this year

Charles Lai: Don't be a Loescher-pet!

Huiping Law: Pingaling!

Dustin Le: I like that you are active even though you have to commute

Brian Le: You're a cool guy!

Angela Huang: Huang Mian! If you ever need help with photography, I got your back. I'm a master remember?

Anthony Luong: Come out to more family events fool! I heard you can ball. We are gonna dominate family basketball!

Ben Lee: We need to hang out more outside ABSA and family events. Call me up, man, we gotta catch up.

Charles Zhang: You're a great friend. Thanks for helping us out with our family events. Maybe one day we can be business partners.

Christie Pham: I'm excited to hang out with you in our family events!

Courtney Chen: Dourtney! I'm counting on you to rebuild DNA next year. Thanks Mom for taking care of us big sibs all the time! And MAKE ME BROWNIES!

Derrick Shich: Hey, cook me a good

steak. I'll wash the dishes.

David Chen: Big SIB! Let's go play some Mario Party. Lol, hit me up.

Erica Chung: PB&J is a stupid name. You need to give it a more manly name!

Felicia Tsao: Hey meanface, be nicer to me. I'm always nice to you, punk. Oh yeah, lemon. HAHAAH.

Financial Directors: You both are cool guys and great directors! Thanks for all your hard work and I'm looking forward to a great semester working with you both.

Investment Team Heads: You guys mind-boggle me with the drive and passion you all have in your careers. I am looking forward to learning a lot from you guys and working you all throughout the year. Keep up the hard work!

Jan Ma: JAndrew!

shoutouts

Annie Li: Hope you got that research assistant job!

Justin Lim: Hey small group buddy

Yao Lin: I want that same deal you got at the block

Patrick Lu: Keep up that ABSA involvement!

Christina Ma: Thanks for remembering that dollar fifty!

Jan Ma: GREAT job on the family events!

Shara Ma: Thanks for the support!

Yuning Ma: Chinese is hard

Julian Maldonado: I think everytime I see you is in that hallway to the Mill Lab

Hans Malzar: You're always in a suit

Danny Mao: You're a good shingler.

Ho Nguyen: Sorry about the sudden picture at scavenger hunt!

Reagan Nguyen: Come out and volunteer!

Ellena Park: Thanks for the help with scavenger hunt!

Stephanie Qin: StephieQ, let's take down BA

Amanda Sheu: I hope you're not still sick.

Henry Shi: Don't be like Financial Yoon

Natasha Tosirisuk: Thanks for taking my almost late assignments!

Jon Wang: You're a baller.

Tony Wang: Is your head ok?

Lusi Xiao: Have fun with your all calculus classes!

Tovey Xu: Thanks for driving a lot!

Bob Yu: That website updating system is still amazing.

ANDREW YOON

Joanna Chou: I'm a vegetarian too.

Oh yeah, I was thinking about kicking you off shotgun privileges because we almost crashed since you fell asleep. But you are a great feeder...

Jocelyn Lee: Thanks Jocelyn for always keeping me on top of things! You're a great president and an awesome friend. Study with me for FACKER and COST bc you're smarter than me :(

John Terada: LOL you are a funny guy. You know what I'm referring to. Haha-hah!

Ken Nguyen: Hey Ken! You're one cool little sib. Don't stress too much about transferring to business. Feel free to come to me for advice.

Marie De Los Santos: Marie, you are the best brass rings leader ever. Thanks for putting up with all our bickers at every meeting. Remember, score a touchdown

for me!

Monica Nguyen: You are the coolest because I know you're always on my side on the panel. We are tight like this. X (<-- like the finger crossing thing) Thanks for putting up with me and Felicia's fights. Lol.

Nathan Chen: THE RHINO!! Dude, we really need to get that talent show stuff started.

Nick Wen: Buy the perfect pushup. Then you can beat me in arm wrestling.

ERICA CHUNG

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Internal Branch: GO INTERNAL!! We're AWESOME!

SUPERinB.E.D Family: Hi Family! You guys are the best little sibs ever!! We will try to make more time for our Family! At least we finally got a name!

Jasmin & Lydia: Great job on the informers!!

Alice Fang: Let's go shopping!...and not buy matching sweaters and boots!

Andy Wong: You have some girly taste in music AND you give dating advice... you're making Justin the only testosterone in internal!

Andrew Yoon: You're a big yoni!

Bobby Tran: Hey Co! I want my pocky and ramen back!

Brian Li: Hey temporary little sib! I hope you had fun with us at scavenger hunt!

Candice Shim: Hi girlie! Teach me some Korean :]

Charing Hung: Let's get lunch and catch up!

Charles Lai: Must avoid M - F 9:30 - 11 :]

Christina Ma: I miss your bubbly personality!

Courtney Chen: I like the commonalities.... Good and bad :P

Crystal Cooper: snnooooooooooooooop!

David Ha: SHREEEEEEM!

Eddy Fong: Thanks for helping me out with my resume!

Felicia Tsao: sample! Fa jay jay! Hahah don't hate me! You have to admit, Yoni gives pretty funny nicknames.

Frank Lin: I'm gonna get you for flipping me over at tubing!!

Grace Kim: You are such a cutie!

Hans Malzar: Let's hope Soccer doesn't get rained out again!

Henry Shi: Don't become Andrew's mini-me and you'll remain in my good list :P

Solomon Brown: Hey man, come out to our family events! We miss you buddy!

Taeyoung Kim: I miss you Taeyoung! I rarely see you anymore. Bo go ship da!

Tiffany Kuo: CAREBEAR! We need to work on that thing about how you never hang out with me.

Tiffany Wang: Hey Tiffany...will you go to prom with me?

Tim Lee: IT'S YOUR BIRTHRIGHT! TAKE THE THRONE!

I-han Huang: You are so much fun!

Imran Jivani: Good job on the Economics workshop!

Jan Ma: Seester!

Joe Lee: Let's play SC again sometime.

Jeremy Fang: Hey lil Fang!

Jin Guo: Do you like to name the bra people wear if it's from Victoria's Secret?

Jocelyn Lee: Jocewyn! Like Frosted Flakes.... You're great!

John Terada: Now I know to never tell you whenever one of my body parts is asleep.

Julian Maldonado: You're a joke. You should be on the ABSA weekly e-mail as joke of the week :P

Justin Liao: Since Andy is like one of the girls, you're the only testosterone in our branch! Represent!

Justin Santos: Good job with Men's Football! Thanks for helping me out at the beginning.

Kim (Jell-o) Phung: Hi Jell-o! When the internal directors were baking it made me miss our baking times as promotions committee!

Lee Wang: Hey inventory manager/ little sib. No worries, our family will step it up!

Linda Nguyen: Everytime I see ducks I think of you!

Luxi Xiao: Hey girlie! You make a cute Barbie girl.

Michael Yang: Mike Yangs, there's no more tetrises, what can I beats you in nows?!

Manuel Geronimo: Good job on the Men's Football team! Thanks for helping me out at the beginning.

Michelle Ly: I miss baking with you!

Monica Nguyen: Shake your Mon Mon! We should have an Internal/External social!

Molly Sun: Yay go spring people! :]

Nathan Chang: You stood me up! It's ok, reschedule!

Nathan Chiang: Thanks for saving me at



tubing!

Nick Wen: Yay! Mocha!

Patrick Lu: I am a fan of your photography! + Thanks for lunch! I will get you back soon :]

Robert Huynh: You're missing out on being in Internal Branch and mi familia de absa. It's ok, I'll still take you to eat some Vietnamese food! and I don't live at Dobie!

Sally Huynh: Thank you so much for helping me with family event!!

Sally Zheng: If you're my girlfriend and my little sib.... Is that incest?

Sarah Lee: Come out to more ABSA things, we miss ya on the fields!

Sandy Duong: Good job with the volunteering, I can't wait for the carnival WITH KIDS!

Shara Kim Ma: Seester! Thanks for your support and help with Internal!

Skyler Wang: Where have you been bud? Come out to more ABSA things!

Taeyoung Kim: Let's go shoppppppping!!! And not study for Finance..

Tim Lee: I'm glad you put Tiny Tim on your shirt. Oh! We should have more officer dinners!

Tiffany Wang: Pigs, Pandas, and black VS Pink jacket! Oh my!

Tovey Xu: Congrats MOTM! You have so many titles: friend, co-worker, 5th roommate

Wendy Lin: I want to do case comp with you and Eddy! It's ok, make some time to hang out with me and I'll be ok :]

Wenting Xie: You are so skinny! Tell me your secrets!

Yao Lin: We have matching bedrooms!



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