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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Hello ABSA!

Welcome back to a brand new semester and be excited for what we have in store for you! For all you old members, I'm sure winter break was relaxing and fun but you know you were pining for ABSA all the while. For new members, we would love to meet y'all and we have more great professional, social, and philanthropic events lined up for you and your interests. Finally, for our devoted alumni and sponsors, thanks for all your generosity and we hope to continue to reach new levels with your support. DREAM BIGGER!!!

Cheers,

Henry J. Shi
President 10-11

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

We hope you had a fabulous and restful Winter Break as well as a relaxing Spring Break. As the new semester begins and Chinese New Year's passes, we hope that everyone is back and ready to Dream Bigger! In this issue of the Informer, we have included a special "dreams" highlight of what your fellow members' dreams are. Other features include: a presidential address from Henry Shi, Scoring Careers, LAUNCH Leadership Conference, the Chicago CFT, and as always our general meetings. Recruiting is currently on-going and we wish everyone best of luck in finding new opportunities in the future.

Thank you everyone for continuing to support us. We hope everyone had an awesome Spring Break and will look forward to upcoming ABSA events this semester! Good luck on the remainder of the year!

Best,

Eric and Helen

SINCE THIS YEAR'S THEME IS “DREAM BIGGER” WE DECIDED TO ASK SOME OF ABSA'S OWN ABOUT THEIR DREAMS...

“My dream is to see every human being live free from bondage.” Petra Koid

“My dream is to do something bigger than myself.” Dar Iamsuri

“My dream is to find the love of my life and spend the rest of my life with her.” Terence Ko

“My dream is to be happy, healthy, and wealthy.” Kevin Nguyen

“My dream is to explore and experience as much of the world as possible while building sustaining relationships across cultures in order to further achieve a collective understanding of a global society.”
Kelsey Durham

“My dream is to eat every food in the world like Andrew Zimmern.” Joseph Be

“My dream is to find happiness and miracles in all parts of life and to spread that appreciation to everyone I come across.” Angela Eng

“My dream is to live a genuinely happy life with as little regrets as possible and I wish the same for my family.” Becky Luu

“To be a gold digger!” Grace Kim

“To be awesome (as always).” Hyun

“To be a concert pianist.” Diana

“My dream is to make enough money to retire by 40, and spend the rest of my life doing things I love- writing, traveling the world, and eating!” Karen Shih

“To become the manager of the Houston Rockets.” Henry Shi

“To travel the world.” Olivia Park

“To be the CEO of Starbucks.” Yinni Chen

“To work 5 hour days and still be able to have enough money.” Shan He

“To travel around the world.” Jenny Che

GENERAL MEETINGS



GM: Deloitte.

By David Shim

Close to the end of our fall semester, we were able to have speakers from Deloitte: Mr. Greg Endo and Ms. Talita Goldsmith. Mr. Endo is a partner and Ms. Goldsmith is a tax consultant in Deloitte. Through this general meeting we were able to know more about the company's culture and atmosphere.

They also gave us tips regarding recruiting in general. We were all surprised by how seriously they thought about spelling mistakes in resumes, cover letters, etc. By the end, they talked about Deloitte's alternative spring break program. This program is a week-long program during spring break, and students from all over the country join 10 Deloitte professionals for a volunteering event.

How do I know so much about this event? It's because I applied and got invited to the event! I know a few other members also got invited to this event. Not only the sophomores, but we do have members having internships now: Eric Tsang! In conclusion, Deloitte and ABSA have been developing a connection and relationship, and I hope we keep this connection!



GM: *interest meeting*

By Diana Meng

Returning from a long winter break, ABSA members got back into their beloved routine for Thursday nights: attending ABSA General Meetings! On January 20th, the Spring Interest Meeting welcomed back 172 students, returning and prospective members, who were all eager to hang out and catch up with each other.

Although there were no company representatives that day, the officers gladly entertained everyone with amazing announcements, interesting facts about the officers, and exciting Social Week events. To showcase a slice of life that members can experience with ABSA, the officers also played the Inception-themed promo video that premiered at the Fall Interest Meeting. A semester may have past, but our theme stays the same: "Dream Bigger with ABSA!"

Afterwards, everyone made a mad dash to line up for food, where they were greeted by gigantic 30-inch pizzas from Arpeggio Grill, back by popular demand! With a slice of pizza on hand, each person made their way through the crowd, signed up for events, mingled and chatted with familiar and unfamiliar faces. Many prospective members were from the LeaderShape conference over winter break, where they had met tons of ABSA members who encouraged them to check us out.

While the introductions and announcements lasted no longer than 30 minutes, people stayed for more than an hour afterwards in the room. With no urgent deadlines and other commitments getting in the way, members relaxed, talked, joked around, laughed, and enjoyed another GM that capped off their Thursday night!



GM: Chevron

By Karen Shih

Some of the older members were especially excited about our General Meeting with Chevron, because Jeena Lee would be the guest speaker. Jeena was the President of ABSA three years ago, so it was definitely a pleasure to have her back with us.

Her presentation was very engaging and well-rounded overall. She covered topics such as the structure of the internship and the perks of working at Chevron. Personally, I was most intrigued by the extent that Chevron cares about its employees with many safety measures in place and emphasize each employee's health. She also highlighted memories from her years in ABSA and her lifelong friendships.

It was encouraging to hear that she values this organization so highly, and that it helped open doors in her career. Her love for ABSA definitely showed through her enthusiasm, and we hope she continues to visit every year. 🐾



GM: General Motors

By Daryle Utama

Known as America's multinational automaker and the world's second largest automaker, General Motors is a company that all ABSA members were looking forward to seeing during their general meeting. There was no doubt that everyone wanted to know how America's once most dominant automaker was able to rebound from its bankruptcy. As expected, there was a large crowd turnout, and people warmly welcomed the General Motors representative as she walked to the front of the room to talk about her company.

As usual, she introduced the very basic aspects of General Motors, such as their values, their vision, their products, and their overall company culture. Apparently, GM had done quite a bit of company restructuring, focusing much more on quality now. Their emphasis on quality is very much evident in their newest products, such as the Chevy Volt, Buick Lacrosse, and many other top-notch cars.

ABSA members were extremely enticed by the fact that when sent to travel abroad, GM employees are provided the luxury of driving hotrod automobiles such as the Chevy Camaro. All in all, the presentation was very fun and engaging.

General Motors is perhaps one of the few companies that were able to start afresh from such a dire situation. Surely, a company able to re-establish their rapport is one worth seeking for. 🐾





GM: MARATHON

By Ka-Wai To

ABSA had the pleasure of welcoming Marathon Oil on February 10th, 2011. Company representatives Kyle and Darren described in detail the company's history, businesses lines, as well as different methods of exploration and production.

First, Kyle elaborated on Marathon Oil's extensive history that reached back from 1887 when it was headquartered in Ohio. Next, Darren gave us an overview on the different methods of drilling oil, including conventional ways through oil rigs and new innovative methods such as oil sands.

As employees in the accounting side of Marathon Oil, Kyle and Darren both gave insight into the world of industry accounting and how it differs from public accounting, highlighting accounting in the oil industry. For example, Kyle described how in industry, people perform overlapping functions in both accounting and finance, whereas in public accounting, more emphasis is placed on each single function.

Lastly we ended the evening with some Pizza Hut pasta where all the members mingled within themselves and with our company representatives. 🍕



GM: P&G Proctor & Gamble

By Sondra Batbold

On Thursday, February 18th, ABSA hosted Procter & Gamble spokesperson and beloved alumnus, Eddy Fong, for a very entertaining and informative general meeting on the history, current state, and culture of P&G. Eddy made an interesting point that, ironically, most people do not know what P&G does despite the fact that about 98% of American households have at least one P&G product.

With brand names such as Tide, Mr.Clean, and Venus, P&G is a global powerhouse for consumer products in pharmaceuticals, personal care, and cleaning supplies. The crowd loved Eddy, not only for the countless free products he gave out for answers to his fun facts questions, but also for his charisma and genuine love for P&G.

This was Eddy's second time coming out to an ABSA event since the beginning of the year after his first workshop on interview tips and his attendance at Keep Austin Beautiful as a P&G representative. We thank him for his continued support and hope to see him again at Alumni Weekend this spring! 🍕

GM: family event

By Jennifer Nguyen

The competition was fierce as nine families battled it out, sending out their best models down the catwalk in order to bring home the title of ABSA's Next Top Model. Each family selected their most gorgeous model and was allotted 20 minutes to dress and style their model, getting them catwalk ready.

Families scrambled to design and create outfits for their models, adorn them with accessories, and polish their models with hair styling and make-up. Most of the families opted for a sexy look this year, going for very little fabric and exposing to everyone to parts that nobody ever wanted to see. Oh You Fancy Huh kept it classy however, going for a very sophisticated and innocent look, bearing almost no skin.

Once the styling phase was over, it was time for the walk off! Models danced sexily, stripped, and shook their behinds down the catwalk, channeling their inner Britney Spears and Lady Gaga. Kevin Chu, of Super Smashbros, was led on a leash and whipped! Again, most of the models tried to win the judges favor by dancing inappropriately in front of them. A few models even attempted this on the audience members as well.

In the end, there was a three-way tie for third place between Jon Wong of Oh You Fancy Huh, Daryle Utama of French Toast Mafia, and Josh Hu of Stud Muffins, broken by a dance-off which the audience voted on. Oh You Fancy Huh ultimately placed third, their classiness winning the judges and audience over. Second place went to Eric Allen of Bad Assets whose creativity impressed the judges with their dog accessory, while Amazin Invasion's Johnny Lorn placed first, being the prettiest of them all.



GM: THE CIA

By Candice Shim

On March 3, 2011, ABSA had the opportunity to get to know more about one of our corporate sponsors, CIA, during General Meeting #18! Craig, who is one of the recruiters for CIA came out, and talked to us about the different opportunities that the CIA offers.

Most of us probably thought of James Bond movies and spies when we heard the word CIA. It does offer limited opportunities for the adventurous types who know foreign languages, have the desire to gather information, and want to lead double lives.

However, Craig talked to us about how working for the CIA can be a serious career path option for business majors. He talked about CIA's 4 main divisions, and how its need for a lot of finance and accounting majors to help maintain its internal financial and accounting system. He also talked about how you could become an economic analyst that gathered information and analyzed foreign economies in the CIA headquarters in Washington DC.

It was definitely interesting to have CIA come out to our meeting. The recruiter was very approachable, chill, open-minded, and answered any questions we had for him about the CIA. Overall it was great to have the opportunity to learn more about the CIA since working for them sounded really interesting!



PROFESSIONAL



FEED YOUR MIND

By Eric Allen

You're hungry, you're sleepy, and you're irritated. That's right, it's finals time and one of the most stressful times for any college student. I mean the PCL is packed, the atrium is full, Reliant has no group rooms open, and everything else is going wrong. What's on your mind? A break of course, which was exactly what Feed Your Mind gave to students who needed to stop studying for awhile.

Feed Your Mind is an event that gave students a break from the hustle and bustle of finals week and allowed them time to relax, while filling their bellies with goodies. The snacks and food offered were astonishing: Chipotle, Hoa Hoa, Smoothie King, Monster, and Amps. It was all the energy you needed in one stop with my favorite thing being the SWEEDISH FISH.

Feed Your Mind was like an oasis to the lost and starving college mind and ABSA was the shepard to that oasis. This event is one of the most direct impact events that

ABSA holds each semester. It lets students know that while we are trying to better ourselves in ABSA, we are also trying to leave the campus a little bit better than it was before.

Feed Your Mind lets the students know that we are there, that we are both a great and giving organization. It is truly one of the best events hosted by ABSA, hands down. 🍌



By Grace Ko

The San Jacinto Multipurpose Room was filled with eagerness and animation as students went searching for internships and full-time opportunities at the 35 companies present at Scoring Careers! Scoring Careers is the only student-run career fair on campus and it provides students a more informal, relaxed setting to get to know the recruiters the day before the BBA Career Expo. This year, Scoring Careers featured a global theme and offered exciting game activities for students and recruiters. The event also featured cultural performances, free food, and raffle prizes for attendees.

Students were able to network with recruiters from companies such as the Big Four accounting firms, Liberty Mutual, Target, Accenture, P&G, and General Mills. Many attendees were pleased to get more information about career opportunities and operations at each company. By the end of the event, many students left with a stack of business cards and information pamphlets. We had a great turnout of students of all majors and it gave ABSA members a way to get a head start on recruiting during Careers Week! 🍌



DRAMA

Workshop #2

By Daryle Utama

Since I'm not in MPA, it's pretty rare that I get to enjoy a recruiting dinner, but fortunately, I was able to score a free three-course meal paid for by ABSA. Keeping with tradition, this event was held in the AT&T Executive Education Center. Executive branch did a great job with getting a diverse set of recruiters, which included ConocoPhillips, Chevron, Sherwin-Williams, and Bazaarvoice.

Good thing we were assigned seats, because I otherwise wouldn't have been able to choose among these awesome companies. While everyone was enjoying salad, we were treated to a performance by an improv comedy troupe, Gigglepants.

Despite having performed for ABSA Corporate Dinner three years in a row now, they were still able to keep their material fresh and they brought in laughs yet again. During the main course, an acapella group, The Ransom Notes, treated us to a mini-concert. I was so impressed with The Ransom Notes' rendition of Jon McLaughlin's "Human" that I went home and downloaded the original.

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MOCK

INTERVIEW

MARATHON

By Cassandra Chew

On your marks! Get set! Go! On Friday, February 18, ABSA members, dressed in business casual and armed with a resume and a smile, "competed" in the Mock Interview Marathon. At this event, members practiced their interview techniques during a causal interview session conducted by ABSA upperclassmen.

Upon arrival, the members signed-in and awaited their turn. At first, I was nervous as I shook hands with Tim Lee, the former ABSA president. The dreaded "Tell me about yourself" question came first. However, after the first few questions, I relaxed and treated this interview like a normal conversation. After the twenty minute interview, Tim provided me with feedback, and we discussed my strengths and weaknesses.

As I left the Frito Lay Center that Friday morning, I received an insightful piece of advice. Kelsey Durham said to me that "Interviewing is a two-way street. When you're interviewing, you're not only trying to persuade the company to choose you, but also trying to see if the company is a right fit for you. You should think that the company is trying to sell itself to you, too." Now, when I walk into an interview, I will always remember that recruiters are trying to get to know me as I try to get a feel of the company. 🍷



LAUNCH

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Daryle Utama

It is fair to say that the restart of the LAUNCH Leadership Conference this semester was a tremendous success. Numerous students from UT, University of Houston, and Texas A&M eagerly signed up for this two-day event where renowned speakers came to direct both presentations and workshops regarding their successes as Asian-Americans in their own fields of expertise.

The two key-note speakers of this leadership conference were James Ho and Curtis Chin, and both individuals shared intriguing stories of their upbringing, their road to success, and their contributions to the Asian-American community. Both speakers opened up the floor for any questions that audience might have had for them, which resulted in extremely productive interaction between both parties. Perhaps the most significant take-away from listening to these outstanding individuals is the fact that being Asian-American should not be thought of as a handicap in the professional world; rather, it should be an advantage.

Students were also given the opportunity to engage in workshops with other professionals who specialized in business, law, healthcare, and engineering. Speakers such as Ramey Ko and Christian Garcia received unanimous positive feedback from the students who participated in their workshops, and certainly are figures of admiration. To sum it all up, the 2011 LAUNCH Leadership Conference truly lives up to its own name, and is a sure catalyst for unlocking the potential in leaders of the future. 🐼





CORPORATE DINNER

By Charles Lai

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IT WORKSHOP

By Cassandra Chew

"Careers that are in top demand require students to have some expertise in the field of MIS!" said Dr. Prabhudev Konana. Dr. Konana is a professor of Information Management, Distinguished Teaching Professor at William H. Seay Centennial, and Assistant Director at the McCombs School of Business. He can most commonly be seen teaching his MIS 301H and 373.

Within a single hour, Dr. Konana explained to us how technology has changed our society and how professions are in search of people to help create that change. Being in the MIS field, he stated that he might be a little biased on which field to major in, but there is no doubting the fact that MIS has integrated into our everyday business life. MIS is one of the most hands-on careers because it gives you a taste of accounting, marketing, supply chain, finance, etc.

Even if you do not have any interest of a major/minor in the MIS field, Dr. Konana is a down to earth, intelligent person that everyone should get a chance to talk to. So if you want to know the inside scoop of business, send him an email and maybe, if you are lucky, you'll get to challenge him to a match of tennis too. 🎾





AUSTIN CFT:



By Grace Ko

On March 4th, 2011, ABSA members went to our first company field trip of the semester in Austin: Bazaarvoice. Bazaarvoice is a leading social commerce software company based in Austin, TX. Despite the professionalism the company demonstrates, ABSA members were allowed semi-formal to casual wear that Friday. So instead of the black suits, dress shirts, and ties you normally would see, ABSA members were seen wearing jeans and a nice blouse or shirt.

The recruiter that led us around in Bazaarvoice was Sam Baber. Sam was a very nice guy, leading us around the company while explaining the different aspects that Bazaarvoice holds in the company's technical fields as well as in the company environment. Sam told us that the company started about 6 years ago and that the company was very consumer oriented. He also demonstrated that the culture of the company was one that cared about their employees. The culture allowed space for growth for each employee and gave them incentives such that if they are able to exceed their expectations, then they are able to receive a very relaxing reward!

Both professional and semi-formal, Bazaarvoice is one company worth looking into when researching for jobs and internships. The culture, the style of work, and the workforce are all aspects that are unique and that tailor to this specific company. At the end of the day, ABSA members left Bazaarvoice with the knowledge that they could come back in the future for internships and other opportunities. 🍀



CHICAGO SPRING BREAK COMPANY FIELD TRIP

By Josh Hu

ABSA had its Chicago Company Field Trip from March 10-14. It was five days of endless fun, friendships, and food! We visited companies, toured the city, and made lasting memories.

On Day 1, we arrived in Chicago late at night and rode a party limo bus to our hotel. ABSA members danced to hip hop songs and sang to Katy Perry songs. Some of the dancers (Eric Allen and Richard He!) were so impressive that they could be "professionals". Once we arrived at the hotel, it was time for sleep since we had two company visits the next day.

On Day 2, we visited two consulting companies, Navigant Consulting and Accenture. At Navigant, after a brief overview of the company, we split off into two groups and chatted with consultants while eating Chicago Deep Dish Pizza. We talked about topics like the typical day in the life of a consultant, the interview process, and even Chicago tourist spots. Navigant gave out some great prizes, which ended up going to ABSA officers Ka-Wai, Henry, and Karen. Poor Diana! Afterwards, we walked a short distance to Accenture, where they gave us a tour of their technology lab and explained briefly about their company. Then it was off to Navy Pier! People split off into groups and did their own thing. Many of us ate Chicago hot dogs, rode the ferris wheel, and just strolled beside the lake. It was very romantic. ABSA provided us with Häagen-Dazs ice cream to end the night. Yum!

Day 3 was St. Patrick's Day! It seemed like everyone in Chicago was out and ready to party. First, dressed in our warmest clothes, we watched the Chicago River turn green! Silly Richard, who thought it was Halloween, was dressed like a cowboy (although he had a green hat!). Then, we walked over to Millennium Park to ice skate and watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Afterwards, we went to Michigan Avenue to shop and eat. Professional Branch and I went to Rockit Grill to eat. BEST MEAL EVER. Next time you go to Chicago, go to this restaurant and order a Rockit Burger! After many people shopped at stores like H&M and Zar. 🍀

SOCIAL & VOLUNTEERING

end-of-semester Banquet



By Helen Lee

As the semester came to an end, ABSA had our Fall End-of-the-Semester banquet at the Omni Austin Hotel. The theme this year was “A Night of Sweet Dreams,” shown by our officers and Internal Branch directors wearing red and white. Everyone was told to arrive by 6:15pm sharp, however, due to “Asian-time” standards; many of us strode in “late” or near 7pm when the actual event began. Thanks to Internal Branch for coming up with the early time scheme so that EOS could actually begin on time!

Waiting for the event to begin, everyone mingled and took photos for lasting-memories with their ABSA friends. The themed wall outside of the room was a favorite spot for photos as well as the Christmas tree inside the dining hall where all our Secret Santa gifts were placed. When the event finally began and food was placed in front of us, everyone talked and ate while listening to the wonderful

MC, Patrick Chen. As they began serving the main course, our graduating senior, Erica Chung, was asked to go to the front to say a few words about her experience and advice for members in the future. The Admin Branch did a great job with the Senior Farewell video as well as the Fall EOS video, showcasing all that ABSA has done last semester.

As the event drew to a close, the officers exchanged gifts with each other and those who participated in the Secret Santa Gift Exchange got the chance to find out who their Secret Santa was. The successful event in a cold, chilly night ended with members staying behind to chat while taking more pictures and having fun being with their ABSA friends. 🍷



BLAZERTAG

By Eric Allen

Blazertag was a nice event to bring back everyone after the long break away from each other. It encompassed everything ABSA people like in one place: competition, athletics, and strategies. We all went to the Blazertag zone and were pumped to see who will be on whose team and who will be the top players.

As always, all the ABSA guys boosted about being the best in the game. Everyone got to pick our own code names, and mine was domo. It was interesting to see how people personified themselves. I would only expect names like kitty, mocha, and boss from ABSA members.

Once the game started, it was competition time for everyone and everyone depended on their own team members. Running or what was supposed to be “fast walking” became a race to stay alive and avoid getting hit at all cost because then you had an inactive stage. Throughout the game, “big shot” players stayed posted in one place acting like snipers from games like “Halo” or “Call of Duty”.

Our team’s strategy in the two rounds was to go on full out assault rushes in order to cause chaos. I would run to where the enemy was posted, scream and shot like a mad man. Although I would die each time, it was successful in allowing the team to attack. Sometimes sacrifices must be made for the team as a whole.

Overall, the event was a great way to meet new members in a not –so-serious environment. 🍌

MOVIES UNDER THE Stars

By Ariel Kao

What other way is there to end a fantastic ABSA weekend with none other than a movie night under the stars?! Supposedly there was pizza, but with ridiculous directions with no address given by the social directors, everybody in Kevin Nguyen’s car got lost and arrived half an hour late... when all the pizza was gone. No worries though, because everyone got a chance to roast lots of awesome marshmallows to create yummalicious s’mores!

The movie choice for the night was the action-packed comedy, Rush Hour! Popcorn was passed around as everyone laughed and bonded over the classic Jackie Chan movie. The chilly, January night brought ABSA members closer as everybody huddled together to share each other’s warmth, unless you were Eric Allen. Equipped with layered jackets and at least four blankets, he seemed more prepared for a trip to Canada than a movie night under the stars. Sadly, the night eventually came to an end. Everyone left with their respective drivers, heading back to their homes to rest up for the upcoming Monday. Luckily, Kevin Nguyen did not get lost on the way out, seeing as how he had other cars to follow.

A movie under the stars was the perfect way to end the first week back at UT. 🍌



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

By Henry Shi

The sun was out, the fields were green, and the members were pumped. It was FRISBEE TIME! About 15 members gathered at Clark Field for ABSA's first Fantastic Friday of the semester: Ultimate Frisbee version. Everyone immediately began tossing an orange nerf disc to each other. Thankfully Jeff Zhao brought out a legit frisbee so that we could actually start a game instead of standing around. With bags and shoes serving as boundary markers, the two teams split off to different ends of the field, raring to go.

As the first throw commenced, the teams raced up and down the field trying to get an advantage over their rivals in a first-to-7 goals game. At first, several potential touchdown passes were dropped by both sides until the scores began piling on. A 3-1 lead quickly became a 4-3 deficit which then transformed into a dead heat of 5-5. With spectacular catches and eye-popping defensive plays by both sides, the teams duelled each other for the last couple of points. Finally, a diving catch sealed the game 7-5 with some great entertainment from Patrick Chen running around in skin tight black leggings (leaving nothing to the imagination).

Afterwards, some members headed to the basketball courts next to Brazos garage for some friendly five-on-five basketball which played out like the NBA All-Star game, all offense and zero defense. All in all, it was a great success for the Fantastic Friday Program and an enjoyable afternoon for the attendees. 🐼

ABSA / kab #2

VOLUNTEERING KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL

By Daryle Utama

With the year 2010 closing fast, there certainly is nothing more satisfying than for ABSA members to bring out their philanthropic side and clean up the community of Austin itself. Once again, members displayed dedication and energy as they gathered together at an excruciatingly early morning to participate in the Keep Austin Beautiful community service event.

To sum up the entire volunteering event, ABSA members had to walk down the street of Guadalupe and pick up as much trash as they could find. Though this does not sound like much of an activity worth doing, collectively cleaning up the streets of Austin certainly makes a big difference—and a perceivable one too. The KAB program is designed to allow people who would like to see Austin clean engage themselves in their very own vision. For ABSA members, it was also an event that created new friendships, brought people closer together, and incorporated an element of fun while working together as an organization.

After an hour of hard work, the members finally gathered together to take a memorable picture in front of the very streets that they had cleaned up. Surely, the sight of a clean street is something that one can marvel at, and is certainly a good way to end the year.





ABSA / kab #3

VOLUNTEERING KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL

By Denny Ku

There wasn't a more perfect day to be out in the sun than the Saturday of Jan 29th. It was bright and early, and the color purple was filling up the streets of Austin. Keep Austin Beautiful #3 was the first volunteering event of the semester and the turnout was great. Old members and new members gathered together to help clean up Guadalupe and 30th – 38th street.

We divided into classes, the low rank: Glove Grabbers, the middle class: Trash Bag Holders, and the High esteemed: The Claws.

Trash was more interesting this time around as we found a myriad amount of items such as bottles, cigars, batteries, hangers, article of clothing, blue army men, a wire that could have been mistaken for a snake, etc.

As our group divided into half to take on both sides of the street, the right side dominated in speed and trash picking.

In the end, ABSA did its part to keep Austin beautiful one mile at a time. We all rewarded ourselves with 1 \$ Big Macs at McDonald. Nom Nom Nom. 🍌

ABSA / Lady Bird Lake

VOLUNTEERING Lake

By Josh Hu

ABSA loves Austin, so what better way to give back to Austin than picking up trash at Lady Bird Lake?

If there was one thing that we learned from this event, it is that many ABSA members cannot identify poison ivy. But luckily, the lady from KAB was an expert and saved us from days of scratching and red rashes by warning us beforehand! The lady from KAB also challenged us to find the most unique objects among the trash. Challenge accepted.

In addition to picking up trash along the sidewalk, we also picked up trash along the shores of the lake. This was a very dangerous task because we were one accidental slip away from falling into the lake. I promised that I would buy lunch for the first person who falls into the lake, but I guess no one wanted a free lunch. Too bad!

Because of my long arms, I had the honor of doing this task. Luckily, Connie Han held my hand and prevented me from falling. ABSA love and support at its finest.



Of course, we had one submission for the “Most Unique Object” Award by our very own ABSA President, Henry Shi. The item? A trash can. Now if only there was a “Most Nauseating Object” Award...

Overall, this was a great volunteering event—bonding among members while cleaning up an important part of Austin. What more could we ask for? 🍌



ABSA / Nursing and Retirement Center

VOLUNTEERING

By Charles Lai

With a shortage of philanthropic opportunities and a surplus of eager ABSA volunteers, External Branch with its new volunteering director Cathy Shen, stepped in and surprised ABSA with TWO volunteering opportunities for Saturday, February 19. Those unlucky members who weren't fast enough to sign up on the board to attend the 9 AM Micah 6 Food Pantry event took a later shift at the Nursing and Retirement Center.

What was initially advertised as Bingo with the elderly turned into a social mixer with the children of the Great Depression. Amanda Almeda and Shan He took turns cranking out tunes ranging from popular hits such as Vanessa Carlton's "A Thousand Miles" to classics like Scott Joplin's ragtime favorite "The Entertainer". External VP Diana Meng also busted out her sight-reading abilities and tickled the ivories with some hymns for those in attendance.

During our 90-minute session we were there, members like Executive VP Karen Shih learned new card games, played dominoes, and heard fascinating stories passed down the generations such as that of Vive and the origin of her name. (Her father served in the First World War and after being shot and left behind as a casualty was taken in and nursed by the French) Richard He was also quite the charmer as senior citizen Isabel found him to be quite pretty. 🐼

ABSA / MICAH 6 AUSTIN

VOLUNTEERING

By Josh Hu

Bread rolls, corn, green beans, chicken, and cake. Man, my stomach is grumbling just thinking about these items! However, food is only one part of the volunteering experience at Micah 6, the local food pantry in West Campus.

On a cloudy and early Saturday morning, a group of very tired but dedicated ABSA members walked over to the food pantry, ready to give back to the community. Micah 6 is like a little supermarket. People go through it and place items in a shopping basket. After choosing what they want, they walk to the check-out line, where their items are bagged.

ABSA played an important role in the process. We stocked the shelves, bagged the items, and even helped carry the heavy shopping baskets for people who needed assistance. Of course, the latter job was very selective, given to only the strong men of the group. And yes, I was a part of this group. It was definitely a good triceps and biceps workout.

The best part of this volunteering event was seeing the smiles on people's face as they walked out of the food pantry. I guess it is true; food changes lives. I can't wait to volunteer at Micah 6 next time. Hopefully I will get promoted to bagger! 🐼



Tuesdays with **BBA Professors**



By Richard He

Due to major student interest and previous success in the Breakfast with Professors event last semester, ABSA has decided to organize another Tuesdays with Professors series. This time around, External Branch organized two casual meetings, instead of just one, in order to accommodate the busy schedules of ABSA members.

At 9 AM on a Tuesday morning, Professor Gail Gemberling (MIS & STA) came out to chat with several ABSA members. She talked about her Statistics 309 course and the material it covers. As Professor Gemberling defined her teaching style, we can see how she is one of the few faculty members who are recognized for their teaching excellence as well as for her high ratings on the Course Instructors Surveys completed by students in 2009. She is a really nice person, willing to help students at any time. She's great to talk to in office hours and during the Tuesday event. The group also covered the past glory days of the Dallas Cowboys, the old teacher's lounge, her traveling experiences, and her general likes/ dislikes.

Professor Deborah Morrison (ADV) met with an all-girl crowd on a Wednesday afternoon. Her expertise in advertising helped her entertain the group. They covered the general topics of her career path and teaching experiences before moving on to her travels and the broad topic of life. Many questions were exchanged as Morrison took an interest in the ABSA members and the organization.

Special thanks to the Public Relations Directors for organizing the event! Because of their efforts, attendees were able to have a light snack while networking with the renowned business professors of the McCombs School of Business. 🍷

IHOP BENEFIT NIGHT



By Karen Shih

After ABSA's Next Top Model, families hustled over to IHOP for a benefit night. We definitely drew attention from other patrons, as some of the top models showed up to the restaurant with traces of colorful makeup still on their faces. We had a private room to ourselves with tables arranged very closely together.

I definitely liked that because it was easy to co-mingle among families. Spirits were high as we all excitedly discussed hilarious and shocking moments from the competition that will forever stay in our minds. There was chatter of a potential eating contest between Hyungoo Kang and Richard He of the Financial Branch. They would order endless pancakes and race to devour the most number of pancakes. The champion would receive bragging rights, and the loser would have to do like Britney Spears and shave his head.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough time for the contest. I was ready to bet my money on Richard, too. ;) At the end of the day, even though our Family Program pits families against each other, we easily get past the competitive spirit and become closer friends through gatherings like benefit nights. After all, ABSA is one large family in itself. 🍷



KAYAKING social

By Ariel Kao

Many ABSA members were saddened after the Kayaking Social was postponed back in February, but happiness was rekindled when it was back on in March! For all of those who ventured out to this long awaited social, I applaud you because kayaking was more exercise than I expected! The water was also much colder than anyone anticipated, but the warmth provided by the sun was a tremendous blessing to all.

Even one of our lovely Executive Directors, Eugene Hsiao, came out to this spectacular, outdoor event! If any of you know Eugene, you know that Eugene Hsiao does not come out to many of these kinds of ABSA activities. And if you really know Eugene, you know he always gets revenge one way or another to whoever attacks him (with ten times the force back)! Patrick Chen, one of our Social Directors, had the boldness to splash Eugene while kayaking. Little did he know what revenge awaited him. Once Patrick arrived back to the dock, Eugene satisfied his vengeance by pushing Patrick into the freezing lake. For all those who saw, this was definitely the highlight of the Kayaking Social!

This social was a great bonding experience for everyone. Getting soaked by lake water (some people more than others) and chilled by nippy winds has a way of bringing people together. The Kayaking Social was without a doubt a memorable and entertaining way to spend a Saturday afternoon. If you didn't go, you sure missed out!

ABSA / EXPLORE VOLUNTEERING / UT

By Cassandra Chew

On Saturday, March 5, ABSA took part in the "Biggest Open House of the Year," Explore UT. It is an interactive day-long event full of exploration, curiosity, and fun. At this event, thousands of parents, future longhorns, and schools got a taste of the UT world. Prior to the start of this event, volunteers arrived as early as 8:00AM to set up booths and materials, even though it was a rainy morning. They gathered the supplies and prepared some of the materials. Nonetheless, despite the early morning rain, the show went on, and excitement filled the McCombs' Hall of Honors as schoolchildren began pouring in at 11:00AM.

At this event, we were in charge of a creativity booth called the Pasta Tower. Groups had six minutes to create a standing structure out of 20 pieces of spaghetti, five paper clips, four pieces of tape, two index cards, a chunk of Play-Doh and a Styrofoam cup. Sounds easy, right? However, there was a catch. The cup had to be on the top so that it could hold nails, and the structure had to stand for at least a minute. Even ABSA's own engineer--I won't mention any names--had difficulties completing this amazing feat!

Group after group and family and after family participated at our booth. We saw 9-inch towers topple at the last second; Play-Doh used in the most interesting way; and kids just having fun. Those who won walked away with a sense of satisfaction and a smile. In the end, all of us had a wonderful time watching children and teenagers alike stretch their minds and pull together. Can't wait for the 13th Annual Explore UT to come around! 🍷



INTRAMURAL SPORTS

CO-ED BASKETBALL



By Grace Kim

The first game was a highly anticipated event. After a couple of weeks of practice, we would finally be pitting our skills against those of another team.

Players arrived 30 minutes before show time in order to warm up, and spectators began to trickle in sometime later. Over twenty members came out to support the team and the gym echoed with the sound of our cheers. Unfortunately, the emotionally charged atmosphere could not prevent our defeat and we ended the first game with many lessons in mind.

That experience was our rallying cry.

ABSA knows how to pick itself back up, dust off its failures, and come back stronger than ever. Athletic Directors, Nook Truong and Denny Ku, ran plays and drills and instilled in the players a spirit of teamwork and determination. Our efforts came to fruition in our next two games, where we blew our opponents out of the water by over twenty points each time.

The next game will determine whether we move forward into playoffs, but regardless, our members can be proud to be part of a team that refuses to define itself by a fear of failure. 🗨️



MEN'S

By David Shim

I can start by saying this was not the happiest experience for any of us: players or audience. Rumor has it that ABSA Men's basketball team was a team others wanted to avoid on the court. This year, however, it made the ABSA members want to avoid the court.

It was a pretty bad loss, but it had its upside to it: it gave us many good reasons to practice. After most main members of the basketball team graduated college, we are currently under rebuilding stage. Just like UT football this year, if the ace members graduate, it's hard to keep up the good work.

It's a cyclical thing that happens in every sports team, and we came to the point where we accepted our loss and decided to move on and improve. Hard-core training has started, and we expect to see improvements on the court.

We still love you ABSA basketball team!!! 🗨️

SHOUT OUTS!



ERIC ALLEN

Richard He: Keep smiling, stay happy, and remain kind because that's what makes you such a great guy

Kevin Chu: You're such a great friend, a great Cantor, and great son :)

Jen Tam: YAY!!! WE ARE GONNA BE BEST FRIENDS FOR EEEEEVVVVVVEERRR

Terence, Ka-Wai, Henry: CHING CHUNG LING LUNG TING TUNG

Daniel Chao and Cody Imamura: "Watch out for Cody she's a tricky one"

Henry Shi: It was a privilege being your bed mate (not really and you know why)

Bad Assets: WE ARE STILL THE BEST FAMILY!!!

Molly Sun: I missed you so much Molly and I'm so glad that your back this semester, the family was not the same without you. I really do look up to your and see you as the sister I never really got to have. I know you're going to go far in life so just don't forget about your little brother <3.

Karen Shih: You really are an amazing girl, if there was a word to describe classy being classy that would be you. I think there should be a new word called "Kshi" in honor of you.

Diana Meng: First off, you're really good at Chinese, but besides that I wanted to say that you're an amazing girl who is incredible kind hearted.

Connie Han: I'm sorry Connie but I do not know if you'll ever be good at country accents ... but keep trying.

Andreia Choi: You are such a cool and awesome. The way you talk is so cute also and your ghetto and country is coming along excellently. I want you to stay longer, but I'm blessed to have you here for now

Cody Imamura: 怪ちゃんども有賀とから私と話します。FYI you're too good at Mafia

Ka-Wai: Mm hou gao ngo

Charles Lai: You are one funny guy Charles and I pray for the best after you graduate. We need to hang out more before you leave okay.

John Terada: TALK TO ME IN JAPANESE MORE OFTEN!!!! WE JAPANESE NEED TO STICK TOGETHER

Hyun: You're always gonna be my black brotha :D

Josh Yap: I did put you after Richard

because you two are two different people. But anyways, thank you for being such a great friend and saving me from getting Wendy's before Bazaar Voice CFT. I realized I can really count on you for a lot of things and I hope it stays that way.

Eugene: I have seen another side to you that I am so glad to have seen. You are such a great guy and really good and giving advice. I'm really glad to have gone to Chicago and spend quality time with you.

Petra Koid: Simply thank you for allowing me to reconnect with God I really love you for that.

Josh Hu: So it's hard to know where to start but firstly you are an incredible friend. I really never thought we would become this close but look where we are today. You are someone I can trust and depend on through thick and thin. Simply thank you for everything.

Grace Kim: I want to thank you so much for everything you have done for me. You really have changed my life in so many ways and you inspire me so much Grace. There are so many things about you that are admirable, your friendliness, determination, and above all connection with God. I know you can do great things and you will go far. I love you chica.

SONDRA BATBOLD

Henry Shi: Yay for another semester with our awesome Exec panel =) Good job staying on top of things and keeping us all in check - I know it's not the easiest task sometimes haha... come visit me at Swirl!

Ka-Wai To: Stop trying to show us pictures of your arm... rawr... haha great job working on LAUNCH - proud of you!

Grace Ko: Sorry I could not go to Chicago CFT - I bet it's gonna be awesome! Have fun! Come back in time to celebrate my birthday. Diana Meng: Micah 6 was so much fun. Great job with all your events and thanks for giving Swingouts your all =)

Grace Kim: I am going to eat sooo much sweets on my birthday... a slice of every different type of cake. Let's go to San Antonio for that sweet you wanna eat for Jane's birthday ;)

Karen Shih: we FINALLY had our brunch date =) I wish I was feeling okay that day so I could've nommed but oh well, let's do it again!

Hyun Kang: dt? Hahaha

Tracey Tran: Newest director of mine... I love your style and you are doing a great job on the Marketing Team! Keep it up!

Doro: pbro, I love having you in my branch =) Thanks for staying active and supporting me in ABSA.

Admin Branch: GET READY FOR ANOTHER AMAZING SEMESTER! Thank you all for the great team dynamic and all your hard work. I

am so lucky to have you all as my directors. =) <3

Big Bang: you jokester. I want to see some 3s or you're not going home after the next game haha

Andrew Lam: Thank you for helping me out with my situation and being an awesome pbro.

Lee Wang: Let's hang out sometime... we always seem to see each other on the way to something else lol

Kelsey Durham: kick butt in basketball! WOOHOOO =D

Victoria Chiem: Baby, words can't describe what I feel for you <333 oh and stop sending me fake e-mails of keychains with picture attachments thanks!

Denny Ku: remember that time you creepily followed me in your car when I was running? Weirido. <3 OH and way to forget me on the basketball roster. Thanks.

Patrick Chen: Rock that bald look and sing Black & yellow for me one more time haha

Natasha Suddhi: Hope pledging isn't killing you! ;)

Nook Truong, Chris, Davis: you guys are compulsive liars! I am way too gullible. =/

Hans Malzar: I don't see you enough and I still have yet to play on the Kinect!

Dustin Le: Rawr sorry I keep postponing our dt date haha hope you and Dlittle had fun that night

Angela Eng: Thanks so much for keeping me up to date in EDP 363!

Angela Huang: I miss your face <3 I will still write you a shoutout and send you the digital copy!

Stephen He: I still owe you a valentine gelato.

Richard He: brown bag? haha

Jen Tam: I love your laugh. I can hear it a mile away.

Vincent Nguyen: PLAY LEFT FOR DEAD II WITH ME

Terence Ko: Hey neighbor. ;)

Ken Nguyen: let's go to Korean Market again ... super craving right now.

Nathan Chen: Best of luck with recruiting!

Pil Jeong: More lunches please! Stop being a hermit and come out and play!

Eugene Hsiao: You are so awesome and such a great friend - don't let anyone put you down!

Youngsik Kim: "Do you party?" haha you made my Saturday morning at Micah 6

Louis Yu: Ripped. Too good. Too fat. What can I say?

Tim Lee: Rock those glittery jeans!

Charles Lai: Are you going for MOTM? Haha it's great seeing you so active.

Daniel Chao: You make MAN 336 bearable & thank you for EDP help!

CONNIE HAN

Kevin Nguyen: I'm so judging your white

polo grandpa with arthritis.

Josh Hu: I want happy Josh back!

Richard He: Guangzhou buddy!

Eugene Hsiao: Eugenie in a bottle :D

Daryle Utama: An old wrinkled baby is not a good sight so sleep more kid.

Eric Allen: Stop spamming me!

Cody Imamura: I'm so excited for Chicago

Louis Yu: Learn how to talk like a normal person "irregardless" of your boring major :D

David Shim: Hui Sub let's go run!

Danny An: Have fun living with clean freak, Hui Sub!

Jenny Che: You are so cute!

Daniel Chao: I want my money! You are going to be rich anyways with all your fancy interviews!

Terence Ko: Janitorial director! I miss seeing you clean at GMs :D

Vincent Nguyen: Teach me how to jailbreak my Ipad.

Tracy Wing: Oh our MPA misery.

Ken Nguyen: Can you be a nicer person??

Lee Wang: Lee Lee :D

Kelsey Durham: You are really good at singing!

Tiffany Leong: Pencil me into your schedule please!

Nathan Chen: Cheers to our love for intermediate... not.

Jamie Roh: I'm not Molly, but I forgive you because you are so adorable.

Betty Wang: Yay external! We are the best.

Cathy Shen: Thanks for the clear delegations during shoreline :P

Henry Shi: Thanks for letting me steal your identity for 5 minutes.

Victoria Chiem: You should totally make Henry carry your backpack every day.

Karen Shih: I want in on the food adventures with Charles!

Diana Meng: Happy Birthday!

Grace Ko: I want to see your kitty!

Grace Kim: I wanted trailer food really badly

Ka-Wai To: I hope your arm is getting better!

Hyungoo Kang: I'll suffer "a consequence" from my officer if I don't usher? Really?

Stephanie Qin: Welcome back... if you read this.

Molly Sun: Come back so bad assets will still be in existence!

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Eric owned you at Mafia, real nurse. I'm so glad you are still in Austin for Spring Break. It's pretty lonely here!

Kelsey Durham: Hey coach. I enjoyed you motivating and pushing everyone. Basketball definitely wouldn't have been the same without you.

Ken Nguyen: My brother misses being your roommate!

Kevin Chu: It was great playing basketball with you. We should definitely hit Gregory sometime. I really admire how active you are in ABSA.

Kevin Nguyen: Anthropology buddy 2! :) Must stay awake... haha

Lily Nhoisaykham: Has been a pleasure working with you this year. You're a fun person to talk to!

Loren Wang: Friend since elementary school. I'm glad we can still reunite every Thursday!

Louis Yu: I really admire your dedication to ABSA. Don't worry about not being able to build that spaghetti structure, engineer!

Molly Sun: Karaoke was super fun. Eric always talks about what a great big sib you are. I want to play mafia with you.

Mufeng Zhu: It was fun playing basketball with you!

Natasha Suddhi: Glad I got to know you better during Leadershape!

Nook Truong: Speedy basketball player that no one can catch up with.

Olivia Park: Kayaking was really fun. Cool getting to know you.

Parker Robinson: Crazy awesome dude. You added diversity to CFT lol

Patrick Chen: Thanks for splashing everyone with your oar. But the best moment of the day was when Eugene pushed you into the water.

Petra Koid: LeaderShape family! The family that lays together, stays together. :) Great job with Launch!

Ran Liu: BHPfriend! That MIS project should be interesting.

Richard He: It was really great talking to you on the train and airplane. Chicago was a really great experience.

Rocky Bae: Miss you. Hope you are enjoying studying all the time and the new girlfriend.

Ryan Lee: Nice meeting you at Movie Under the Stars! Hope you like ABSA

Seongeun Yoon: You're full name is interesting. Company Field Trip was great! Good job!

Sondra Batbold: Hope you enjoyed walking me during ABSA's Top Model! What a fitting song I danced to.

Stephanie Ham: Now that you're rooming with Andrea next year, expect to see more of me.

Stephanie Qin: Still appreciate you for doing the informational interview last semester! Haha. Hope you are enjoying your internship and see you soon!

Taehoon Kim: You're super funny!

Tammy Tran: NUTELLA! haha you're awesome for taking pics at the events!

Terence Ko: Rockit burger is delicious!!

Seriously, I want it right now.

Tiffany Leong: CREEPER lol

Tim Lee: You are a very respectable person. Hope you enjoyed Cat in the Hat dinner!

Tracey Tran: Great meeting you at corporate dinner! Hope you like ABSA so far.

Tracy Wing: I hope you enjoyed my proposal with the toilet paper ring. When we for real get married, I will buy you a better ring.

Victoria Chiem: Socials and Chicago were fun!

Vincent Au: Can't believe you fell into the lake so many times. haha

Vincent Nguyen: Exec Branch is pretty cool

Will Chang: I feel like I see you a lot in the dining halls. We should have lunch/dinner sometime!

Yinni Chen: I heard you're a great artist. Draw something for me!

Youngsik Kim: Hey Chicago roomie. Hope you enjoyed the trip! You were a warrior for walking around so much in your cast.

ANGELA HUANG

Henry Shi: Hey Mr. President! How's everything going? Hope you're still keeping in shape (both yourself and ABSA). It's the home stretch! Keep me updated with everything [: Hope you're not too stressed, I mean, I could send you a postcard if that'd make you feel better :P Anyway, sending my love and best wishes!

My Girls: You all had better get together sometime soon and Skype me yea? I'm feeling a bit out of the loop here! How are you all and your love lives? :P No really, I miss you guys dearly and can't wait to catch up with you all SOON. Don't forget to work hard and PARTY HARDER. Alcohol is damn expensive here, so you guys should be drinking my share back home :D Love you guysss!

Stud Muffins: Are Henry/Victoria/Sondra taking care of you all? Feel free to tattle to Mama Muffin if they aren't [: I've still got some say over here! Hope you guys are all doing well in school, life, etc. I'd srsly love to hear from you guys! <3

Stephen/Taro: You hear from me enough already <3

Ken/Patrick/Jason: Thanks for housing the above. Make sure he doesn't clog your toilets.

Nathan Chen: I miss you! I finished all of Mad Men up through season 4 now... The perils of no internet. Now I have nothing else to watch.

Hyun: WHY YOU NO TELL ME????

GRACE KIM

Officers: We really got things under control this semester! I'm so blessed to be working alongside such hardworking and passionate individuals. You guys are my inspirations, my guides, and my best friends. I love our panel and I can't believe we managed to make it through ¾ of the year already! You guys are amazing

IT'S SO FLUFFY: My little sibs are the coolest kids on the block! Thank you guys for being so active in the family and making our events such a great success. I hope Stephen, Hyun, and I can be more than just event planners for you guys... we really want to get to know each and every one of you on a personal level and hope you guys know y'all can come to us for ANYTHING. Let's win BEST FAMILY OF THE YEAR!

Internal Branch: You guys make me so proud. I trust every single one of you to pull through with whatever I ask and you make MY job so much easier for it. I love you guys so much and hope you are enjoying this year as much as I am! I can't wait for our INTERNAL BOAT PARTY (that's right, be jealous everyone) and for spending more time with you guys!

Eric Allen: Good luck with your campaign...I know you'll do great things for McCombs!

Josh Yap: We need to see each other OUTSIDE of Reliant someday, yes? Bahahaha

Petra Koid: Thanks for organizing prayer meetings for ABSA; you're one special girl!

Richard He: Hmm... we need to work on these cheers of yours...

Taehoon Kim: Thanks for brown-bagging with me over Denny! Hahahaha I'll work on my Korean and show you up next time, yea?

Louis Yu: You are one of the sweetest guys I know... thanks for teaching me your workout and let's make it a tradition!

Dorothy Doan: You do NOT look like a giraffe ... you're BEAUTIFUL!!!

Ken Nguyen: SUSHIIIIII... and weekly J2s

Eugene Hsiao: Oh man, I rarely hang out with you anymore; Don't hate me... let's do something this weekend??

Betty Wang: You have such an amazing smile and sunny personality... you brighten my day every time I see you!

Josh Hu: I learn interesting things from you every time I hang out with you haha

Kelsey Durham: Thanks for always putting

your 100% towards the team!

Youngsik Kim: Congrats on getting your ticket revoked! I'm glad I could help haha. We need to hang out again and play games like we did at the ski trip!

Cathy Shen: You are such a great interviewer! Hope you did well on your exams!

Terence Ko: Thanks for putting up with all the officers and our timeliness in submitting powerpoint slides :P

PETRA KOID

Alex Nguyen: Your enthusiasm rubs off on me. :) Thanks for always saying hi whenever we see each other!

Amanda Almeda: You're so consistent with your work - that's really encouraging.

Andreia Choi: Don't let Danny bother you! Really, he's got nothing much in his head, that's why he's got nothing intelligent to say. :)

Andy Nguyen: Great to meet you! Hope I get to see you more often.

Angela Chow: You're always so positive! That's great to have around. I hope I'll get to know you better. :)

Annie Li: Thanks for all your help with everything since the very beginning of this year!!

Anthony Li: So glad you wanted to try something new and joined ABSA! Keep that up!

Ariel Kao: You're such a joy to be around. Thanks for all the time you devote to ABSA!

Armon Khorrai: I love being around you! You're always so positive, and you always bring a new perspective to the table.

Arsalan Nasir: Haha I can't believe we've been living on the same floor all this time. Glad you joined ABSA!

Ashley Chang: It's a blessing to have you in ABSA. I love hearing how God has transformed you - it's so encouraging. Keep setting your eyes upon Him!

Becky Luu: You're very cool. :) Thanks for all your help with Launch!

Betty Wang: You're elegant and beautiful on the outside and inside. I can't imagine this year without you. Thanks for being here for me.

Candice Shim: I can't believe I met you at Kickoff! Thanks for telling me about LeaderShape!

Carrie Chen: I'm glad I found someone who enjoys the art of makeup as much as I do! Haha.

Cassandra Chew: I love being around you because you always have a positive attitude. I'm looking forward to getting to know you better!

Charles Lai: ... :)

Christine Lau: Future roomie! We're going to have fun next year. You're hardworking, diligent, considerate, authentic, and just awesome.

Cody Imamura: I'm so glad I got to know you at LeaderShape! You're very cool, and it's very nice to have such a calm person like you around.

Connie Han: Thanks for all your help with study abroad!

Connie Tao: You're a beast. :) In BC and I'm sure in I-team as well.

Cybil Zhang: I'm so glad we're in this together, girl. I love your relentless positive energy haha. Numbers 6:24-26

Daniel Chao: Take a risk, Daniel! I'm jk. :) Or am I... ? Haha you're awesome.

Daniel Jong: Nice to have met you at Launch and AACM basketball! Hope I'll get to know you better.

Daniel Lawrence: I wish I get to see you around more! But it's always so pleasant to see you. Your smile brightens up my day.

Danny An: :] <-- supposed to be a corny smile. Danny, you've brought tremendous joy into my life. You've built me into a better person; I really can't begin to describe what a blessing you are in my life. Thanks Buddy.

Dar Iamsuri: You're precious. It's nice to have someone as calm as you around.

Daryle Utama: Through ups and downs, you know I'll be here for you as a sister. :) I've enjoyed all the conversations we've had, and I'm looking forward to many more.

David Shim: Keep shining your light! It's inspiring and does not go unnoticed. Thanks for letting me bother you. Aand... don't copy my lines. :)

Denny Ku: Thanks for always putting a smile on my face, Denny!

Diana Meng: You're calm, smart, responsible ... just awesome. :) Thanks for guiding me through so much.

Emily Kong: You're so bubbly!

Eric Allen: "Oh haayyy." That was the first thing I thought of when I saw your name haha. You're awesome. You know I know that.

Erica Tsao: Hi Gorgeous. Thanks for all your help at the beginning of the semester. I wish I see you around more often!

Eugene Hsiao: You're honest and sincere. Thanks for being there for me. You're awesome, Eugene. Don't let anyone tell you anything less.

Felicia Tsao: You're an awesome big sib!

Frank Chen: Hope to see you at more ABSA events! Stop being so busy and enjoy what's around you. I promise it's worth it. :)

Grace Kim: I'm sure you've gotten this many times, but you have a beautiful smile. :) Let your light shine!

Grace Ko: You're very nice and sweet. :) I'm looking forward to our brown-bag date! ...if it hasn't passed yet.

Gun Lee: Great to meet you at Launch! Hope to see you around more often.

Hans Malzar: You're the best big sib. Thanks for all your help and support in everything.

Heather Ha: You're very sweet and always

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helpful.

Helen Lee: You're so sweet and diligent. I've enjoyed getting to know you this semester!

Henry Shi: Thanks for your enthusiasm!

Hyun Kang: LOVE your chillness hahah! You're an awesomely supportive officer. Thanks for all your help... and I guess... also for giving me a hard time haha. It's been fun.

Jamie Roh: Hey Beautiful. Your love for our Savior is inspiring. It's amazing to see you place your faith in someone who loves you unconditionally and will never grow weary. Love you Jamie!

Janie Kim: Great job with Launch!

Jeff Li: You're very smart. Come out to more ABSA events! :)

Jeff Zhao: Great working with you for Launch. I learned a lot from you.

Jen Tam: You're so friendly and bubbly, always a joy to have around. Keep smiling or laughing. :) It will brighten someone's day!

Jennifer Nguyen: You're so mature and composed. Thanks for putting up with us "youngins." :)

Jenny Chau: Jenny, I'm so glad we got to know each other through Launch. You're so capable and cool, and I hope to be able to work/chill with you again!

Jenny Che: I love to see you smile (not in a creepy way haha). Stay strong! You know I'm always here for you.

Jon Wong: You're an awesome family member going out to all of Oh You Fancy Huh's events!

Joseph Be: Thanks for being here for me, especially in the first semester. I'll try to go out to more family events - we need to catch up!

Josh Hu: Hey bro. I'm so glad we got to know each other. Lots of Love. :)

Josh Yap: Thanks for helping me through the semester. You're so supportive, and I hope I can be the same for you.

Julia Chuang: Thanks for being so supportive of me from the start. I hope I'll get to see you around more often. You're awesome.

Justin Chao: Thanks for all your support from the beginning. You're very friendly and selfless.

Karen Chen: Miss you! Hope you're having a blast in Australia! I know you are. :)

Karen Shih: You're incredibly poised and

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classy. :) Thanks for keeping Hyun in check for Financial Branch!

Ka-Wai To: Ka-Wai, :D. We've learned a lot this year. It's so great to know you, and it's going to be awesome growing with you for the next 2-3 years.

Kelsey Durham: Awkward turtle... Shady palm tree... Gondor turtle? Thanks for helping me through so much, Kelsey. You're the best.

Kevin Chu: You are the definition of a great friend. Thank you, Kevin.

Kevin Hwang: Thanks for your encouragement, and it was fun working with you!

Kevin Nguyen: You're awesome. It's always refreshing to see you during the day. :) I love your light-heartedness.

Khushboo Kamnani: Girrrl. I can't believe we met at orientation. Thanks for always making me laugh.

Koosh Patel: Again, sorry there weren't any vegetarian sandwiches. But thanks so much for helping out with the panel!

Lee Wang: You're an asset to ABSA haha. Thanks for sharing what you know with the younger people. :)

Linda Ye: You crack me up. :) You're very smart and capable. I know you know that. :P I'm very blessed to have met you this year.

Lisa Liu: I can't believe we met almost 4 years ago!

Lita Zhu: Malaysia pride! ...Not really haha. It's so nice to see you around. Hope we'll get to know each other better.

Loren Wang: Keep letting your light shine! Thanks for being a supportive bro in Christ.

Louis Yu: Dude, you're baller. :P Great job with the websites, and thanks for the enthusiasm!

Michael Gu: You're pretty coo, Michael Gu. That rhymes. :) So glad to have met you at Launch! Thanks for keeping me awake during Micro.

Molly Sun: Playing Mafia with you sucks haha. That's because I'm not good at it. But I hope I'll get to know you better when you get back.

Natasha Suddhi: You are so sweet, Ms. Natasha. There's hardly any who are like that anymore. :)

Nook Truong: It was great to meet you! I hope I'll get to know you better.

Olive Hsiao: Thanks for all your help with the panel! You have a lot of knowledge and wisdom, and it's so encouraging to see you be willing to share it with those who don't.

Prashanth Ramasamy: You're chill but hardworking. :) Awesome combo. So glad we got to work on Launch together. It was a blast!

Pulok Khan: Pulok! Glad you joined ABSA. Hope to see you around more often.

Ran Liu: You have a big heart, Ran. You are very caring, sincere, considerate, and respectful. It was great working with you for Launch, and I'm so glad we're friends.

Richard He: Wow, I don't know where to start ... you're awesome and marvelous, and I'm very blessed and grateful to have you as a friend.

Robert Huynh: It's always nice seeing you around!

Rocky Bae: You're a leader. :) People notice what you do (I mean that in the least creepy and most positive way haha). So use it to glorify Him!

Sahil Batra: You're so cool. I wish I see you around more often. We have to catch up.

Sean Zhou: Glad you joined ABSA! Hope to see you around more.

Seong Hwang: So glad I got to know you better at LeaderShape! When's your hair going to be red? :)

Shalin Dalal: Thanks for contributing so many ideas for the Finance Internship Panel!

Shan He: Thanks for all your support, Shan! You're always so positive. I can't believe we met at orientation.

Sharon Cho: Great job with Launch!

Sondra Batbold: Thanks for telling me about ABSA during Gone to Business. :)

Stephanie Fang: You're so busy! I wish I get to see you around more. Thanks for all your help last semester!

Stephanie Ham: You're so sweet, and I love seeing you around! I hope to get to know you better!

Taehoon Kim: You are SO supportive, and you always brighten my day. Thanks so much Taehoon! You're awesome.

Tammy Tran: I can't believe I met you at Gone to Business. Time has flown by. You're so nice and incredibly organized Tammy!

Terence Ko: So... I'm actually Hawaiian. :) Jk. I'm so glad to have met you Terence! You're pretty cool.

Tim Cui: You're so nice. There aren't many in this world who are as genuine as you are.

Tim Lee: Thanks for all your advice and help. You're the best big sib for sure.

Tracy Wing: You're so hardworking! Get some rest. :) I'm really glad to have met you this semester, Tracy.

Victoria Chiem: Thanks for being incredibly nice and sweet!

Vincent Nguyen: I love talking to you! It really is refreshing to see you (and your artistic style). :)

Will Chang: Thanks for coming out to so many ABSA events and being supportive!

Winnie Guo: You're very genuine and down-to-earth. It's so refreshing to see that. Hope I'll get to know you better.

Yinni Chen: You very nice, sweet, and kind. I remember meeting you last semester at the New Member outing. :)

Youngsik Kim: You're so cool Youngsik! :)

DENNY KU

Amanda Almeda: You know whenever you shoot it and it swishes in, and I shoot it and it air balls... My self esteem drops about 10 points.

Angela Chow: You're in my brother's Chinese class!!!

Angela Eng: I know I keep saying this, but don't worry you'll play with Mochi very soon.

Ariel Kao: Your so stupid. So stupid that you get scared watching the most melodramatic scene in black swan. "I wouldn't trade a Pikachu for a weedle" haha :)

Bang Truong: I will never let you drive on me again...

Becky Luu: I hope all the socks have been keeping you warm!!!

Betty Wang: Hey Best friend!

Brian Nguyen: I can't wait until me you and my brother are all in the same Chinese Class

Candice Shim: You were one of my first ABSA friends from Gone to Business!

Courtney Chen: My back has a red imprint of your hand...

Crystal Cooper: You are a beast at basketball!

Danny An: You framed me for the Google Docs Scandal!!!!!!

Daniel Chao: I'm still the only one getting tickled by Eugene, and its all your fault!

Daryle Utama: My dog doesn't want to talk to you on FB anymore... sorry.

David Shim: Remember that one day I was late to ACC class and you replaced me!!!!!! I'll never forgive you.

Davis Nguyen: Let's fight the Omegas

Diana Meng: I feel like I haven't seen you at all this year... is it because of my lazy eye...

Emily Kong: I broke my legs just to get you crutches

Eric Allen: Mr. 2011 Best Dressed Runner up :P

Erica Tsao: T-Saooooo, I miss saying that...

Eugene Hsiao: I've been pretty good lately... why am I still getting tickled?

Grace Kim: I saw your little brother the other day... he says hi. Dream grace is so much cooler than real grace... Also I'm rooting for you, only a month ish left!!!!

Harrison Xue: Where'd you go? You disappeared after football!

Heather Ha: Remember when you thought my name was kevin? Jerk... haha jk

Henry Shi: When you annihilate the 3point line in ABSA, I'm proud to say you're my pres

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Terence Ko: So... update me on what games the cool kids are playing these days.

Thu Doan: Welcome back! I know you love ABSA now that I'm back! J

Tiffany Leong: Our child's name is going to be Facebook.

Timothy Lee: Stop playing on your phone all the time. People in the real world want to talk to you sometimes.

Tracy Wing: Sorry that we left your stuff out in the hallway in Reliant. I don't know how that happened.

Victoria Chiem: Henry's so lucky. ;)

Vincent Nguyen: Request another exec branch outing from Karen that I can come to!

Yinni Chen: What attracted you to Hyun? The power?

DIANA MENG

Amanda Almeda: Keep up your streak in IM basketball!

Amanda Nguyendon: Thank you so much for trying to print those slides for me!

Andreia Choi: You are just too cute! I'm so excited you're coming to Chicago with us!

Angela Eng: Hugs! Let's workout together soon, I definitely need some peer pressure.

Angela Huang: You're so lucky for missing the miserable, below-freezing Texas weather.

Annie Li: We are going to have so much fun with our LEB project!

Ariel Kao: Thanks for being the most loyal Special Events Director!

Becky Luu: "LV ahhhh, Gucci ahhhh!"

Betty Wang: I'm so glad I'm not alone with my northern Chinese food obsession.

Candice Shim: Oh Candice. Hong Kong is always fresh in our memories.

Cassandra Chew: I'm always so happy to see you at volunteering and family events!

Cathy Shen: Great job with coordinating your first volunteering event! Who knows, this might become a traditional ABSA event!

Charles Lai: Troll Team Master! I shall teach you how to play a JB song on the piano.

Cody Imamura: Let's not climb any balconies in Chicago, okay?

Connie Han: Why do we still have expectations of being productive at Reliant?

Courtney Chen: Have fun judging for Top Model!

Cybil Zhang: Sorry for not turning in my deposit earlier! I don't think I can afford your demand for interest.

Daniel Chao: Village Idiot. That's what you get for calling me safari girl.

Danny An: Teach us how to play tennis as well!

Danny An: You owe me for convincing David to room with you next year.

Dar Iamsuri: If there was a "Volunteer of the Month," you would definitely be it!

Daryle Utama: Stop SWOT analyzing my branch!

David Shim: Hui Sub! Let's go on a sweets ban so you can prepare for IM soccer.

Denny Ku: Guys also go through that time of the year too?

Dorothy Doan: Congrats on being a new director!

Emily Kong: Of course I remember you from last year. I'm the best officer ever!

Eric Allen: Ain't no mountain high, ain't no valley low, ain't no river wide enough, baby!

Eric Tsang: We miss you and your lovely singing! Who would have thought so many songs were MPA songs all along?

Erica Tsao: I'm really excited for what you guys have planned for Spring EOS!

Eugene Hsiao: I miss seeing you and your vests all the time.

Grace Kim: Hors d'oeuvres & frozen custard. I learn so much from you every day!

Grace Ko: Don't deny that you have your signature sashay!

Heather Ha: Stop stressing over the drawings! They're cute no matter what.

Helen Lee: You always keep raising the bar for Informers! Keep up the amazing work!

Henry Shi: I'll never forgive you on behalf of Cody.

Hyun Kang: On behalf of everyone you owe money to, PLEASE PAY US BACK!

Jamie Roh: Hope you can come to Tuesdays with Professors in March!

Jeanna Yu: If there's one thing to thank MPA for, it's our cupcake-baking and movie-watching nights!

Jeff Li: You have by far the coolest FB profile picture.

Jeff Zhao: Come volunteer with us again!

Jen Tam: Looking forward to our Spring Case Comp!

Jennifer Nguyen: Yay for Marketing Team! I can't wait for all our spiffy new posters!

Jenny Chau: Seeing how much money we have for this event, FYM will definitely be epic!

Jenny Che: Can't wait for Chicago!!

Jonathan Wong: Do you think UT men's basketball has a chance this year?

Josh Hu: Connie and I will cook you our famous pork parmesan one day.

Josh Yap: We're not nosy aunties, just concerned mentors.

Karen Chen: I can't wait to hear your Aussie accent!

Karen Shih: Let's go on an epic food trailer adventure!

Ka-Wai To: Dislike.

Kelsey Durham: I love all the oldies you sing at karaoke!

Ken Nguyen: You are hereby in charge of creating witty nicknames.

Kevin Chu: Now I know who to get chick flick movies from!

Kevin Hwang: Give me free printing at the Mill Lab!

Kevin Nguyen: Mr. White Polo, we need you to drive for volunteering!

Khushboo Kamnani: We should get lunch together soon!

Lee Wang: What would we do without Wendy's?

Louis Yu: Gotta keep an eye on your backpack at all times!

Molly Sun: Don't let this year already bring you down! Spring EOS is just around the corner!

Monica Nguyen: Hope you have been doing well in Houston this year!

Natasha Suddhi: I'm so jealous of all the cupcakes you got to taste at Cupcake Wars!

Nathan Chen: As if I need any more reminders that Intermediate will ruin my semester.

Olive Hsiao: I'm really happy that we're in the same MAN project team!

Patrick Chen: Where is my free lunch as promised on Facebook?

Patty Huang: Gleek! Good luck on your performance at the charity sing-off!

Petra Koid: I can't wait for Forty Acres Fest, and our shaved ice booth!

Richard He: We should have a marathon of Hollywood black-and-white classics!

Robert Huynh: Look forward to your university-wide presentation tournament!

Seong Yoon: Sorry for not paying my deposit asap! I can't wait for spring break!

Shan He: You are so good at playing the piano! It makes me want to practice even more.

Jonathan Wong: Do you think UT men's basketball has a chance this year?

Sondra Batbold: We would never make it through an OM without your Swiss chocolates.

Stephanie Ham: I still can't believe you are not Chinese!

Stephanie Qin: We miss you! Let's have an Old & New External Branch reunion when you come back!

Stephen He: Can you just design all of our family t-shirts?

Taehoon Kim: Awesome job with Drama Workshop! Can't wait for your next workshop!

Tammy Tran: I miss you at our volunteering events!

Terence Ko: It never hurts to double check before you board a bus.

Tiffany Leong: Come out to more of our family events!

Timothy Lee: Thanks for inviting and uninviting yourself. Next time, we'll just invite you.

Tracey Tran: Congrats on joining as a new director!

Tracy Wing: I'm dreading the "recruiting 15" later on. Let's have MPA workout sessions!

Victoria Chiem: Stop doing Henry's job!

Vincent Nguyen: iPhone master: jail breaking one phone at a time.

Yinni Chen: You're so talented at drawing!

HENRY SHI

Officers: WAHOO!!! We all made it through the first semester through all the ups and downs. You guys set new records from everything from turnout to sponsorship levels while pumping new energy into ABSA! That is a phenomenal achievement that y'all should be immensely proud of and I look forward to beasting through new records this new semester.

Directors: Did I ever tell y'all that ABSA couldn't function without your efforts? Thank you for your continued passion and dedication for this wonderful organization that sometimes is overlooked or taken for granted. You guys are the fuel that propels us forward and a major reason why this has been one of the most successful years of ABSA. Keep up the hard work and I look forward to seeing you continue to grow and develop into leaders!

Members: You guys are like extra-strength coffee to a tired (or hungover) worker (the officers and directors) on a Monday morning (the school year). You wake us up and motivate us even when we're tired. Thanks for your undying support and I hope we can continue to serve y'all to the best of our abilities!

Alumni: Thanks for your support and activity levels in ABSA even though you're busy in the workplace. It means so much for us to see y'all continue to give back to the organization you love in all sorts of ways. I hope you can all make it to Austin at Alumni Weekend and we'll see you then!

First Lady: This is going to read like the dedication part in the beginning of a book: Thanks for sticking with me through thick and thin through all this year. I'd be at wits end without your continued support, patience, and kindness during those late nights when I'm grouchy and trying to balance out ABSA and school and life. Love you!

KAREN SHIH

Officers: We spend so much time together, but each of you have made the long hours FUN and worthwhile.

Executive Branch: Thank you for all the hard work. I love and appreciate you guys!

Consulting Team: I'm excited for your upcoming workshops this semester! Keep up the great work, and good luck at case competition!

French Toast Mafia: So proud of y'all for taking FIRST PLACE at Cupcake Wars!

Alice Lee: Suggestions for more family foodie adventures?

Amanda Almeda: Welcome to Sugar Land!

Angela Eng: Still haven't baked together yet

Ariel Kao: Your magical purse is filled with goodies.

Becky Luu: Drama Workshop is so much fun!

Betty Wang: I'm happy we got to talk more, brown bag buddy

Candice Shim: Congrats on your new director position!

Cassandra Chew: Harry Potter 7 update-Still.Not.Done...Please don't hate me haha.

Cathy Shen: Volunteering at the retirement home was so much fun; I met some super cute old people.

Charles Lai: We're new partners in crime!

Connie Han: Let's do a branch and/or family mixer!

Courtney Chen: Great job with family events this year!

Cybil Zhang: I know Chicago CFT is gonna be amazing, I can't wait!

David Shim: Old Spice smells good.

Eric Allen: Thanks for the awesome sushi stapler and fuzzy slippers. SO ADORBS.

Erica Tsao: You must know everyone's name in ABSA by now, writing all those name tags every week.

Daniel Chao: I hope we don't get mugged in Chicago, especially showing up to our ghetto hotel in a LIMO.

Danny An: Socks with sandals = fashion faux pas :p

Daryle Utama: Every time I receive a FB notification, it's from you making my picture your profile pic. LOL.

Denny Ku: Moar cookies... omnomnom.

Diana Meng: Let's go on more trailer adventures! There are a few new ones I've discovered but have yet to try.

Dustin Le: Can't believe we're about to graduate... we're so old.

Emily Kong: Come out to more family events! We miss you!

Eugene Hsiao: No matter how busy we get, I still <3 you.

Grace Ko: Ahh, the disadvantages of being in a long-term relationship... running out of gift ideas!

Grace Kim: LOVE your ABSA t-shirt story. It still makes me laugh.

Heather Ha: Are you going to Korea to study abroad?

Helen Lee: I'm glad you thought our interview was a valuable experience!

Henry Shi: You crack sooo many inappropriate jokes... and the scary part is, I think you do try to filter 90% of them already!

Hyungoo Kang: I think we can retire from



fighting, and leave it to Diana and Ka-Wai from now on. We can go back to being BFFs again.

Jamie Roh: We should get together for another s'mores/ghost story-telling night

Jeff Li: Welcome to the family :D

Jenny Che: I'm so glad we got to know each other better; More late night froyo dates!

Jen Tam: How are you and Woody?

John Terada: I'll never forget our conversation at Texas French Bread... don't try to pin the blame on me, I'm sure you thought it at the same time I did! :p

Josh Hu: I had a wonderful J2 date with you, DESPITE the fact that you were LATE, you didn't PAY, and we had 3rd and 4th wheels there ;)

Joshua Yap: You didn't join our family...HUGE MISTAKE!

Julie Lim: Hope things have been going well with CSA!

Ka-Wai To: I hope your arm fully heals soon. Gross pictures of the wound need to stop.

Khristine Dinh: Where'd you end up going for your birthday dinner?

Khushboo Khemnani: Thanks for saving my life that one time I almost fell down the stairs after GM. LOL.

Ken Nguyen: If MPA doesn't work out, you can always become a sushi chef.

Kelsey Durham: I wish I could play basketball like you. I might need to grow 5 inches taller first.

Kevin Chu: You're awesome... thanks for being so active with everything ABSA!

Kevin Nguyen: I heard you used to be 200 lbs ... WTH?!

Louis Yu: Do you ever tire of being AWESOME? Seriously.

Nathan Chen: Sooo weird when you showed up to GM in a suit. First time I've seen you dressed up :p

Patrick Chen: You should try out for America's Next Top Model, since you can smies (smile with your eyes).

Petra Koid: Keep those Financial boys in check ;)

Pil Jeong: Your apartment is freakin awesome because of the fireplace.

Keith Chan: Where have you been?

Ran Liu: Thanks for being such an active lil' sib, I really appreciate the support!

Richard He: I can't believe you were mugged! I have my own mugging story to tell you haha.

SHOUT OUTS!

Robert Huynh: You have the best stories! And I wanna try Sweet Spot, open one in Austin.

Stephen He: Not gonna lie, the shirt you designed for your family is pretty awesome...

Sondra Batbold: I'll be giving up sweets soon for lent

Taehoon Kim: Pluckers + Valentine's Day = Ultimate romance, right?

Tenzin Yulo: I'm always glad to see you at meetings!

Tracy Wing: Don't be sad over heartbreaker Darrell! You deserve better.

Terence Ko: I'm your favorite officer, right? I always send in slides on time.

Tim Lee: Thanks for picking up the slack of another member (Charles)...you're the honorary MOTM.

Tiffany Leong: Do you always spend your Saturday nights studying at Reliant? Soooo studious, haha.

Youngsik Kim: You should buy 10 pairs of glasses, just in case!

Victoria Chiem: How do you withstand spending so much time with Henry :p

Vincent Nguyen: I'm jealous of the awesome food you get at MISA... haha.

DAVID SHIM

Henry Shi: I'm glad we're making much more improvements this semester than last semester.

Karen Shih: Can you do something with Daryle? I can see why he wants to be in our branch but still! :)

Grace Ko: It's very amusing to watch you announce with your hands on the side, you know? ;)

Grace Kim: Looking forward to soccer!:) Hope you are too!

Diana Meng: You are too busy with MPA these days... I'm sure everything is going well! More outings = More fun!:)

Hyungoo Kang: Do you remember what you said to Taehoon last semester? :)

Ka-Wai To: When are you going to get that thing off your arm?

Sondra Batbold: You know we still didn't talk about New Jersey since last semester... haha

Amanda Almeda: I didn't know you could shoot so well. Go ABSA co-ed :)!

Annie Lam: Hey you are going to Deloitte

semester! ASB too?

Ariel Kao: Ariel... you're always on the top of the merit point list... haha :) Keep up the good work!

Becky Luu: Epic family needs your support!!!

Betty Danqing Wang: Hey Betty. Stop being so mean to me OK?

Brenda Tran: You are such a good speaker!!! I envy your public speaking skills. I hope we are in the same group for BA324 project!

Cassandra Chew: stop hating Erica and people who don't use their car signals. Also, greet me with some respect please!:)haha

Cathy Shen: I hope you remember my name by now!!

Chawinda Dar lamsuri: I didn't know you were an international too?! haha nice to have friends going through the transition together!

Cody Imamura: Big sib! you are way too busy these days:(

Cybil Zhang: I didn't know you were a Christian! Nice to see you again during prayer meeting though. Looking forward to it! :)

Daniel Chao: Thanks for the advice about MPA. I'm keep thinking about it. I'll be sure about it by fall!

Daryle Utama: Stop speaking in Korean. You seriously confuse me sometimes

Denny Ku: accounting homeworks are only getting longer and harder man...

Dorothy Doan: Congrats on becoming the new director :) How is it?

Emily Kong: Nice meeting you in mil lab... haha Accounting brings everyone together doesn't it?

Eric Allen: You need to stop nagging me about every little thing! :)

Eric Tsang: Good luck at Deloitte! Best of luck :)

Eric Zhang: hey Eric! I don't see you often :(Hope to see you around!

Eugene Hsiao: I thought you were a junior Eugene...

Heather Hyun-Jung Ha: I still don't understand why you want to do MPA when you hate it so much... I guess MPA is for those who hate it?

Helen Lee: I was surprised to see you at scoring careers! It was definitely a good surprise :) start early and go further!

Jamie Roh: You know... after all those tries to meet and hang out... nothing happened. haha. Hope this semester will be different!

Jen Tam: I don't think I ever met you this

Jenny Chau: Congratulations on becoming the new director! I look forward to your events!!

Jeongmin Yu: Come out to more events! i don't see you that often:(

Jiani Jenny Che: it was nice to see you at prayer group :) hope you have a graceful week!

Jiaxin Connie Han: OK Connie, I'll try to be nice this semester.

Joseph Be: I heard you liked to play tennis! I... used to play tennis too... ?!!

Josh S. Hu: It feels weird that we're the only guys in our branch... haha

Josh Yap: Make an ABSA sweater for fund raising!

Julia Chuang: How did you do on your first MIS test? I guess you didn't sleep in after that day when Katie told you to leave but you didn't!!! just kidding:)

Kelsey Durham: Did you know you scored the most 3 pointers in ABSA (including the guys)?

Kevin Chu: stop hating class too much Kevin...

Kevin Eo Ryeon Hwang: You need to stop working out before your arms explode or something man.

Kevin Nguyen: stop burping so loudly.

Khushboo Kamnani: I want to hear you rap Kboo haha:)

Laura Le: I don't see you much after micro :(

Lily Nhoisaykham: Hey partner! February was a little harsh on us, but that means March and April can only be better! :)

Liyuan Lita Zhu: Just because we don't have any classes together doesn't mean we can't see each other!

Louis Yu: Louis, we never spent time together after case-comp. Maybe that's why we don't spend much time...

Mary (Meng Meng) Ji: Mary! I only see you at family events!! That's a good thing though... hmm...

Minji Kwon: I don't see you much after micro :(

Parry Ying: Parry! I remember your name now :) nice meeting you!

Patrick Chen: Thanks for letting us look at your apartment haha:)

Peter Hyun Jung Jeon: Hey peter! I don't see you at ABSA events anymore. What happened?!

Petra Koid: Dear Ms. Koid, we still need to have an interview

Qiunan Will Chang: Will! I like how you are keep trying to come to the GM after your class :) Nice to see you every week!

Ran Liu: Ran ran!! OK it was a bad joke.

Richard He: Richard. You need to stop smiling! Haha just kidding, I'm just jealous :)

Rocky Bae: You made it seem as if you missed church, but we all know why you are gone.

Seongeun Yoon: I'm not that mean you know. I can be nice.

Shan He: You know, my fall session students were much smarter. Probably because of you.

Sharon Cho: I really appreciate all the verses you send me :) Thanks!!

Stephanie Ham: nice meeting you the other day! Look forward to the faculty meet-and-greet event! It's going to be awesome!

Stephanie Qin: Stephanie! you need to tell me where you're going! Haha miss you neighbor! Hope all is well :)



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Sue (Eun Su) Lee: I don't see you at ABSA these days hmm!!

Taehoon Kim: You need to stop being funny young man! haha

Tammy Tran: How was etiquette dinner that day? It was pretty boring and awkward for our table...

Terence Ko: You are such a hard worker man... great work every week with GMs!

Tim Lee: Tim, we see each other too often in aim these days...

Tracey Tran: Hey new director!:) tell me more about marketing team!

Tracy Wing: Nice meeting you during volunteering event!:)

Victoria Chiem: Message Box.Show ("Please submit the homework you've done yourself!"). Exit sub :)

Vincent Nguyen: Vincent! I don't see you around in ABSA that much. Are you still thinking about transferring into business?

Yinni Yinzhun Chen: Wow Yinni, I never knew you were a sophomore... haha

Youngsik Kim: I can't believe you are going to be gone after this semester!! :(

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