



FEATURING: Pie-An-Officer
and Mr. McCombs

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Letter From the Editors

Hi ABSA,

With Spring Break behind us, we're coming close to the end of the semester already! This month's Informer is packed full of exciting articles and pictures from past events. This time we also included an Alumni spotlight, as well as highlighting some of our former DOTM and MOTM.

A special thanks to the media directors for getting us the pictures, and to Helen and the rest of admin branch for continuing to support us. We hope that everyone enjoys the rest of your semester and continues to make memories with ABSA.

Sincerely,
Jenna and Vickie



By: Nhi Tran

On January 17, during the first week of school, ABSA members gathered together for the first general meeting since we all departed our separate ways for winter break. This was no ordinary general meeting, however. This was the spring interest meeting arranged by the organization to attract new members for the semester. Expectations were high as the office panel donned their suits and put on their best ap-

By: Helen Lee

To cater to those who were interested in studying abroad, Professional Branch put on a Study Abroad Panel on January 24th, our second GM this semester. The panel consisted of 5 upperclassmen who traveled to different places: Cathy Shen (Prague), Lily Nhoisaykham (Paris), Daniel Chao (Prague & Hong Kong), Sondra Batbold (Hong Kong), and Winnie Guo (Singapore). Although this year's set up was a bit different, with presentations outweighing the Q&A portion, members still got a good glimpse of why they should go, common thoughts and concerns about studying abroad, and the overall experience that each upperclassmen had while studying abroad.

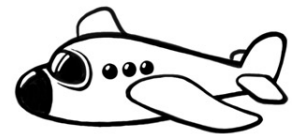
The perspectives that were brought to the floor were all very

GM#13: ABSA

Interest Meeting

pearances to uphold the image of ABSA. There were some speculations as to how the meeting would go this time around with three of the seven officers missing, but directors Sherry, Luther and Andrew did a great job in filling the shoes of their VPs. The room steadily became more and more packed as members old and new filed in and filled up the space, some even having to resort to sitting on the stairs. The meeting kicked off with the showing of the spring promo video

put together by the media directors and introductions of all the current officers, with a presentation of fun facts about them as well as their favorite pick-up line. As the meeting went on, everybody seemed so interested and amazed by the engaging attitudes of the officers. By the end of the GM, as everyone was making the transition to Board Game Night, it was easy to see that this semester was going to one to remember.



GM#14:

Study Abroad Panel

unique. For example, the fashion shows that Lily got to attend while she was in Paris or the photo album that Cathy created which showcased all the different places she visited. Daniel Chao's perspective on studying abroad with McCombs students who he already knew versus travelling with new people was also a good point to consider in regards to level of comfort abroad. Sondra's experience on traveling to other countries and areas in Asia while studying abroad let members know that you can also travel to areas close by very easily (making sure to travel in a group rather than alone!). Finally, Winnie's presentation gave us a glimpse of Singapore's culture and what a conservative society is like.

The panel GM ended with one question in the audience of "what were some of the craziest

moments during studying abroad?" Many answered from their friend's perspective, but a lot of the answers revolved around going out for late night fun or getting drinks with friends. Overall, it was really great having our upperclassmen return to talk to current members about their experiences abroad from a student's perspective!



GM#15: amazon

By: Janet Zhou

Scoring Careers
and the McCombs Career

Expo had just come to an end, but the ABSA members were still in for a huge treat. Amazon, a first-time General Meeting sponsor, came to speak to us on Thursday night about their company and industry. Cody, the Amazon representative, shared his passion of working with the company

through an engaging presentation and an interactive activity. He was able to share about how Amazon has one of the world's most efficient supply chains, and how their strong principle of customer service has channeled through all facets of their operations.

Amazon started as a small online bookstore that rapidly grew into the online shopping service that it is today. Their value on customer service

is mainly emphasized on the speed of delivery and the quality of product. Through economies of scale, Amazon has been able to revolutionize its supply chain and bring about an innovative business that dominates the industry today.

The interactive activity that Cody made our members play really showed us that efficiency and the logistics behind it is not as easy as it seems. People struggled just trying to organize themselves from youngest to oldest without speaking, and it proved to us that efficiency must be strategically thought out.

Overall, the members had a great time listening to the Amazon representatives, and everyone truly learned a lot at this meeting. It was a good start to the Spring semester, and we can look forward to even better professional development meetings and events in the future.



By: Judy Lam

Earlier this semester, for ASA's 15th GM this year, we warmly welcomed a brand new sponsor Exxon Mobil. Constantly competing against Apple for the position of the most valuable company on the market, Exxon Mobil is a powerful energy giant that continuously achieves the largest amount of revenue in the world. Being such a colossal company, Exxon Mobil is able to offer many different opportunities, in a vast number of different countries.

The representative from Exxon, Michael Smith, was excited to talk to ABSA for the first time, and he was impressed by the amount of professionalism our organization portrayed.

GM#16: ExxonMobil

Michael's presentation was informational; he spoke to us about many things, including the downstream, upstream, and chemical sides of Exxon. Afterwards, Michael expressed that Exxon is a big believer of synergy, and how Exxon's efforts in this practice has helped the company reach its current position by buying and acquiring different companies that were proficient in their various fields. For example, Michael briefly spoke about Exxon's acquisition of XTO Energy and how this helped expand Exxon's efforts in the development and production of

unconventional energy resources. The meeting was a great chance to learn about Exxon Mobil and the energy field, and we hope to continue this new relationship.



GM#17: FAMILY GM #4 AND VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

By: Eunji Seo

Family General Meetings are always fun! During the activities and games, the different families of ABSA compete for points to become the number one family. Since this Family GM was Disney-themed, we played a guessing game of Disney songs. The family directors played a few seconds of a song, and the family representatives raised their hands as fast as possible to guess the song's name. I never knew there were so Disney fans in ABSA! Some members knew every word to the songs that were being played.

This Family GM, however, was a little more special than the

other ones. It fell on Valentine's Day, the day where everyone pours love onto their friends, family, and that "special someone." ABSA hosted a fundraising event where the members could send roses, kisses, cake pops, or cookies to those that they cared about. The personal messages that the members received brought smiles to their faces. It was a welcome treat after a long week, and seeing their smiles brought one to

my own. The various bonds between ABSA members could also be seen, like those between officers and directors, big sibs and little sibs, and friends and family. At this Family GM, everyone had fun; the successful fundraiser ended the day on

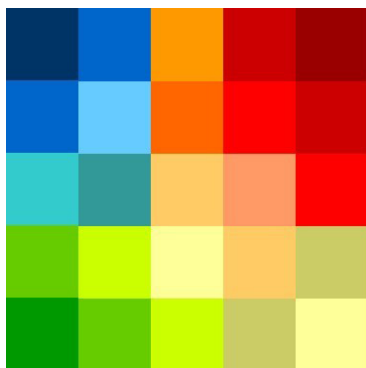


GM#18:

By: Judy Lam

On February 21st this year, ABSA had the pleasure of welcoming another new sponsor, Altria Group. Craig Lin and Susan Nguyen, both former UT alums, came in to speak to ABSA full of enthusiasm. They spoke about their overall company, focusing on the amount of ethics that Altria demands from employees and portrays in the community and the available opportunities with the group.

Altria Group, formerly known as Philip Morris Companies Inc., is a distribution conglomerate that contains companies, such as



and U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company. Craig and Susan acknowledged members' concerns about this field by emphasizing ethics in their presentation.

Susan and Craig brought in a recent student intern to talk about the leadership program, "Can't Beat the Experience", and the internship opportunities that Altria offers.

Later in the meeting, Susan, a sales manager for Altria, took us through what a regular work day would be for her. Sales managers have a col-

Altria

ing sales advice to and consult with every month, so they are constantly on the move and free to plan their own schedules. Susan's "office" is actually her car, which the company sponsors! This flexibility and dependability is what Susan loves most about her job.

We hope Susan and Craig comes back to speak to us about the wonderful opportunities and the great benefits Altria offers.

GM#19:

BBVA

Compass



By: Rohit Kandimalla

This year, BBVA Compass joined as another new sponsor. BBVA Compass is one the leading banking franchises in the United States, primarily operating through-

out the Sunbelt region of the country. Operating 716 branches, BBVA consistently ranks among the top 20 largest U.S. commercial banks based on deposit market share and is 21st in Global Finance magazine's list of the "World's 50 Safest Banks" for 2010. In addition, BBVA Compass has earned consecutive 'Lender of the Year' honors in 2009 and 2010.

The representative from BBVA discussed her own personal experiences with working with BBVA Compass and how she was the subject of poor management and how to deal with such an issue. In addition, she also discussed educational resources that are available within many companies that are available to employees (free

of charge) and encouraged the audience to take advantage of those resources. Also, the representative discussed tuition reimbursement and how we should take advantage, which was new information to some members.

The representative discussed opportunities within the company, which were primarily for those classified as juniors. Towards the end, she took the time to answer questions which were focused on her own personal experiences with the bank as well as questions about what BBVA looks for in potential interns as well as what the intern experience is like. Overall, the GM was very informative and insightful. It's great to have them as our new sponsor!

Pie-an-Officer!



Career Prep Workshop with GE 2.0:

Cracking the Interview

By: Luther Fan

Last semester, we had the pleasure of inviting GE recruiter James Eng to come speak to us about making the most out of the Career Expo. This semester, he's back with a new topic! The topic of Career Prep Workshop 2.0 was "Cracking the Interview." With his extensive experience with recruiting, Mr. Eng had plenty of advice to share with us about interviewing. One of the most important concepts he addressed was the three C's: Content, Clarity, and Character. Mr. Eng explained that the 3 C's were all important aspects of interviewing that we had to recognize and value equally.

By: Jenny Li

On January 29, "The Greatest Career Fair on Earth" was held by ABSA and HBSA in the Texas Union ballroom. Students from all majors dressed in suits and recruited with the hopes of making connections and even possibly landing an internship.

The night started with cultural performances by singing groups AACMapella and Nach Baliye. Then a presentation ceremony was held to recognize the sponsors who made this event possible. Finally, the career fair officially kicked off and students began interacting with recruiters.

What makes Scoring Careers unique from your typical career fair is the casual setting in which it takes place. A casual setting is supposed to foster a more intimate relationship between students and recruiters and take away some of the

In addition, he also shared with us his top five tips regarding interviews. First, use specific examples to demonstrate behavior. Second, understand how business makes money and how the position helps the company. Third, keep in mind that companies are looking for a good fit. Fourth, be memorable (in a good way). Fifth, recognize that your classmates are your team, not your competition.

After giving us his tips, Mr. Eng split us into pairs so that we could put what we've learned into action. With a partner, each participant practiced answering sample

behavioral interview questions. Because many of the participants had never done an interview before, this was a great opportunity to gain experience by practicing while also getting valuable feedback from peers. Following this mock interview session, Mr. Eng brought us back together to get general feedback and discuss any last-minute concerns we had. Even though this was only a workshop, almost every participant agreed that they now had more confidence about interviewing than ever before.

Thanks, James!

Scoring Careers



stress associated with recruiting.

This year's theme was a carnival and, accordingly with the theme, students were given the option to play carnival games with recruiters. These games included picking M&M's up with chopsticks, 20 Questions, and Jenga. Students raved about the opportunity to interact with recruiters in this relaxed

setting.

As the night carried on, the atmosphere grew livelier. Students were seen chatting with friends in the aisles, preparing to speak with a recruiter or checking out their goodie bags. Needless to say, the event was a success!

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By: Jenny Li

On February 26, 2013, ABSA attended its first ever Facebook CFT. Selected members were given a tour of the social media giant's Austin office and listened to a presentation by members of the Facebook recruiting team.

This opportunity was unique because Facebook is pos-

keting and advertising industries. They not only brainstorm ideas for commercials, but they also bring their ideas to life by producing the commercial. Jocelyn was also able to answer our questions regarding GSD&M and gave us insight into their internship program. They provide training for their employees in order to mold them into the new generation of leaders.

After the presentation, we

sibly one of the most used applications in daily student life. Members were extremely interested in getting a sneak-peak into one of the most buzzed about companies of the decade.

Upon arriving at Facebook's downtown offices, we were escorted into the lobby where we waited for our tour to start. The first thing many members noticed was the hip and casual atmosphere of the office. Employees were dressed down in comfy tees and jeans and the whole office radiated a creative and innovative atmosphere. Of course, the section that drew the most attention of students was the kitchen, where chefs were preparing fresh meals for the employees. We were treated to one of these scrumptious meals and boy, it did not disappoint!

Overall, the trip was a great experience that members will cherish forever. How many other organizations can say they have gotten to visit Facebook, after all?

had the chance to take a tour of the office. There were so many aspects of GSD&M that were unique, including the idea generation wall. Overall, it was a great experience! I learned a great deal about the advertising industry and the different opportunities that were available at GSD&M. If you are interested in working for an ad agency, I definitely encourage you to apply there!

the United States Air Force. We had the wonderful opportunity to tour their facilities and learn more about this dynamic industry. The company field trip started off with an introduction of GSD&M's business model. Jocelyn, our host, talked about her background and how GSD&M was at the forefront of the mar-

GSD & M



Photoshop Workshop

By: Nhi Tran

Photoshop is one those of things that once you learn it, the number of ways to apply it is endless. It is definitely a valuable skill to have, no matter your profession or career. That is why when ABSA held their first ever Photoshop Workshop in February, members of all sorts gathered at McCombs to learn the basics from one of ABSA's own publicity directors, Lisa Liu.

Some of the things that were taught at the workshop included Photoshop skills like layering, masking, working with selection tools and much more. Everyone was amazed by the finesse

and technicality of it all.

Once the instructional portion of the workshop was done, it was time for Lisa to showcase her previous works and demonstrate all of the amazing things that can be done when you know how to use Photoshop to your advantage. The drawing pieces that she showed the members inspired the crowd with their flawlessness and attention to detail. Seeing this, those who attended the workshop were now motivated to



learn more advanced techniques.

In the end, everyone came out of the workshop with practical skills that they could put to use in the future. This just goes to show how the members of ABSA are always growing and learning.



POWERPOINT WORKSHOP

By: Angela Wu Li

Microsoft PowerPoint is arguably one of the most versatile programs out there. The name PowerPoint has become a proprietary

eponym for presentation programs, proving its prevalent influence. For any student, professor, business professional, even aspiring artist – anyone really, PowerPoint can be a pricelessly powerful tool. However, this only holds true if one can master the program.

Luckily for attendees of the PowerPoint Workshop on Tuesday, February 26th, External Branch's very own Jany Xu has mastered the artistic capacities of PowerPoint. Jany – along with Lisa Liu – are the two Publicity Directors, who are in high-demand because they are the sources of the massively popular



ABSAs event flyers.

After a typically tiresome Tuesday, people gathered during the late afternoon in Parlin Room 1 to relax the left side of their brain by entertaining the right side with some creative work. Everyone worked on their laptops, eagerly soaking in information about different techniques previously unknown to many. Even though the "success" of a flyer can be arbitrary, there are definitely key aspects that make flyers informative, eye-catching and professional all at the same time; it's a learned skill.

The time passed before anyone could check the clock, and the audience left satisfied with the new doors that this PowerPoint Workshop opened for them. Imagination flourished. Knowledge expanded.

“Three Lessons I Wish I’d Learned in College But Didn’t” Workshop

with How Do You Roll CEO, Yuen Yung

By: Hannah Kang

On February 13, the CEO How Do You Roll, Yuen Yung, shared his pro tips on life with ABSA. With a room full of ABSA and non-ABSA members alike, Yung’s “Three Lessons I Wish I’d Learned in College But Didn’t” workshop was a home-run for everyone. Yung’s dynamic discussion of his growth as a person from college to today was refreshingly frank and offered great perspective.

So what did he wish he’d learned? Communication skills were first. Yung stressed the importance of listening first and knowing last to become a better advisor in business and life. Next on the list

was emotional competence (EQ). From the difference between reacting and responding, Yung shared the hard life lessons that taught him how to process his thoughts and feelings and ultimately taught him how to become a more effective person. An interesting point was his categorization of choice—one choice is slavery, two make a dilemma, and three choices give you options. Always, he said, find a way to have options.

His last lesson was on happiness. It will not come from mere success or fleeting good feelings. Rather, happiness is from having purpose, relationships, autonomy, and mastery. Yung’s greatest



life lesson was that significance is greater than success, positive impact greater than money. After an engaging Q&A session of start-up advice and more talk on life, the workshop wrapped up as a great success.



By: Puja Machchhar

On February 18th, marketing professor Stephen Walls meet with eight ABSA members for an Office Hour session. Office Hours provide members with the opportunity to meet and interact with faculty in a casual setting. This particular session was held in the outside seating

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area of the Texas Union building.

The students asked Dr. Walls questions mainly related to the field marketing, as well as why he picked marketing as his specialty. Several of the members were interested in learning about what job opportunities are available for marketing majors. Dr. Walls emphasized that analyzing financial statements is a key component in the field of marketing. Marketing professionals use those statements to determine a company’s marketing strategy.

Professor Walls also discussed why he liked the field of marketing. As opposed to the other

fields of business, he claimed that marketing connects you to people. In other words, by analyzing the financials of a company, a marketing professional can discover how consumers think and what their respective preferences are. He began as a biology major and realized that marketing appealed more to him as a prospective career choice.

It was evident that the members who attended this event are now more informed about marketing and what the major has to offer. Dr. Walls also enjoyed interacting and getting to know the members.

Mentorship Workshop #4

By: Jenna Lin

On a Wednesday night, all the mentees and mentors of ABSA's Mentorship Program gathered together in the CBA events room for first workshop of the semester. During this event, we had the opportunity to catch up with old mentors as well as the opportunity to meet new ones. New mentors included Maxwell Ma, Michael Liu, Timothy Lee, Natalie Schneider, and Krissy

Self. The mentor panel had an opportunity to introduce themselves with "Two Truths and a Lie" – we learned some pretty interesting facts!

After the introductions, mentors were paired up to act out "Networking Scenarios". The mentors were given situations such as "student talking to a recruiter at a career fair" and "making small talk with colleagues at a corporate func-

tion". They acted these situations out for the mentees and made sure to explain why they acted the way they did. This was a very useful exercise for me – many of these are networking experiences I have yet to experience, so it was helpful to learn some tip on proper behavior.

At the end, the mentees and mentors got some downtime to chat and plan their next outings. Overall, a very rewarding event!

By: Lisa Liu

When I first read the email from my big sib, I wasn't too sure what to make of this event. What is this trickery, making us think that pennies suddenly equaled quarters? But thanks to the hard work of External branch and all the zealous family members in ABSA, my portion of take-home coins required extra help to carry home.

Penny Wars consisted of warring ABSA families competing against one another, coin against coin: 1 penny equaled 1 point, and 1 non-penny equaled -1 points. The family who collected the most points would be allowed to stand atop their defeated enemies' (figurative) ruins and live to see all their spoils go toward a worthy cause. Clever family members discovered ways to use the power of banks to exchange a certain maximum

amount of green bills into rolls of hidden copper treasure in order to most effectively lead their families to victory.

Of course there were those who were more focused on winning than others. One family in particular has never let up in their heavy assault and their final contribution during last GM probably weighed about $\frac{1}{2}$ as much as the petite female director who carried it home with her. As a member of External Branch, I was among the chosen few to

lug the precious cargo in each family's jars home after each GM and record each point or loss of point. I am honored to be part of such a legendary war and I look forward to counting every single penny and seeing just how much this small but fierce competition generated for

PENNYWARS



Alumni Spotlight:

Molly Sun

Where do you currently work and what are some of your responsibilities or projects you are working on at the moment?

I'm currently with the Advisory services line at Ernst & Young in Houston. My job primarily entails helping the client evaluate their risky areas/processes and finding ways to mitigate those. Lots of Excel, lots of brainstorming, lots of testing, and lots of client interaction! My main client at the moment is a real estate client, so I get to travel to their properties all over the country when doing fieldwork. Although the traveling gets tired sometimes, I do love eating local, delicious, and free food! When I'm not doing client work, I also participate in recruiting and coordinating volunteering and social events for my service line.

How has ABSA helped you with your current job?

Organizational and social skills FOR SURE, especially organizational skills. As a director and officer in ABSA, I had to be super organized because there were always a million things going on. To-do list, budget, coordinating events with multiple people, and the list goes on. Well, it's pretty much the same thing in the working world.

What was your favorite ABSA event?

Out of state CFTs, no question about it. Boston CFT was ah-mazing, and San Fran CFT was even more ah-mazing. Reality check, everyone.

When you get into the working world, it's pretty difficult to gather with your besties and go on a week-long trip somewhere. 1) You only have so many vacation days. 2) All your friends are scattered all over the country, all over the world. And 3) ABSA is not going to reimburse you for some of your expenses. Out of state CFTs are fantabulous because it is such an amazing deal for your wallet. Ya, ya, company visits themselves are cool, but the real fun starts when you eat, goof around, stay up all night (and fall asleep at the company visits the next day) and explore all over the city with 20+ other of your fellow ABSA-ers. This is where the most precious memories are made. This is also where the mafia strikes over and over and over again..



GRAFFITI cleanup

By: Sam Lehardi

What's a better way to start off your Saturday morning than volunteering with fellow ABSA members? I could actually name a few things, but volunteering with ABSA is always a great experience. Each week, Cassandra Chew and her volunteer directors, Emily Mi and Erin Sun, do an exceptional job finding and preparing the events.

We started with our usual drill by meeting at Littlefield Fountain at 9:30 A.M. and later drove off to the intersection of Barton Springs and South Lamar where we spotted the wall of graffiti. The cleanup was part of ABSA super week, so we had a large turnout of members. We assembled our paint rollers and took out the paint buckets that happened to have different shades

of gunk colored paint. With the large amount of members, we split into sections and quickly painted over the wall of graffiti, finishing our duties. Although we painted over the graffiti, I'm not quite sure that our end product looks anymore visually appealing than the graffiti previously on the wall, but at least we left a nice foundation of paint that will probably be painted over.

Afterwards, several members decided to go to Whole Foods for a healthy meal. At Whole Foods, we had the chance to bond even more and converse while eating. With content stomachs we headed back to campus, and



completed another successful volunteering event.

KEEP AUSTIN BEAUTIFUL

By: Erin Sun

It was that time again; it was time to check up on our adopted street along Guadalupe. It's kind of like cleaning your room, except with more people. After a couple of months it gets a little dusty here and there and there's some trash or unknown objects strewn across the floor. (It's all Jany.) I'm just kidding. Well anyways, off we went to do some pre-spring cleaning. Keep Austin Beautiful is always a great way to meet, greet, and bond with both new and old ABSA members. We had deep conversations while picking up trash along Guadalupe

as well as competitions to see who could find the most intriguing piece of litter while you wondered how such things got there in the first place. For example, somebody left a present for Robert when he found a tire rim in the grass by the sidewalk. We weren't really sure what to do about that. And finally, when our cleaning was done, we took our group picture and went to eat at Kinsolving, where those that lived off-campus were swiped in, and everyone enjoyed a nice dorm buffet meal. Yum! There is just some indescribable feeling of satisfaction when you finish

cleaning something, even more so when a stranger notices and explicitly thanks you along the way. It's also a satisfaction of knowing you've helped to clean up a part of a home for everyone in Austin.

Brides against Breast Cancer

By: Jany Xu

On an early Saturday morning, February 22nd, ABSA got together to volunteer at the Brides Against Breast Cancer event. It's an annual event where the organization goes on tour with a wardrobe of stunning wedding dresses to sell. The beauty of the event is that all proceeds from the sale goes to supporting the movement against breast cancer. It's an amazing event that brings together the community and breast cancer awareness movement.

We pulled into the venue around 9 AM. Sleepy-eyed, but excited, all 20 ABSA members filed into the event room. The girls donned pink breast cancer awareness aprons and got a head-

start on familiarizing ourselves with the collection of wedding dresses ready to be claimed and adopted. After giving us a quick run-down of the process, we were set to help the brides find that perfect dress. I teamed up with a couple of ABSA girls for one of the

early customers. Two of us would act as "human" clothes hangers, carrying all the dresses to be tried on while another member helped recommend different dresses for the bride-to-be. Once a good amount of dresses were selected, we guided the customer and her



family to the dressing room and the race to find the perfect dress began. All the dresses were unique and beautiful, but we had yet for a bride to say "yes to the dress".

TREEFOLK PLANTING

By: Kelvin Nguyen

So you remember going to the beach as a little kid, how, with your tiny little hands and arms, you were able to bury your plastic shovel in the sand and easily dig out a hole? Yeah, this was nothing like that. We might have planted one tree in the time it would have taken to build a sand castle. I'll tell you, I have a lot of respect for the people that work and volunteer with Treefolk regularly because it is anything but easy. You really should have seen them; this man was handling a 20lb stake as if it was nothing.

It was refreshing though, as always. It was great to see so many people out there; so many bright faces early in the morning. The

people down at Treefolk actually sent the volunteers an email a few days ago and it turns out that with everyone's combined efforts, we were able to plant 4117 trees! What really surprised me though was the fact that even families were there to volunteer. I couldn't help but smile when I saw little kids running around with their miniature shovels.

Granted everyone was busy with, well, volunteering I wish we had stopped to really take in the sights and get a couple of pictures. The location where we planted the saplings was actually really nice. I can't wait to come back next year to see how the saplings are doing, and to explore the area.



By: Kelvin Nguyen

I think I need to stop writing these volunteer articles. I tend to have so little to say as it is, in addition to the fact that I'm terrible at describing events, that all I can ever come up with is that "the event was great and refreshing". Pretty sure I'm starting to sound like a broken record like a broken record like a broken record. Haha, really though, I don't think I can ever fully describe just how wonderful these events are.

On this particular event we volunteered to help out at the Livestrong Marathon. For the duration of the event we manned the Runner Services tent, answering any questions the runners might have had and helping them take pictures to commemorate their accomplishment of finishing a

marathon. What a sight. All sweaty, some still trying to catch their breath, legs cramping up and they still wanted to stand there and smile for a picture.

The volunteers were rather amazing too; Mr. Steve Pina and Tiffany, I believe. They were very welcoming despite our tardiness and even showed us 'an entertainment thing from boy scouts'. On top of that there was also the unfamiliar ABSA faces; thank you for coming out Sean (and thanks for driving) and Jeanne. I hope I'm able to see you two again, and everyone else of course, at future volunteering events!

Marathon Austin

MR. MCCOMBS

By: Jany Xu

The auditorium was packed, the audience was wild, and ABSA was in for a surprise. The night of February 8th at 7 PM found many ABSA members at the SAC ready to cheer on our Mr. ABSA representative of 2013, Isoken Omoruyi, in the annual Mr. McCombs Pageant. The front row was ready with signs and banners and we all bustled with excitement, ready to support our representative. All the pageant representatives had quite a show in store for us. From rapping to painting, from swimsuit modeling to comedy shows, the night was filled with laughter and McCombs' pride.

However, the true message of the McCombs Pageant was found in Isoken's live performance with his band that night. Lauding with song the strengths of different MASOs across the board, Isoken reminded the audience that at the end of the day, we're all one big business family. The audience clapped and sang along, engaged and encouraged by the message in the song. It was the highlight of the pageant that night and the energy of the room was eclectic throughout the whole performance.

That night, Isoken did more than win the coveted Mr. McCombs title. He reminded the business school that even though we're spread out across our respective organizations, at the end of the day, we're still one big business family.



Member Of The Week



Hoai Troung

- Comes out and participates in many events this semester
- Volunteered to usher at the 6AM Friday shift for UIL Girls Basketball
- Helping directors clean up after Pie-an-Officer
- From Dickinson, TX

Past MOTW:

Phoi Le
Taehoon Kim
Patrick Chen
Sabeeha Islam
Kelvin
 Nguyen
Jason Guo
Quan Nguyen
Paul Nguyen
Kevin Jiang
Alex Nguyen
Judy Lam
Loan Khuu

Board Game Night

By: Luther Fan

While this semester's interest meeting brought plenty of smiles and laughs, the fun did not end in GSB 2.124! Immediately following the meeting, new and old ABSA members alike packed the CBA Events Room for a good ol' fashioned night of board games.

Thanks to the internal branch, practically any board game one could think of was available for the playing. Members intermingled and quickly formed groups to play classics such as LIFE, Risk, and Scrabble. Some groups chose to play more contemporary games, such as the lively and wildly entertaining game of Fish Bowl/Salad

Bowl! Soon, Fish Bowl had become so popular that the group had to be split into two!

All in all, Board Game Night was a success.



Peter Pan Putt Putt

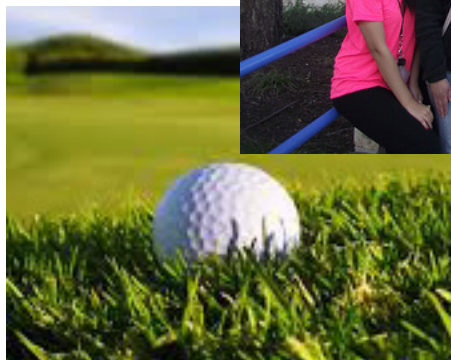
By: Sherry Zeng

After a long first week of school, ABSA members gathered on a sunny Saturday afternoon to play some miniature golf to relieve that syllabus week stress. First, everybody picked their favorite shade of color to hit, and the next decision...east or west course?

Groups of four to five members formed and challenged each other for fun, for pride, or in some cases, for Tap House drinks. The wind sometimes knocked the golf balls off course and other times, it took more than just a few tries to get through the first obstacle.

Putt putt gave members time to get some friendly competition on and enjoy each other's company.

Big shout out to the members that came out to every event of social week!



Just Dance and Sing

By: Sarah Qin

I love ABSA. I also love karaoke. So when I heard that ABSA was having a karaoke event in the business school, I immediately got excited and marked it down in my calendar! The two of them together is just too fabulous for words! After setting up the karaoke system, we were ready to start!

Initially, everyone was a bit shy. Some chose to skip out on the singing part and played video games like dance revolution instead. I felt shy too, but considering that I already make a fool of myself 90% of the time, I decided to help kick it off with the divalicious Eric Allen! We started with "Beauty and the Beat" and followed up with "As Long As You Love Me", both great Justin Bieber songs.

After that, everyone wanted to sing! The karaoke system basically consisted of a microphone and YouTube lyric videos so although it was not the most high-tech, the energy from everyone in the room made for an upbeat environment! Nearing the end of karaoke, the McCombs janitors came in and decided to sing a song as well!

Thanks to Nhi Tran and our unofficial media director Kelvin Nguyen, much of the event was caught on tape so who knows, the footage may appear in the Spring EOS end of the year video! All in all, there was no better way to start off the semester than belting out catchy tunes with awesome ABSA!



By: Sherry Zeng

First off, this was the first time that ABSA members had to sign a waiver prior to attending a social. To prevent any lawsuits to ABSA or Internal Branch, we drafted a thorough waiver detailing every possibility of injury, including death.

Secondly, was ABSA ready for the 7.2 miles of trails that lay ahead in the Barton Creek Greenbelt? Definitely so, we for sure did not take trails. Social director, Robert Ma, wanted to add some spice and excitement in the process by weaving in and out of the woods. In addition to stepping on uneven rocks and slippery dirt, we fought cactus and dead branches along the way. For those of you who missed

out, these forces of nature is what the waiver was warning us about.

After almost 90 minutes of trekking around the Greenbelt, ABSA members were ready for some food. Before that, we had to find our way back via the trusted iPhone GPS system. Nature expert, Jason Guo, led the way and all members were safely returned to

the starting point.

Arrived at Buffet Palace with minimal scratches, the group was ready to stuff themselves with the Korean, Japanese, and Chinese options that were before us. Plate on plate on plate of sushi, fried foods, and barbeque left all of us happy and ready to nap!

GET FIT GET FAT

CO-ED SOCCER

By: Emily Mi

Amongst cheering on teammates, scoring goals, scrimmaging, and grabbing food after practice, and bonding over FIFA, the ABSA co-ed soccer has truly had an amazing season! This season, the soccer team had games on Wednesday, conditioned on Thursdays, and practiced on Fridays rain or shine.

In the end, all the hard work paid off as they ended up first in their bracket and were able to advance to playoffs, despite a couple injuries. During the first playoff game, ABSA won in the end as both teams struggled to adapt to the strong 25mph wind.

They advanced until quarterfinals, and had a very successful soccer season. Unfortunately, the next GM will not be featuring a special appearance of Taehoon in a pencil skirt (as he had promised if the team made semi-finals), but the possibility still stands for next season.

The soccer team will be playing indoors soccer for off-season and will continue to play next year! So keep your eyes open for the soccer games and maybe you'll see Taehoon walking through McCombs in a pencil skirt one day.



BASKETBALL MONDAY COED

By: Elvis Yang
For our Monday Coed basketball team, this past season was filled with excitement and hard work. Despite most of us not having any prior organized basketball experience, we were able to finish with a 2-2 record. Our two wins came during our first two games of the season. After building up a large first half lead, we went

into the closing minutes of the second half tied. With the crowd cheering us on, we played off their energy and came through with a victory.

Although we won these two games, our play was very sloppy and needed improvement. During practice, Anson, Andrew, and I would work on teamwork and the different strategies we could use during the games with the players. In our fourth and final game I saw everything come together; everyone played confidently and we all worked well together as a team. However, we ended up losing the game by four points.

Even though we ended the season with a loss, we walked off the court smiling and laughing about the highlights and silly mistakes made during the game. While our primary

goal was to make it to playoffs, this team was created for members to have fun and take a breather from school. Overall, I am proud of what this team has accomplished and everyone's improvement from the beginning to the end of the season.



TUESDAY COED BASKETBALL

By: Jackson Pei

I love both ABSA and basketball, so playing intramural basketball with ABSA is one of the events I look forward to every year. The Tuesday's team started with a strong first opponent but we pulled out the win, 43-35. The next few weeks we cruised through our opponents and brought our regular season record to 4-0. As we sealed our playoff position we awaited our first opponent, VSA. We did a little bit of scouting and knew they were really tough.

We began to warm up on game day and I saw a swarm of ABSA fans pour into the stands. From the tip

off, the captain of the team, Anson Chauh, was going head to head with VSA's top player. The game became very physical and we felt the intensity in the air. Foul after foul, both teams' best players were in foul trouble. I could hear the crowd roaring in the background, and most prominently Josh Hu was giving the best support you could ask for. The score was super close through both halves and either team a chance to take the win. Suddenly, Jeff Su stepped in the way of VSA's leading scorer and drew a magnificent charge by sacrificing his body. This led VSA's best player to foul out! After that I felt a sigh of

relief, and we eventually closed out the game 48-39.

Tuesday's co-ed basketball team is still in the playoffs so come out to support our games after spring break, and hopefully we will bring home the championship!

Director of the Month



- External Director
- Takes initiative contacting faculty & other organizations
- Stayed up until 5 AM working on Swing Out Awards with the officers
- From Dallas, TX

Hannah Kang

Past DOTM:

Andrew Huang
Sam Lehardi
Jeff Su

Andrew Huang

Kimberly Lin: You da best. :).

Angela Meng

Janet Zhou: I really can't thank you enough. For many things really, but mostly for being understanding and really quite frankly an incredible person. Thank you for understanding my issues and the tough times I'm going through right now and simply listening. It means a lot to me. Thank you.

Jeff Su: After a stressful ordeal all around, thank you for always being supportive and on top of everything. You're seriously awesome, even when you're being a grouchy grandpa and sleeping super early all the time u___u I expect great things from you, mister. Let's keep breaking all the records.

Jenny Li: Sorry for wresting you down the other day in the Jester Piano Room to steal your phone. It was sort of necessary though :)

Jason Guo: I've got one thing to say, so I'll say it now: LET'S GO RUNNINGGGGGGGGG. IT'S ADVENTURE TIME.

Jeffrey Fong: I'm glad we finally got to have lunch together, and it was also your first time at J2! We definitely should talk more often and have branch outings at your place to eat ice cream again.

Josh Hu: I think my biggest regret of this semester so far is not splurging another three dollars to have the chance to properly pie you in the face. Maybe next year.

Helen Lee: Official pie-day survivor of 2013. I'm honestly not surprised at how little you got pied <3 You're just too sweet and amazing <3

Jessica McCarthy: so. That. Brown. Bag. u___u

Taehoon Kim: Where's Waltzo was actually a lot of fun! We should definitely do more dance outings in the future!

Terence Ko: YOU CATCH _____ NOT GIRLS. Instant +50 likes, true fact.

Andrew Huang: All Hail Prabhudev Konana: The true way of life. Also, fat J2 buddies for life...that is when I actually do decide to go to J2.

Sean Shen: thanks for putting up with my complete failure of "following"-technique and studying with me in Jester Quiet Lounge so I feel like less of a loser.

Jany Xu: Thanks for listening to me girl



and for fueling my dreams of one day becoming a masseuse.

Jason Watt: Thanks for being such a trooper and taking both MIS and Accounting exams on the same day. I really don't understand how you're still alive, let alone walking-or in this instant wheeling around on a wheelchair with Robert. Also, I look forward to your tour guide abilities in San Francisco!

Emily Mi: Hi girl! Our study session was really awesome and I really did wish we had time to meet up again before the exam. Best of luck to you!

Zulian Tjuatja: in the end, I never opened that coffee bottle. I just took a knife and stabbed through cap u___u

Robert Ma: HAND DOWN. BEST. BROWN BAG. EVER. I <3 free stuff.

Hannah Kang: I still need you to teach me how to dance and be amazing at ballroom like you.

Regan Wang: MIS trauma aside, I'm really glad you're coming to San Francisco with me and the others! It's going to be exciting and we'll lose a lot of sleep, but hopefully it'll all be worth it!

Loan Khuu: forever on my mind, but never in my sight. Why are we both so busy this semester?

Emily Mi

Amy Yu: #MiANDYu is going to happen!

Angela Meng: We should hang out more often! Or just cry over MIS, but I prefer hanging out haha

Angela Wu-Li: Glad that you're not a groupie anymore :) And I love running into you randomly J2!

Cassandra: Aren't you excited to get pied by your freshman baby? (:

Daniel Li: Thanks for being a great big sib/anniversary twin! (jk)

Diana Meng: Yay I'm glad Josh paired you up with me as my mentor buddy (: We

should grab lunch/dinner sometime after spring break!

Eric Allen: We still have to take our matching bright orange T-shirt picture!

Eddie Chen: Thanks for always coming out to volunteering events!

Eunji: You're a super cute person whom I definitely don't see enough!

Erin Sun: Thanks for being an awesome co!

Frank Cheng: Thanks for the Febreze and tangerine that one time! It's fun being floormates :D

Hannah Kang: You've been working so hard these past couple weeks on all these external events, but great job on all of them!! :)

Helen Lee: You're so cute and nice! Haha thanks for letting me hide behind you that one time in the haunted house...you were a great shield (:

Huyen: You always dress so cute, and your photography is seriously amazing! Haha and that class is ALWAYS so hard to stay awake in...

Janet: I still have my Valentine tacked up on the bulletin board outside my dorm! hehe thanks :)

Jany Xu: Good luck with Hannah on the Deloitte case comp! You guys rock!

Jackson: So I kind of miss watching Gossip girl.. but did you ever start watching the Vampire Diaries?!

Jamison: It was nice meeting you the other day! We should have a brown bag sometime ;)

Jessica McCarthy: I love seeing you at soccer! (and when you get all spazzy). Hope your bruises from soccer feel better by the time this Informer comes out!

Josh Hu: Apparently this year, they ordered two life-size cutout boards of Mr. Greider that just chill in his room now!

Julia Chuang: You make really good pigs-in-a-blankets! Haha thanks for always inviting me to JK events (:

Julio: I can't believe you took my cap... Water > Gatorade.

Lisa Liu: Thanks for letting me borrow your khaki pants for ushering! We're

almost the same size! haha

Loan: Thanks for introducing that avocado smoothie to me! I literally can't stop ordering it. This habit is getting really bad, BUT IT'S SO GOOD!

Luther: Sorry if Spotify keeps giving you notifications, I keep listening to your playlists!

Michael Lin: Glad I got to know you on our brown bag, you seem like a really cool person! BTW, I don't think you and Peter look that similar haha

Michael Gu: Dear Michael, Thanks for letting me interview you about your internship for BA101! Sincerely, Emily. PS- Sorry this is about 4 months late. Thanks for being an awesome big sib!

Matt: Hey! Looking forward to going to the hip hop social you and Rohit have been planning!

Rohit: Brohit!!!!!!!!!!!!111!!!!111!

Robert Ma: I still have my Valentine tacked up on the bulletin board outside my dorm! haha thanks!

Stephen Zhu: Our brown bag was fun! But I still agree with Sarah, you're a sassy diva.

Sam Lehardi: Thanks for always volunteering to drive at volunteering! That's like, volunteering inception.

Sarah Qin: Everything you say makes me laugh! You're so cute and sassy at the same time, I love it! Mi-oww :3

Patty Huang: Thanks for being a great big sib! :)

Paul Nguyen: Thanks for always coming out to the volunteer events! Hope to keep seeing you!

Taehoon: Great soccer season! Please wear a pencil skirt?

Zack Kingsack: You should say hi to me when you see me in Jester next time! I say hi to you every time I see you I promise!

Zulian: Between our MWF class and our TTH class, we basically see a Santa Claus every day of the week. Which is good for your entertainment, I guess! Also, glad to keep passing the burrito torch on haha.

Helen Lee

Officers: Final sprint before the year ends. Let's make the best finale together! :D

Amber Liang: Glad we're in accounting together!

Amy Yu: Shall we get lunch or dinner sometime for our Marketing Team Brown Bag?

Andrew Huang: Where would you like to eat?

Angela Meng: We should find a time to brown-bag after Spring Break! Hope you have a great time in San Francisco!

Angela Wu-Li: Cool Whip works as well and is cheaper.

Ariel Kao: I don't see you during my break on Tuesdays/Thursdays anymore :)

Benjamin Don: Still don't really like our Chinese class, but I do admit I'm forced to learn proper grammar functions.

Brian Yeh: It was great getting to know you through our brown bag! Hope you continue enjoying your time in ABSA!

Cathy Shen: Love your "around the world" photo blog of your feet! I miss your fashion blog that you started with Yiwen and another friend last year.

Charles Wang: I think I can say that we have similar manga/anime tastes? Hope you enjoyed our brown-bag!

Chloe Chen: Glad to see you come out to more events in ABSA and in YOLO this semester :)

Cindy Kuang: Your insight on new ideas is always appreciated! I hope you have a fun trip over spring break!

Coco Zhao: Glad to see you and Kristin come out to more events this semester!!

Daphne Thammasila: Hope you're doing well this semester! Miss you in Admin!

David Wang: Thanks for taking more initiative with alumni weekend events this semester! Keep up the great work, we're almost there!

E. Clarissa A. Gondoprawiro: Glad we got to get froyo together the other day and catch up. Let's do more small hangouts of the sort.

Eddie Chen: Congrats on getting Member of the Week! You've earned it :)

Femi Barin: Good to meet you this semester and seeing you involved at Marketing Team meetings!

Hailey Chen: YAY! Thanks for coming out to so many family events this semester :) Hannah Kang: You're so well-versed at writing. Thanks again for helping the officers out with our Swing-Out App.

Henry Shi: Gramps, where have you been lately?

Hoai Truong: Happy to see you become such an active member this semester! Hope you enjoyed ushering with us at 6:30AM in the morning.

Ima Linzag: Let me know if you ever do open up a bakery! I'll be sure to visit!

Jackson Pei: I really do wonder if you don't ever troll me...but you are a nice guy nonetheless.

Jamison Soybel: Congrats again on win-

ning Roden's! You were a great presenter!

Jany Xu: Great job on the PowerPoint Workshop! Learned much from it that I never realized ppt could do.

Jason Guo & Jeffery Fong: Hope those sodas will last. Thanks for voluntarily cleaning up the Storage Room! Much easier finding everything now.

Jeanette Tang: Seriously did not know you and Andrew were cousins until Jonathan told me after winter break.

Jeanne Feng: MACROEON - _____"

Jeddy Yuan: Didn't realize we were in the same Chinese class until recently. Hope you're doing well!

Jenna Lin: Haha our indecisiveness is really a characteristic in our branch. On another note, let's plan a Ravenclaw hangout :)

Jenny Li: I guess accounting isn't so bad this semester after all...

Joel Hwang: Glad to see you following up with Marketing Team activities!

Jonathan Fan: Congrats on getting Media Director this semester! Looking forward to the ideas you'll be bringing to Admin Branch!

Joseph Be: Let's strive through Chinese together.

Judy Lam: We'll get that dinner lunch sometime, I promise.

Julia Chuang: I've seen you become more and more active as a big sib in JK! Congrats on winning Roden's!

Julio Maldonado: Congrats on getting Media Director! Hope you're getting accustomed to Admin Branch!

Kelvin Nguyen: Webmasters are truly similar in ABSA.

Kevin Chu: Your corgi is soo cute and adorable!

Klevrin Sitohang: Your knowledge on finance and investments is amazing.

Kristeen Chan: Good to have gotten to know you better through your life story at the GE Interview Workshop. You've worked so hard so far; I'm sure you'll get to where you want to be in the future!

Leiko (Jiaqi) Huang: Playing with your iPad at Qdoba was fun when we took photos. Hope to see you at more events the rest of the semester.

Lena Brennan: It was great meeting you at the PowerPoint workshop!

Linda Ye: LIIINNDAA!!! You have so much free time this semester!

Lisa Lam-Phaure & Tenzin Yulo: Thanks for taking up the roles as Marketing Team Head. Y'all are giving a lot for Marketing Team to accomplish this semester! Keep

up the great work!

Lisa Liu: You're so talented in Photoshop and design!!! Great job on the Photoshop workshop!

Louis Yu: Thanks for coming out to meetings occasionally!

Luther Fan: Congrats on winning Roden's! Your team did great :)

Maria Mai: You're such a good dancer Maria!

Michael Gu: Don't have class with you anymore, how are your econ classes going?

Nhi Tran: Beat Kelvin in merit points, yes? X)

Nicholas Yeap: You're such a good cook. Yiwen always brings back yummy food that you make whenever she goes over to your place :P

Nikki Liu: Good to see you come out to more of our events this semester!

Robert Ma: We'll work out that social soon between our branches. Can we do early Sundays?

Ruyi Yao: Where would you like our brown bag to be?

Sabeeha Islam: Thanks for helping me out when I was moving the sodas to the storage room! Hope this semester's going well.

Samuel Lehardi: Best of luck on recruiting this semester!

Sarah Qin: Haha enjoyed being pied by you first :)

Sean Shen: Can't believe you stayed up the night before ushering! Have a great spring break and get some rest next week.

Sherley Loo: Let's find time to chill!

Shreyas: Good to hear that your econ classes don't seem that bad this semester so far ☺

Stephen Zhu: Good to see you be more active this semester! Thanks to you and Sam for being the decisive ones in our branch for food decisions!

Taehoon Kim: Your singing's awesome! Great job at the ChinaCare Benefit Night!

Terence Ko: One day, one day. Thanks for driving us home from the Tech Start-up Crawl!

Tin Dang: Glad we got to catch up this semester after the ChinaCare Benefit night! I'll find a time to cook together with you and share recipes :)

Tina Lin: Congrats on getting into Marketing Team! Hope you're enjoying our projects so far :)

Vickie Wang: Proud of you and your team for participating in Roden's!

Vicky Nguyen: Thanks for being so active

in ABSA this semester!

Vincent Nguyen (Older): I believe Jany, Chopin, and I still owe you a meal :)

Yiwen Xu: Had an awesome time being on a team with you for Roden's and a fun time going to the Tech Start-Up Crawl!

Thanks for constantly introducing me to new things :)

Zachary Kingsak: You could've visited Houston, just saying :P

Zifeng Wang: Our development Econ class is surprisingly interesting and different.

Zulian Tjuatja: Congrats on getting Corporate Relations Director! You're doing a great job so far, keep it up!

Jackson Pei

Jessica McCarthy: You are super short

Luther Fan: Houston needs to step up its sports

Judy Lam: Thanks for the communication with Miller :D, I'll try to come out to more FYM stuff

Eunji Seo: I still know nothing about you, except that you're a freshman haha! Hope you've had a great swim so far. Get it?

Puja: Are you top 20 merit points yet? I thought you said you're gonna catch up

Academic: Yeah we're definitely the best looking branch.. LOL jk?

Andrew Huang: You're an Asian thug with that haircut and that chain on yo neck!

Andrew Tran: Good job with basketball this semester, good recruiting skills haha

Angela Wu Li: Harro, person that studies rocks but is secretly a business major

Angela Chow: You about the same as Kevin and Erica now lolol, and go workout.

Anson and Jeff: Championship duuuudeeeeeeeee! AND play LoL with me sometime

Ariel Kao: You were a good replacement for Denny! Hahahaha yay we both can't wait till he's back woo

Denny Ku: Ariel actually was 10x more boring than you. We better hang out hardcore when you're back bratha

Cassandra Chew: My 12 hours of sleep feels gooooooood

Eddie Chen: Hey thanks for coming out to so many things, great company haha

Emily Mi: More cake?

Eric Allen: Grab lunch to catch up?

Erin Sun: Great job waking up to all those volunteering events :P

John and Gong: You guys are great little sibs!

Hannah Kang: I enjoyed our small talk during hiking, also your cheeks make me laugh lolol

Helen Lee: You ridiculously nice, I've never ever seen you been mean to anyone, how do you do it!?

Henry Shi: Basketball with ex ex president? LOL

James Gu: You're not gonna read this, but why you so "fresh"?

Jany Xu: I will take you shopping one day! And whats that? Oh "flick"

Jeannette Tang: Where you been? Haven't seen you around at all!!!

Jason Watt: Watsup? Lunch soon to catchup

Jason Guo: I'm sure you get a lot of these, but goodjob with the storage room!

Jenna Lin: TTHANKKS! Lol that looks weird

Josh Hu: Hands down, you're the 16th man of the team hahaha

Julia Chuang: You ask the most uncomfortable questions lol

Janet Zhou: You're a super lame coach

Kelvin Nguyen: Are you a media director? :P hahah

Kevin Jiang: Didn't know you had so many dance moves, show me that bboy stuff sometime!

Kimberly Lin: I know I don't tell you this, but you're a great accounting buddy

Kristeen Chan: Those t-shirt arm sleeves are soooooo cool

Maria Mai: The hip hop workshop was really fun :) Thanks for doing it

Michael Lin: I'm glad we met, you're a big goof ball it's fun talking with you

Mei-Lynn Hua: We need to brown bag! I don't know you at all :(

Nhi Tran: Thanks for always being so happy! It spreads :D

Paul Nguyen: YOU'RE THE BEST! Thanks for coming to everrrrrythingg! 2K rematch soon?

Rohit Kandimalla: Haha I don't know why but you always make me laugh!

Sarah Qin: "If you have plans on ABSA birthday, cancel them" LOL your sass is so funny

Sherry Zheng: We never had our birthday brown bag, because you ditched me for Will!

Stephen Zhu: Hey big boy, read about lean gains yet? ALSO you have to play LoL with me and Terence.

Taehoon Kim: You're China Care Benefit Night performance was really good, I'm glad I went!

Terence Ko: Hey Louis, you caught up on suits yet? Told you its freaking amazing!

Oh p.s LoL spring break

Tracy Trieu: I know I make fun of you all the time, but you're cool and always so nice! It's great to be around you because you're so happy :)

Yiwen Xu: Dang girl, you can dance! I see you haha

Steven /Kevin/Segyero: I am happily surprised with yall being so good in our family!

Publicity Directors: Thanks so much in handling all my flyers! I know I can't do them to save my life

YOUR FAMILY: is really cool, no I mean your family is!

Jessica McCarthy: Although you are really short, I'm glad I ended up in your branch. It's been a humbling experience and very fun at the same time. Get more rest please, I keep telling you this but you never listen!

Janet Zhou

Josh Hu: Why won't you be my friend.

Mei-Lynn Hua: Ay girl, when are we going to do our branch mixer? My branch wants to shoot lazer guns!

Eric Allen: Hey eric, let's go to Stone Easter service together!

Cassandra Chew: I will always have plenty of adjectives to describe your virtues and strengths :)

Helen Lee: I am so sorry, I will return your Tupperware soon. I PROMISE. I keep forgetting.

Jessica McCarthy: Good job on Roden! Let's go get another 4am meal when we have no more obligations and tests LOL. Wonder when that day will come.

Kimberly Lin: Despite our many miscommunications about the \$\$\$, I am so incredibly grateful to have you on our panel. Thanks for being flexible and understanding ☺ You are awesome.

Regan Wang: I'm so glad you made it to CFT this time, and that I don't have to call you 25 times again.

Maria Mai: You are just a bundle of energy, and your dance skills are outta this world. Excited to explore SF with you!

Jason Guo: I owe you a run. I know.

Jeffrey Fong: WHEN ARE WE GOING TO SLEEPOVER AGAIN!!!!!!

Jeff Su: Mann shaddup. What the eff?!? From ABSA to Roden to SG, it's been good. Let's make CFT a legend.

Angela Meng: I'm really glad we had that mid-semester talk. You are more than you

give yourself credit for, and girl, I love you for who you are, not what you do.

Jenny Li: You are a great team player, girlfriend. Thanks for hustling during CFT preparations, and keep us updated about you-know-who.

Stephen Zhu: Your manners are slowly improving now, Mr. Peasant. Please don't fall off any cliff during this trip.

Robert Ma: You are stronger than you think and more capable than you make yourself out to be.

Jason Watt: Thanks for all of your connections in SF! One day, you'll owe me Fogo.

Hannah Kang: So, when is my mug coming in?

Jany Xu: I expect lots of bao talk during CFT and the days to come.

Andrew Huang: SUP FAT TOMATO! I await our exciting vegetable journeys in the next few days. HOOHOOHOOO

Kevin Jiang: SUP FRESH ZUCCHINI! I see you way too much at jester. Do you like plan that or something?

Matthew Shao: Didi, I'm glad we were able to catch up. Keep pursuing and keep trying. I believe in you.

Zulian Tjuatja: I think you have single-handedly made me infamous overnight for my thug lyfe past.

Taehoon Kim: I'm always grateful for your presence and humor in ABSA. You'll go far, I know.

Nhi Tran: You beast of a baller. I'm also really glad that you are getting all of our CFT Kodak moments on camera; such as Robert and Jason's wheelchair race around the baggage claim at this moment.

Andrew Lee: Need to hear you play violin sometime!

Eunji Seo: Can't wait to get to know you better on this trip!

Klevrin Sitohang: I don't know much about you but hopefully that will change after the next few days!

Elvis Yang: thank you for your attempted assassination. I feel like I know you a lot better now. ;)

Yiwen Xu: Thank you for your constant encouragement and enthusiasm for the mentorship program! It's awesome to see where ABSA has taken you, and where it will take you in the future.

Sherry Zeng: Let's get lunch sometime :)

Jackson Pei: I will pie you in the face. Aside from that, remember: Don't lose heart nor be discouraged.

Sean Shen: Thanks for always printing out finance notes for me, and it's crazy how far you've come. SHOW ME YOUR GIRL YO

Anson Chuah: You so silly.

Michael Lin: Hi monk. Thanks for being a team player for Roden! And I'm sorry we made you stay up past your bed-time!

Matthew Lau: Come out more!

Dora Cheng: Keep signing up for those brownbags, wink wink.

Terence Ko: Black swan. We're gonna do it.

Camilla Yen: WE WILL GET OUR MEAL SOMETIME.

Kelvin Nguyen: Thank you for always coming out to ABSA events and recording HILARIOUS videos for us! Much appreciated!

Daniel Li: Good to know you like dorky things. Hehe.

Danyal Rizvi: When are we going to get our brownbag yo?

Lena Brennan: YOU TOO! I have yet to meet you and chat (:

Stephanie Kao: I hope my answers for your interview helped! I'm so glad you are considering Supply Chain!

Kristy Liang: Always here for you if you ever need anything!

Nicholas Yeap: Sir, we must get our postponed dinner ASAP.

Joseph Be

Alex Nguyen: Lets catch up

Amber Liang: You're the best singer ever! Too bad no one will ever know.

Armon Khorrami: Let's play poker again before I graduate

Christine Lau: Best big sib ever!

Cristina Be: Pu Ba! :)

Freda Xia: Stop playing dota and go out more!

Eric Allen: I don't believe you are asian

Helen Lee: Please help me on Chinese.

Hien Lam: You're not going to read this because you are probably asleep right now

Isoken Omoruyi: I really miss China.. We must go back

Jaclyn Nguyen: I really hate that class. You will probably hear me complain about it again tonight.

Jane Tedjauwana: I love your last name. Too bad I don't know how to pronounce it.

Jenna Lin: It's a shame you didn't study abroad. TRY AGAIN

Jonathan Wong: We shall keep in contact after my 3 years of MIA lol

Ka-Wai To: I will see you tonight :)

Kevin Chu: Best big sib ever!

KS Shreyas: Please sublease my apartment haha
Loan: Hey Loan! You are one awesome person.
Maggie Zhang: AWB family event on April 1st
Mei-Lynn Hua: teochew nang!
Mufeng Zhu: \$2/\$4 blinds Cash game. Lets do it
Nate Aniekwu: I want my shirt back!
Nikki Liu: Thank you for showing me around Jilin!
Peter Ha: yo
Richard He: I heard you want to open up a restaurant. Business partners?
Stephanie Ham: You're in Singapore
Tenzin Yulo: Can't wait for the Tibetan restaurant to open up!
Terence Ko: I hope you forgive me for taking all your money in poker lol
Tracy Trieu: teochew nang!
Winnie Guo: Yellow buddies forever
Yandi Chen: ni hao!
Yiwen Xu: Thanks for not showing up for our brown bag lunch. Best brown bag ever!
Zifeng Wang: slow down on the partying lol

Luther Fan

Andrew Huang: Thanks for all the 304 help, you smart freshman! How is it so easy for you?
Angela Wu Li: I'm really glad we started talking more recently. Let's keep that up, yes? Your puns/playlists are quite good. I still haven't thought of a Wu Li pun, but it will come to me eventually.
Cassandra Chew: So excited to be living in Vanderbilt next year! Fully expect me to bug you every time something breaks or something goes wrong.
Elvis Yang: Thanks for the great IM basketball season! Definitely one of the highlights of my semester.
Emily Mi: One of my first impressions of you was that you seemed like a really cool person. That has changed very little ;)
Eunji Seo: Never got to thank you for working so hard for LAUNCH. You are destined for great things! Don't let Jackson's freshman comments get you down LOL.
Hannah Kang: Yo gurl we never got lunch D: Why do we not hang out more often? We need to discuss how to increase your Plan II-ness ;)
Jackson Pei: Great times in Academic/

watching you make fun of Jessica/Eunji!
 One of these days I'm going to beat you on an accounting test lol
Jamison Soybel: As I'm writing this, we're currently working on Roden Case Comp. Yeahhh son we got dis
Jane Tedjajuwana: Thank you for suffering through MIS 325 with me! Looks like we will be spending many Sunday nights together in the Mil Lab LOL
Janet Zhou: Let's play Fish Bowl!
Jany Xu: Let's play Bananagrams!
Jessica McCarthy: Hey boss! Thank you for all your guidance this year, not only as an officer but as a friend. I feel lucky to have gotten to know you this year. Academic Branch is best branch!
JK Family: Thanks for good food, great memories, but even better friends. Love you all!
Jonathan Fan: How's it going, bro? Lol regardless of whether we're actually related, we're still ABSA family! JK pride!
Judy Lam: I've really enjoyed being on Academic with you! I would not have the patience you have to work on FYM haha
Julia Chuang: Even though you ask a lot of personal questions (heh), you are such a sweet person and a great Big Sib! We're doing Rodens right now; let's win this!
Julian Sia: I really enjoy the fact that we always eat at Kins at exactly 11 a.m. LOL
Kelvin Nguyen: Thanks for the sports highlight videos! They're awesome!
Lisa Liu: Thanks for the ride to various MIS/recruiting events! Let me know if you ever want a J2 swipe haha
Mei-Lynn Hua: We're both a lot busier this year, but it's good knowing that I can count on you no matter what. Remember when we were lost (but optimistic) Plan II freshmen? Thanks for being there since the beginning!
Morgan Hah: In case you couldn't tell, I am a HUGE fan (Fan! Get it?) of your taste in music. You've probably realized this by now though heh
Puja Machchhar: Academic with you has been fun!
Regan Wang: Really glad you decided to join ABSA! No regrets, eh?
Ruyi Yao: From Bellaire to ABSA! I wonder if there will be more of us in the future...
Sam Lehardi: I've really enjoyed hanging out with you at ABSA events, whether it's basketball practice or a workshop or something. I'll be seeing you at EOS right?
Sarah Qin: You are one of my FAVORITE people to talk to, no lie. No gossiping here!

Stephanie Del Paggio: Hello Plan II twin! So glad that you're coming out to more events this semester. Nice to be able to interact with you outside of Twitter!
Stephanie Ham: Miss you Steph!! T_T Come back to America!
Taehoon Kim: We need to start working out together again, I'm starting to get lazy lol
Terence Ko: One day I will become a swolehouse like you
Zulian Tjuatja: Nice to have someone to talk to about non-mainstream music #nohipsters

Mei-Lynn hua

Jackson Pei: Great job on organizing the How Do You Roll Workshop!
Kelvin Nguyen: Thank you for coming out to all the ABSA events! The officers say you are basically our new media director! :)
Stephen Zhu: Why did you do that to me during pie an officer?? It took forever to get that out of my hair! lol
Luther Fan: Thanks for helping me write the email to Doherty! You should watch Cloud Atlas btw both the score and the film itself was great!!
Angela Meng: Thank you so much for helping me wash my hair in the sinks after pie an officer! I am eternal grateful. THANK YOU ANGELA! <3
Sherry Zeng: Wahhhh so sorry for the crazy schedule before spring break! I hope we go the chance to reschedule our lunch! I can't wait to hear about your trip up north.
Kristeen Chan: The photoshoot pictures you took with Sherry were so cute! I hope you had a fabulous spring break!
Sarah Qin: Let's catch up with lunch! We have not have not sit down and talked for a long time.
Maria Mai: Let's match scarves one day!
Andrew Tran: Dang you sure got me good during the pie an officer -_-
Angela Wu-Li: What happened to exchanging mixtapes?? I want to hear some of your favorite songs!
Regan Wang: You have to tell me all about San Francisco CFT!
Johnathan Ler: I want to hear about how things are with you, Morgan, and Andrew in the office! I'm sure you are having a lot of fun!
Morgan Hah: LOL I still remember the

picture you took outside Andrew's house on the hill. That is the feeling I have inside after every exam.

Stephanie Kao: How was your spring break Stephanie? :)

Nelson Chen: How is having Michael Wong as a mentor? Haha I cannot stop laughing at everything he says. I hope you're having fun!

Sabeeha Islam: You have to tell me about all the cool things you've been doing with Zen!

Loan Khuu: Can we get together sometime to chat again? I miss talking to you.

Yiwen Xu: Did you represent Esperos during South by Southwest?? That would be super cool!

Lisa Liu: Thank you for all your help in designing publicity for case comp and corporate dinner!

Zulian Tjuaja: I can never do another awkward turtle/other awkward handsign again without thinking of you LOL

Christine Lau: I hope you are enjoying your last year at UT! Thank you for all that you do for ABSA. We really appreciate it :)

Jenny Ling: Have you found anything you want us to do together?!

Johnathan Fan: I admire your creativity. I wish I could take pictures and write music like you!

Andrew Lee: Forgiving yourself is such an important thing to learn. Let me know if you ever want to catch up and chat!

Matthew Lau: It was great brown bagging with you! I'm still convinced that UT has those secret tunnels for a reason :P

Clairine Veronica: I really liked our talk that time we were walking back from Coco's. Your VP is always here for you!

Nicholas Yeap: So what new, fabulous place did you visit during spring break??

Terence Ko: Can you explain LoL again to

me? I don't understand the appeal lol

Vickie Wang: I swear you we are like twins. I really enjoyed our froyo chat. We should catch up sometime!

Tina Lin: Don't forget about us here in ABSA! I know you have China Care but come back and visit :)

Sherley Loo: I feel like every time we see each other one person is running off because they are headed to something. How have you been?

Jeanne Feng: I spent all spring break listening and singing along to Les Mis lol

Eddie Chen: You finally joined ABSA! I'm so happy you are part of the community!

Jenny Tseng: I really miss working with you Jenny :) Thank you for all the talks we have. I think we really understand each other.

Tae-hoon Kim

Jessica McCarthy: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

Soccer Team: What a great season we had! We should have our own banquet to CELEBRATE

JK: I'm sorry I've been a bad big sib this semesterrrr! I promise things will change after SB!

Andrew Lee: ALPFA will never pass the ball to you now

Nhi Tran: I DO TRUST OUR GIRLS

Klevrin Sitohang: You foreigner would never enjoy that game

Jason Sim: You're like the guy version of Angela

Shreyas: Not gonna lie... I was impressed with your keen eyes on seeing/recording those crosses!

Erin Sun: DON'T STUY ABROAD

Jamison Soybel: Thanks for always being excited about the team! I'm so glad to

have people like you to rely on!

Johnathan Chang: DON'T GRADUATE

James Song: It wasn't the guitar... it was the amp

Jason Watt: Can't believe you forgot about J-Crew

Armon Khorrami: I thought I was gonna be your Stephanie for this semester but it doesn't seem like it... let's hang out more!!

Enoch Tsai: This is it man. You're keeping the goal now!

Jackson Pei: It's never official until you tell me straight up. ROOM WITH ME

Kimberly Lin: That Thai restaurant wasn't that good, actually. But it was a great company!

Denny Ku: I will take away your precious time to chat with Ariel. Cuz she's third-wheeling.

Ariel Kao: We need to get this apt thing before it's too late

Erica Tsao: You're such a rude friend. But we're still hanging out!

Angela Chow: I feel like I haven't seen you all semester...

Yiwen Xu: Thanks for honey, lemon and the picture! You're such a good neighbor!

Daniel Li: I guess you can't say "what more do they want?" anymore... but I can ;)

Michael Gu: So... lunch...??

Zulian Tjuatja: Congrats on becoming a directorr! I had my fingers crossed for ya!

Jany Xu: Jany I never told you this but you're such a sweet girl! I really appreciate how you try to make time out of your busy schedule to come hang out with the family!

Hannah Kang: We're gonna have a blast with making dat video in SF! And come out to more family events.

Luther Fan: When are we gonna start working out together again! I thought we're gonna have a set schedule! Lol

Angela Wu Li: I don't know if I should write you a shoutout... maybe... then again, I don't know...

Sarah Qin: You've been so busy this semester!! Where's your love to papa? :(

Stephanie Del Paggio: Girl, we want you on the team!

Andrew Huang: I know for sure I'm not getting a shoutout from you :(but I'm fine...!

Lucy Hu: Hope you heal soon and come hang out with us!

Julia Chuang: What a good big sib you have been this semester! Thanks for stepping up! And you'll play for indoor + biz



world cup. I promise!

Jonathan Fan: Who dat girl Jon?? ;) ;)

Huyen Tran: Can't wait for that family photoshoot! It's gonna be a BLASTTT!

Jason Jeng: I'll tell Grace that you said..... Hi -_-

Terence Ko: Imma save the mushy one for the next one. Next time, let ME search your backpack you goober!

Stephanie Ham: I hope you're having the time of your life right now!! Don't go too crazy and have a ton of fun! Your family misses you!

Josh Hu: I wonder who my next "random" BB would be... ;) Since we don't have any classes together, I rarely see you now!

Judy Lam: Great job with FYM last semester! That went REALLY well!

Jane Tedjajuwana: You're PA #1 but a groupie #2

Jaclyn Nguyen: I think I only see you at Isoken's apt now... lol

Isoken Omoruyi: "The higher their hopes get... the harder they fall" that's cruel man! Hahaha

William Luu: "Dude listen to this psycho on UT confession!" - my sister

Betty Wang: Hope you're having a blast in Hong Kong! We shall have story times over greek yogurt when you get back!

Sherry Zeng: DAT OREO CUPCAKESSS... uno mas?

Cassandra Chew: Those cookies were good... but I think your cake out of the box was better :p

Kevin Chu: I WANT YOUR DOG NAO!

Sherlley Loo: You left me a big scar that only Ka-Wai can heal

Emily Mi: What do you get if you mix you, Nhi, and me? Wait for it... "MiNhi Me!" But seriously. I need a girlfriend.

Julio Maldonado: What a good time we had at the gym the other day! But what matters is the talk we had ;);)

Omar Garcia: UNBELIEVABLE

Kelvin Nguyen: You're such an amazing guy dude!! Thanks again for the work you did for the soccer team!

Kevin Jiang: I didn't know how funny you are until we went shopping together... so funny

Clairine Veronica: I bet you're thinking "that awkward moment when I see Tae-hoon more often at the dance labs than I see him at the family events..." come out to more family stuff!

Jason Guo: I'm so glad I was able to take you to the dance outing! It was so much funnn. We shall do it again

Angela Meng: I think we're on the right

foot now. Get the pun?

Con & Di: I will join your club. Now.

Helen Lee: Thanks for filming us at China-Care Helen! You're such a good friend!

Jiffy Su: DAT ORANGES

Regan Wang: Hey there roomie ;) Looking forward to share that bed with you tonight.

Jeff Fong: Looking forward to getting to know you better during CFT! You know what I mean?

Maria Mai: Stop carrying things for Josh!

Stephen Zhu: What a good talk we had on our trip to Rudy's! We should go swim when the weather warms up!

Janet Zhou: I don't think you sounded like a frog

Jenny Li: I really hope you're over the bad boys now.

Robert Ma: Glad we have the same dance class this semester! Now let's kill that video

Eunji Seo: I see you with those Korean boiss ;)

Yiwen Xu

Angela Meng: I still can't get over the fact that you now wear skirts. You've changed so much from Jasper! Let me know if/when you have guy problems :P You've listened to me, Jenny, and Cassandra's for far too long!

Ann Cai: There's so much sass packed into this little Freshman girl! I'm impressed by how much you know. We need to grab lunch one day! Those Finance team socials aren't enough.

Ben Don: Do you even read this? Haha

Ben Williams: So about that brown bag last semester ...

Bonnie Leung: So glad you decided to come to UT! I hope you're enjoying Austin. Catch me up on how Freshman year has been sometime.

Cathy Shen: I'm so glad you're back in the states now. Not having you here last semester was so sad. I miss shopping with you and our really temporary blog. We need to open up a whole Saturday or Sunday for you to tell me ALLL about Europe and go shopping! Let me know when you're free!

Clairine Veronica: It's great having you in our branch! I really respect how composed and classy you are.

Cristina Be: Thanks for the random ride that day! Haha so ironic how we both ended up in Panda Express. Owe you!

Daniel Chiu: Hey Econ buddy! It's nice having someone to do homework with, now, and to have you keep me accountable for actually trying to figure out why we're doing what we're doing.

Danyal Rizvi: I like how our friendship started because of clothes. We will watch Breakfast at Tiffany's one day! One day ...

Elaine Cen: You're so chill! Please stay for a late night Quarters chat one day.

Frank Cheng: I miss seeing your big smile in ABSA events! Who am I going to wear dresses for? :(

Helen Lee: Rooming with you this year has been awesome! Haha, late night food and super late night studying. You make my semi-nighters much less lonely. :)

Huyen Tran: One day when it's raining, we'll get our pictures! Austin just doesn't rain enough.

Isoken Omoruyi: You're honestly one of my closest guy friends at UT. Thanks for keeping things real and for listening to everything! So honored to have Mr. McCombs as my neighbor.

Jaclyn Nguyen: You're my fashion inspiration. We should open a fashion-law firm in the future. Let's marry guys with better last names so our firm won't be called Xu Nguyen L.L.P.

James Song: I miss your old haircut. It's been great hanging out with the sane, non-Kerr guy at Quarters, though. :)

James Yang: BA101, then stats, then Quarters, now Finance team ... why're you always in my life? :P Haha jk, it's fun having you around!

Jane Tedjajuwana: Horror movie night. Let's do this.

Jason Wu: You meowed. And chirped. That was awesome.

Jeffrey Fong: Dude, you were awesome, then you and Morgan got together and now y'all are 50 times even more awesome. You're one of the nicest people I know. Excited for all the other third-wheeling dates to come! :P

Jenny Li: Gosh I still love how we're together though I can NOT believe that you're in an all Asian org watching Asian dramas now. What did Royales do to you?? Glad we're still in touch, though! We need to go shopping some time, and I'm super excited for your online plans! :) Love, your biggest fan!

Joseph Be: Sorry for standing you up that day, brown bag! Forgive me and let me make it up?

Julio Maldonado: That was the most awesome brown bag I have ever grabbed.

Come hang out at Quarters again!

Justin Fong: I want to play board games, too! Just not the two-day one.

Kelvin Nguyen: It's incredible how you're so passionate about ABSA. I love seeing you and your smile at all the events. Hope you keep up that passion!

Kevin Jiang: We went from Netpower children to fellow Longhorns to ABSA buddies. This world is so small!

Klevrin Sitohang: No matter how much I spite you, I respect how hard you work. Keep it up, and you'll do great over the summer! Let's hang out outside of ABSA and Accounting. I want to be in one of those cool, exotic profile pictures of yours one day :(

Lisa Liu: Sooo artistic. Having you as a publicity director in ABSA is blessing to ABSA. Keep on using your talent for good but don't stress yourself out!

Loan Khuu: I love you to death! You're so energetic and quirky, and your smile really can get you far in life. Keep on smiling!

Maria Mai: Hey little dancer. I can't thank you enough for introducing me to RDC workshop. You don't know how much it means to me. :)

Matthew Shao: We don't hang out the way we used to in high school ... and we didn't even go to the same school! I want to see you bboy again. I've heard that you've gotten even better now.

Mei-Lynn Hua: I'm so lucky to have you as an officer this year. You're so on top of things and are fantastic at keeping us in line. It's also great how we have so much in common. Let's have a LoTR marathon one day.

Morgan Hah: Somehow talking to you always makes me smile. :) You're too full of adorableness. We should go on more Whole Foods dates!

Nicholas Yeap: Our hangouts this semester are probably going to be my best sophomore year memories. Spending entire weekends with you is just so much fun! Love our food and shopping and Austin exploring! We need to do it more often.

Regan Wang: Hehe, I like how you're so easy to spot in a crowd! It's great having you in Exec :) You understand all the going-ons at Quarters haha

Sabeeha Islam: I can't wait for our Ferrari shop + buffet date! We just need to find a driver ... volunteers anyone?

Sam Lehardi: It's heartwarming seeing how dedicated you are to Helen and Admin branch (yes in that order :P)

Sarah Qin: I never suspected your sass back in CCCFC! Glad I got to see it this year.

Sherry Zeng: I love grabbing food with you! Thanks for all the tips and pointers. If you like cooked seafood, we should go to Quality Seafood Market one day!

Stephanie Nicole Gonzales Brittany Punjabin Maria ZULian Del Paggio: 🙄 this troll

Stephen Zhu: I've heard so much good things about you this year! Glad you're getting out of bed earlier now. Keep up the good work! We should catch up/swim some time. It's been so long....

Taehoon Kim: Hi Taehoon! Thanks for the serenades across the hall. I love watching you guys practice – honestly!

Terence Ko: Still sad I didn't get my revenge for assassins, but it's good seeing you back at ABSA so much. Hehe, thanks for bringing out the mini-trollster in me.

Vicky Nguyen: I never knew you existed until you showed up outside my door that one day! Now I see you everywhere. You're so proactive and straightforward, I love it! Hope you show up outside the door more (to make fun of James :P).

William Luu: Having you across the hall is .. um .. many a fun fun (? ... I'm so bad at learning languages). Thanks for the food and the super late night feelings chats. Hope I earn back my AAA++ status.

Zulian Tjuatja: I CAN read your handwriting. Just letting you know! It was great grabbing coffee with you – hope we can do that more often!

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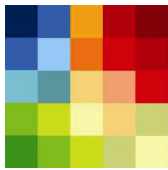
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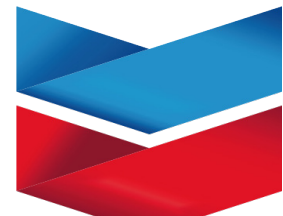
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