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# a letter from the editors

Wow, Spring Break is already over? what happened with all my time...

It's the first informer of the semester (and year)!! Now I know all of you are super excited and can't wait to get to the fantastic articles and shout-outs, but before we do that, let's take a moment to realize that we only have 7 weeks until this school year is over. That's not even a 5th of a pregnancy. How crazy is that, there are more Harry Potter films than weeks left. But enough of that, I just wanted to make sure you guys appreciated how much time left we have of this semester.

That being said, let's make the most out of the time we have left before we have to say goodbye for the summer. The upcoming months have all kinds of fun planned and we encourage all of you to go out and meet new friends, collect memories, and above all enjoy yourselves!

Your potential best friends and humble servants,  
Austin Anderson and Michelle Zhou

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gm #13: oracle  
by rachel lee

On January 23rd, ABSA had a GM with Oracle. Oracle Corporation develops, manufactures, markets, hosts, and supports database and middleware software applications software, and hardware systems. Oracle presented itself as providing a vertically integrated structure in which it sold its products to customers. Therefore, the products were a lot more customizable to individual customers and could be updated and altered from Oracle itself. This was highlighted as an advantage Oracle had over some of its other competitors who offered products that were less customizable, such as Salesforce. I found this general meeting particularly interesting because it added on to what I was learning in my MIS class. It was great to have



the opportunity to have Oracle representatives present similar information presented in a different light. It also got me interested in the IT industry. This GM put emphasis on my desire to stay well informed in today's rapidly changing world of creative destruction.





gm #14: mckesson  
by eric wang

McKesson, founded in 1833 and headquartered in San Francisco, is the leading pharmaceutical distribution corporation in the United States and Canada. From all of the key facts that I had heard about McKesson, I learned a lot about McKesson's role as the powerhouse of healthcare in the United States. Whenever I have

to pick up a physician's medical prescription, I never really think about all of the logistics and details behind the in store operations of a pharmacy. Now, McKesson will be the first company that comes up in my mind when I have to go pick up a prescription for medical reasons. On the other hand, I really enjoyed McKesson's core values as

a company. McKesson works for the best interest for their health care stakeholders which is for the better health of the people. In addition, McKesson utilizes advanced technologies to help make healthcare better across the country. I have gained a lot of insightful information about the healthcare industry in relation to the business field. Health care has been a controversial topic in contemporary society whether in applied ethics of moral philosophy or simply in politics, but McKesson listens and works out the best approach in delivering better health of for people.

gm #15: family gm - absa's got talent  
by maria mai & jeannette tang

ABSA's got business. Who knew ABSA's got talent!? At the first family GM of the semester, each family, including the new Juice and Crackers, all participated in showing off their talent! Geek Squad went first, creatively doing a match-making game show with the audience. After that, Honey Badger Cares did a funny parody of the Honey Badger dance. Squirtle Squad was the most physically active, doing a synchronized swimming show on land. Best Fed Family blew the crowd away with their musical. Minion Dominion had the cutest act, waltzing to "A Whole New World" with their family members dressed up in cultural

attire representing many parts of the world. The new family of the semester, Juice and Crackers, took a different spin on the show and individually introduced themselves to all the families in a very unique

and humorous way. Lastly, Hakuna Matata performed and sang a scene from the Lion King. We really liked that in the end, they tied their act back to ABSA being one whole family! It was a great way to end a wonderful show! We're really glad a lot of people really enjoyed ABSA's Got Talent as much as we did.





## gm #16: liberty mutual by sarah qin

"Liberty Mutual is a Boston-based company that offers a wide range of insurance products and services in the world. Based on its 2010 revenue, Liberty Mutual ranked 82nd on the Fortune 100 list of the largest corporations in the U.S. It employs over 45,000 people in more than 900 offices throughout the world and has helped people live safer more secure lives since 1912."

That's how I introduced Liberty Mutual at GM. Without further ado, Andy, the Liberty Mutual recruiter came on to the ABSA GSB 2.124 stage. If I were to describe Andy in 3 words, it would be hilarious, charismatic, and refreshing. His first sentence was that he felt no need to talk about Liberty Mutual since my company introduction covered



everything. All joking aside, Andy went on to talk about the different areas of Liberty Mutual as well as ways to get involved with the company. He was very open to Q&A throughout the entire presentation and encouraged audience participation. While Liberty Mutual tends to recruit juniors for their internships, it is not uncommon for underclassmen to work for them as long as they are passionate, driven, and

good critical thinkers. He also discussed how certain celebrities insure their body parts (David Beckham with his legs and Jennifer Lopez with her butt). That part confused me a bit, so I asked him to clarify. He began with how JLo has certain "assets" she wants to protect since that's one of her primary "money-makers", and everyone erupted with laughter. Overall, I enjoyed his presence and hope he will come to future ABSA events!

## gm #17: altria by sarah qin

On February 27th, ABSA gave a warm welcome to a returning sponsor, Altria. Craig Lin and Susan Nguyen returned with a new addition to their team, Parker. Together, they explained Altria's sales system and how, despite the negative stigma surrounding the word 'salesmen', they built their long-lasting relationships with their customers. Using a specific technique called 'Consultative Marketing', they have a growing relationship of trust and experience with their previous customers. With questions directed towards the ABSA members, they facilitated an open and approachable environment.

Altria Group, mainly known for its three premier tobacco companies in the United States, has continued to successfully grow and acquire innovative products, such as electronic cigarettes and other alternative tobacco products. Susan and Craig addressed this and also redirected this press release towards Altria's mission and value statement, which was shown in their presentation. Parker, a previous intern

and soon-to-be employee, introduced and explained the leadership program and internship opportunities offered by Altria, using his own example as a testimony of how resourceful they are. Parker is now a senior at the University of Texas and already has a job waiting for him after he graduates. Although Craig started off the night with, "Nobody wakes up and says that they want to be a salesman," they emphasized the importance of sales throughout their presentation and ended with, "Sales make the world go 'round." We all thoroughly enjoyed learning about Altria's opportunities and strategy, and we hope they will return again to share more wisdom and opportunities that Altria offers.





## gm #18: external pie an officer gm by paul nguyen

On February 27, ABSA proudly held the annual Pie An Officer GM for charity. This marked an exciting time for the organization because it served as a very memorable moment for both the officers and the many that attended. With vengeance being sought out, the event brought back several former officers to pie those that had pied them in the past. Kicking-off the meeting was a great introduction from our guest officers: Chris, Anna, Johnny, Jeannette, Lauren, Laura, Trini, and Ima. These members served as a great panel as the true officers attempted to get physically and mentally prepared for what was about to come. Despite all of the preparation, our officers had a tough time battling through the event. As faces began to become pied, hairs became slick, vision began fading, and ears became clogged. However knowing that this fundraiser was for the benefit of the Center for Child Protection, our brave soldiers were able to fight through and overcome the adversity (except for Jeff, he looked kind of defeated). In the end, ABSA was able to raise over \$350 that night for charity! This was a great accomplishment for ABSA and the External Branch. Without the help of the members and the officers, ABSA would not have been able to place as strong of an impact on the children of Austin.

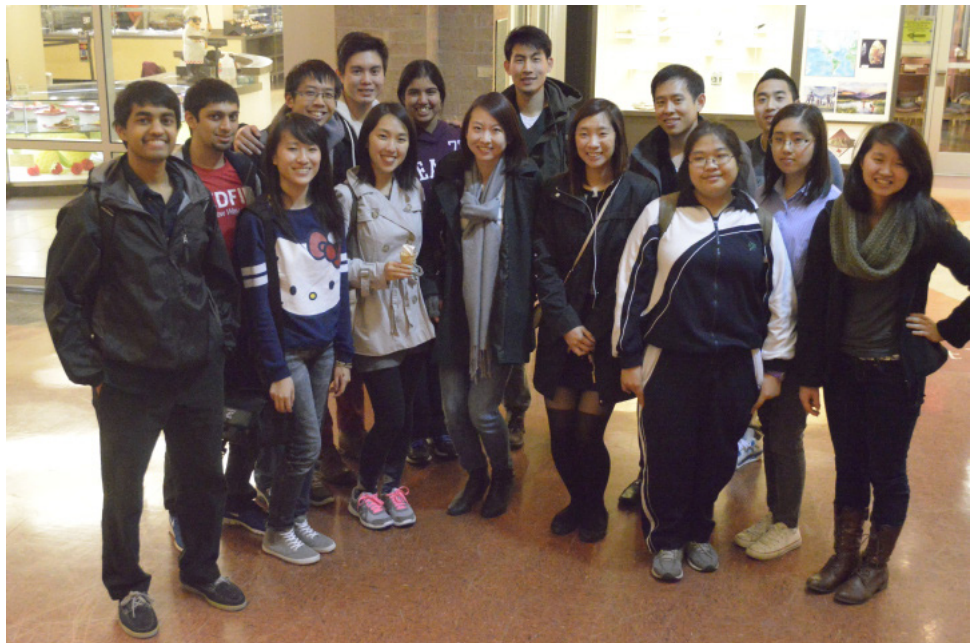


## j2 mentorship social by purav doshi

On February 26th, our very own executive directors, Jonathan Ong and Jessika Wu hosted a J2 social for the mentors and mentees in the ABSA Mentorship Program. Mentors and Mentees were invited but the social was open to all ABSA members. This social was great for me because I got to meet ABSA alumni while eating J2 with my ABSA buddies. I am not apart of the Mentorship Program, but I am highly regretting not joining. The benefits of the program are highly advantageous to mentors. I learned that the program is a great way to meet alumni who helped this organization grow. Mentors are always willing to share their experiences in ABSA and undergrad years. The mood was casual yet calm at this social and the turn out was great! The four mentors we swiped

in were Christine Lau, Angela Huang, Timothy Lee, and Christopher. After swiping in Timothy, a 2011 graduate and mentor, I spoke with him about his experiences in college and advice on career options. He also said that J2 has changed a bit since he graduated, and jokingly commented that J2 pizza isn't the best pizza around but

pizza is pizza! I would highly recommend the Mentorship Program to any ABSA member, especially younger members, and overall, this social was a fun, chill event. A big shout-out goes out to Jonathan, Jessika, and the Executive Branch for holding it!



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## mentorship workshop #2 by hoai truong

Let's face the facts: what we learn in school differs ever so slightly from what we face in the real world. Do you ever really use Calculus or Microeconomics after college? What do recruiters think of when they see your resume? How in the world do you get a job? ABSA alumni graciously revealed these kinds of truths at the second Mentorship Workshop of the year. At this workshop, mentees got the chance to personally ask working alumni about everything professional, from the importance of networking to interviewing techniques and how to appropriately take advantage of youth social happy hours. We learned that

the good ole elevator pitch preached about in BA 101 isn't as essential as it is made out to be, "time management" is a weakness that too many interviewees give, and money doesn't matter (that much). Furthermore, knowing people really can take you places, but hard work will keep you there. Shout out to Executive



Directors Jonathan Ong and Jessika Wu for putting together a top-notch event! And of course, a huge thank you goes out to the mentors for taking time out of their hopelessly busy schedules to chat with us youngin's, cover our resumes with red ink, and give us a new perspective on life post-graduation. Hopefully, we can return the favor for ABSA members in the future.

## mentorship workshop #3 by zulian tjuatja

On Wednesday, March 5th, the 3rd mentorship workshop of the year kicked off. In the previous two workshops, the topics had been following the same template: have the mentors impart professional advice based on their experiences in a variety of topics. These included resume tips, elevator pitches, life at work, social life after college, and much more. However, this time around, Executive Directors Jessika Wu and Jonathan Ong decided to take a different approach. With a variety of case competitions looming and a desire to put some innovative changes in the program, this workshop was based in a case interview

environment.

While going through these questions the mentors had some interesting stories to tell about interviews they had gone through. One mentor, Christine Lau, recalled an unexpected question she had at an interview for a prominent bank. She was asked how she would react if a penguin walked into the interview room. Her response was to ask the penguin what he/she was doing in such a hot environment away from home. "Shouldn't you be back in Antarctica or something?" she mimed, pointing to an imaginary caricature of a penguin.

Apparently her response and the way she asked the question made the interviewer

laugh, and she got the job. Stories like these entertained the mentees along with the interaction over the tricky questions, and before long time was already up. Both mentors and mentees had a good bit of fun, and Jonathan and Jessika breathed a sigh of relief knowing their idea had worked.





## career prep 2.0 by bowen cai

The hosts started the night started off with an introduction of General Electric and gave us an outline of what the workshop was going to entail. They went over steps to a successful interview, a top 5-interview list, and ended the night with one-on-one applicable practice. Because it was the first night of Career Week, the workshop was extremely well received. There were many students, myself included, that were looking to get that edge in recruiting and that were ready to explore the uncertainties associated with Career Expo. They taught us their 3 C's, which included content, clarity, and character, and how those played an

integral role in how you marketed yourself to potential companies. The recruiters gave us a diverse range of tips, but there was one that stuck out in particular to me. In many career preparation classes or lectures we are taught that company research is vital to a successful connection,

but he went even deeper than that. He told us to focus on how a business earns revenue (the financials) and how the potential internship position would add value to the company. All in all, it was an extremely rewarding experience that I will be sure to remember for a long time to come.



## google apps workshop by kelvin nguyen

Another year, another Google apps workshop. I went to one of these last year, and while most of the information remained unchanged, I found this year's workshop to be a bit more engaging. This year's Google Ambassadors Elynn Lee and Connie Tao made the workshop rather entertaining. For the most part, they gave us a general rundown of all the major Google apps that they thought would help make our lives a bit more efficient. They went through Gmail and its email forwarding and filtering functions, both of which I started using quite a bit since last year's workshop. If you've ever had to search through or organize all of your

emails or wanted to switch to a new email, you'll really appreciate the filtering and emailing forwarding options available in Gmail. They also introduced us to Gmail Labs, which was basically a treasure trove of useful add-ons and plugins still in testing for the already useful Gmail and even demonstrated the many uses and features of Google Hangout, including

playing games and animating oneself. I'd go on, but I'm pretty sure at this point the only ones reading would be the informer editors, if even them, but if you're interested in learning about the different Google applications, you should definitely go to the next workshop. I heard there'll be a part 2!



## launch leadership conference by ima linzag

Waking up to make it to class is not always easy for students, but our eighty LAUNCH Conference attendees rose up bright and early to make it to the event at 9:30 on a Saturday morning. The morning started off steadily with check-in and breakfast. Prior to the keynote by Dr. Howard Prince, attendees had the opportunity to mingle and meet with other students attending the conference who were eager to discover their inner leader.

To start, the conference kicked off with an informative speech by Dr. Howard Prince that set the tone of the subject of leadership, and our theme as a whole. From his talk, we learned if leaders were born or made, different definitions of leadership, and the importance of followers and how leadership styles should evolve with followership.

After Prince's speech, the very energetic Dr. Smita Ruzicka from the Leadership and Ethics institute roused the crowd with two workshops to allow participants to learn more about their results from their Strengthsquest exams. From Smita's workshops and the exams, individuals discovered their top five strengths, as well as the strengths of others, and how to use one's personal strengths to his or her advantage.

LAUNCH closed with a leadership challenge that gave our attendees the task to solve global education. The real-world simulation was a great way to end the conference and get participants thinking about how their leadership

can change the world. Special thanks to the LAUNCH Committee for creating the leadership challenge from scratch and working so hard on the entire conference!





## dallas cft by angela meng

Despite the cancellation weeks before due to inclement weather, ABSA's Dallas CFT continued without a hitch or a cloud in sight. To kick start Thursday morning, the ABSA members were invited first-hand to visit the PepsiCo manufacturing plant

in Mesquite. Donning hair-nets and goggles (as well as the optional beard-nets), ABSA members followed the process of how a bottle of Pepsi is made from beginning to end. From the initial carbonation of the drinks to the bottling process and plastic melding,



ABSA members were able to see efficiency and innovation at work in the supply chain.

Afterwards, the CFT group made its way over to GE Capital where they were treated to lunch along with a discussion panel. The members were split into groups of four where they solved a valuation problem concerning real estate. The team that ended up with the number closest to the actual answer received nifty GE Capital umbrellas! The third and final office visit of the day had ABSA members tour Capital One's Dallas office and attend a Q&A panel with recent graduates. To wrap up the string of successful CFTs, the members had dinner with ABSA alumni at Mr. Wok before returning home to Plano for some serious rounds of Yusuf.

Almost every college student has a Facebook—but how many can say that they've gotten to see the inner workings of the social media giant? On Wednesday, February 19, selected ABSA members were given the opportunity to take a peek inside of Facebook's Austin office. Although members had differing interests, everyone was excited to experience what goes on "behind the scenes" at a company that has such a large effect on their lives.

For such a prominent company, Facebook's downtown offices are quite unassuming. Standing outside, you would never know that inside are the offices of the world's largest social media network. Once we arrived inside, we were given badges and began our tour of the office. Just as you'd

expect, the atmosphere was warm and casual. Employees were dressed comfortably, not in suits and ties, and workspaces were open, perfect for collaboration.

One of the member's favorite features was the kitchen, where chefs had prepared fresh food and snacks for the employees. We were treated to a delicious dinner and presentation from the office manager himself. We learned about specific roles available at the office, what its

## facebook cft by tessie la

employees actually do, and were able to get any questions we had about the company answered. Overall, the trip was very fun, and members their tummies full and curiosity about the company satisfied.





# seattle cft

by dora cheng



The start of Seattle CFT was a little rocky as we barely make our flight due to traffic and some unforeseen circumstances. However, this would only be the start of a beautiful beginning to friends who would bond over adventure and food. Mostly food.

Friday, we visit Accenture where we get to learn about consulting and even watch a welcoming video from past ABSA president Grace Kim. Later, we get to walk along the pier and watch a sunset on the beach. It was beautiful.



Saturday, we hike at Discovery Park. It's raining, but we don't seem to mind as long as we have each other. Later, we meet up with a couple of alumni for dinner and some of them even join us for karaoke afterward.

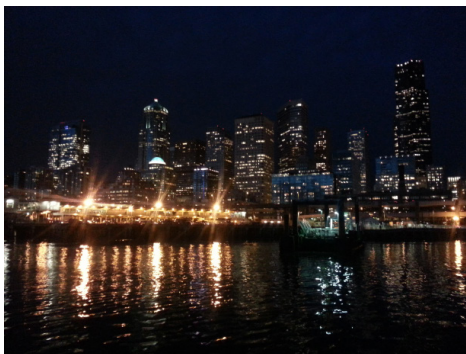
Sunday, we visit the Theo Chocolate Factory. There, we learn about the process of making chocolate and sample chocolate like there's no tomorrow. Later, we get to visit a beautiful garden.

Monday, we visit Microsoft where a couple of people saw Bill Gates! Then we visit Boeing where we learn how planes are made. On the last night we bond as we share our favorite memories of the trip.

Tuesday, before we head back, we go to Pike Place Market where Kelvin's phone gets stolen, but is able to retrieve it when Bowen tracks it down with iPhone finder.

Thank you Professional Branch for giving us the opportunity of a lifetime! We know you worked hard (:

And thanks everyone else for the memories over ice-cream, chocolate, cupcakes, coffee, and pastries.





# feed your mind

by **laura liu**

Feed Your Mind is an event hosted every semester by the Academic Branch in which ABSA gives out tons of free food and goodies to students during the first dead day. This past semester, it took place on December 9th in the McCombs Atrium and the CBA Events Room. As in past years, it was made possible by the many vendors and volunteers who donated food, money, and time. This semester, we had 47 vendors from around Austin and over 30 volunteers who helped ensure that the event ran smoothly.

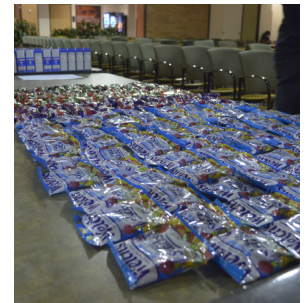
As a part of the logistics team, my main task was line control. Although I was expecting really big bouncers to volunteer and manage everyone, I got these cute girls who were really nice and polite and passively kept people in a single file line. But

when there was an issue with the line passing next to a room that was having a make-up test (due to the weather delay the Friday before), they surprisingly asserted themselves and kept the volume in check around that area. With the help of all the volunteers, we were able

to move over 400 students through the line in a span of about 3 hours.

This semester was another successful Feed Your Mind for ABSA, especially with the addition of new vendors and a feedback booth. Big thank you to the project managers and

the other committee members for all their hard work. If you couldn't make it to FYM this time, definitely look forward to FYM Spring 2014!



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## kab #2

by paulnguyen

ABSA volunteering kicked off a great start to the year with Keeping Austin Beautiful on the Saturday morning of January 18th. This was an exciting time for older members to welcome in the new members of our organization while also reuniting with old friends after a relaxing winter break. The event kicked off with a wonderful surprise from our External VP. While each of us introducing ourselves to the rest of the group, Hannah generously purchased 2 boxes of Peanut Butter Patties and Thin Mints which were graciously devoured by the 25 of us that were there. With the extra boost from the Girl Scout Cookies (the cornerstone of a great and delicious breakfast), the crew then split up and ventured off to the street of

Guadalupe to pick up the trash. As always, ABSA was definitely able to make a great impact during this event. With several trash bags full of litter, the group was able to make a noticeable difference on Guadalupe between 30th Street and 38th Street. Following the effort, our members spent an exciting lunch together at Five Guys. This served as a great end to our volunteering event! The opportunity to have an enjoyable time with each other while also making a difference on the streets of Austin is what makes the effort to wake up on Saturday morning truly worthwhile.



## austin animal shelter

by camilla yen

One Saturday morning, 16 volunteers worked for 3 hours to give each of the many dogs at the Austin Animal Shelter 10-15 minute walks. We were split into 8 pairs. Walking dogs are definitely harder than imagined. It was difficult to remove the dogs from the cages because we had to put the leash around them with one hand while effectively blocking the cage entrance to prevent them from escape. During the walk, we had to keep the dogs a safe distance from each other to ensure that no fights break out. Some of the dogs (particular the ones that are part hound) are unexpectedly strong and the leashes we were given were downright flimsy. Strong dogs + weak leashes = rope-burned hands.

Did I mention that the weather was around 30 degrees and it was also sprinkling? It's one of those days people would normally curl up in bed with a cup of hot cocoa and Netflix. By the end of the event, I couldn't feel my hands or my feet. It's a really bizarre feeling...

But despite the less than stellar weather conditions and difficulty of task, I was glad that I went to the event. It was a great feeling to help out the people at the animal shelter and give those dogs a moment of freedom. Definitely one of the most memorable volunteering event I've attended.



# mr. mcombs

by sabeeha islam

After one crazy McCombs Career Week, McCombs Affiliated Student Organizations all came together on the evening of Friday, January 31 for a fun, testosterone-fueled, male pageant: Mr. McCombs 2014!!

ABSA's very own Jonathan Ong represented ABSA during the pageant, from the Q&A portion to the swimsuit portion to the talent portion. Some of the other organizations involved were ALPFA, DSP, FBA, HBA, HBSA, UBC, UFA, and USIT.

The competition started off with a great introduction from our UBC MC's. Immediately after, all contestants took the stage to

perform a joint, choreographed dance routine. The rest of the event followed each contestant as they participated in different portions and competitions of the pageant.

The most exciting portion was the talent section. Jonathan Ong serenaded the crowd with his guitar and voice. Our friends at ALPFA sent Daniel Novotny as their representative; he sang a song from Les Miserables. His performance was fantastic and led him to win Mr. Congeniality. Another highlight was HBSA's Oscar Barbosa whose Michael Jackson tribute led him to win Mr. McCombs!

ABSA may not have won this year, but Mr. McCombs was still a great opportunity for us to bond with our MASO brethren, come together as an organization to support our amazing representative, Jonathan Ong, and donate to a good cause. When all was said and done, Mr. McCombs raised over \$1,000 for the Central Texas Home for Children!

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## austin marathon by julia hoang

On February 16, ABSA members got spent their morning and afternoon volunteering at the 2014 Austin Marathon!

With over 18,000 participants coming from different towns all across the state and even country, we were all excited to go help the Austin community. After about 15 minutes of weaving through the streets in downtown, we were finally able to find parking and report to our volunteering station.

There were two different 3 hour shifts for ABSA volunteers - one for the morning and one for the afternoon. Some people were assigned to give out goodie bags to all the participants while others were handling the information station. While walking through the streets, it was amazing getting to see so many people from various places and backgrounds come together to be a part of an event held right here in Austin. We even saw a group

of firefighters complete the marathon dressed in full uniform!

Although a few of us were assigned different tasks, we got to come together at the end to cheer on the last of the runners to the finish line! It was truly a great experience getting to see their faces light up as they passed us. It felt like we were actually making an impact on those people's lives. I think I can speak for all of us when I say that volunteering for the Austin Marathon was definitely worth waking up early and spending our Sunday morning/afternoon serving the community.



## explore ut by angela meng

On a busy Saturday morning where UT's entire campus was buzzing with young students from all around Texas, ABSA members were up and busy volunteering at McCombs. From giving the children temporary tattoo to face painting, ABSA volunteers sat down to talk to kids and spread the spirit of UT. The most common requests for face painting were longhorns and oddly enough the Professional Wrestling (WWE) logo. Although none of the ABSA volunteers were fully equipped to handle requests on the fly, the volunteers did their best by consulting Google images when the situation arose.

Despite most of the kids being fairly shy, they opened up and talked about their hometowns, schools and their favorite events at Explore UT. The majority of the kids thoroughly enjoyed UT's campus and the sheer number of activities that Explore UT provided, such as the impromptu fashion show put on by HBSA next door where the kids got to wear mock professional clothing and model it on the makeshift runway.

By bonding with the children that came to the event, ABSA volunteers helped promote UT school spirit as well as help children appreciate UT campus. If you missed this wonderful opportunity to volunteer with kids, be sure not to miss it next year!



**gigglepants**  
**social**  
by *sabeeha islam*

GigglePants Improv Comedy is UT's one and only short-form improv comedy group. In the words of its performers, "all comedy is clean, fun, and family-friendly!" On the last Saturday of January, ABSA members had the opportunity to get out of their comfort zones, be creative, and unleash their humorous side!

The improv comedy workshop began with a performance from the award-winning GigglePants team. Led by senior Andrew Stier, GigglePants performed games like 4-corners and a blind dating game show. It's always a sight when watching people act like over-dramatic Shakespeare characters or a talking Christmas tree.

After the show, our four GigglePants members divided up and each took a team of 8-10 ABSA members. Members would play an improv comedy game with their instructor and then rotate to another GigglePants member. The first games played were relatively easy; in the Balloon Game, each member had to hit a balloon with some sound representing an emotion (anger, happiness, etc.). Then came the action name game where ABSA members got to better learn the names of their peers.

The most exciting part of the event was when the teams got to perform their own improv comedy skits. In the Freeze game, two players act out a scene. Then any other person can yell "Freeze!" and tap out one of the current players and take his/her place. The key is that once a player is replaced, the scene must completely change.

Suffice it to say that the event was far from easy (I'm not that creative!). But hey, how many times will you get to pretend to be someone's vassal or a deer that just got killed? Still, the best part was bonding with our four GigglePants members and fellow ABSA members. Whether your name was "Kinky Keerthan," "Awesome Alvin," or "Hammering Hannah," it's not likely that I will forget your name or the fun we had anytime soon!



## cooking workshop with winnie

BY LOAN KHUU

Fooooood! For this workshop our wonderful alum, Winnie Guo, came by to teach us how to make Chicken Parmesan Pasta Salad. Jester's kitchen was as clean as you can get a dorm kitchen to be and creamed corn was already on the stove. Following Winnie's instructions and demonstrations, people learned how to boil pasta (the best test is to take a strand and taste to see if it's what you like), how to sauté chicken, and the best way to cut with a knife (knives work best when cutting in two directions - down and out). The most important take away from the workshop is to taste as you're cooking and add ingredients as they're

needed. If you're using a recipe, follow the recipe but taste after every few steps to make sure it's the right flavor/consistency. Actually, I take that back. The most important thing to know is to NEVER add oil to a hot pan if it has even the slightest bit of water on it. It'll pop and sizzle and give you blisters. Two pots of pasta and a couple of sodas later, everyone is outside the kitchen in the Jester basement enjoying pasta salad. Even if some people already knew how to cook, hopefully they learned a new trick or two for the kitchen. Go forth and make chef Winnie proud!





# absa social week

by kelvin nguyen

“it was great getting to see everyone enjoy themselves so much and really getting into the game.”



ABSA Social Week ... one of the few ABSA events I dread every semester. Just kidding, just kidding ... It's actually one of many. Haha I wasn't able to attend Board Game Night or Roller Skating, so I can't tell you what went on during those two events other than the obvious, but I can tell you a little about the third event that the Social Directors put on for ABSA's Social Week; Blazer Tag.

I suppose it's only fair to first say that I have never played laser tag

prior to this (don't judge), but I really can't even put into words just how much I enjoyed this event. I truly felt like a little kid again, running around inside Blazer Tag with all the ABSA members, both new and old. It was just like straight out of a raid scene – three-man squads making their way through the arena, soldiers backed against the walls, checking around the corners for the enemy and signaling for others to proceed, sentinels posted atop, picking off unsuspecting

stragglers. It was great getting to see everyone enjoy themselves so much and really getting into the game. If nothing else, knowing how invested everyone was definitely made it less embarrassing for me when I realized just how much fun I was having compared to the family with little kids that came in with all of us. The one downside to all that fun? My legs felt like they were ready to collapse from underneath me from all that crouching.



## ballroom mixer with epic / slosh

by jason guo



Step, step, rock step. Step, step, rock step. Those were the words repeating constantly through my head as I tried to maintain the beat of the music. It was the step count for east coast swing, the social dance we were learning for the day. In a ballroom mixer with Epic Movement, ABSA members tried their best to learn how to dance swing and show off their social dance moves. James Feng and Kristy Liang were the first pair of instructors, teaching everyone the basic turns and how to lead or follow. Trying to follow their example, partners collided, toes were stepped on, and sometimes a little chaos ensued. It was a tough, but amusing ordeal. Nathan Wong and Rachel Lee, the second pair of instructors, taught the Charleston, a unique dance move in swing that involved a good deal of kicking. Our instructors did a terrific job of breaking Charleston down to simple parts, but there was still laughter and chaos that followed. Some of the men were lucky enough not to get kicked, some others not so lucky. After the teaching sessions were over, everyone was free to choose any of the other social dances. Overall, it was a really enjoyable experience to dance with everyone, and I can't wait to do it again next year.

## family field day

by sarah chen

February 22nd was a great day filled with much fun and laughter as ABSA members gathered together at Pease Park for Family Field Day. The event started with the ABSA cheer, and soon the families were warmed up and ready for the games to begin. The day's field events consisted of childhood games that brought along a feeling of nostalgia as the families competed against each other. They played games such as Simon says, wheel barrow race, three legged race, and balloon pop relay. Though these games were all fun, the king of all the events was tug of war. Tug of war was a real test of strength as each family pulled with all their might and cheered each other on. The struggle was real but the families tried their hardest and each member brought honor to his family as he pulled that rope. In the end, the Honey Badgers were the strongest and deservingly won the event. The last event was an interesting game of coconut and tree as coconuts rushed around frantically looking for their designated tree. In the end, three families tied for first place, but in actuality, all families won. The field day, full of fun and laughter, was a great opportunity for bonding within our ABSA families.





# shout-outs

## Luther Fan

**Helen Lee:** Thanks again for all the rides, advice, and guidance lol. 2 more months to finish off a great year!

**Zulian Tjuatja:** Best of luck to you for all your upcoming stuff like Case Comp and Corporate Dinner. You got dis brahh

**Jeff Su:** Thanks for a great CFT and in general all the hard work you've put in this year. Let's get lunch/dinner sometime!

**Jackson Pei:** Do you remember how about this time last year we were thinking of running? Great job with all the cool internal stuff you've done this year!

**Hannah Kang:** Hope you had fun in New York! It's crazy how we see each other every week yet I always happen to really enjoy the deep conversations we have about philosophy or movies or other cultural things :) Maybe it's the Plan II connection, yes? Let's just make sure to have more of those in the future!

**Stephen Zhu:** This is super vague but thanks for talking to me that one time at Enoch's. You may or may not remember what I'm referencing...

**Andrew Huang:** Hello friend, looking forward to working on all those MIS projects with you and Kevin!! Thanks for dealing with all the Financial stuff that I don't understand.

**Alvan Chow:** Welcome to the Feed Your Mind Committee! Hope you enjoy it!

**Amanda Almeda:** Hi neighbor and basketball buddy! Thanks for driving me a couple of blocks to campus when I was too lazy to walk a couple of times lol

**Angela Meng:** Hello MIS partner! Thanks for the late night ice cream and snacks during Swing Outs applications (as well as your help with writing, which was helpful beyond words), and also for the care package for Seattle CFT. It was incredibly sweet and thoughtful of you on both regards, not to mention the Starbursts helped sustain me during the first day of CFT.

**Angela Wu Li:** I stand by my statement that I never see you in the GM room until you magically appear when food is served

**Anna Chong:** Anna!!!! Glad you decided to apply for Feed Your Mind and join the Academic side! Hope I've been helpful in terms of Chinese/resume stuff, but definitely feel free to ask me for my help/input anytime! Also, lunch sometime plz

**Ara Ding:** Hi Ara! Glad you decided to apply for the Feed Your Mind committee! Thanks for coming to the Golf workshop also!

**Austin Anderson:** You are a pretty cool guy Austin and I like your jokes more than my facial expressions let on. Also, CFT was dabomb.com

**Bowen Cai:** Seattle was so much fun dawg. Glad I got to spend more time with you during CFT, you are hilarious and really made the trip even more enjoyable. Although I kind of view you as Eric's dad now...

**Bryan An:** Jia you Bryan!! I know this semester has been tough and I have been pushing you a lot, but I believe in you. Just don't forget to be willing to ask others for help too!

**Cassie Wang:** Thanks for working so hard for LAUNCH! Hard to believe it's over now... I'm sure that CS department is happy LOL

**Catherine Vu:** Welcome to the Feed Your Mind Committee! Thanks for all of your hard work so far!

**Chris Liu:** Nice meeting you this semester! It was great getting lunch with you, and congrats on Finance team!

**Christina Wang:** Hi Christina! I don't know you super well but I'm hoping that will change soon (I also hope that I'll start running into you in places that aren't Reliant)

**Dora Cheng:** CFT was so much fun!! Thanks for adopting me as a pseudo Lil Sib on your family's Asia Café trips!

**Edward Liao:** I enjoyed being your roomie during CFT! I will forever view that chair you sat in the hotel room as being your chair. Also, all the other families be hatinnn' on our Honey Badger dance

**Emily Mi:** Emily!! I've known you for 2 years now but I still feel like we really bonded during CFT when we just talked for long periods of time on the plane, bus, etc. I hope you enjoyed hearing my life stories because I know I enjoyed hearing yours! Let's be sure to hang out lots more before the semester ends!

**Eric Ma:** Thanks to you and the rest of Professional for doing such a great job with planning CFT! It was a really great experience and definitely a bonding opportunity for me with the others. I'm really impressed by your maturity too, so keep up the good work!

**Eric Nam:** Thanks for working so hard for LAUNCH! Now that it's over, you have the MIS 333K project to look forward to :P

**Eric Wang:** Eric! Even though I've noticed you ever since McCombs Kickoff, I had no idea you were such a funny guy until CFT. Best of luck for all of your future endeavors!

**Ethan Chen:** Thanks for all the initiative you took for LAUNCH! Hope you are enjoying some well-deserved rest!

**Felicia Zhang:** Seattle CFT was an unbelievable experience. Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to do so many fun things with such a great group of people. You helped create lots of lasting memories and friendships, so that's definitely something to be proud of :) Hope you take some time off for well-deserved rest, and I hope to never see you in Reliant again (just kidding! kind of? I don't know...)

**Ginnie Ko:** Hi Ginnie! You are such a beast at basketball (thanks for all the juice too!) and I've enjoyed getting to know you this year. Too bad you left our Marketing class :(

**Gordon Tsai:** I'm so proud of everything you've been able to do this year. Imo you are doing college the right way with the way you are exploring so many different opportunities. Thanks for all your contributions to Academic and ABSA!

**Ima Linzag:** If I could fit everything I wrote in that possibly incoherent (but heartfelt!) email I sent you and Jennifer here, I would. But my guess is it's probably really embarrassing so I don't think that would be a good idea. But regardless, thanks for all your hard work with LAUNCH this year :)

**Jazmine Hsu-Kei:** Hi Jazmine! Don't know if you'll read this :P but I'm really enjoying being in 333K with you! I also think it's really cool how well you speak Spanish lol. Hope to see you at more ABSA stuff!

**Jeannette Tang:** Hi Chinese buddy! Thanks for answering all my annoying questions about assignments and such LOL. You are doing such a great job with the Family Program too!

**Jeffrey Yeh:** Welcome to the Feed Your Mind Committee! Hope you enjoy your experience!

**Jennifer Yang:** Oh man oh man. It's been great getting to know you this year - thanks for spending those long nights in Reliant with me and being my Marketing buddy! Then there's that LAUNCH thing...

**Jessica McCarthy:** Hi ex-VP! Thanks for coming out to LAUNCH! Now I know how you felt when LAUNCH was over last year...

**Johnny Vo:** Best of luck in your case comps this semester! Don't know how you balance it with school and being an IM ref

**Jonathan Cheung:** Great job leading basketball practices!! Onto the playoffs!

**Joseph Kim:** Congrats on Athletics Director! You're doing a great job as coach, especially considering we have 2 teams in playoffs wooo

**Josephine Lin:** Hi Josephine! I kind of met you at CFT and I'm excited that you're a foodie and are familiar with lots of strange ingredients! Let's get lunch sometime!

**Josh Hu:** Hi Josh

**Julia Hoang:** Let's get a meal again sometime! Maybe East Side King again?

**Kelvin Nguyen:** Seattle CFT with you was so much fun! I have to admit, the great iPhone chase was one of the most exciting things I've done this year.

**Laura Yang:** Even though you're making fun of me right now via text I'm really glad we got to bond during Seattle CFT :) We had a pretty great feelings chat, if I do say so myself. By the end of the semester, I guarantee I will convert you into liking some of my movies. Also, we need to go running sometime!

**Lauren Wang:** Looking forward to what you are able to accomplish this semester with Feed Your Mind!! Let me know if you ever need help with anything, school-wise or ABSA-wise!

**Lisa Bui:** Nice meeting you this semester! Congrats on joining the Feed Your Mind committee!

**Lisa Liu:** It was great to meet you this semester! Props to you for taking initiative to join Feed Your Mind as well!

**Loan Khuu:** Hope you enjoyed your bday :P Also, don't think I make it enough of a point of thanking you for all the sacrifices you make to be an ABSA director. Thanks for being willing to stay late so many nights and spend time you could have spent doing E+E/school stuff with us!

**Maria Mai:** Seattle CFT was so much fun!!

**Meggan Lanpher:** It was nice to meet you this semester and I'm glad we're in the same family! Welcome to the Feed Your Mind committee too!

**Nena Netalia:** Thanks for working so hard for LAUNCH! Hope to see you at random ABSA events throughout the semester!

**Phillip Yoon:** Welcome to the Feed Your Mind committee! Hope you're enjoying ABSA!

**Purav Doshi:** Dude I always see you in Reliant super late :( Hope you're getting enough rest!

**Rachel Lee:** Enjoyed being your personal photographer ;) but for real, I'm so glad I met you this year! We should hang out this summer since we'll both be working in H-Town!!!! #knowwhatimsayin

**Sabeeha Islam:** Hi Sabeeha! Even though I neither understand nor do I particularly enjoy that RRRRRR thing, Seattle CFT was so much fun and I enjoyed getting to spend time with you as always!

**Sally Zhang:** Hope you're enjoying being part of the Feed Your Mind committee!!  
wooo

**Sam Lehardi:** Thanks for being a great friend Sam. You're also a great workout buddy and great pseudo-Big Sib. Perry's on me sometime!

**Sang-Yop Kwon:** It was nice getting lunch with you at Coco's! I'm glad I'm seeing you around at a lot of events this semester!

**Sarah Chen:** Glad I got to be there for your first ever Asia Café experience!! Also congrats on becoming a part of the Feed Your Mind committee :)

**Sarah Huang:** Glad we got to bond over our struggles in Reliant! Can't believe we both stayed up so late that week though... hope the rest of your semester treats you better!

**Sarah Qin:** CFT was so much fun! Glad I got to hang out with you in Seattle, although I have to admit I'm not a huge fan of your profile picture...

**Sonia Hegde:** Thanks for working so hard for LAUNCH!! Get some well-deserved rest, but I still hope to see you around lots this semester!

**Stephanie Ham:** Stephanie!!! Glad we got to get Michi Ramen :D looking forward to seeing Wild Child with you in April!!

**Stephanie Kao:** Seattle CFT was so much fun! Let's get lunch sometime! We still need to do secret-for-a-secret :)

**Tessie La:** Hey Tessie! Thanks so much for your hard work in planning Seattle CFT! Even though I've been in ABSA for 3 years now, it was easily one of the best experiences I've had in college, ever. Please take some time to get some well-deserved rest, but when you're free we should grab a meal sometime!

**Tiffany Nguyen:** I enjoyed seeing you... that one time ;) let's catch up sometime!

**Tiffany Weng:** Hi Tiffany! Thanks for all of your hard work during LAUNCH! Your enthusiasm was infectious and made you a pleasure to work with. We should get a meal sometime!

**Trini Tran:** Triniiii you are such a fun person to be around. Thanks for all your help with Feed Your Mind! I also wish I had your free Starbucks skills...

**Zach Chow:** Enjoy playing basketball with you! Welcome to the Feed Your Mind committee!

### Zulian Tjuatja

**Helen Lee:** Believe it or not, you look younger now than you were at the beginning of the school year. It's probably the glasses, but I'm trying to compliment you here! :)

**Jeff Su:** Next year's officers are getting chosen soon. I'm reminded occasionally of our discussion last year. I can't believe it's been that long.

**Jackson Pei:** You can dominate a basketball

game at will, lift Gregory Gym off its foundations, attract countless amounts of women, but you're too chicken to do a backflip on a trampoline. Come on, man.

**Hannah Kang:** Thanks for being a trooper with the panel during our Swing-out all-nighter despite your bad tummy! Way to put Jeff and Jackson to shame haha.

**Stephen Zhu:** I'm getting back to lifting. May the gym gods be kind to me.

**Luther Fan:** Hey man, I'm sorry for going berserk on you that one basketball game. Frustration's not the most savory of emotions.

**Andrew Huang:** Honestly dude I don't know how you manage your sleep schedule. Let me know when you go full vampire.

**Exec Branch:** Hang in there everyone! We can make it! Work hard, plan ahead, and no complaints. Let's finish off the year as strong as ever.

**Andrew Lee:** I don't see you around anymore! Come out to more events besides soccer bro!

**Angela Fang:** You should catch me up on Williams Orchestra drama, since I evidently missed out on that

**Angela Meng:** I'm really happy that you've discovered/found time for visual arts and such. I haven't been to any of your performances but let me know when your next one is and I'll gladly check it out!

**Anna Chong:** I know I've made fun of you a good amount, so if you want to schedule some time to just chill like normal people I'd be down for that

**Ariel Kao:** Man, nobody passes the ball to you. I feel ya bro; twisting Jonathan's and Joseph's ears should do the trick :)

**Austin Anderson:** Hey man, I'm really sorry for delaying getting Informer stuff to you. I'll make it up somehow.

**Barret Cohen:** I'm glad you've decided to join ABSA this year! Hopefully you've gained a lot from us already.

**Bowen Cai:** You have lots of goofy potential. I like that. Embrace it more!

**Camilla Yen:** Great job with Nhu on the Corporate Dinner video! It's great!

**Clarissa Gandoprawiro:** Congrats on Consulting Team! At first when I saw you at that meeting I thought you were just a spectator. Also, holla at another indo!

**Christine Chu:** I should take you and Hanpei out for leg day and show you how real squats are done :)

**Dan Lubis:** Congrats on Finance Team! I hope it's been working out for you!

**Edward Liao:** You have been such a bro, especially with all the rides you've given me this year (no, get your head out of the gutter). I owe you lunch or dinner or something, preferably when I have real money



**Emily Mi:** It was great catching up with you last month! Hopefully you made lots of life-long friends at Seattle! :)

**Enoch Tsai:** I hope your floor's okay.

**Eric Ma:** I'm glad you cut your hair to a reasonable length before I did.

**Felicia Zhang:** Thanks for putting that Profesh-Exec social together! And great job (along with the rest of the branch) with Seattle CFT! It looked like it was a smashing success.

**Ginnie Ko:** You are our MVP, hands down. I'll come up with a fitting nickname soon.

**Gordon Tsai:** You're in Roden Scholars? Hmm, you do get around, don't you?

**Hanpei Zhang:** hai bby

**Hoai Truong:** Great job with the Jumpoline Social! You've given me yet another reason why I despise gravity

**Huyen Tran:** Seattle CFT without you = X likes on fb. Seattle CFT with a Huyen photoshoot = x\*1,000 likes. Not even joking.

**Ima Linzag:** You looked great presenting at Launch! I'm glad you, Jennifer, Loan, Gordon, and the rest of the branch got the spotlight! Y'all deserved it.

**Isoken Omoruyi:** I'mma call you "Black Rapunzel" from now on

**Jamison Soybel:** Are you growing out the beard to get a new look or just to spite every guy in ABSA (besides Kelvin)?

**Janet Zhou:** I regret not catching up with you at the end of last year. Let's try that again.

**Jany Xu:** Hi Jany. Believe it or not, we all miss you. Please come back when you can.

**Jason Guo:** Even though you're not in Admin anymore, every time I talk to you I subconsciously perceive that you're working on alumni stuff. It's weird.

**Jeanette Tang:** Teach me how to Linearly Algebra plz

**Jonathan Cheung:** Don't be afraid to step up and tell us what do for athletics-related stuff. Even if you gotta boss around upperclassmen, you're the leader, not them. Find your confidence and run with it :)

**Josh Hu:** I'm still here for Econ stuff if you want help. On a side note, we should catch up, even if it can't be Friday lunch.

**Keerthan Harish:** Glad to see you're part of the ABSA family now!

**Kelvin Nguyen:** So now I hear you're a practitioner of the Force? Could you show me your lightsaber when you have free time?

**Liam Kelly:** You, my friend, have flipped elementary school social norms upside down. You realize you've made getting yourself beat up cool now, right?

**Loan Khuu:** I hope your throat's better now. Maybe next time we have a meal together you can actually eat it :)

**Louis Yu:** So I had a physical the other day and when the doc asked me about my alcohol consumption my first thought was "man, I wonder how doc would react to Louis's answer"

**Maria Mai:** Brilliant business idea: distill your energy into a pill form, find out how to manufacture it, name it The Mai-ty Pill, and market it to college students. Instant profit. You're welcome.

**Michelle Zhou:** As with Austin, I'm sorry for getting Informer stuff to you so late. Also, let's catch up some time.

**Nhu Vu:** Great work with Camilla for the Corporate Dinner video!

**Nina Tanuwidjaja:** So I hear you're a cat person. I'm not sure if this friendship works anymore if that's true...

**Paul Nguyen:** <insert joke but not really a joke about how big Paul's arms are here>

**Purav Doshi:** You've got a nice subtle sense of humor. I hope you've got that stored up for Charity Service Auction

**Quan Nguyen:** I know masquerading as a mushroom isn't your strong suit, but we needed more energy!

**Rachel Huynh:** If you are reading this (which I highly doubt), then I should let you know that I still very much would like to catch up with you. If you don't, even if the opposite were true, it wouldn't really matter.

**Rachel Lee:** I wish I had your special ability to turn any picture into a fabulous picture just by being in it (no I am not referring to the tree)

**Robert Ma:** We should catch up. Just you and me. I think we've interacted a lot on the surface and stuff but there hasn't been much bro talk there if you know what I mean

**Sabeeha Islam:** I know you've been trying, but your derp face needs work. I'm sure that can be arranged by yours truly.

**Sarah Qin:** Maybe it's just me, but I haven't seen you much the past several months (besides class and all). If you're stressed feel free to reach out to the officers!

**Shufen Wang:** You've grown so much this year. It's been incredible to watch you from that first workshop with Oliver Shuttlesworth to listening to you lead FYM. Keep it up!

**Stephanie Kao:** This month sucks for me, but I am totally down for another SoCo run.

**Angela Meng**

**Helen Lee:** what a year it's been! I don't think we'll ever finish our cream puff punch card, but I'm definitely up for some variety :)

**Zulian Tjuatja:** My one regret this semester is that I pied you at Pie an Officer GM. I'll make it up somehow, hehe. Let's grab a meal again sometime!

**Jeff Su:** Seattle CFT looks like a blast right now. You and your careers directors have done a phenomenal job going above and beyond! We should catch up again this semester!

**Hannah Kang:** I doubt it'll get cold anytime soon, but let's do our tea+reading day sometime soon! Also, remind me to never be close to you and frosting anymore. We've had enough caking this semester.

**Jackson Pei:** Thank you so much for everything this year! Whether it's fetching me and the cupcakes from North campus or giving me the push I need to get off my butt and do things. It's been a terrific year and a great experience working in your branch!

**Stephen Zhu:** You know I'm only teasing about the Sriracha bottle and the slab of chicken meat in MIS325 right? I totally do that all the time at home, but with more veggies.

**Luther Fan:** The K project looms closer and closer. I don't think I'm ready. Thank you for always sharing your great taste in music with me!

**Andrew Huang:** I started playing Hearthstone over Spring Break and then abruptly stopped. I can't afford to fail out of college, yo.

**Alvan Chow:** WE STILL HAVEN'T HAD OUR BROWNBAG DDDDD:

**Ariel Kao:** Please get better soon! It feels like you've been sick for quite some time! Get lots of rest over Spring break!

**Austin Anderson:** North campus bros for life, albeit you are much farther north than I am (by about 20 blocks!)

**Bowen Cai:** icu running down people and saving damsels (Kelvin and his iPhone in this case) in distress in Seattle. Instead of Batman in Gotham, you've become Bowen Colmes in Seattle, haha.

**Denny Ku:** Thank you for always hosting our branch and providing entertainment and advice to us all.

**Dora Cheng:** Have a great time in Seattle! Take lots of pictures for me and tell me all about it when you get back!

**Emily Mi:** Hallelujah, last minute study group! I think we pulled that through rather nicely. I haven't seen you a lot this year, let's grab a meal and catch up sometime!

**Ginnie Ko:** Icu Ginnie making those layups on the court. You go girl, can't wait to see you guys win out there and become IM champs!

**Gordon Tsai:** Favorite Freshman, remember that time we went to Perry's with everyone at the beginning of the year. You said you wouldn't at the time, but from what I hear we might be hearing a lot more than 50 minutes from you next year :)

**Hoai Truong:** Hiya best co-director on this

side of the galaxy. I'm really really happy we got the chance to work together this year on a bunch of socials. Sorry I always make the cupcakes without you, we'll do them together next time. I promise!!

**Huyen Tran:** I'm super excited for our next photoshoot/filming date as a branch!

**Isoken Omoruyi:** You still owe me a jam session. I'm going to miss you a lot (even though you always forget our secret handshake) after this year ;;

**Janet Zhou:** Tell me all about London when you get back! Seeing the pictures on my fb newsfeed makes me all excited all over again!

**Jason Guo:** I can't believe you stay up later than I do now. Wasn't I the appointed branch insomniac last year?

**Jeannette Tang:** Official cutie of the branch! I seriously can't fathom how someone can be so cute sometimes, but it all makes sense because you're Jeannette.

**Jennifer Yang:** Thank you for doing such a great job at LAUNCH! Sorry if I scare you sometimes, but I promise that I'm perfectly okay!

**Jonathan Cheung:** As much as I rag on you, I'm really glad you're a part of our branch! Thank you for always supporting Internal and putting up with your 8 big sisters (yes, that includes Jackson) :P

**Joseph Kim:** Hello, new baby of the branch! I'm glad you joined us this semester and I hope you're enjoying it! Also, I'm still working hard to try that whistling technique you taught the branch the other day.

**Josh Hu:** Thank you for treating me to Chilantros during our brownbag! It's great to see how much you've grown from your semester in Edinburgh and that you're willing to see more than just a blinding positivity from study abroad experiences! I think it's very refreshing to hear stories like that.

**Kelvin Nguyen:** Rainy days in Seattle are the best. I hope you got to see lots of those :D Also, stop hiding we know you're the actual snow queen, Elsa, and that you're responsible for all of our inclement weather days. For that I thank you.

**Kristeen Chan:** Thank you so much for letting me borrow your suit jacket during Dallas CFT! I also heard that you skimped out on your punishment for losing Yusuf? Tsk tsk. :P

**Loan Khuu:** Another week, another year. Can you believe ABSA camping is in less than half a year again? Let's grab a meal sometime before then so we can properly catch up!

**Louis Yu:** Thank you for taking care of me like a younger sister this year and talking

me through some pretty rough times. I'm gonna miss you.

**Maria Mai:** Hi girl! We still need to grab a meal together. I just...have to make it past my K test next week. Sobs.

**Robert Ma:** London looks so amazing right now. Ughhh, I miss it. Tell me all about it when you get back! I also expect great stories about the pub crawling too!

**Sabeeha Islam:** I still can't believe how little sleep we (but mostly you) get. In fact, the 7 hours we got while snoozing in Reliant arm chairs might have been the best sleep I've had in ages.

**Sam Lehardi:** Sam, I'm going to miss you so much. Thank you for always being there for me and offering me rides even when it's super late. Thank you for everything, we've got a great semester left to have fun and bond with new little sibs!

**Sarah Qin:** Thank you so much for the food and making sure I eat! Our last minute study session in UTC helped so much. ALSO, I still owe you a brown bag so let's get on that asap :D

**Taehoon Kim:** I'm glad you're done with work now ABSA can have you back! PS-Mochi totally loves me more.

**Tessie La:** Whether your parents intended to or not, I think your name is great, haha. Strangeness aside, I'm glad that we've talked more this semester and I hope you're having a blast in Seattle!

**Tin Dang:** We should grab Halal Guys (bros??) again sometimes. I'm sorry I'm not super responsive on fb chat...or by phone... or text. u\_\_\_\_u

**Trini Tran:** Cuddle time on the couch. Yay!  
**Zack Kingsak:** Sorry for making you always wait up late for Nina and me to finish making our bad life choices. We'll stop... eventually u\_\_\_\_u

**INFORMER EDITORS:** you guys are seriously the best. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to put it all together and give us some serious nostalgia material down the road. (This was so sweet, definitely makes these late nights worth it <3-Austin and Michelle)

### Eric Wang

**Jeff Su:** Thank you for celebrating my birthday! Best Professional VP ever!

**Eric Ma:** Good job on planning the CFTs!

**Felicia Zhang:** Good job on planning the CFTs!

**Sarah Qin:** You are an awesome co-director!

**Tessie La:** Good job on planning the CFTs!

### Maria Mai

**Helen Lee:** Helen Melen! What you said

when you answered the directors question during Hot Seat really made my night! ^.^ I'm really glad I got to room with you in Seattle! It was really nice (and super fun!) getting to know you on a more personal level. (: Round 2 at J2!

**Jeff Su:** Papa Su! Thanks for letting me get whatever I wanted at the Alumni Dinner! I love that you just let me be indecisive and picky at the same time. Lol. And thank you for making Seattle CFT so wonderful!

**Jackson Pei:** If you're gonna mock me, you gotta do it right bro! :P

**Hannah Kang:** I'M SORRY I FORGOT! I will give you my donation anyway! I hope you had a wonderful and memorable trip! (: Spring break is our one-year friendship anniversary! I still remember our bonding nights. (:

**Luther Fan:** Luther! I know your hidden talent. Photography! Thanks for taking beautiful pictures for us! :D

**Angela Meng:** Angela! I love how selfless you always are. (: We still need our brownbag too! I want to get blankets and sit on the grass when the weather is nice! (:

**Anna Chong:** ANNA! Oh my gosh. I honestly can't get enough of you! Kelvin and your whole branch are so lucky to see you all the time. Everything you do is so funny and cute! I love it. xD

**Ara Ding:** Ara!!! You needa be more active girl. I miss seeing you! ;)

**Austin Anderson:** You have the best follow-up comments! They're so funny! xD

**Bowen Cai:** Awwh dude. You are an overall wonderful person. (: For real doe. You're super hilarious, genuine, and loving. I really like your ghetto/dancing side too! You really made Seattle fun for all of us. I really appreciate everything you are. (:

**Brian Kim:** Brian! So proud of your performance!! You're pretty good for a noob. ;P

**Dora Cheng:** Theodora! Dude. You'd be the best aunt/grandmother! I really appreciate how you are always thinking of others, especially with food! Lol. Thanks for spoiling us with water and ice cream!

**Ed Liao:** Dude. I like how you're always cheesin in the pictures of you in the background. xD

**Emily Mi:** Emily! I did not know your quirky side. I love the way you get excited and announce that you have a question the second you think of one of your weird/specific/random questions. :D I love the way you talk to. It's so... Emily! :D

**Eric Ma:** Oh Eric. xD I know you sometimes seem like you don't care, but I see that you really do care. I appreciate that yo. (:

**Eric Wang:** My ABSA Son! It's really been a pleasure getting to know you more.



I really like that you take in what I say about spending money. (: Keep it up Eric! Remember to still ask me if you plan on buying super expensive things! :D

**Felicia Zhang:** Best cheeking buddy ever! Thanks for picking me to be in yo room! Having those late night convos and one-on-ones with you were really nice. (: I love how you are always yourself. You say it how it is without giving off a mean vibe. It's something I really admire about you. (:

**Ginnie Ko:** Ginnie! Let's eat together sometime! I want to get to know you more if you know what I mean. \*wink wink\*

**Heather Belle:** I haven't seen you in so long! But for real. Every time we talk, its. Like... super fun. Don't even get me started on dancing girl! Honestly, you are one of the funnest people to dance with! I'm not even kidding. I love it. :D

**Hoai Trong:** Tell Daniel to stop cock blocking us. ;)

**Huyen Tran:** Best crepe maker ever!

**Ima Linzag:** Thanks for being the leader Ima! I'm excited to get to you know more through the Roden Case Comp! (:

**Jeannette Tang:** I can't get enough of your cuteness ^.^ I'm so happy to be your co-director because then we're forced to spend time together! Mwhwaha. :D

**Jenney Ling:** Jenney! You are so peppy it's wonderful! Keep on smiling girl. It's contagious. ;P

**Jennifer Yang:** CONGRATS JENNIFER! So freakin proud of you. You are literally amazing for getting that internship with PepsiCo. Badass for real.

**Jonathan Cheung:** I like seeing you at basketball games because you always look like you're having a good time. (:

**Joseph Kim:** Joseph! You are so gullible it's adorable! I love it. :D

**Joseph Oh:** Hi Joseph! Glad you're in ABSA. It's nice seeing you around. (:

**Josephine Lin:** I really like you girl! You're super real! But for real doe. Chill out on all the hugs and touchy feely stuff. If you really want to touch me just ask. Gosh. <3 Hahaha. (: I really like that you make exceptions for me on your touch limit! I feel so special. ^.^ I never got to tell you this, but I really appreciate who you are. (:

**Kang Park:** Kang! Come out to more events! It's always great to see you!

**Kelvin Nguyen:** Dude. I know we're freakin completely different, but I love our similarities (the few that we have xD). I love that there's always more interesting things to learn about you. Like that you're really freakin Asian. \*judging\* I also like watching you look out for other people. Is that creepy? Whatever. ;P Even though I know you're super caring, it's always great to see. (:

**Klevrin Sitohang:** HUG ME!!!

**Kristeen Chan:** I really enjoy our dates! :D You are a very strong and beautiful person! I'm always here for you! Let's have more dates. (;

**Laura Liu:** Laura! Thanks for being there for me when I was scared of the Asian dragons/lions. (: Your comforting really helped!

**Laura Yang:** Laura! I love your laugh! It makes me laugh! Lol. And I love that you laugh often. (: It was great talking to you more at Seattle.!

**Lauren Shufan Wang:** YAY! Roden Case Comp partners! :D

**Liam Kelly:** So proud of YOU! So glad you did Goodphil! You little dancer you! ^.^

**Loan Khuu:** We still need a brownbag! I want to get to know you more! You are very interesting to talk to. (:

**Meggan Lanpher:** Meggan! I love how active you are! Congrats on getting member of the week! So proud of you! :D

**Michelle Zhou:** I heard you were super into make-up! That's so cool! I had no idea, but I like that girly side of you. ^.^

**Nina Tanuwidjaja:** NINA! I MISS YOU! More Nina Nights! :D I also just bought Indo Mie inspired by you! (:

**Phillip Yoon:** PILLIP! I hope you stop feeling sick! If you need anything, just message me! :D I don't live too far away from you. :D

**Rachel Lee:** Literally everything you do is cute -even when you try to be ghetto. xD I love getting to know you a bit more. (: Maybe one day we can touch and you'll feel the electricity. ;D

**Regan Wang:** REGAN! I miss you! ): I get so excited seeing you around the business school. ^.^

**Sabeeha Islam:** Sabeeha! Thanks for bringing all your laughs and smiles on the trip. :D And thanks for looking out for people when they were left behind (like at the airport). You're so caring! (:

**Sang-Bin:** Good job at the Lunar Festival performance! I see you! ;)

**Sang-Yop:** HI SANG-YOP! It's great seeing you at so many ABSA events! But you are such an instigator! Especially with kids! Stop giving them ideas! xD

**Sarah Qin:** Sleeping-on-the-airplane Buddy! You have the best impersonations ever! I always have a good time when I'm with you. (: We need to hang out more when we're still in the same dorm! But I'm glad we have another year to live in the same building. (:

**Stephanie Kao:** Stephanie! I would say I got to know you most during this trip. I really enjoyed sitting at the beach and just talking. I love that we were able to talk more on the bus. We literally talked for 3 hrs! I think you

and I are pretty similar in how we think/ act. (: We need to get closer girl. I feelin this friendship yo. :D

**Tessie La:** Tessie! You are really funny! Especially when you get frustrated about random things! LOL! It was really nice getting to know you more while we were hiking in the rain. (: Btw, you did a wonderful job with Seattle CFT! It was so fun!

**Tiffany Nguyen:** I need more Tiffany! That is all. (:

**Trini Tran:** Ay girl! Careful with the partying yo! Don't want anything to happen to you! (:

**Whitney Chan:** I love randomly running into you all the time in the business school. ^.^

**Zack Kingsak:** Thanks for helping us clean after Pie an Officer! I like that you've been more active and that you're getting to know more ABSA people. (:

### Rachel Lee

**Helen Lee:** Hi Helen!! Thanks for everything that you have done. You are truly an admirable figure to us all, and I really appreciate all that you have put in to ABSA. Thanks for being such a mommy to us all J

**Jeff Su:** Hi Jiffy! I'm glad that I got to know you better throughout the course of the year. I really respect your love for God and your wholehearted desire to share His Glory with those around you. Like I said, you're like a big bro to me...thanks for leading us younglings throughout Seattle. CFT was amazing.

**Luther Fan:** Lutherrrrrrrr (rolls the r's). Thanks for tolerating the childish side of me haha. I'm really glad that we got to know each other better throughout the year and throughout CFT. H&M was a success! And THANKS FOR BEING A GREAT PHOTOGRAPHER...yay! ;)

**Austin Anderson:** Hai Austin! Thanks for being our white "tour guide" throughout Seattle CFT ;) but in all seriousness, I'm glad that we got to know each other better throughout the course of the year. You're great! :D

**Bowen Cai:** Hey Bowen! Thanks for making me laugh all throughout CFT. You're such a father figure, and your charismatic personality and love of God will definitely get you far in life :)

**Dora Cheng:** Dora you are aDORABLE! I'm so glad to have been roomies with you. You have a very kind and genuine soul, and I really admire that about you.

**Edward Liao:** Hi Edward! Thanks for sharing your umbrella with me! It was great getting to know you better through Seattle

CFT.

**Emily Mi:** Hey Emily! I'm so glad that we got to go on a brown bag and explore Seattle together. You are such a cute person, and it's been so great getting to know you throughout the year. Brown bag #2 sometime? :)

**Eric Ma:** Sup Eric, my brooooo. It's been fun getting to know you this year. I'm glad you asked me to dance with you at SLOSH because now I think I've reached bro status...am I rite? ;)

**Eric Wang:** Hey Eric! I'm glad that I got to sit next to you during dinner that one day at Seattle CFT! You're a very kind person, and it was cute seeing how Maria and Bowen took care of you! Stay cool! :)

**Felicia Zhang:** Feliciaaaaa the Asian mom/froomie/awesomel/CFTravelAgent, you are awesome. I'm glad that I got to know you better through our brown bag and through Seattle. Let's hang out again soon!

**Josephine Lin:** Hey Josephine!! Dang girl you can beat box!! I'm glad that I got to know you better through Seattle CFT. We should go on a brown bag sometime! Teach me more of your beat boxing skillz plz.

**Kelvin Nguyen:** holaaa. Potato? It's been great working with you this year in External Branch! Thanks for laughing at my silly jokes and being one of my guardians x)

**Laura Yang:** LauraaaaaaaaaYangggggggg I luv u very much. Thanks for being my buddy throughout CFT. It was great to get to know you even better throughout the course of the trip. Stay beautiful. Stay strong :)

**Maria Mai:** Maria! You are such a genuinely sweet, kind, and happy girl. I don't think there has ever been a time when I saw you angry or upset haha. I admire your positivity and your love towards others. Just know that you have been such a blessing to be around :)

**Sabeeha Islam:** Sabeebsss...oh where do I even begin. You have changed me for the better. You have supported me since the beginning. You have loved me when I needed it the most. And you have just been the best co/friend that I could ever ask for. I love you lots and lots girl <3

**Sarah Qin:** Sarrrrrrah. You are a queen. Like. Hands down. I'm so glad that I got to be roomies with you at Seattle CFT. I hope you "catch more of them Z's" throughout the rest of the year. We still need to go on our coffee date!

**Stephanie Kao:** Hey Stephanie! I'm glad that I got to know you better this year :) you are so cute and so easygoing. We should go one a brown bag sometime!

**Tessie La:** Hey Tessie! Thanks for doing a great job on planning Seattle CFT. I had a LOT of fun, and it was great to get to know you better throughout the trip. Brown bag

sometime? :)

### Sabeeha Islam

**Officers:** Forgive External for the pies and dares....even though, lets be honest, they aren't that bad. ;)

**Helen Lee:** You are overall such a caring and kind person! Thanks for the long chats, the fun in Seattle, and the get-togethers at your place! Can't believe there is less than a semester until you leave us! I MAY JUST CRY!

**Zulian Tjuatja:** I want to grab a brown bag with you soon so I can hear more about the start-up you are co-founding! Can we make that happen? J

**Jeff Su:** First off, loved Seattle CFT! Such an amazing experience so thanks for letting me tag along! Second, THANK YOU for the ride to Dallas! I thoroughly enjoyed our conversation (and it's probably been one of the best talks I've had in a while!)

**Jackson Pei:** I hope I was able to help out a bit that night with Swing Outs. I realized that day that you have a really cool and creative way of thinking. And of course, thanks for the ride home!

**Hannah Kang:** I thoroughly enjoyed our walk the night before leaving for Seattle. I still feel like I have a lot of unfinished conversations with you! I think I talk too much....sorry!

**Stephen Zhu:** I enjoyed our brown bag at Potbelly's! Also, sorry for crashing at your place to study, sometimes. Oddly enough, it does help keep me awake! J

**Luther Fan:** LUTHE-RRRRRRRRR (imagine those r's are rolled). I know you hate that joke, but I enjoyed Seattle CFT with you!

**Andrew Huang:** Why haven't we had a long conversation since finals? L

**Alex Zhang:** Hope this semester is going well for you! I enjoyed our 3-pair brownbag at J2 that one day and I hope you did too!

**Angela Fang & Kevin Ngo:** I feel like I run into you guys in the most random hallways of McCombs! Lol

**Angela Meng:** I'm really happy I studied with you that week for accounting and stats. You helped save us all! Also, I can't believe you took the time to bake and make those packages for all 20 of us CFT-ers! If you ever need a place to crash, never hesitate in asking me (aka do NOT walk back to north campus at 3am on Friday night) PS-we still have a brownbag to do!

**Angela Wu Li:** Thanks for letting me come over and eat your fruit that one day! Haha I know you're busy, but if you get time, lets catch up some time!

**Anna Chong:** I really enjoyed helping you with your NextGen app. Honestly, I felt that

I learned a lot more about you during that and our interview. Looking forward to the rest of this semester with you!

**Anna Hiran:** I think you are doing a great job with being Freshman Rep! Also, CONGRATS on that Austin Half-Marathon!!!

**Annie Truong:** Hey girl! I enjoyed getting to know you while volunteering at the Texas Revue auditions!

**Ara Ding:** I think I've told you this before, but your name is really pretty!! I haven't seen you since working on that NextGen app. Lets catch up soon!

**Ariel Kao & Denny Ku:** From getting the vegetarian food for Super Bowl to choreographing the most hilarious family talent, you guys are amazing big sibs!

**Austin Anderson:** I just want you to know that you are an amazing guy! Thanks for the rides home at night, bringing me food, and the fun times at Seattle!

**Barbara He:** I need to catch up with you! Thanks for texting me that one time and sorry I was so busy with exams! Let me know when you are free! J

**Bowen Cai:** You are seriously one of the coolest guys I have gotten to know this semester! Mad props to you for tracking down that homeless man with Kelvin! Also, forgive me for not taking one for the team and jumping in front of Bill Gates's car. #neverforget

**Bryan An:** Hope FYM planning is going well! Let me know if I can ever help out!

**Camilla Yen:** Hahaha sorry about the awkward birthday post....I was just really excited to wish you happy birthday! In other news, I love your smile!

**Cassandra Chew:** Loved our brownbag!!! I'm going to miss you after you graduate! Remember us little people while you are doing bigger and better things! =)

**Catherine Vu:** Thanks for helping me set up with China Care! I always love seeing you so I will try to be less busy so I can come over more!

**Christine Chu:** I enjoyed our brownbag earlier this semester! And I'm looking forward to Alumni Weekend! I know it will be great!

**David Yu:** Keep your head high buddy! I know recruiting can be tough sometimes, but honestly, you're one heck of a guy, and I know you are going places!! And lets be real, by the time you read this, you'll probably already have an offer! J

**Dora Cheng:** Dora, your hips might just be more honest than Shakira's! ;) Also, ain't nobody judging you because you are awesome! So keep being your awesome self!

**Edward Liao:** Your bluntness and humor are really refreshing! I enjoyed getting to know you at Seattle!



**Elvis Yang:** Thanks for driving that day for Austin Marathon (especially with all those directional and parking problems)! Good luck with basketball! I know you will make us proud! =)

**Emily Mi:** I feel bad because I have inadvertently made you cry two times! D= But I must say, Seattle CFT was truly a blast with you. You have the best stories and watching you wake-up every morning kind of made my day, every day! Thanks for the new pro pic!! I know I still owe you coffee... let me know when you want to go!

**Erin Sun:** I have enjoyed getting to know you this semester! Thanks for still coming out to our Volunteering events!

**Eric Ma:** "Sup!" Haha but honestly Eric, give yourself some more credit! You are a good-hearted, intelligent, and hard-working guy. Whatever you end up doing in the future, I know things will work out for you.

**Eric Wang:** Props to you for intending to marry a girl who as a Ph.D! I respect your move in support of women's education.

Also, I will remember your advice to "not lose things!" =)

**Felicia Zhang:** There's one thing I definitely noticed during Seattle CFT....and it's that your genuine smile is truly beautiful. Keep smiling buddy! =) PS—There is no one else with whom I'd rather sing "Sexy Back" than you! ;)

**Gordon Tsai:** CONGRATS ON YOUR OFFER!!!! I knew you could do it buddy! J

**Hanpei Zhang:** I hope you didn't hurt yourself during the Jumpstreet Social!

**Hoai Truong:** Angela and I both agreed that nothing we could ever do would make us deserve a friend like you. Thank you for being such a kind, funny, and overall amazing person!

**Huyen Tran:** I like running in to you at Mill Lab! J Also, where is it that you'll be studying abroad again??

**Ima Linzag:** Because I haven't said it enough times, LAUNCH WAS AMAZING!!! Every time you stood up to speak to the entire group, I was all like "THAT'S MY GIRL!" So proud of you! ;)

**Isoken Omoruyi:** I haven't seen you in a while buddy! Where'd you go?

**Jamison Soybel:** I know we don't see each other often. But when I do see you, you always have such kind and clever things to say!

**Jane Tedjajuwana:** Girl, keep rocking those case comps!! The chat with you and Trisha was fun!

**Janet Zhou:** I really enjoyed our long overdue brown bag before spring break! Good conversation always makes me happy. J

**Jany Xu:** You are still missed in ABSA! J

**Jason Guo:** I feel like I only see you in random instances in Jester. Hopefully, we

can actually plan to meet up and chat!

**Jason Jeng & Michael Yu:** You have no idea how happy it makes me feel when I see you guys around campus/west campus or at ABSA events. It's cool to know our graduates still care enough to stick around! ;)

**Jason Jung:** I enjoyed that trip to Dallas CFT with you! Hopefully, I'll see you at more ABSA events before the semester ends!

**Jason Wu:** You're such a happy guy, and I love seeing you at our events! YOU ARE AWESOME!

**Jazmine Hsu-Kei:** Sorry I haven't been there for you earlier this semester! I'll do better to change that! Btw, loved our Chilantro's and Cream Whiskers run with you before spring break. If you ever need someone to take laxatives with you or to throw up with you, just let me know!

**Jeanette Tang:** Great job with Family GM and Social! Sorry again I couldn't make it out to Pease Park!

**Jennifer Yang:** CONGRATS AGAIN ON PEPSICO!!!! I hope you love it!! Also, lets bake sometime! And include Pragati!

**Jessica McCarthy:** I haven't seen you in some time. Hope we can catch-up soon!

**Jessika Wu:** Dude, when I heard about some of those interview questions you've gone through at the Mentorship Workshop, I'm even more impressed by you! Keep up the great work on the program!

**Johnathan Ler:** So I see some cool pictures of you on the MDC CFT! How was that?! ;)

**Johnny Vo:** Bro, why you always gotta bail on my events?!

**Jonathan Ong:** Whenever I see a new video of you singing and playing guitar, I get really happy! Also, a bit belated, but thanks again for doing a great job representing ABSA at Mr. McCombs!! Good luck to you and your venture!

**Josephine Lin:** DAT HAIR SWOOP DOE!!!! Haha thanks for all the fun times in Seattle! I hope we can spend some more time together after spring break! PS-you harmonize so beautifully!

**Josh Hu:** Thanks for the Einstein's brown bag! You always have such insight to pass on! ;)

**Julia Hoang:** I think our J2 brown bag (when I had that stupid lab) was one of our best conversations! But, I still feel like we have more to learn about each other....lol lets try to cram that in before semester ends! Also, I know these next several weeks are going to be busy for us all, so please let me know if I can help!

**Julio Maldonado:** I always appreciate running into you anywhere and getting a hearty wave and a great hug. ;)

**Keerthan Harish:** How is Finance team

treating you? ;)

**Kelvin Nguyen:** It's so weird that our time as directors in the same branch will be coming to an end soon. I don't think I say it enough, but I'm really happy that we have been able to get to know and work with each other. You have such a positive force and presence, and I have definitely grown from knowing you. Thanks for continually being amazing! #kelviYONCE

**Kimberly Lin:** AHHH! I can't believe I missed a food run with you! L We must make-up for that once spring break ends!

**Klevrin Sitohang:** You still up for doing that case comp?! ;)

**Kristeen Chan:** You have such a good heart and you are so insightful! I thoroughly enjoyed our brown bag and our trip to Dallas CFT together!

**Kristy Liang:** Thanks so much for helping us with the Ballroom Dance Social with EPIC (especially considering that you were sick)!! You are a trooper!

**Laura Yang:** I always knew you were beautiful but going to Seattle with you taught me many other things about you such as 1) you wake up early 2) you can have some legit and hard-core derp moments 3) you have a very contagious laugh! Love you girl! ;)

**Liam Kelly:** I seriously think you're one of the funniest guys I know! ;)

**Lisa Liu:** It was fun hanging out with you during the Jumpstreet Social! Congrats again on Member of the Week! Lets grab a meal some time!

**Loan Khu:** After spring break, we should really make the whole Exterdemic social happen! ;)

**Meggan Lanpher:** I'm so happy that you decided to try out ABSA and continue to be active! You have such a great presence, and I love seeing you come out to different events! J Lets grab a meal sometime!

**Michelle Zhou:** Thanks so much for "crashing" Christine's brownbag! I was happy to get to know you better! But I think we should also grab our own meal sometime!

**Nhu Vu:** I really hope your apartment doesn't have water damage/issues any time soon! That video actually freaked me out!

**Nina Tanuwidjaja:** You have really great skin complexion! Teach me your ways! J

**Paul Nguyen:** I know I call you out for being so swole, but it's not always because I'm trying to make you self-conscious. I am just legitimately and honestly impressed by all that you do. :) Sorry no clever pick-up lines this time.

**Phillip Yoon:** I'm so happy to see you get involved with ABSA this semester! It's always nice to see your smiling face! J Lets grab a brown bag soon!

**Purav Doshi:** Dude, us brownies gotta stick together...so on that note, why haven't we ever grabbed a meal?

**Quan Nguyen:** Sorry about all the miscommunication with External! You're a trooper for sticking with us, and you have a great presence!

**Rachel Lee:** I think it hit me after Seattle that we have less than half a semester as co-directors. As sad as that makes me, lets do our best to end this thing strong!

**Richard He:** Thanks for selling my Otterbox! And in general, thanks for caring so much and always checking up on me! I appreciate it a lot!! J

**Robert Ma:** If you call yourself a scrub one more time, I'm going to start calling myself Triple-S..."Scumbag Scrub Sabeeha"

**Sam Lehardi:** Thanks for driving me to Robert's birthday! I really appreciated it! J

**Sang-Yop Kwon:** External Branch loves you!!!! Please always remember that! J

**Sarah Huang:** How has your semester been? I haven't talked to you in a while...we should catch up some time!

**Sarah Qin:** GiRRRRRRR!, I honestly don't know how I would stay sane in college without youRRRR sass, humoRRRR, impeRRRRsonations, RRRRRants, and late-night feels chats/fRRRRRosty runs at Wendy's. HeRRRRRe's to all that is still to come this semesteRRRRR and beyond!

**Sean Shen:** Hope you enjoyed London! I'd love to hear about it! J

**Shufen Wang:** We haven't talked in a while. Lets catch up soon!

**Stephanie Kao:** Stephanie-RRRRR!! Seattle was such a great way to catch up withyou! Those feels-chats in our room were probably the best ones during the entire trip! #221FOREVERRRRR

**Taehoon Kim:** How is your internship going? You seem so busy! D=

**Tessie La:** Girl...major props to you for your amazing work with Seattle CFT! I had a blast getting to know you (#bedmates4ever #221FOREVERRRRR)!!! Can I please third-wheel you and #1Noob sometime?

PS-Thanks again for going to buy whipped cream with External! WE OWE YOU! J

**Tenzin Yulo:** Lets do an Autobots reunion! Btw, how excited are you to be graduating this year?!

**Tiffany Weng:** I haven't seen you in a while! Where have you been buddy?

**Trini Tran:** OMG LOVE THE HAIR CUT!!! Haha I mean, at the time I'm writing this, I haven't seen it in person yet, but the pictures looked adorable!

**Whitney Chan:** Thanks for always being so open and supportive, especially in terms of always knowing the right thing to say when Im stressed about BHP classes. You rock!

**Yiwen Xu:** Sorry we couldn't surprise you

properly on your birthday! By the way, I was totally going to cake you or cream you but your apartment was out of whipped cream. You should invest in some! Also, after spring break, I want to hear about your SXSW experience!

**Zack Kingsak:** You have such a positive personality and a great smile! I love running into you whether at an info session or randomly in front of the tower! :)

### Stephanie Kao

**Helen Lee:** I really enjoyed getting to know you even more on this Seattle CFT. It's been a blast talking to you and laughing with you!

**Jeff Su:** AY BAY BAY, DO THA NAE NAE! ;D I'm glad we got to know each other better on the flight. OUR BABY SISTERS CAN BE FRIENDS, and we can exchange stories! It's not every day that you meet someone else that's going through something similar. haha

**Luther Fan:** PAPA FAN, thanks for taking all these wonderful pictures!

**Ann Cai:** Gurl, where my LEB notes at? Just kidding. I miss getting breakfast with you! Let's do it again. (:

**Austin Anderson:** You are too GUCCI. And you know I'll always back it up. I just know we're gonna be the next hit on Comedy Central!

**Ben Don:** You have all these crazy stories! Let's hear more!

**Bowen Cai:** Bowen, we didn't talk to each other a lot, but I did learn a lot about you. I like how you get super excited about Supply Chain and can really hold a great conversation with anyone. It's a talent!

**Edward Liao:** Wow, all the great events that you plan for Honey Badgers! We all know you're super dedicated to this family.

**Emily Mi:** I loved getting to know you more. And I'd gladly buy the first shampoo you decide to model for. (:

**Eric Ma:** No more all-nighters, okay? Haha I've learned a lot about you. I'm really glad that we were able to connect with each other through this CFT.

**Eric Wang:** Eric, you're such a sweet, pure guy. I enjoyed meeting you and getting to know you. This trip would have been so different without you. Glad you were here. (:

**Felicia Zhang:** YOU'RE SO BUBBLY! I love how we finally got to really connect over dinner at the Italian place. And wow, talk about first impressions....

**Maria Mai:** Really getting to know you on the beach on the ride to Houston has really been a blast. We need to sit down and talk more often!

**Dora Cheng:** Dora. There is so much I want to learn about you! I feel like we really

bonded on the CFT on the flight back to Austin. I'm sure I'll be seeing more of you this semester and the next year!

**Ginnie Ko:** I love that every time I see you, you have this smile on your face. You're always a pleasure to talk to, and I still think it's funny that we met through Vamsee.

**Josephine Lin:** You are full of surprises. This girl, I meet. Seems cool. Turns out... she can.. BEATBOX? YEUH, DROP THAT BEAT.

**Kelvin Nguyen:** I can't believe you're a sophomore like me?!?! Your moments of peace inspired me on this trip to slow down and appreciate the small things. And you kept me laughing in unexpected ways, and I appreciated that BEYONCE in you, ahem... KELVIYONCE! HOLLA

**Laura Yang:** Laura! You are such a sweet, sweet girl, and I'm glad that I'm starting to get to know you. Let's have a brown bag sometime!

**Lisa Lam-Phaure:** Retail rehab. Thank you for taking me in as your hobo and for all the talks!

**Michael Yu:** You're so funny! Please stick around more. haha

**Quan Nguyen:** The Pluckers challenge, don't forget!

**Rachel Lee:** Rachel! I'm glad that finally after seeing you so many times around campus, we were able to finally talk! It was really nice relaxing on the beach with you and being on this trip with you!

**Sabeeha Islam:** I love your smile. #REALTALKS. I love your sass and the things you stand up for.

**Sarah Qin:** Hay, gurl hay. I'm super happy that we got to bond so much over this Seattle trip. I knew us ENFJ's were just meant to be. (: I'm glad our texting works now, too!

**Sherley Loo:** Thank you, everything you do for me. I love talking and hanging out with you. I love our deep philosophical talks. (: You help me keep my head on the ground.

**Tessie La:** TESSIE YOU CUTIE PIE. :3 I hope to get to know you even better than my umbrellas know your house. (: Glad to be roomies with you.

**Tracy Trieu:** Mama Trieu. Your kitchen is a magical place for magical things. Haha And I'm really glad that we were able to bond on the megabus and have THE ART together.

**Vamsee Ravella:** (nose poke)

### Trini Tran

**Helen Lee:** Thanks so much for making me and JYang that yummy dinner! Message me any time for a J2 swipe and to catch up!! :)

**Zulian Tjuatja:** Haaaaay new Trini! It was fun being you for the day ^-^

**Jeff Su:** Too swole... I'll buy you boba one



day okay!

**Jackson Pei:** Why you gotta be so mean to me :(... still waiting for our dinner!

**Hannah Kang:** omg caking each other... lol I would only let you do it!

**Stephen Zhu:** YAAAAY thanks for taking me to my first ever Asia Café experience :D

**Luther Fan:** Sven and you are totally twins ^.^

**Andrew Huang:** Felt good pieing you in the face... :D RESPOND TO THE GROUP CHAT MOREEE -.-

**Andrew Tran:** So mean to me all the time whyyyy :( thanks for helping me out with basketball though!

**Angela Meng:** Yeeeee great job on that piano during Remember When :DD remember to take a break sometimes and let's have lunch together again soon? :):)

**Anna Chong:** Didn't even give me a cookie when we saw each other :( why u so cute doe

**Ara Ding:** MUST CATCH UP SOON!?: :D

**Austin Anderson:** #HOMIEZ5EVARRRR

**Carly Tat:** Yay for those all nighters together with bread and weird dancing and trolling other people LOL so chili~~

**Catherine Tu:** Thanks for being such a great accounting partner ^-^ even if that class is slowly killing me lol..

**Catherine Vu:** Yay for our brownbag together :D we should have another one again soon!

**Christine Chu:** chuchu why you so weird heh <3 me>hanny right :))

**Dora Cheng:** Thanks for the donuts and supportiveness before my accounting exam!! :D

**Edward Liao:** Thanks for taking me and purav to HEB that one time like a couple months ago LOL :3 And for taking me to my first rave YAYY :D

**Elvis Yang:** Thanks for teaching me how to play basketball and how to shoot correctly heh and for staying so late to help with Andrew :3

**Eric Ma:** Stay awake in econ LOL you make me sleepy

**Ginnie Ko:** Bball MVP! Show me how to do those layups!! I'm still uber sorry for what happened during practice LOL I do yo nail for free tho <3<3

**Ima Linzag:** EXCITED TO LIVE TOGETHERRRR :D weeee also great job on Launch :))

**Isoken Omoruyi:** Still need to have that feelings chat soon :c

**Janet Zhou:** It was great having lunch with you! We should eat together again soon!! :D

**Jason Wu:** We still need to have that brownbag! -\_-

**Jeannette Tang:** Great job being fam director :3

**Jennifer Yang:** Late nights in Reliant and

getting free drinks from thirsty guys... the life of Trini & Jennifer LOL<3

**Joseph Kim:** Like...likelikelike LOL.

Congrats again on getting athletics director!

**Josephine Lin:** AYE MYYY DIRECTOR!

It's an emergency..me and Carly mees u :c

**Josh Hu:** Sorry for all those times I pushed back our brownbag LOL.. I'll get a google calendar soon! :DD

**Kang Park:** YAAAY so happy you're coming out to more ABSA events :D we should have another brownbag soon!

**Kelvin Nguyen:** omg your baby picture is SOOOOCUTE :3 I'll bring it back up like how I bring up Stephen's old pictures :3

**Keerthan Harish:** Nice meeting you and congrats on winning your case comp :D

**Kimberly Lin:** Thanks for being so helpful and for the great Coco's date!

**Kristeen Chan:** Best biggie <3 <3 thank you for being there for me when I need someone <3

**Liam Kelly:** My trang toi no 1 ooo~ killem'

**Loan Khuu:** Def my good luck charm when I play! :)) Also I'm glad you liked your birthday surprise c:

**Maria Mai:** You are so cuteeee :3 Put on a workshop soon please so I can learn how to dance!

**Michelle Zhou:** What would I do without you and Timmy during Calc?.. oh wait you never show up T\_\_\_T leaving me with Jonah Hill, Peter Parker, and Squidward :( LOLJK<3

**Nina Tanuwidjaja:** Bees? PANTS?

**Purav Doshi:** So nice that you think I'm the best co-director evarz ^.^ cause you da best toooo. Don't stay up at Reliant anymore... cause I know you'll regret it LOL need to get our stuff done so we're not up like two hours before class starts lolol

**Robert Ma:** Hope you liked your birthday surprise :D and hope you had a nice trip to London ^-^

**Sabeeha Islam:** BAEeee :\* <3

**Sam Lehardi:** LePartyHardi ^\_\_^ thanks for teaching me how to lift :D

**Stephanie Kao:** yo just saying we make a good wingmen team LOL

**Tessie La:** Why am I just finding out that you're a sophomore lol.. and YOUR AO DAI IS SO PRETTYYY <3\_\_\_\_<3

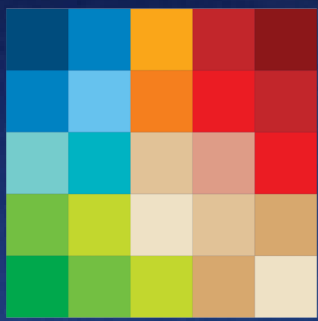
**Timmy Nguyen:** Hope your birthday surprise was fun and sorry I couldn't make it Q\_\_Q at least we can always see Jonah Hill dancing like a dbag together lolol

**Tin Dang:** Thanks for taking me to Din Ho for our brownbag :) super yummy and great talking with you ^.^

**Zack Kingsak:** Thanks for driving me home and back :D Sorry for sleeping in the car instead of talking with you LOL

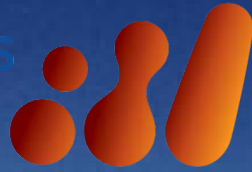






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