

A.S.I.A. Newsletter

Asian Students International Association



Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed some time off with friends and family over the Winter break; we certainly did! Even though we are sad that break is over, we are excited for the upcoming Spring semesters! We have some social and professional development events planned, including our Spring meet and greet in February. We would love to see some new faces, so please feel free to come by and see what A.S.I.A. is all about!

New Board Member!

We are proud to welcome Lan Yang as the new A.S.I.A First Year Representative. Lan is a first year graduate student, pursuing Masters in Higher Education Leadership. We are thrilled to welcome a Leadership student to our board for the very first time! We look forward to her insight and experiences in her program and profession. We are confident that Lan will make a great addition to the board and encourage everyone to congratulate her on her new appointment!



Coming right up!

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Fun Facts- Did You Know That...?



Tina Alcorn (President)
2nd year School Counseling

Tina was ASIA's 1st year representative and secretary last year. She is also the secretary of CSI, the counseling honor society, and a SOLES Ambassador.



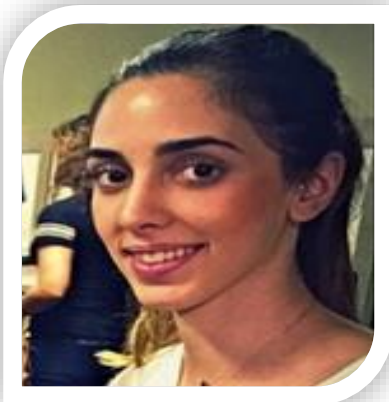
Jenny Li (Vice President)
2nd year CMHC

Jenny is an international student from Sweden! She is an active student and SOLES Ambassador. Jenny loves providing community service and paragliding!



Jennifer Pritchard (Secretary)
2nd year CMHC

Jen is a California transplant from Washington. She is an animal-lover and a nurturer to the core. Jen is also the CMHC president of CSI.



Nergis Akkaya (Treasurer)
2nd year CMHC

Nergis is a Turkish San Diegan who loves research, traveling, sports, and animals (especially dogs). And yes, you will be seeing her in Sweden/Finland this May!



Lara Touckley (PR)
2nd year CMHC

Lara is an international student, previously residing in Dubai. She enjoys eating pizza and watching anime, optimally in unison. Lara is a SOLES Ambassador and the Treasurer of CSI.



Lan Yang (1st year rep.)
Higher Ed. Leadership

Lan is a Graduate Assistant in the Center for Inclusion and Diversity at USD and a SOLES Ambassador. She enjoys hiking and rock climbing, but doesn't do it enough! ☺

Past Events (Fall '15)

Meet & Greet

Board members met with students, old and new, to discuss A.S.I.A.'s vision, mission statement, upcoming events, and potential future events. A.S.I.A.'s adviser, Dr. Ronn Johnson, and one of A.S.I.A.'s founding members, Ruth Inacay, also dropped by to meet and greet graduate students!



Happy Hour with LGSA

Members of A.S.I.A and the Latino Graduate Student Association (L.G.S.A.) came together at Casa Guadalajara where appetizers were served during happy hour. Members were able to socialize and network among students from various graduate programs!

Serving the Homeless

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, A.S.I.A. members volunteered at Father Joe's Villages and helped the homeless population. Members split up and donated their time in two different kitchens (singles vs. families). They served food and were able to interact with those at the kitchen. It was a success and some members even went back to volunteer!



Upcoming Events (Spring '16)



ASIA Welcome Back Event

Description:

What events would you like to see? What workshops would be most helpful to you? How would you like to contribute to society? These are all questions that can be asked! It's also an opportunity to get to know current members, become an A.S.I.A. member or even a board member!

Date: Tuesday, February 9th

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Location: MRH inner courtyard

Chinese New Year!

Description:

Who better to celebrate the Chinese New Year with than A.S.I.A.? Delicious Chinese food will be served, with a chance to network and learn some fun facts about the Chinese New Year!

Date: Friday, February 26th

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: TBA

ASIA members: \$8

Non-ASIA members: \$10

Alumni Panel with Chi Sigma Iota

Description:

Where are they now?

Meet School and CMHC alumni, ask away, and listen to their tips and suggestions as they speak about their experiences!

Date (tentative): March 8th or 15th

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: TBA

Leadership & Self-Awareness

Description:

Workshop will focus on:

- Leadership and self-awareness
- Leadership development in theory and practice
- Personal Journey of Leadership

Dr. Molenkamp will provide some theoretical constructs, share some of his experiences in leadership development, and guide participants through some experiential exercises related to self-awareness and leadership.

Date: Saturday, April 30th

Time: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: TBA

ASIA members: \$10 (before

March 30th), \$20 (after March 30th)

Non-ASIA members: \$15 (before

March 30th), \$25 (after March 30th)

*dates and prices are subject to change

Mission Statement

A.S.I.A. is a graduate student organization with the goal of supporting and promoting diversity within the USD community by enhancing educational growth and compassionate community service through collaboration. We provide opportunities for professional development and social networking for our members.

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