



ASOC MEMO

NOVEMBER EDITION



IMPORTANT DATES

Veterans Day
Nov. 11th

*Last day to drop
a full term class
with a "W" grade*
Nov. 19th

Thanksgiving Break
Nov 26th-29th

*UC Application
due*
Nov 30th

VOTER AWARENESS NIGHT

Voter Awareness Night was hosted on October 29, featuring Student Trustee Megan Aves and Professor Bradley Bettridge, where they explored the importance of voting and encouraged a discussion on the topic. Professor Bettridge is a former Community College student who transferred to UC Berkeley where he earned his degree in Political Science. He is a current professor at Ohlone for the past two years as well as a professor at Chabot Community College and Los Positas Community College for the past year.

During this event Student Trustee Megan Aves and Professor Bettridge provided their insights as they explored the questions on why one should vote, the influence of social media in this election as well as discussing the new voting process. Student Trustee Megan Aves pointed out that although the media represents the two main parties in actuality there are many other parties such as the Independent Libertarian Party, Green Party, and many more that are not represented. Professor Bettridge added that there is an incentive in our system to vote for one of the "main" opposing parties and went further to promote the idea that an individual can vote for whichever candidate they choose, they do not have to be from the "main" parties. Both speakers emphasized that it is extremely important to know about the candidates you are voting for, an individual should vote for what they believe in and not because of external influences. That is the definition of one's right to vote.

Professor Bettridge used his knowledge and experience in Political Science to explain how one's vote counts and how the election works in general. In the end, the evening was incredibly informative; both speakers brought an insightful discussion forward and prompted participants to become more aware of the effect of their vote.

COLLEGE LEAP COMPETITION WINNERS



Abhigyan
Biswas



Nikhil
Sharma



Natasha
Kaur



Sekander
Barati



Edward
Zhou

HOW THEY FORMED

Members of the team knew each other previously through shared classes and shared club interests. Natasha, Sekander, and Edward initially met through their financial accounting class where the initial idea for the product: NewHire was formed. Sekander is a Business Administration major and the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of NewHire. Edward the CFO (Chief Financial Officer) is an economics major. Natasha the CMO (Chief Marketing Officer) is also an Economics Major with a focus on Finance and Technology. Nikhil, a Computer Science major, who joined soon after taking over the technical operations as the CTO (Chief Technical Officer).

With mutual contact with Natasha through a club, Abhigyan joined as the COO (Chief Operating Officer) providing strategies for their business plan and is a Mechanical Engineering/Business Administration major. As first-time competitors in this competition, they came together with a mutual goal of making a product that will help combat issues that the population around them are facing.

THEIR EXPERIENCE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event was held entirely online. As first time competitors, members of the team had to learn about the process as they participated. Recalling her experience Natasha Kaur stated, "The competition-based rounds were organized well, with panelists and judges ready to go. However, the use of features in Zoom, such as the 40-minute time limit hindered the experience for everyone involved and made participating difficult, as well as present. Although, having the competition online allowed my team and I a variety of opportunities to be able to spend more time on preparation and outsource resources. Although they faced challenges the team managed to work around it and learn as they furthered themselves in the competition.

Regarding the impact of this competition, Nikhil Sharma expressed "This competition showed me how to think outside of the box. As the CTO I was able to add features to our website that will in turn benefit many people. Through this competition my thinking process changed, I learned anyone can create a profitable business idea but to maintain it and keep it running". Edward Zhou added, "I really love our business idea as I believe it is a necessity in the market. I am excited to develop our idea further, I truly want to run this business with my team members."

COLLEGE LEAP COMPETITION WINNERS

THEIR WINNING PRODUCT: NewHire

NewHire is a product that was developed to aid in the crisis affecting students currently: unequal employment opportunities and training. The Ohlone team chose to combat this problem as finding a job in the current climate has been stressful and tedious. Individuals are facing many obstacles in finding a job that meets their abilities as well as one that corresponds with their lifestyle, making sure it does not conflict with their personal and academic lives. Sekander Barati explains, "In June 2020, the unemployment rate among young workers was 21.9%, and 13.3% for recent graduates being the highest rate in over 2 decades. In a survey we conducted with 300 students, 60% of students were currently looking for a job.

Our product aims to provide students an opportunity to find jobs that are catered to their needs like never before. We also provide employers an opportunity to find new hires that are willing to work with our job postings. New Hire is not only adaptable within but also outside of a pandemic allowing a long-term service to be provided for job hunters".



This service is not limited to a specific industry or level. Whether it be an individual is seeking an entry-level job or internships and full-term employment, NewHire strives to provide the best it can. With the target audience being students ranging from, 2-year college students, incoming high school students, high school graduates, and continuation school students, the product offers personalized support ensuring their consumers will be able to save their time and money. Using their product, students would be at an advantage having a platform with features such as a Q&A forum, networking opportunities, and hosting mock interviews that can help ensure that students will be successful in their endeavor of finding a job. As for employers, they would benefit from using this product as they have a new platform to find more applicants to fill their demands.

The Ohlone team is not stopping here, at the given the opportunity, they plan to take their product to the next level. Abhigyan and Natasha add "We plan to expand our service through targeting school partnerships at the given moment so we can assist our target audience asap in their job finding needs. With the right opportunity, we intend to follow our growth strategy within our intended goals of phases". Edward Zhou further describes that they plan to provide pre-training for students and allow them to earn experience through real projects led by the company manager. With the support of their community, they hope to develop their business further and solve a growing crisis

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER ART EXHIBIT-STEP UP

These are some incredible samples of art submissions encompassing the theme of mental health. Visit the gallery to check out some more amazing art!



ANGELA DUMATOL

"Ponyo & Sosuke from Ponyo"

Medium: Gouache paint, posca markers, & sharpies

Description: It has been 4 years since I completed a painting piece so I wanted to practice my painting skills this time by recreating a scene from an animated movie/show and this scene from Ponyo seemed easiest to me to recreate

KRINA SHAH

"When You Leave..."

Medium: Poem

Description: This poem describes the feeling of the people who are living in a long distance relationship or friendship. The poem says that when someone leaves, life goes on, but nothing is the same without them. All the moments they once cherished together will not have the same feeling even though they will still be under the same sky. And while nature will be witnessing their pain, they will be just breathing..

When you leave...

When you leave, the sun will hide, scared, to shed tears. The clouds will be gone, and the sky will be blue, just plain blue. When you will witness this, you will realize my pain, my pain of watching you leave, going distant. The road back home will not be same, the music, the dance, the laughter will not be joyous, all will watch the empty seat as I drive. After few months, as you sit watching snow storm hit your windows, you will miss the sun under which we lived. You will miss the rain under which we went to long drives, uncertain yet happy. The Californian sun will shine and shower it's beauty but will it be same without "us"?

When you leave, memories will become my appetite. Because living under the same sky, as they say, is not same because my winters will be, forever, different than yours.



OSVALDO GRANADOS

"Junkrat" and "Roadhog from Overwatch"

Medium: Acrylic

Description: In my art piece, I depict the characters "Junkrat" and "Roadhog" from the popular multiplayer game "Overwatch", released in 2016. I painted this piece about 2 years ago for my final in my junior year art class and I'm still quite proud of it to this day. Without hardly having any experience with painting, both from life and my art class, I was able to create a piece that I proudly hang at home.

SENATOR SPOTLIGHT



AMITHI
Chordiya

Our featured Senator of the month is Amithi Chordiya, one of our Senators at Large! Amithi has been actively working on our virtual Comedy Night, which will be held on November 19th. Drafting bills, researching and contacting speakers, as well as working closely with the ASOC Senate to finalize event logistics, she is an amazing addition to our Senate, and we look forward to seeing her future accomplishments!

ADMIN SPOTLIGHT



TEJU
Edidi

Our featured Student Administration spotlight is Teju Edidi, our very own Publications Branch Director! Teju is the primary writer and supervisor of the ASOC Memo, including the November edition you are reading right now. Investing time and effort into reporting on a majority of our events and staying informed on school issues, she is an integral part of our student community, providing student-friendly virtual communication during these confusing times. We humbly thank her for her enthusiasm, perseverance, and dedication to serving her community!

CAREER CENTER | JUNIOR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (JLA)

The Ohlone College Tri-Cities Career Center would like to announce that we are ready to launch the first-ever Junior Leadership Academy (JLA)! We are excited for our students to partake in a program that offers a blend of Career Readiness, Experiential Learning opportunities, and professional development. JLA is a 15-week Spring semester series that will pour into the next generation by teaching life skills about professionalism, work ethic, global/intercultural fluency, and soft skills to help infuse transferable skills prior to students entering the workforce. JLA starts on 01/15/2021 and continues on till 05/14/2021.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) surveyed 4,213 graduating seniors from the 2017 class and 201 employers on eight "competencies" that it considers necessary to be prepared to enter the workplace. "This can be problematic because data suggests that employers see skills gaps in key areas where college students don't believe gaps exist," said NACE. To help bridge the gap, the Career Center has created the Junior Leadership Academy (JLA) to foster an increase in career readiness core competencies and to facilitate work-based learning opportunities to prepare our students for the workplace.

Why You Should Apply!

Access to paid Micro-Internship opportunities, Letter of Verification from the Career Center Director, and professional development. We are accepting applications from 11/9/2020 till 11/30/2020.

Visit <https://www.ohlone.edu/junior-leadership-academy>



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Ohlone hosted their first Open Mic Night of the semester on October 23. This event consisted of participants coming together to explore their talents and shared interests. Many talented people showed up and gave us spectacular performances. One performer, Hannah Martinez-Crow, introduced her dogs' incredible talents as well as her singing. Another performer David Kautz shared spooky stories with the group in the spirit of Halloween. Israel Avila shared spoken words and sang songs as did another performer Simi Kattaura. Student Trustee Megan Aves was present speed painting a recreation of the Anakin Skywalker vs Obi-Wan Kenobi scene from Star Wars but replaced the original characters with Among Us characters. The festive night ended successfully by listening to music and having a mini dance party.

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