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introduction from the Magazine Director

GÓP GIÓ, CATCHING WIND

I have saved writing this part as the last thing I do for this magazine, mainly because I don't know how to put my thoughts into words but also because putting this magazine together has been my whole life for the past few months and me writing this serves as a reminder that all this excitement, stress, and frenzy are about to come to an end. It's a bittersweet feeling.

Being in VSA has made up the entirety of my college experience. I've made countless friends and unforgettable memories, I've shared belly laughs and ugly cries (in front of hundreds of people), I've met people from all over the country, and somewhere along the way, I found myself in a leadership position, doing something I once considered a small hobby. Teaching myself graphic design and doing journalism-related things was a thing of my past, but through the encouragement of my friends, I ran for Magazine Director, and the rest is history.



In the beginning of my career, I always psyched myself out by dwelling on my lack of experience. I put pressure on myself by constantly questioning whether people liked my Facebook banners and graphics. But surely enough, my executive board were among many

who supported me in every way and encouraged me to step out of my boundaries and take risks. They trusted me to bring our events to life through the graphics, and I found that deeply rewarding. Time after time as I became more comfortable with going to the beat of my own drum with a newfound confidence and spirit, it reflected in my work. I want to thank my e-board, ABRC, my Blout lineage, and all my VSA friends and family for the continuous support.

This magazine is intended to serve as a 'yearbook' for us to look back on and to capture the diversity and personalities of our members, as well as highlight the accomplishments and all the fun things we have done together this year as an organization. There is only so much space for me to truly capture our community and bond, and we still have so many more fun things planned, so in reality, this magazine is actually a small glimpse into everything VSA has to offer.

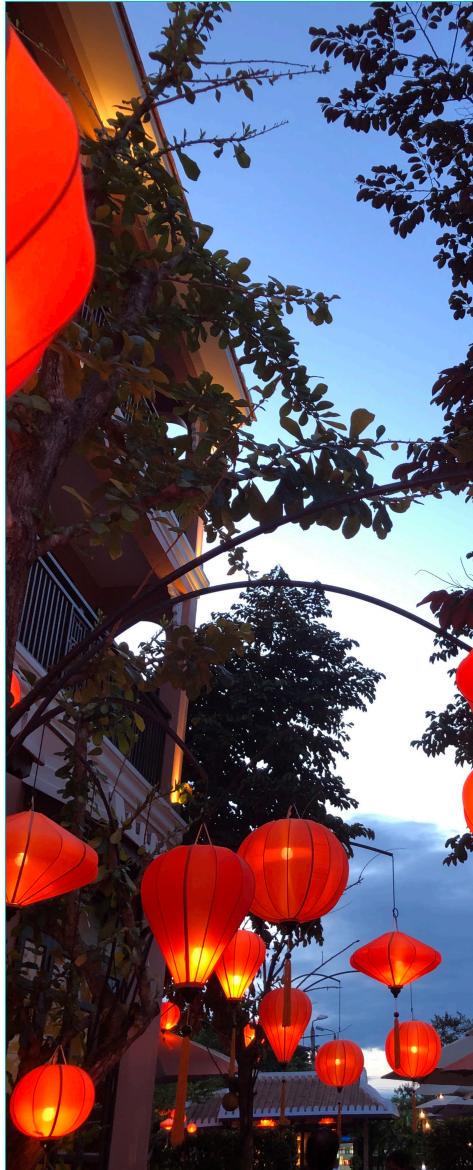
I take great pride in being Vietnamese, and being in VSA continuously teaches me things about my own culture and about others' as well. We are all united under the same interest for Vietnamese culture, and that's the best part. Keeping our culture and knowledge of our history alive is incredibly vital for us as young Vietnamese-Americans growing up in America, as we begin to establish our footing and voice, and build the future our parents always wanted us to have. VSA paves the path to do that.

It's been an honor bringing UMCP VSA to life through graphics and banners for this past year. I can't wait to see how the rest of the vision carries out. I hope you all enjoy the magazine as much as I have enjoyed putting it together.

- Amy Tran

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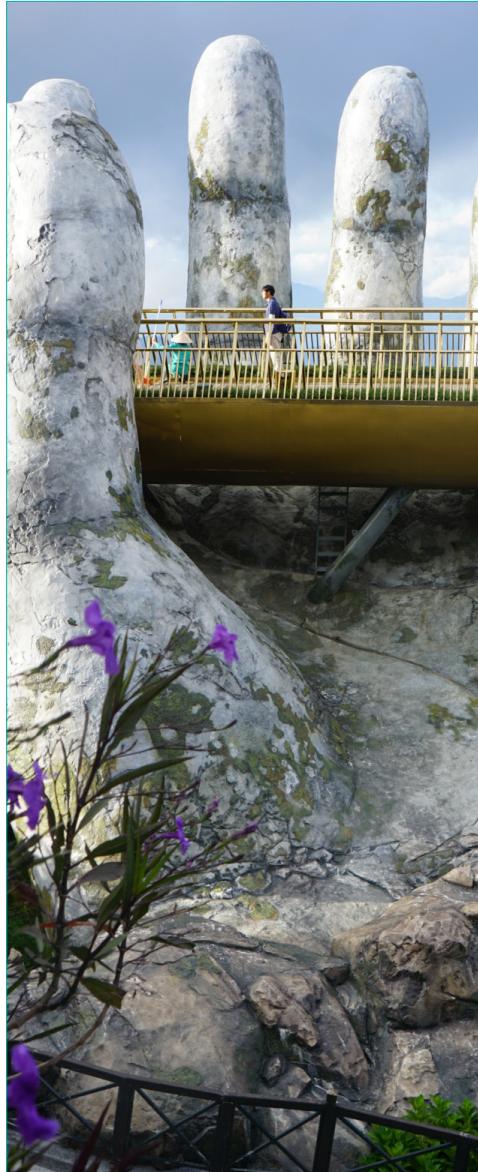
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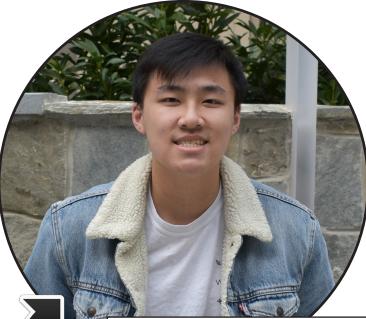


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a word from our president...



Without a doubt, VSA has been one of the most influential forces in my life, with effects that will impact me many years from now. Just the other day, my mother was telling me about a UMCP VSA Alumni luncheon she was invited to, from her years of being in VSA. This was mentioned in passing to me, but shocked me still, to see how the VSA bonds have kept the friendships and community tight-knit, even years later.

I remember thinking that those were the types of friendships I wanted to get out of college, relationships that would last well into the future.

When I first joined, I didn't initially think this was where I belonged and I didn't think I'd find that same sense of community.

I felt too timid, too quiet, and not involved enough to meet new people, so I remained as a passerby and felt that it was good enough for me.

Eventually, however, things started to fall into place as I was steadily pulled in and met so many people who became my closest friends, all in one semester. I suddenly found a sense of that home away from home, which was a feeling that I had been lacking. It wasn't without some pushing though, but that's one of the great things about this organization and one of the aspects of it that has affected me the most.

Being both a general member and an executive board member has pushed me



TIFFANY CAO

far out of my comfort zone. It's challenged me in ways that I would have shied away from when I was younger, and it's pushed me to change for the better. This is one of the reasons why I've loved being in VSA and why I've stayed for so long. Seeing how everyone evolves from their first timid entrance into 101 GBM to their excitement and passion for Family Night - it's those little moments that have reminded me of why I stay and why I want to share our community. Watching the growth and development of every generation is an incredible experience and I'm extremely touched that I've been given the chance to see it up close.

I'm so proud of my executive board, my members, and my alumni for the constant love and dedication they share to keep our community strong. They've worked so hard to continue to support each other and our organization, and I couldn't have asked for a better family to guide me through college. With that said, I have to say a special shoutout to my constant supporters - Annie Tran (my OG VSbae), Leah Nguyen, Noah Shaw, Emily Chi (my lovely littles), and Chris Tien (my predecessor), who have propped me up throughout my time on eboard. Thank you to my family and my friends, who have helped me throughout the stress and the sleepless nights. In the end, all the hard work was worth it.

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN IN 2017...

You can **CAOn** on me!
Vote Tiffany Cao
for VSA Public Relations!





internal vice president

ANDREW THAI

During my freshman year, I felt lost. It was the first time that I had ever been away from home, and I was searching for a group that I really connected with. Luckily, I had an older sister at UMD, and one day, she invited me to attend a soccer game with her. While waiting in line to enter the stadium, she was there with her big and her other friends from VSA. They were very friendly and invited me to come out to their events throughout the month. I decided to go, and from there, it was a blur.

The next thing I know, I'm meeting all the bigs at ACE week, attending reveal to find out that I got a big, two siblings, and am a part of a huge family, getting baited into attending Semi Formal, going to MAUVSA Advance Conference and accidentally getting kicked out of our hotel room, and watching all of my talented friends perform at Family Night.

Then, during my second year, I returned to VSA, met even more wonderful

people, became closer to the friends that I had already made, developed a greater appreciation for this community, decided to run for IVP at the last minute, and somehow won the election.

As I near the end of my third year at VSA and my first on the executive board, I have realized how amazing this experience has been and how it has gone by in a flash. These past three years have taught me so much about who I am as a person, how to become a leader, how to communicate with people, and how much effort and work it takes to run this organization.

Lastly, I would like to give a shout out to those that have helped me throughout my VSA journey: my older sister, my Blout family, this year's executive board, the Scooby-Doo, Incredibles, and Baer's Pochard families from MAC7/8/9, and everyone else that I have met from my time with VSA. I am forever grateful to all of you for everything that you have given me.



external vice president

KYLE NGUYEN



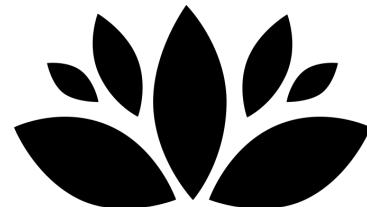
I had so much prepared to say, but if this past year has taught me anything it is to throw everything out the window and speak from the heart.

As the external vice president this past year, I have learned a lot in this past year. This past year, I have grown both in my personal life as well as my professional life especially in this past year.

In this past year, I must give a personal shout to Kyle Nguyen for really being my idol and my mentor this past year. He has constantly supported me this past year in every aspect of my job this past year. This past year,

VSA has become a home for me. I found a family on campus where I can truly embrace my culture and learn more about who I am. This past year I have so much gratitude to everyone who made my time on board worth it this past year. In the end, I would like to end

with this, preheat oven to three hundred and fifty degrees F. Lightly grease a nine by five inch loaf pan. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar. Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture; stir just to moisten. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan. Bake in preheated oven for sixty to sixty-five minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean. Let bread cool in the pan for ten minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack. I can't wait to meet everyone this past year and I will see everyone this past upcoming year!



a year in review...



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FUNDRAISER
SEPT. 16



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DEC. 5

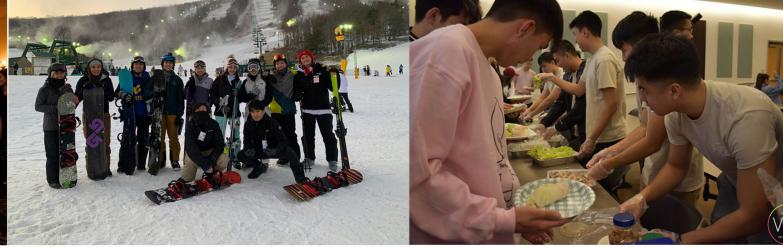


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DEC. 6



SKIING
JAN. 8

SUMMER ROLL GBM
JAN. 30





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LUNAR LANTERNS
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CAMPING
OCT. 5

ACE WEEK + REVEAL
OCT. 7

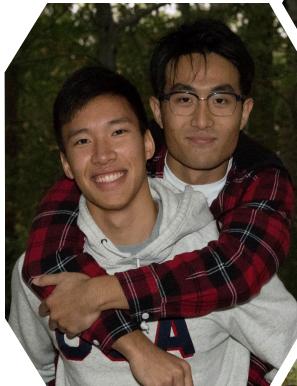
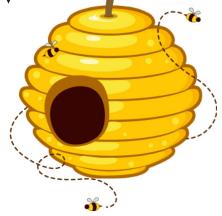


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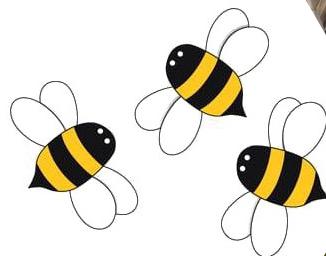
MAC IX
FEB. 21

VSA MONTH



VSA has made me more social, given me lots of experience, and definitely gave me the motivation and energy to continue through college. I recommend giving it a chance, especially eboard.

Henry Tran



The main reason why I stayed in VSA is because of the community. UMCP VSA does a wonderful job of creating a friendly and welcoming community which was and still is a main attraction for me.

Thompson Nguyen





September, also known as VSA month, was a busy and exciting month for UMCP VSA. In an effort to kick off the new school year bringing together both new and old faces, we had a series of events throughout the month with lots of fun activities planned.



I feel fortunate to have so many supportive, friendly, and amazing people around me. Thanks to VSA, I have found a home away from home and my college experience has been amazing since.

Nicole Tien



UMCP VSA has taught me to be proud of my heritage and to step out of my comfort zone.

Richard Nguyen

autumn hangouts



UMCP
VSA has

taught me that it's
important to be kind and
to be friendly. Try your best to
inspire others, you never know what
type of impact that can have on them.
You never know what doors that could open
up for them, as well as for yourself.
There's always room to grow and
learn.

Nhan Truong





anh chi em

UMCP VSA's ACE Program is what many people consider to be one of the most important aspects of VSA.

ACE stands for Anh, Chi, and Em, which means "older brother", "older sister", and "younger sibling" in Vietnamese. The ACE Program allows younger students to gain an older sister or brother that can act as both a mentor and a friend. The Anh and Chi are able to provide guidance to their Em as they adjust to college life and help them become more integrated into the VSA community.

Every year, we attribute two weeks towards helping littles find their future big by hosting fun and engaging events to encourage them to meet other members of VSA.

The ACE Program is an incredibly valuable part of our organization and helps new members of our community find their family and their home.

- Connor Lu
Activities Chair

I knew from the beginning that I wanted Cindy as my big and for the curtain to drop and to see it was her was a great feeling! I couldn't see anyone else be my big but Cindy.
- Ivy



My favorite ACE memory was hanging out with all of my littles together for the first time after reveal and later spilling my bubble tea everywhere at Jumbo Jumbo.
- Connor



My favorite memory is when Gracelyn and I first met at the VSA Camping Trip. We talked about a lot of stuff until around 3AM and I got to know her friends as well.
- Stephanie



However, right as the curtains dropped, a wave of relief and happiness came across me as I saw my big. Not only was I excited to get to know my big but also my siblings!
- Thompson



This year, I have been lucky enough to be on eboard with both my big, Richard Do, and little, Amy Tran. It was fun to work along side them all year, and I am glad that I had the chance to do so. Shout out to Richard for being a great senior advisor and for always keeping things fun, and shout out to Amy for making all the banner and putting together this magazine!
-Andrew

I was really happy because Kaitlyn was somebody I thought was really cool and trendy lol so when I saw her I was like omg she's actually my big.
- Jessica



With my new VSA family, I've learned that despite being busy with our own lives, we can always rely on each other for anything.

- Richard

Matt is litto, we are bigs.
Just kidding, my big showed us how to be more spontaneous and more open to experience.
- Hillary



winter chills

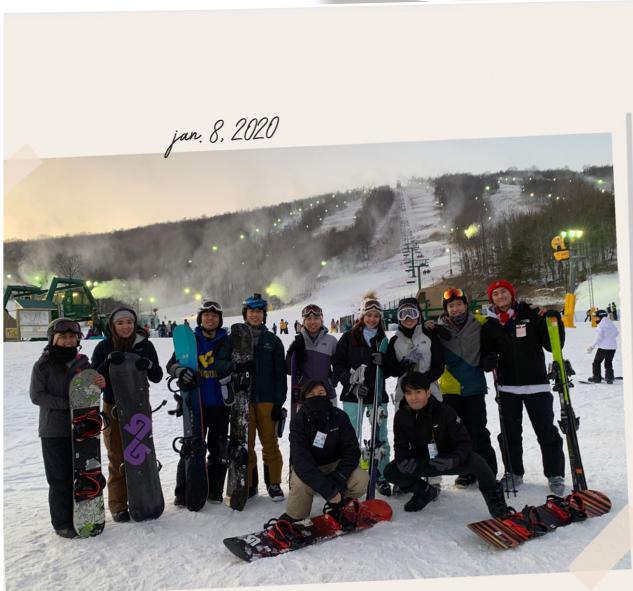


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POSTCARD

from our family ...
... to yours





spring: date auction



collective philanthropy project: Messengers of Love

Every year, the Mid-Atlantic Union of Vietnamese Student Associations (MAUVSA) selects a new Collective Philanthropy Project (CPP) beneficiary and this year's is Messengers of Love. UMCP VSA along with other members of MAUVSA participate in raising money and awareness throughout the school year.

Every year, UMCP VSA organizes several events and fundraisers to raise money for our CPP. Our main event is Date Auction, and 100% of its proceeds goes to Messengers of Love.

Messenger of Love is a non-profit founded in 2004 in Vietnam and its mission statement is "to provide physical, mental, emotional, and educational support to the orphaned and under privileged child of vietnam through programs and services."

Summer days

SUMMER RETREAT | JUNE 1-2





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BEHIND THE SCENES OF

WITH MATTHEW NGUYEN,
FAMILY NIGHT DIRECTOR

My heart was racing, hands were sweating profusely, and shivers ran down my spine as I anxiously waited for my cue to walk on stage in front of hundreds of people. I closed my eyes, gradually transitioning my focus from the loud uproars by the audience to the loud thumping of my heart. I associated each heartbeat with a brief flashback, accumulating all my hard work that led me to where I was standing. When I opened my eyes, everything fell silent. I felt a sense of tranquility as my mind and body cleared all signals of stress. The stage lights blinded my view of the audience, making it seem like I was performing to an empty theater. I took a deep breath, absorbed the moment, and started acting out the first scene of the play. On that life-changing day, I decided to pursue the role of Family Night Director.

After being elected as Family Night Director, I was filled with excitement. I generated multiple ideas that could elevate Family Night to its maximum potential. Having a background in cinematography, I've always had an abundance of short film ideas, but I could never execute them due to a lack of motivation and resources. When I was told that I would be responsible for creating the skit this year, I felt extremely motivated since I could possibly

Family Night 42: Bonds

apply one of my short film ideas as the plot for the skit. However, there was one major problem. Family Night's purpose is to showcase Vietnamese culture through various forms of expression, yet all of my ideas were not consistent with our show's purpose. I threw out all my ideas and started from scratch, but it was difficult to create a new plot. I needed something that could inspire me.

Over the summer, I worked at Subway, making sandwiches for ungrateful, picky customers. One day, I was playing Clash Royale on my phone in the backroom, and I heard that same annoying doorbell ring loudly, indicating that a customer has entered or left the restaurant. I sighed, put on my gloves, and walked out the backroom. When I saw who had entered, I immediately felt nostalgic. He was one of my best friends back in high school.

As I caught up with him, an idea popped into my head.

As we get older and our schedules get busier, we tend to forget those who were important to us. We gradually distance ourselves from our friends and family. A person who we talk to everyday could eventually become a stranger to us.

I always wondered why our show is called Family Night rather than Culture Night. After questioning our title for our show, I wanted to incorporate my skit idea with the concept of family. Family doesn't necessarily have to be your parents or siblings, it can be anyone you share a close bond with.

Therefore, to sum it up, the skit for this year's Family Night is based on the idea of maintaining strong relationships with those who matter most.

To whoever is reading this, I hope you may relate to this skit and become more appreciative for the people around you.





PHOTOS FROM FAMILY NIGHT 4I - A WORLD APART





MAUVSA

The Mid-Atlantic Union of Vietnamese Student Associations (MAUVSA) works to bring together not only regional VSAs, but also each individual member that resides within them. This organization aims to create a safe space to foster cultural awareness but also works to push young Vietnamese and Asian Americans to become leaders within their own communities. Through a legacy of young leaders, we are able to ensure that we leave behind a better future for those who follow us but also teach them why working as a community is so important.

MAUVSA, made up of 11 member schools, provides intimate experiences and events for students to meet one another, share experiences and hardships, and ultimately become lifelong friends. Although we may be separated by hundreds of miles, we ultimately

feel united by the pride we have in being a part of the Mid-Atlantic region.

This year, MAUVSA's annual conference, the MAUVSA Advance Conference (MAC IX) encouraged its attendees and alumni to [re]frame their future. Encouraging and reminding them that they can accomplish anything that they put their minds to, MAC's workshops, team-building exercises, and keynote speakers inspired its attendees to return to their communities with a newfound passion to use their past experiences to shape their future into anything they want it to be. As we continue to grow to be strong, willful young leaders, we thank MAUVSA for its continued support and look forward to the future that we build together!

- Kyle Nguyen
External Vice President



MAC IX: [RE]FRAME THE FUTURE



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MOST LIKELY TO ONLY SPEAK IN MEMES



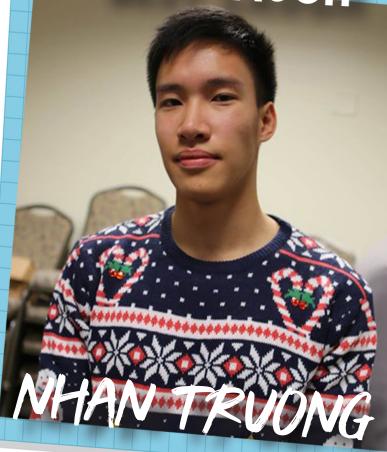
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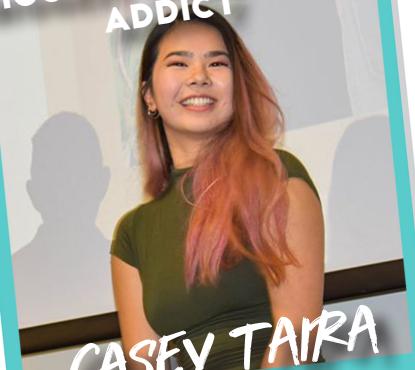
NICOLE TIEN

BEST LAUGH



NHAN TRUONG

BIGGEST BUBBLE TEA ADDICT



CASEY TAIRA

CUTEST COUPLE



RICHARD BUI & THY HOANG

MOST LIKELY 'VLOGGING' ALL THE TIME



KIMBERLIE PHUNG

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGHS
VSA



THOMPSON NGUYEN

LIFE OF THE PARTY



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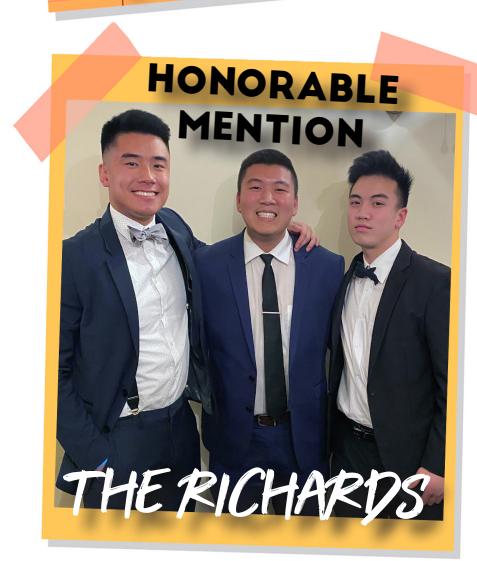
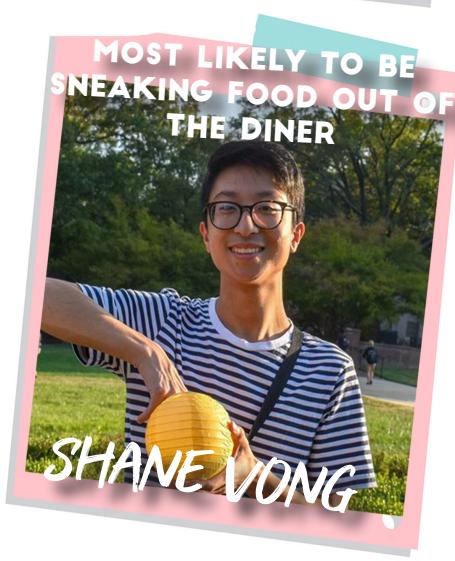
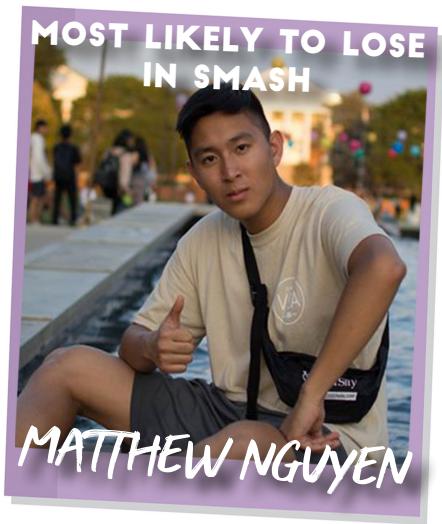
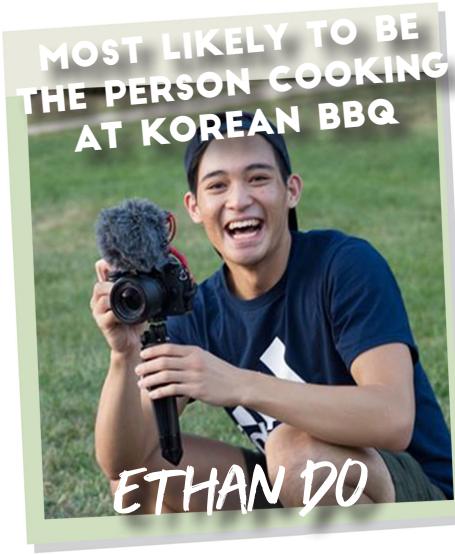
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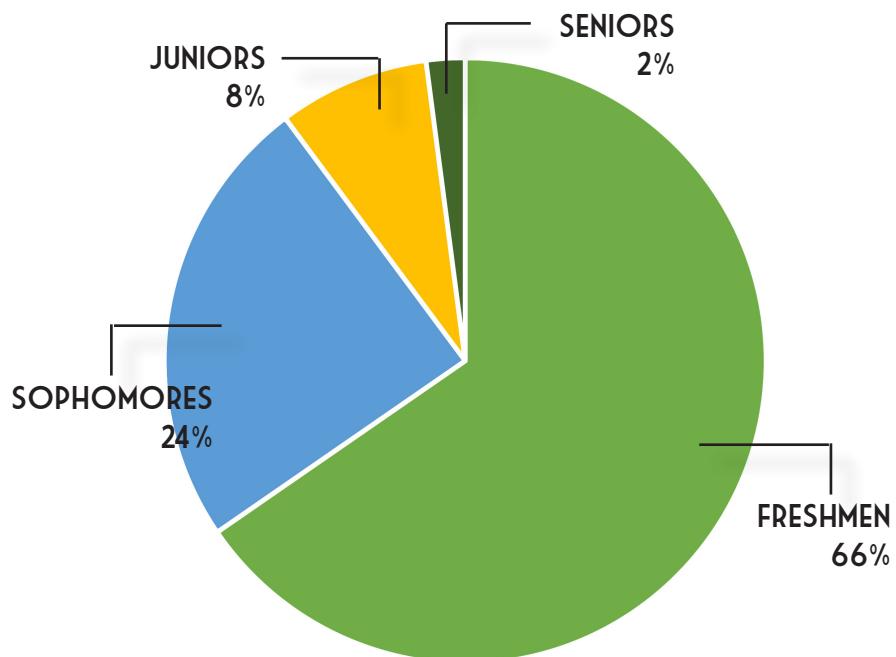


ATIVES



meet our members

2019-2020 NEW MEMBERS



date auction: HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL BID AMOUNTS FOR FEMALE AND MALE

Mia Tsai
\$434



Andrew Nguyen
\$385





Q & A WITH OUR MEMBERS

Q: What does your Vietnamese middle name/nickname mean to you?



CINDY LE

Thúy Thiên

A: It translates to “Water” and “Angel” but my Viet name is like my other identity with my culture.



JESSICA NGUYEN

Thu Hong

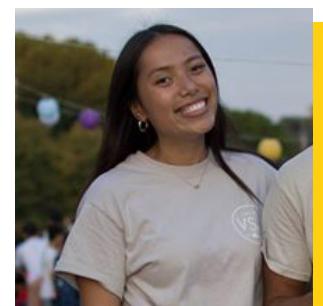
A: My grandmother chose my Vietnamese nickname and based it on a famous Vietnamese artist that she enjoyed a lot.



THOMPSON NGUYEN

Vũ Luân

A: When I was younger I was so embarrassed that I made my school take it off of my 8th grade diploma. As I have gotten older not only does my name represent my connection to my roots and family, but it also symbolizes growth and how I have an immense amount of pride for being Vietnamese.



KAITLYN TANG

Anh Thi

A: My parents gave me this name because they wanted me to grow up to be as beautiful and majestic as the Bay.



GRACELYN PHAM

Hà Long

Q: What are your goals as a Vietnamese-American growing up in America?



RICHARD NGUYEN

A: Finish school in order to make my parents proud, since they sacrificed their opportunity for an education for me.



A: To combine both of my cultures.

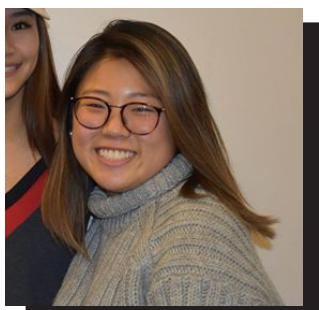


KATHERINE VO

A: People are often surprised to find out that I play a sport. Growing up Vietnamese-American, I was fortunate to be able to play many sports and I hope to inspire more Asian-American girls to participate in sports through the one-on-one trainings I have held occasionally over the past year.

HENRY TRAN

Q: What part of Vietnamese culture would you like to learn more about?



SARA ROBB

A: I would personally love to learn more about the food and maybe one day how to cook it!



NHUAN TRUONG

A: the history, I feel like I don't know enough to have meaningful conversations with my grandma



senior suggestions



Live in each moment. People always tell you that these are the best four years of your life, but these are also the fastest four years of your life. Before you know it, you will be reflecting on those moments rather than living in them. Be sure to take an obnoxious number of pictures, look for new experiences, take advantage of opportunities and most importantly, make the right friends. In the midst of having fun, don't forget that you are also here to learn and that academics are also a priority. Don't be afraid to make mistakes—it's ok to stay up too late and over-study for an exam. It's ok to pull an all-nighter because you waited until the last minute to study. You will look back and realize how comical (or how stressful) these moments will be, but it wouldn't be college without these experiences.

- Gina Chen



As I finish my senior year, I look back fondly on the friendships and memories that I've made. Although I've learned a lot in my studies, it's the connections I've made that I cherish the most. I'm so grateful to VSA for introducing me to so many wonderful people all over campus, and all over the US through MAUVSA conferences!

Lessons from a senior: 1, go out of your way to meet new people and make memories that will stick with you (aka not studying all the time). 2, stop eating so much Taco Bell from EGR.

- Le An Nguyen



I think the college experience is a lot about people trying to figure out what works for them and answer the question: "What makes me happy?". I can't tell you what that is, but I can say that the only wrong approach is to not be happy and do nothing about it. Einstein said that being crazy was doing the same thing over and over again and expecting something different to happen. If you aren't happy with where your life is, try something new. Try going to an EDM concert, maybe you'll end up being the next big raver. Try doing VSA Modern Dance, maybe you'll end up being really passionate about dance. There's a ton of cool things that you can try in college that you might not be able to later, so don't waste it. Don't be crazy, be happy!

- Nick Zhao

advice from our alumni



VSA taught me a lot, but one of the most important things it taught me is to appreciate and love my Vietnamese heritage, while also embracing my American lifestyle. Unlike before, I am proud to call myself a Vietnamese American, and I hope all of you guys feel the same way. Also, there is no experience quite like your undergraduate years so cherish it; graduation day will be here in the blink of an eye. A lot is going to change throughout college and once you graduate. Life is full of changes, so it's important to learn how to accept and appreciate these changes.

- Chris Tien ('19)

Joining VSA was one of the most life changing experiences I have ever had and I have no idea where my life would have gone without it ... It's funny that we always joke about getting 'baited' or 'never retiring', but honestly we keep coming back year after year is because we love the work that we put in and the impact it has on our community. The adrenaline that comes from planning events fuels our hunger for wanting to do more for our VSA. VSA has meant so much to me in the past few years and I hope that you'll be able to take that leap of faith in anything you set your mind to because you never know what might happen or how it might affect your life for the better.

- Dorothy Bui ('18)



Hi, VSA! A little advice I have for navigating your time in VSA and your future career is: step out of your comfort zone! Even I still have to work on this, but the times I've tried to have made my life more exciting... I think you can do anything as long as you put effort in, and the same goes for tackling new leadership positions!... I encourage you to start stepping out of your comfort zone in VSA and MAUVSA, because you never know what you're capable of until you try. And when you're applying for jobs and internships, don't underestimate yourself and don't be discouraged if parts of the job description sound foreign to you. No one starts a job with 100% knowledge. There's always new things to learn, and most jobs will provide training since you can't be taught everything in school. Just put the effort in and you can do it! Good luck!

- Vivian Tran ('18)



WHY VSA?

I always envisioned a close community of individuals who aspire to be voices for the Vietnamese-American community.

- Richard Nguyen

I made a lot more friends and felt like I actually had another family even at school.

- Anna Castro

I stayed because I felt a sense of belonging for the first time. I finally started being my own true self and I didn't have to worry about acting a certain way. I became friends with truly passionate and caring people that I looked up to as well. Shout out to Phat, Tiff, Hy, Annie, Tuan, for being my friends and role models.

- Nhan Truong

To be completely honest, at first it was really hard getting to know new people especially since there were so many people to get to know and at times I didn't want to go to the events because it was hard talking to people, but as I got to know more people it became something I really enjoyed and I'm glad that I stayed

- Matthew Tan

Ever since joining VSA, I met people who I have gotten very close to. I feel fortunate to have so many supportive, friendly, and amazing people around me. Thanks to VSA, I have found a home away from home and my college experience has been amazing since.

- Nicole Tien

To embrace my culture and step out of my comfort zone, yeah I'm gonna be dancing in front of a lot of people for family night - something I thought I would never do.

- Sophia Vu

I met people I love to be around and VSA just happened to be the continuous tie between us.

- Sara Robb

UMCP VSA has taught me the values of culture and family. Ever since joining the VSA community, and especially the ACE program, I have thought a lot about family and what it really means to reach out to one another as well be there for one another.

- Thompson Nguyen



our mission statement: Through cultural and social events, VSA UMCP members can collaborate and share common interests on local, national and/or international issues, which are relevant to the Vietnamese American community. We take pride in knowing that we are still one of the few socially and culturally based students groups on campus.



Founded in 1978, the Vietnamese Student Association of the University of Maryland at College Park serves as an educational and social voice for the Vietnamese American community on campus and the DC Metropolitan area.

The Vietnamese Student Association of the University of Maryland at College Park has maintained a tradition that is full of great achievements, with many blossoming faces that have gone on to all walks of life, showing the world their work, courage, and spirit. These faces have been us, and are still a part of us - The Vietnamese Student Association of UMCP.



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SHORT MESSAGE TO ANOTHER VSA MEMBER

To Ryan Doan:

Thanks for cooking for me and being a great friend! :)

- Nicole Tien

Tiffo... I'm gonna miss you

- Kaitlyn Tan

Dear Kaitlyn and Connor,

Thank you for baiting me, especially during ACE week. Best decision to become part of an awesome organization full of thoughtful and amazing people! GC bonds prevail #yilovegc!

- Sara Robb

Heather Bertling, Stephanie Ton, Thy Hoang: The best littos I could ask for :))

- Gracelyn Pham

To Kimberlie: Thank you for always trying to get me to be involved in VSA, at times I didn't feel like going to events cause it was a hassle but when you reminded me I felt like I had to go and I'm glad I did.

- Matthew Tan

Dear Connor Lu,

Hy Vu and I always talked about how you'd be an amazing activities chair because we saw how passionate you were during your EEP days. Boy were we right. You did hella incredible this year, and have been so friendly to everyone man. I just wanted to say good job and keep it up, whether it be in VSA or your life, keep up that passion bro :) p.s ty for carrying me on the court always.

- Nhan Truong

Tiffany Cao -- Thank you for being my best friend and one of the reasons why I've stayed in UMCP VSA so long. You've done an amazing job as president of a great organization and I know that everyone, including me, looks up to you!!

Kevin Do -- Seeing you come out of your shell since the first day I met you has been truly amazing. You're such a warm, kind, funny person and I'm so happy that I met you here. I know that you'll stay the same no matter what and I can't wait to see how the rest of your college career goes!

Tuan Le -- I know that I don't see you as often as I'd like but whenever I do see you you're a ball of sunshine and a great person to be around. I can always count on you to make me feel better if I'm feeling tired or having a bad day. I hope you and Kevin take care of each other when I graduate!!

- Annie Tran

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