



THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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VSA'S SUSSY SUNDAY!

Hey there, VSA! We miss seeing all our wonderful members, and we hope you're having a great summer break! Please join some of your favorite Executive Board members, Josh and Sarah, as they host a **Sussy Sunday** where you can play Among Us with VSA

- When: **June 26th at 8 PM**
- RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/vsasus>
 - Limited spots available! We will have multiple lobbies ongoing.

How to Prepare? Download the app "Among Us" and join as we find the imposters in VSA.





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VSA OFFICERS

We would like to give a warm **congratulations** to all our members who applied for our leadership teams. We had a total of 50 applications this cycle, and the following members are now joining the ranks of VSA's leadership team. For those who are interested in pursuing other opportunities in VSA, we will have Lotus Committee applications open to all freshmen and current members.

ACE COMMITTEE

Abby Quimby
Emma Garrison
Henry Patterson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Annie Huynh
Aahil Rajpari
Sarah Tranle
Kara Wilke

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Selena Le
John Lien
Anh Pham

MEDIA TEAM

Andrew Vo
Nathan Petallar
Janelle Guillermo

LOTUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Logistics: Branwen Apgwilym & Sydney Lu
Entertainment: Angellina Luu & Sarah Tran
Skit: Katherine Nguyen
Media: Esther Pham
Marketing: Fiona Lien
Food: Tim Weng
Decorations: Evangelina Le
IT: Andrew Vo & Eric Cheng
Sponsorship: Britney Le



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VSA VISIONS

We asked our new leadership team...**What is your vision for VSA? What goals do you have for the upcoming year?** Read below to find out what your Executive Board and Officers have in mind for 2022-2023!

"My goals for this year is to spread Vietnamese culture through our fundraisings and events!! And of course to always make new, happy memories with friends!"

"My goals for VSA this year are to make sure all the incoming VSA members feel welcome, try to take part in more VSA events, and survive the onslaught on classes with double labs."

"Bring people closer together through events and hangouts Spread more awareness of VSA on and off campus Have fun with everybody :)"

"This year, I want to help VSA grow closer as a community and foster an environment where friends feel like family."

"My goal this year is to create opportunities for members to build friendships and be comfortable with one another."

"lit. magical. fun."

"For VSA members meet others and make memories through its events :)"

"Make VSA the shiniest org on campus!"

"I hope for everyone to feel welcomed and part of the VSA family."

"Make VSA an even more welcoming, enjoyable RSO where all students can feel like family."

"I hope to be more involved in the behind the scenes and be able to spread and incorporate Vietnamese culture into fundraising!"

"My goal while on VSA is to be full of warm reminders of heritage to students missing home. This year I will work as hard as I can to spread Vietnamese culture and diversity throughout UAB sharing my creativity in my ideas and work. I hope with my work that I spread as much love and kindness to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community."

"My biggest goal is for the VSA to be a way to foster connections between members, new and old, as well as provide a sense of community that members might not have had before, through our events."

"This year, I hope to showcase the unique sides of Vietnamese culture on a deeper level. I hope through my role I will be able to highlight local businesses that not only support the mission of VSA, but also contribute to the effort of spreading Asian culture in Birmingham!"





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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

Our Lotus under the Lights 2 emcees, Kimmy Chieh and Derek Dang, are checking in for one last highlight.

VSA is family —

I first got involved with VSA my freshman year when a current member heard me and my friends speaking Vietnamese at Sterne Library. I had no idea what VSA meant, and to be honest, I wasn't interested. I was expecting to find just another student organization that was good for networking, but in reality, I found an ever-growing family where there is acceptance, laughs, and good times. Upon becoming involved with VSA, there was a constant force motivating me to dive deeper and deeper into the organization. This external force resulted in me acting as one of the Emcees for Lotus Under the Lights 2022, and after so much hard work, it will forever be one of my favorite memories of my undergraduate career. I'm proud to have been able to meet, build relationships, and grow with the VSA community, and I am excited to see the success of not only the organization, but of every single member that makes VSA so great.



I'll always remember VSA for the happy memories and crazy laughs that it gave me. I first joined and got active around my sophomore/junior year, and I only remember how much fun I would have with everyone, no matter what we were doing. Even when we were sitting and talking at a table in the Hill, we could (and would) stay for hours just having a good time.

One of my favorite memories was hosting our Lotus Under the Lights show this spring as an emcee with Derek. Through all the stress and many late night grinds, it was so surreal to see all of our efforts coming together and the final product we created. The community of VSA is so welcoming, dedicated, and unmatched by any other. As an alumni, it's bittersweet but fulfilling to see VSA flourishing, and I'm beyond excited to see what's in store for the future! I'll miss you all and be cheering you on from the sidelines!





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VSA'S FACEBOOK!

Yes! You read that just as it is...We're re-launching our **VSA Facebook Group** especially made for all our incoming VSA members and VSA alumni (current members included!). Visit this link: www.facebook.com/groups/uabvsa/ to join the group and be on the lookout for upcoming news on VSA and our events schedule. **You must be a UAB student or graduated UAB VSA alumni to join.** We will ask members for their BlazerIDs for confirmation!

As we venture into the upcoming year, we encourage everyone, including all our new/interested members, to post an introduction! Feel free to use the template provided below:

Facebook Introduction Template

What to include in your Facebook Introduction? Here's a list of things we want to know about you!

1. **Name** (of course!)
2. **Year** (are you a freshman? alumni? grad student? junior?)
3. **Hometown** (where you from? :P)
4. **Hobbies** (what do you do for fun?)
5. **Any Cool Facts** (something unique about you?)
6. **For Current Members:** What are you involved with in VSA? Fanny Pack? Nuoc Papis? Intramurals Teams?
7. **For Incoming Freshmen:** What are you most excited about coming to UAB?
8. Attach some pictures to your post!



Feel free to react, read, and comment on other member introductions! We can't wait to read all about you!

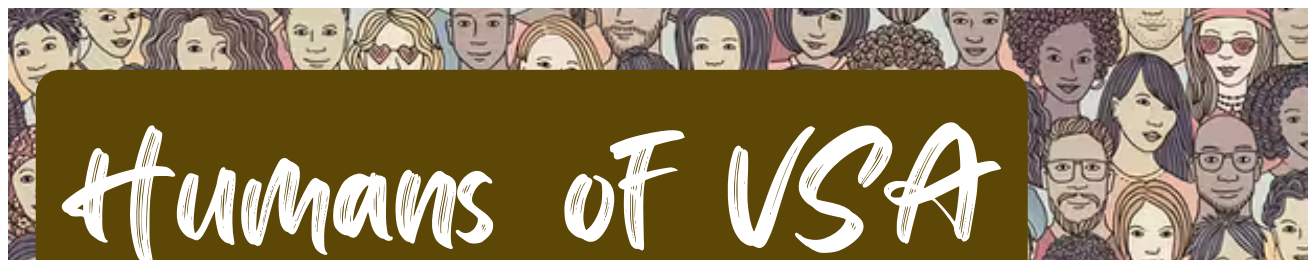
Event Photos Posted!

Our Public Relations Chair, **Esther Pham**, has been hard at work posting all event photos from the past year onto our Facebook Page. All members now have access to the wonderful memories we've made this past year. We especially thank graduated Media Team officer **Ozair Patel** for his hard work capturing these beautiful photos!





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Based on the book "Humans of New York", VSA is excited to announce our relaunch of the member highlight series: "**Humans of VSA.**" If you are interested in sharing *your* story, please go ahead and fill out our form: tinyurl.com/humansofuabvsa

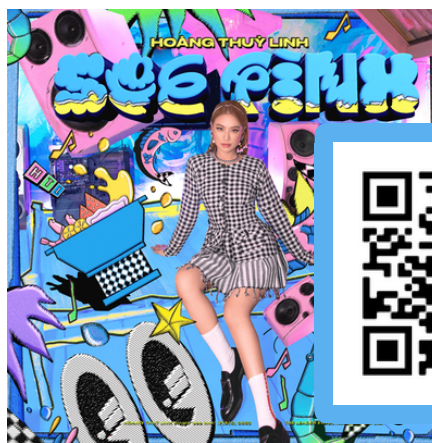
Humans of VSA is designed to highlight the members who make up UAB VSA. Our community wouldn't be the same without you, so we thank you for all you are! To complete the form, feel free to share any story about yourself and how UAB VSA has impacted your life! What do you want UAB VSA to know about you? How did you join VSA? What's your story?

This highlight is an open journey to new, current, and past members. Tell your friends or nominate them to tell their story!

For any questions, please contact [Sarah](mailto:smvtran@uab.edu) (smvtran@uab.edu) or [Esther](mailto:estherph@uab.edu) (estherph@uab.edu).

viet song of
the week

Hoàng Thùy Linh -
See Tình



You've made it to the end!

Hey there. You've made it to the end! We're so proud of you. Show you've made it to the end by writing yourself a positive affirmation.

Make sure to stay hydrated and keep cool in this heat advisory. Hope to see you soon, VSA!