



THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 20TH, 2022



Lotus Under the Lights: Fanny Pack Dance (Spring 2022)

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GOOD AFTERNOON~

What are we up to these days?
Relaxing? Studying? Gaming?

Chinese Society is hosting a **VALORANT** collab event with VSA! It will be a 2-day event where players can play miscellaneous games on the first day, and chosen players would be able to compete in a bracket tournament on the next day! For those who are not competing, there will be live streaming :D

More info can be found in the sign-up form:
tinyurl.com/VALtournament





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APPLY TO BE A...

DANCE CAPTAIN

Lead dance workshops, showcase a choreography of your own or teach others a dance for our next cultural show! We are now opening Lotus Dance Captain applications for different dance styles such as, modern dance, viet-pop, traditional hat and fan, lion dance, comedy dance, and more!

Deadline: **TODAY! July 20th at 11:59 PM (CST)**

Apply Here: uabvsa.org/lotusdanceapp

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CULTURE CORNER

What is the importance of the fan anyways? Well, the traditional paper fan is still widespread and familiar in daily life of Vietnamese people, especially in traditional art performances!

A distinct trait that makes Vietnamese fans different than fans made in China and Japan is the angle. While some fans open up to a 180° angle, Vietnamese fans open at a smaller angle. You can imagine it like a sun shining. Paper fans represent a living tradition for an ancient and beautiful art form.

UPCOMING VSA MEMBER

birthdays!

ANH PHAM	07/22
ZARIEN MORRIS	07/26
KENNETH HO	07/29
HAJUNE CHOI	08/01



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HUMANS OF VSA

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How has VSA impacted my life?

It has provided me a comfortable community at my university, allowing me to feel more comfortable knowing that I'm not alone. I was provided the opportunity in VSA to experience more of my own culture, even if Vietnam is so far away, and this has allowed me to grow and make so many new friends and connections.

How did I join VSA?

I heard from a friend, ironically someone who was younger and currently still in high school that UAB had a "Vietnamese club" and I just was so curious to search and dig deeper. I ultimately found the groupme & discord and joined it mid senior year, but I was definitely still too shy to talk until I finally met VSA peeps in person at connect fest!

What are you involved with in VSA?

I am in the Media Committee, as well as one of the two IT directors for Lotus Under the Lights 3. I very much enjoy volunteering and helping out for VSA.

What does your heritage mean to you?

My heritage defines my cultural origins, which is something that I can easily lose a grasp of if I don't keep in touch with it. I believe that VSA has greatly significantly contributed to bringing Vietnamese culture to Birmingham.

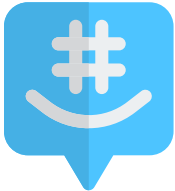
If you are interested in sharing your story, please go ahead and fill out our form here!

uabvsa.org/humansofvsa



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CONNECT WITH US!



Our Groupme is our main way of giving updates on events and reminders!

Join here:
uabvsa.org/groupme



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Follow us on Instagram for event reminders and upcoming dates :D



Chat with members and play games with each other by joining our community discord!

Join here:
uabvsa.org/discord



Introduce yourself by joining our facebook group! We'd love to get to know everyone a little bit better before the fall semester.

Join here:
uabvsa.org/facebook

You've made it to the end!

Thank you for coming this far! Hoping for good energy and harmony in all your days.. <3



Viet Song rec



In VSA's
Spotify Playlist:
uabvsa.org/spotify

