



THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Will you be the ACE? House of Cards opens soon!

It's been a fun start so far...

Thank you, VSA members, for coming out in **numbers** to our events. We've enjoyed being able to meet all of the new faces and we hope you've loved being a part of our VSA. Will you find your new home away from home?

This issue has a lot of information about upcoming events and some recaps of our past events! If you've missed out, feel free to imagine you were there in our photos!

Here are some fun memories that VSA experienced this past month at UAB:

1. Can we get a **Rest in Peace** for Mr./Mrs. Rice Hat? They did a good job well done, being stepped on at the GBM.
2. Is a hot dog a sandwich? **Dan Huynh** thinks that if Banh Mi is a sandwich, then a hot dog is one too. Maybe we'll have some banh mi (Vietnamese sandwiches) at our next event!
3. Let's not forget about Team 3 taking the victory with the **ca phe trung** password!

Get pumped, VSA. Lots of exciting things coming soon. Continue reading to find out.



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JEOPARDY



UAB VSA SOCIAL

How much do you know? Test your knowledge to the max!

Location will be announced in our GroupMe, Instagram Story, and VSA Newsletters. See you there~

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Location: Heritage Hall 102

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo (Jeopardy Theme Song) Hi there VSA! GET HYPE because GUESS WHAT? Here's another opportunity to meet and make some new friends—and for you to join the VSA Pham!

Come out to our **Jeopardy Night this Thursday at 7 PM** (September 23rd)! We want to see who's the smartest of them all!

We will be located at HHB102, and be sure to RSVP on our Engage! We will be capping based on maximum capacity of our location,

For any questions, feel free to reach out to Tien, our Social Head!

XIN CHAO...ACE! RECAP

Attendance: 77 Students





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FAST LIKE LIGHTNING

Thank you to everyone who came out to our First General Body Meeting "Fast Like Lightning"! If you want to access our slides and announcements, please reach out to one of the members of the Executive Board and we can provide you with that information! Listed below is a recap of our event! Congratulations to Team 3 for taking home the Gold! (Play Doh Gold!)

Attendance: 116 Students

Fun Memory: Patrick taking the egg for Danny Vo.



UPCOMING EVENTS

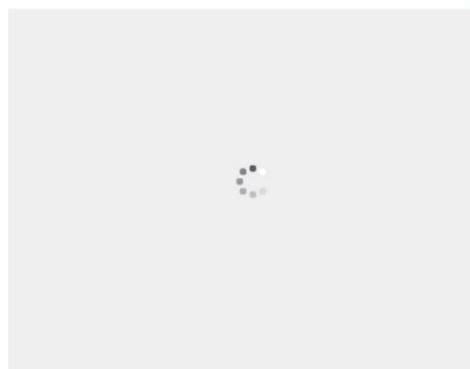
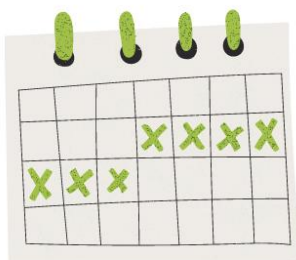
September 23rd: Jeopardy Night

September 28th-29th: VSA Boba Fundraiser

October 14th: ACE Halloween Event

October 15th-22nd: "Pho Bowl" Dare Fundraiser

crusty comics





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FRESH *Perspective*

As the school year has started, many new faces have made their way into the VSA family. This week I spoke with a few of them to see their fresh perspective on VSA and the school year so far. Read what the following students have to say!

Andrew Vo says that his experience in VSA has been "awesome" and he is "so happy to have the opportunity of meeting such great people." He is most excited about the "ACE program as well as numerous events VSA will host."

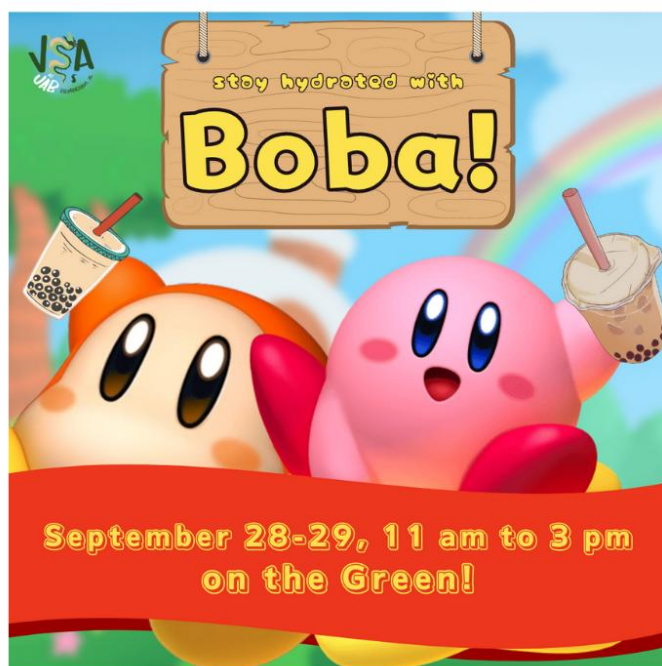
Chase Ryan, a Freshman studying Biomedical Sciences, says that her experience in VSA "awesome" as well! She also says that, "everyone has been super welcoming and you can tell everyone is very passionate about the club, and a lot of effort is put in to make it the best experience for everyone." She is most excited about "[making] new friends and [learning] more about Vietnamese culture."

Isadeleyn Martinez says that "it is great to meet and interact with so many nice people. Even though it is a Vietnamese club, as someone from another country, I don't feel excluded." She spends a lot of her time studying so she is "most excited about the Study Cubbies this year."

Christy Xie, a Freshman studying Biology, says that she has had "an awesome experience in VSA so far. It is such a welcoming environment and the E-board is especially friendly." She also is excited "to see what other fun events are planned for this year and participating in ACE!"

Adam Ingah says that VSA "[has] been a good way to make friends, especially if you come from out of state and don't know anyone from high school like [many people]." He thinks that "all the events are pretty fun and always a good opportunity to meet new people."

Grace Tran says that she has "loved [her] experience in VSA [so far]! Everyone is so welcoming and open to conversation." She is most excited about "the ACE event where [she] can find out [her] home away from home."



FINALLY... BOBA!

OH MY GOODNESS! Have you been having some Boba cravings recently? Well, you're in luck, because VSA's annual Boba Fundraiser is back **next Wednesday!** Give it up for our Fundraising Committee for satisfying all your Boba needs! Let's reach our goal of 120 cups!

Location: On the Green (stay tuned to our IG)

Date: September 28th-29th from 11 am-3 pm

Prices:

The first 25 Boba-Buyers get a free VSA logo sticker!



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VSA'S BIGGEST CULTURAL SHOW!

VSA's biggest cultural show, Lotus under the Lights, is now taking applications for our different committees. What a wonderful leadership opportunity for you to be a part of! Open to all UAB and Auburn VSA Members (freshman, sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduate students, etc.).

UAB's Lotus Directors

Programming: Sarah Tran & Sydney Lu

Decorations: Fiona Lien

Technology: Matthew Do (Auburn)

Food: Angellina Luu

Marketing: Britney Le & Alvina Do

Logistics: Alvina Do

Funding: Peter Le & Dalena Doan (Auburn)

Applications can be found in our linktree!

CULTURE CORNER

TRAVEL IN VIETNAM

The main tourists hotspots are Nha Trang and Saigon! If you're looking for nature, Nha Trang is the place to go. It is most popular for its beautiful beach sides and waterfalls, such as Ba Ho and Fairy Spring. You can take a ferry and go 20 kilometers off the coast of Nha Trang to Monkey Island in Halong Bay. Yep, there are real monkeys!

The capital of Vietnam, Hanoi, has a train street with colorful buildings and street food. Hanoi is also surrounded with plenty of temples, colonial buildings, and museums. Take a walk on the famous Golden Bridge in Da Nang!

If you love the city life, you need to go to Saigon. Ride on a riverboat and sightsee the skyline and city. The tallest skyscraper in Vietnam, is Bitexco tower. Under the tower, take a stroll down Ngo Duc Ke Street known for being the city's "bubble route." The route features around 25 different boba tea and coffee shops such as, Gong Cha, KOI, and TooCha. Saigon has inside and outside dining shops with amazing high ceiling architecture and design. One famous café is the Vendana Restaurant, made with bamboo architecture. Vietnam has a good mixture of nature and city life. Consider making Vietnam a future destination on your bucket list!

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ROAD TO 1K

Love what you're hearing about VSA? Well, connect with us by following our Instagram!

VSA Media Team is on the Road to 1K Instagram Followers! Help us out by telling all your friends to follow [@uabvsa](https://www.instagram.com/uabvsa)! When we get to 1,000, we'll pie your very favorite President **Alvina Do**.

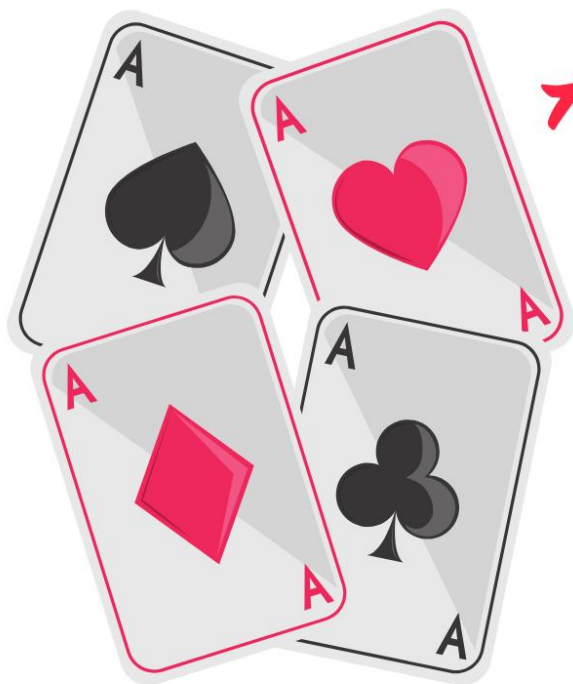
Let's get to 1K, VSA!

Follow Count (updated September 21st):
843





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House of Cards COMING SOON...

Congratulations to House Electric members for taking the **GOLD** last year in our House System competition among the Pokemon-types.

Mark your calendar for **October 25th**, when our House of Cards Application and Trailer drop. Which house will come out on top and be the biggest Mafia bosses in the Iron City?

Place your bets on Hearts, Spades, Diamonds, Clovers, or the Jokers. My bet is placed on Spades--the Ace of Spades.

fill out our roster check!



To our new members who haven't done so yet, please go ahead and fill out our Roster Check so we can add you as a member of our Engage Page and have your birthday written down on our Sheets! We want you in our family, so be sure to fill it out as soon as possible!

YOU'VE MADE IT TO THE END!

Thanks for making it to the end of our Newsletter! For a chance to win a free VSA logo sticker, the first five VSA members who send a clown emoji to the VSA GroupMe will get the prize! See you tomorrow, VSA!