



THE VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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Picture: VSA's Summer 2021 Pho Phriday at Saigon Noodle House

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We're back for another year of fun! Let's get it.

School is finally here, which means our endless nights of studying begin again, but it also means that your **2020-21 Outstanding Student Organization of the Year** (thanks Whitney for all you do!) is back at it with more events and projects for you to participate in.

Our new leadership team was so excited to meet some of you all at our Sunset Picnic, and we cannot express how enthusiastic we are to meet you guys again at our First GBM! Details later in the issue.

Before you delve into this issue, we would like to encourage you to get your **COVID-19 vaccines** and remain vigilant as the Delta variant continues to spread. Our Executive Board and Officers are committed to protecting you and ensuring your safety at all of our events whether online or in-person. Let's all do our part together and keep our community safe.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>.

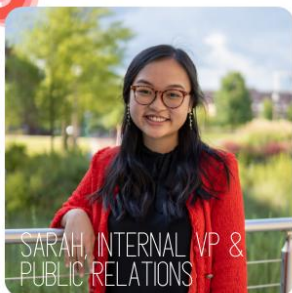


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meet your executive board



ALVINA, PRESIDENT



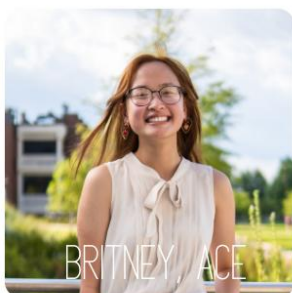
SARAH, INTERNAL VP & PUBLIC RELATIONS



SYDNEY, SECRETARY



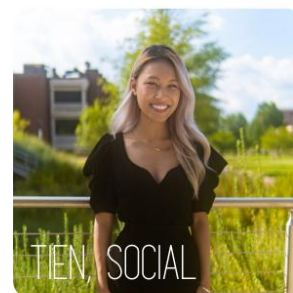
DANNY, TREASURER



BRITNEY, ACE



ANGELLINA, FUNDRAISING



TIEN, SOCIAL

Our Executive Board is so excited to meet you all! Listed below are some fun facts about each of us. Can you guess which fun fact matches to which executive board member?

1. I broke my elbow because I jumped off the couch over a new Teen Titans episode when I was in first grade.
2. I can push my nose flat to look like Squidward.
3. I can tell you the details of every Victorious episode if you just gave me the title.
4. I don't watch movies more than twice because I don't like re-watching endings.
5. I'm a Subway Surfers God.
6. I have played every single Cyberchase Game known to man and it only took me 6 hours.
7. I trip over everything (at least once a day) even though I'm 5 feet.

Answers: 1. Danny 2. Britney 3. Angellina 4. Tien 5. Sydney 6. Alvina 7. Sarah

LET'S GET VACCINATED!

Be a cool cat and get your COVID-19 vaccines! We want to end this pandemic and come out triumphant against this deadly virus, and to do so, we all need to do our part! This is another reminder to get vaccinated! Send in a vaccine card selfie to @uabvsa and we'll highlight you on our Instagram Story!





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mark your calendar!

Thank you for coming to our Sunset Picnic! As we announced, our **FIRST** General Body Meeting (**Fast Like Lightning**) is set for September 9th (Thursday) on campus! Be on the lookout on our Instagram (@uabvsa) and your UAB Emails for some more information.

At this meeting, you'll get to learn more about what VSA is all about, meet our leadership team, and play a competitive team game--all details will be sent out September 2nd! So don't miss your chance to RSVP!

connect fest

was a success! [A Recap]

Thank you to all the new and incoming members for visiting the table for the Vietnamese Student Association! We hope to see all of you at our upcoming events!





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@UABVSA NEEDS YOU! JOIN OUR SERIES:

word of the week!



VSA Media Team needs you! To all our VSA members (freshmen, graduate students, undergraduate students, alumni, etc.), please join us in spreading cultural awareness through our Vietnamese language! Word of the Week members just need to record themselves pronouncing the Word of the Week and (maybe, if you want) the Vietnamese word in a sentence.

Members may even choose the word of the week upon approval!

Please contact Media Team Head Sarah Tran at smvtran@uab.edu if you are interested.

CULTURE CORNER VIETNAM'S 3 MAIN REGIONS

There are three main regions in Vietnam, the Northern (**Hanoi**), Central (**Huế**), and Southern (**Saigon**) regions. Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam filled with a mixture of different cultures brought in from the Chinese, French, and Russian influence. The famous rice noodles, **Phở** and **Bún chả**, came from Hanoi. The Central region is an attractive place for travel because the imperial palace of the Nguyen Dynasty is still standing: located right in the center of Vietnam. Saigon is famous for its luxury city life. Compared to Hanoi, Saigon has an urban landscape with wider roads and high rise buildings. Hanoi leans more towards traditional living including small alleys featuring traditional street food, and crowded motorbike streets!



UPCOMING VSA MEMBER

birthdays

Go wish these members a happy birthday! All birthdays were collected during the roster check! If you want your birthday to be featured, please dm us on Instagram at **uabvsa**.

- 08/25: Andrew Vo
- 08/28: Evangelina Le
- 08/30: Aahil Rajpari
- 08/31: Daniel Yi
- 09/01: Holland Nguyen
- 09/03: Wendy Nguyen

It was Andrew's Birthday this week! Go wish Evangelina a happy birthday tomorrow!





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CONNECT

Shown below are several QR Codes that will help you connect with VSA! These pictures are also found on our [@uabvsa](#) Instagram! We're on the road to 1K followers, so tell all your friends to check us out!



You've made it to the end!

New here? Well this is the "You've-made-it-to-the-end!" Club where you have the chance to either win free stuff or just be a cool person. One of our most famous members is Mrs. Whitney Woodard, our lovely and wonderful faculty advisor!

Whitney recently had a **beautiful** baby girl. We're going to play a game...On our latest Instagram Post (Executive Board Introduction), comment below what you think her girl's name is. Winners receive a shoutout on our Instagram Page! (Whitney, unfortunately, you're banned from playing this game!)

