



Calvin Blume

CBPA AMBASSADOR

Hello! My name is Calvin Blume, I'm a junior and I'm currently serving as the CBPA senator on Drake's Student Senate. Senate works to represent the various groups and student identities that can be found on Drake's campus. My job specifically is to represent and fight for the business school. So far, I've been working a lot with the CBPA's Leadership Council, a conglomerate of the presidents of the college's student-led organization. We're looking to see what we can do as a group to improve the undergraduate experience for our students and organization members. Whether that comes from curriculum changes, collaborative service events, or something else entirely, we are looking to engage our students in the most meaningful way. I'm really just getting started within this role, I look forward to see what I can do to support our great college's wonderful students!



Kevin Kiehne



RECRUITMENT WEEK

This semester's Recruitment Week was as sweet as it gets. The week's events consisted of a meet and greet, an on-campus game night, and a corn maze all decorated with a Candy Land theme. Hopes were high to recruit lots of amazing new members, and the week did not disappoint!

Monday kicked off recruitment with the usual meet and greet. Over 30 potential new members came to talk to our chapter, and our members did an amazing job making them feel welcome to Gamma.

Next, on Tuesday we held a game night in Parents Hall. Complete with candy decorations, cookie decorating, Jackbox, and as many board games as our members could gather, it was a great time to relax and enjoy the company of our potential new members. We saw some intense competition in games like Clue and Spoons, and had many laughs playing Jackbox's Quplash and Drawful.

A few days later, we took our current and potential new members to Geisler Farms for a corn maze and other outdoor activities. Splitting up into five teams of four, we raced to see who could visit all the checkpoints in the maze the quickest. After, members jumped on a trampoline, played cornhole, and relaxed in a corn pit amongst other fun activities. The event concluded with a trip to Casey's to eat the free pizza we won from finishing the maze.

The next day, those that signed up participated in interviews with members of the executive council. This served as a great way for the EC to get to know the potential new members, and for the potential new members to get some professional experience interviewing. Afterwards, the executive council discussed the amazing potential we saw in all the interviewed candidates. The next day, we extended 16 bids, and all were accepted!

A few weeks later, the potential new members were activated as pledges in Xi Class. I am very excited to see how the new class impacts our chapter going forward. All five of our core competencies – Brotherhood, Leadership, Knowledge, Community Involvement, and Professionalism – are strongly exemplified by our pledges. There is great promise for the future of Chi!



Sarah Soo Minn



Study Abroad

From Malaysia to the states and now Australia, 2019 has been fascinating. I am grateful that I have the opportunity to study abroad in Melbourne, Australia this fall.

I am so proud to say that people at Drake are friendlier than others I met at my university here. I would never see my classmates anywhere outside of class. Also, it is a usual thing that people who first meet me would bring up questions about Americans partying and sororities or fraternities life. I felt fortunate that no one asks me anything about Trump.

Further, Australia is quite similar to Malaysia, whereby they are very diverse in culture and society and cuisines. However, I would say Mexican food is way better in America (I was craving for burritos). I still could not get used to some Aussie accent, and they find me too American. I did not notice the difference until I was here when people started catching some word differences like the mall (shopping center), cotton candy (fairyfloss), candies (lollies) or elevator (lift). I was more surprised when I learn that Aussies abbreviate everything. I have no idea why McDonald's is called "Macca's" and afternoon as "arvo."

I have been staying in Australia for more than two months now, and I am glad to say that studying abroad is an exciting experience I have ever had, and I encourage everyone, who may be interested and has the opportunity, to go out and experience a different culture in other countries. It is a great chance to immerse yourself into a new environment and to learn being diverse from the experience. Overall, Australia is a good option for studying abroad to encounter the significant cultural difference.

Alumni Donation



This year 18 members of the Chi Chapter bussed down to Dallas, TX for 3 days to attend the 48th Annual International Conference. We had a wonderful time eating authentic barbeque, exploring the in the Texas heat, and of course listening to some fascinating professionals do a remarkable job speaking on a variety of different topics related to insurance. It was a great opportunity to learn about what is going on in the industry and for many members to network and interview for internships and full-time positions. Overall, we had an outstanding time and can't wait to go back next year. However, it is expensive to go to Conference. We want to take as many members as possible so that they can expand their professional skills, gain more knowledge of the field, increase their network, and search for job – especially with companies that don't directly recruit at Drake. If you are willing and able to give back and donate to the Chi Chapter, please fill out the Alumni Donation Form attached in the email. All donations will be put towards the group expenses of International Conference, so the event will be more accessible to all members. Thank you for your support and consideration! Go Gamma!