

# ACTUARIAL ACCOUNT

## Fall 2019 NEWSLETTER



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**Fun fact:** Among PSTAT majors, Actuarial Science ranks 2nd in most students, right behind Statistics B.S.!

### Club Officers:

- ❖ President: Sukanya Joshi
- ❖ Vice President: Sarah Li
- ❖ Secretary: Michael Kwok
- ❖ Treasurer: Chloe Wang
- ❖ Webmaster: Ivo Zhang
- ❖ Community Development Coordinator: Michelle Chang
- ❖ Secretarial Journalist: Nicole Grazda
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- ❖ Publications Journalist: Lorraine Song
- ❖ Outreach Coordinator: Justine Wang
- ❖ Alumni Coordinator: Sage Dokhalov
- ❖ Actuarial Exam Coordinator: Andrew Freedman
- ❖ Case Study Coordinator: Jasmine Li
- ❖ Volunteering Coordinator: Bryndis Arnarsdottir
- ❖ Event Planning Officer: Ethan Chiu
- ❖ Event Planning Officer: Lingrui Wu

## First General Meeting



Our president, Sukanya Joshi, welcomed this year's group of aspiring actuaries to a new year at UCSB by describing the Fall quarter agenda and introducing the officer team. Afterwards, Dr. Raya Feldman explained helpful advice and strategies for actuarial science majors.

## Ice Breaker Game Party



We kicked off Fall quarter by forming meaningful relationships with fellow actuarial students at the Ice Breaker Game Party. Through various team-building activities and effective communication, we were able to not only succeed at the games, but to learn more about one another. We also welcomed two actuarial canine members into our organization, as shown in the photo above.



## Pacific Life Virtual Info Session

The Sobel Seminar Room was packed full of students eager to learn more about summer internship opportunities at Pacific Life. There, they gained important industry knowledge of the Life and Retirement practice and asked the recruiters meaningful questions at the end of the session.

## Interview Workshop



With the Actuarial Career Fair around the corner, members were focused on perfecting their first impressions and interview skills. We listened intently to Sukanya's professional advice and rehearsed our elevator pitches at the end.

## Getting a Job as an International Student Workshop



As an international student, there are many obstacles to overcome when acquiring a job/internship. Our members were able to hear about the logistics and experiences of fellow international members who have accepted a job in the U.S.

## Information Sessions



We are very grateful for the various recruiters who provided information sessions about the opportunities available at their company. Special thanks to Fidelity Investments, Allstate, Aetna, Willis Towers Watson, Blue Shield of California, and Aon.

## 8th Annual Actuarial Career Fair

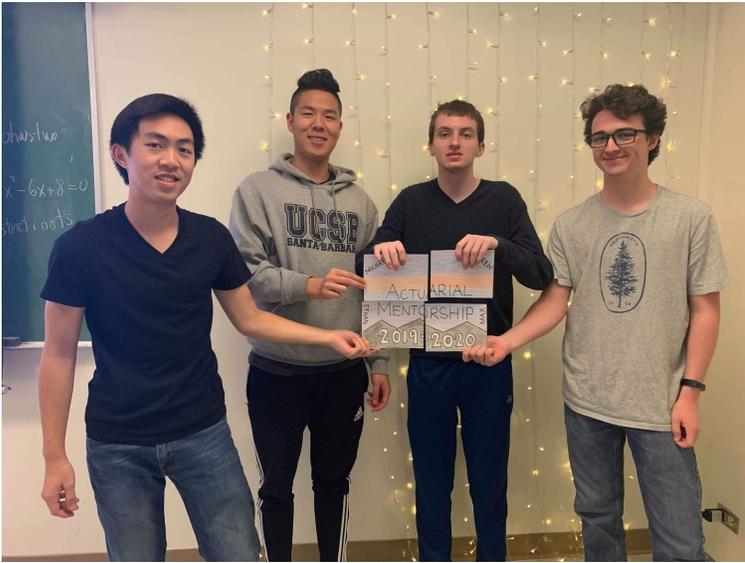


After tireless preparation, students finally put their hard work to use on career fair day where they sought to land an actuarial summer internship or full-time job. This was a very productive and fruitful day for many.

## Bowling Night



In the actuarial field, maintaining a work-life balance is essential. Similarly, our members were able to enjoy a fun night of bowling after succeeding on their midterm exams.



## Mentorship Reveals

From left to right: Ethan Chiu, Michael Kwok, Andrew Harris, and Max Reedy had just discovered their mentor/mentee group after a suspenseful wait! Michelle Chang has reinvigorated this program and we look forward to next quarter's mentorship reveals.



## Tea Party

Sarah Li is pictured serving authentic Chinese tea at our Tea Party event. This was a great opportunity for students and faculty to get to know each other outside of the classroom.



## Hallo-Clean Volunteering Event



Community service is an integral aspect of our organization. Many members contributed to a cleaner environment by volunteering with the Isla Vista Park & Recreation Department after Halloween weekend to remove trash from the streets that are near and dear to us.

## Actuarial Internship Panel



From left to right: Andrew Freedman, Nicole Grazda, Samran Khan, and Sam Zhang shared their internship experiences with the club and provided helpful tips on how to act in a professional environment. We are grateful to have role models in our organization who are willing to help further other members' career growth.



## Coffee With Professors

Many students gathered and engaged in casual discussions with Professors Voss, Gopalan and Chen. We loved hearing about our professors' experiences and sharing our own.

## Actuarial Exam Workshop & Case Studies Introduction



Andrew Freedman discussed the best study strategies for our very difficult actuarial exams. Afterwards, Jasmine Li provided an overview of the case studies to come in the following quarter.

## Actuarial Exam Panel



Our Actuarial Exam Panel featured some of our successful members who have passed several exams. They truly exhibit the dedication required for our field and remind us to never give up during the trials and tribulations of our studying.



We ended the quarter on a high note with a fun night of ice-skating. This event has been a quarterly tradition that we plan on continuing for years to come.

## Ice Skating Night





## **Member of the Quarter (Fall 2019): Abby Liu**

Abby has been one of our most active and passionate member in the past quarter. She participated in almost all the events in fall with few exceptions. Therefore we would like to recognize her involvement by the honor "Member of the Quarter". We wish you a even greater 2020!

## **Fun Facts of Our Officers**

- "I went skydiving for my 19th birthday." -- Sukanya Joshi
- "I like eating coffee flavored icecream and cake but not drinking coffee itself." -- Michael Kwok
- "I have a cat." -- Chloe Wang
- "I also have a cat!" -- Ivo Zhang
- "I love playing Catan!" -- Michelle Chang
- "I broke my right leg 4 times in the span of 6 years." -- Nicole Grazda
- "I grew up in a coastal city but I cannot swim." -- Lorraine Song
- "My entire family's initials are J.W." -- Justin Wang
- "I studied abroad in Spain." -- Andrew Freedman
- "My Chinese name is the translation of my English name." -- Jasmine Li
- "I'm from Iceland!" -- Bryndis Arnarsdottir
- "I play piano and flute for jazz on campus." -- Ethan Chiu

**Lastly, a big thank you to all our PSTAT staff and faculty for your support and guidance!  
And we wish you all a wonderful 2020!**

**-Sincerely,  
UCSB Actuarial Association 2019-20 Officer Team**

