

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER



# Introduction

## - Eric Stoltz

Happy Summer!

Congratulations on another great year! I'm excited to step into the role of the president of our Club, following the great work of our former president, Stan Korostin. Stan did a fantastic job this last year, and I was especially excited to see the growth of our mentor program. As a part of our mission, we seek to best prepare our students for great employment opportunities, so I look forward to further developing the mentor initiative as a means of satisfying this objective. As the organization's new president, I hope to con-

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tinue to expand upon these efforts. I believe that we offer phenomenal opportunities for career development, exam preparation, and speaking engagements. For the next year, I hope to increase cohesion in the club and to foster a community that will best nature the passionate energy of our diverse members. I plan to establish more events that help to build intra-club bonding while creating an environment for students to place real world experience with classroom lessons.

Exams are finished and summer is well underway! For our graduating seniors, I wish you all the luck as you chart your path. For our returning members, I wish you a great summer and the best of luck for everyone taking their first steps into the actuarial world completing internships or sitting for exams. I look forward to working with everyone in the fall!



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## NABA President

### - Kenny Allen

If you have ever had to lead a group of people to a goal, then you have a slight glimpse as to what it is like being president of a student organization. Being in the president position for any club is difficult regardless of whether the organization has been established for several

years with a large membership or is just getting started with only a few people as members. I recently became the President of the National Association of Black Accountants, commonly called NABA, and leading this organization has challenges, obstacles, goals and dreams just like any other club here on campus.

My experiences thus far as president have given me added perspective of the necessity of a sound strategy and collaborative teamwork. In the president's role, the wellbeing and growth of an organization heavily depends on your leadership. Creating a solid strategy that details goals and opportunities for the future of the club is the best way to cause growth in an organization. Furthermore, the strategy for the organization must be understood and grasped by the entire team on the Executive Board so that each person can strive towards that vision in what they are accomplishing. The collaboration of the entire executive board is necessary to build on this strategy and bring it into fruition. These are two of the most important factors to me in effectively leading an organization as president.

Being president was not an easy role for me to take on. Previously, I had been the Professional Development Chair for the past two years, and my role was much more functional in the sense that I had hands-on duties and tasks to complete. The transition into being the president of an organization has its own challenges because there are so many additional things that happen behind the scenes that only a president has to handle. The difficulty of the work and duties as president is to bring together a team of other students to work together and set a vision for the organization to strive towards. While innovation is key in every role, as president it is necessary, and allowing an organization to be stagnant for a time hinders the possibilities of growth even in the future.

Additionally, because there are so many things to facilitate as president, an important part of being an effective president is delegating work well. Even over these first few weeks I have quickly learned that I do not have time to complete all the things that need to be handled by



the organization. However, because the work of the organization reflects on me as the leader of that club, utilizing delegation effectively is necessary for myself and every other president. Delegation is something I am improving on by maintaining a clearer view of the work that I need to complete every day, and understanding that with some direction I am able to have more work done for the organization by entrusting others to complete it.

While there are some challenges as president of an organization, there are several benefits to the role as well. As the individual speaking for events and meetings, I act as the face of the organization for the duration of term and can be seen as the person of contact for later opportunities. Being able to have a large impact on so many students and improving the club makes all of the work as president worthwhile. It personally gives me a lot of joy knowing that I can potentially reach multitudes of students and take the organization to new heights. Furthermore, I am able to continue on in the accomplishments of the immediate past president, Fuad Ligali, a senior Actuarial Science major, and develop NABA as a brand across all of Smeal and the Penn State community.

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Although being president can be a double-edged sword at times - because you do have to carry much of the responsibility of the organization's wellbeing - seeing the organization and the members within it succeed gives me a great sense of pride and happiness. NABA especially has been fortunate to be the recipient of so many awards recently between Smeal, the HUB and the Multicultural Resource Center, and this makes me even more energized to continue the organization in providing value to our members and the entire Penn State community. As I just begin on my journey as President of the National Association of Black Accountants, I welcome the challenges and the lessons to be learned with excitement and look forward to creating great improvements in the organization for years to come.



## Studying Abroad - Fuad Ligali

Studying abroad is an opportunity that I strongly encourage everyone to participate in during their college career. Although actuarial science majors' schedules make it a little more difficult, there are ways to get around it. Last year May, I was able to go on a study tour of Egypt for 17 days.

Within the study tour, I traveled through the cities of Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, and Alexandria. I traveled with eight other students and two CAMS professors that specialize in Egyptology and Archeology. Each morning we would set out by bus and travel to different historical sites to get lectures on the different monuments but none of it felt like a class. The amazing sights we saw and information we received was such a valuable experience to us. We started in Cairo where we saw the pyramids of Giza, the Great Sphinx of Giza, and many others. Not only were we able to climb a pyramid, we even went hundreds of feet down into a pyramid to see a tomb!

After Cairo, we went to Luxor where we went through tombs and museums of various pharaohs including Imhotep, Akhenaten, and many more. Within the ancient temples, our professor was able to read the hieroglyphics on the cartouches and decipher the ancient writings on the walls and ceilings. Once we arrived in Aswan we sailed on the Nile River for two days heading towards Alexandria. While in Alexandria, we were able to see the Ancient Library of Alexandria and view the Mediterranean Sea at the beach.

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Each evening we had free time to travel through the city and eat at different restaurants and buy souvenirs. We met so many interesting people and had many new experiences that were some of the best opportunities in my life. Going abroad taught me so much which included being grateful for all of the opportunities that we have here in the US and how to respectfully adapt to other cultures. And although many of us seek internships during the

summer, there are other alternatives to studying abroad. Some include joining the Global Business Brigades on their service trips, studying abroad for a shorter time in May, or even Spring Break trips. Lastly, there are many scholarship opportunities so do not be discouraged if you are trying to study abroad before you graduate!





## Abroad Opportunities -

### Marc London

Most would agree, choosing to be an actuarial science major is not taking the easy way out. Collectively, we are career minded and goal oriented. That being said, we still like to have a good time and take advantage of opportunities that will broaden our horizons. Unfortunately, we are not permitted to take part in one of the most notable ways of doing so - namely studying abroad. Given our strict schedule of courses that alternate between the Spring and Fall, we are simply not afforded the opportunity to spend a semester away from State College.



Luckily, there is a silver lining. While we may not spend an entire semester abroad, Penn State does offer a wide breadth of short-term abroad options. For instance, I was able to study abroad in London this past Winter break for 10 days with Penn State's THEA 497H program. The trip to London was both very organized and very lenient. Most nights the entire group would convene to watch a different play, the tickets for which were purchased beforehand by the university. Other than that, however, we were on our own to explore all that the city had to

offer. Not only did we explore the London streets, for day trips to Windsor Castle and Hampton Court were merely a short train ride away. The trip itself was incredible and something that I will never forget. Watching one drama per night while exploring the city by day gave the entire class a genuine glimpse of British culture.



Most amazing of all, Penn State offers a plethora of varied short-term study abroad experiences. Some of the most notable are categorized under the RPTM (recreation, park, and tourism manage-

ment) course designation. Each one of these courses is a class and study abroad hybrid. They typically meet once per week in either the Fall or Spring semesters, and include a one or two week trip to places like Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. If you - like me - were bummed about not having the opportunity to study abroad for an entire semester, I greatly encourage you to check out one of these many incredible opportunities Penn State has to offer!



## Exam Passers & Job Placement

Exam P			
ABRAHAMS, ALEXA	Gostowski, Evan	Lu, Tong	TROENDLY, KEVIN
ALLEN, KENNETH	GUERCI, ERIC	LUTZ, COREY	TSANG, PING YEUNG PETER
AMAN, ERIC	HALPIN, DANIEL	LYONS, JEFFREY	Tygh, Colleen
BACKER, BRIDGET	Han, Chong	Mao, Qing	WANG, JIAXUN
BASTIAN, DAVID	Hanks, Ephraim	MARTONIK, JOSEPH	WANG, KAICHENG
BONGIORNO, ROBERT	HAWTHORN, BRIAN	MATRESE, KASSANDRA	WANG, RUOXI
Brown, Yuriko	HE, JACK	MATTOX, MICHAEL	WANG, WEI
BUCKLEY, ALEX	Hedges, Robert	MCGUINNESS, CODY	WANG, XIANGYU Edward
CACCIOLA, CHRISTOPHER	HEFFLER, JENNA ELYSE	MCINTURFF, KEVIN	WANG, YANSHENG
CAI, SHUREN	HETTINGER, ALLISON	MENG, XIANGYI	WEI, XINGYU
CAO, YUE	HINKEL, ROBERT	Mielnick, Matt	WEIDERT, AMY
CARBONE, LAUREN	HOSTETTER, ERIK	MOLITORIS, JUSTIN	WEN, HAN
Chen, Xi	Hu, Wenli	NG, SIU FAI	WILLIAMS, ARLEEN
CHUKWUEKE, THEOPHILUS	Huang, Zhan	NIE, GEGE	WILSON, LUCILLE
CONNERS, BRADFORD	Huh, Andrew	Niu, Xiaoyue (Maggie)	WU, YUE
COPEES, BENJAMIN	KAPLAN, JOSHUA	OSIS, KARLIS	XU, LONGQING
CRAVOTTA, RENEE	KELLY, BRENDAN	Pritsker, Asya	XU, SIQI
CUSTREN, GREGORY	Kerr, Diana	QIAN, YUHUI	Xu, Yuezhi
D'ANGELO, CHARLES	KOBER, JESSE	Rakoczy, Stephen	YAN, JIAONAN
DEMES, GEORGE	Koenig, Tim	REN, ZONGYI	YANG, FANCHEN
DOAN, KHOA	KOROSTIN, STAN	RICCARDI, MARIA	YANG, JING
DONNELLY, LAURA	KROMPASKY, AUSTIN	RUMBLE, TIMOTHY	Yang, Luke
DRAGANI, ALEX	KUCINSKI, PAUL	SAMARGYA, KATHRYN	YERGER, ELIZABETH
DRICK, CASSANDRA	LAN, BIN	SAUTER, MATTHEW	ZABELSKY, JASON
DU, BOYA	LEE, WON SEOK	SCHAFFER, RICHARD	ZHANG, GUANGCHENG
EGAN, TYLER	LEINEWEBER, ASHLEY	Shi, Keyi	ZHANG, LONGDAI
ESECSON, JACOB	LEONG, CHI CHIO	SIERGIEJ, CHRIS M.	Zhang, Qiya
FENG, MIN	LI, BOYA	SMITH, LOGAN	ZHANG, YIYI
Fernes, Kevin	LI, HONGLIN	SNOW, DAVID	Zhang, Zhenye
FU, HAO-TUNG Calvin	LI, JINGYI	SNYDER, JUSTIN	ZHENG, LIMING
FURMAN, TYLER	LI, RUI	SOKOL, MASON	ZHENG, YI
GALEOTAFIORE, NICHOLAS	LIANG, JING	STOLTZ, ERIC	Zhou, Siquin
GAO, HONGYI	LIGALI, FUAD	SUN, FANG	ZIEGLER, BRYAN
GE, RUI	LIU, RONGJIA (JACK)	SYKES, JACLYN	ZOU, LIHONG
GELLER, ADAM	Liu, Yi	Taylor, Ben	
GISMONDI, MICHAEL	LONDON, MARC	THOMPSON, BRADLEY	
GONG, XUE	LOWRY, SARA	TING, JO-KUEI	



Exam FM			
ABRAHAMS, ALEXA	GISMONDI, MICHAEL	Lu, Tong	SOKOL, MASON
AMAN, ERIC	Gostowski, Evan	LUTZ, COREY	STOLTZ, ERIC
BACKER, BRIDGET	GUERCI, ERIC	LYONS, JEFFREY	SUN, FANG
BASTIAN, DAVID	Han, Chong	Mao, Qing	SYKES, JACLYN
Brown, Yuriko	Hanks, Ephraim	MATTOX, MICHAEL	Taylor, Ben
BUCKLEY, ALEX	Hawthorn, Brian	MCGARY, CALEB	THOMPSON, BRADLEY
CACCIOLA, CHRISTOPHER	HE, JACK	MCINTURFF, KEVIN	TSANG, PING YEUNG PETER
CAI, SHUREN	HETTINGER, ALLISON	MENG, XIANGYI	WANG, JIAXUN
CARBONE, LAUREN	HINKEL, ROBERT	MU, HAITIAN	WANG, KAICHENG
CARROLL, KEVIN	HOSTETTER, ERIK	NIE, GEGE	WANG, RUOXI
CHUKWUEKE, THEOPHILUS	Hu, Wenli	Niu, Xiaoyue (Maggie)	WANG, WEI
CONNERS, BRADFORD	Huang, Zhan	OSIS, KARLIS	WANG, XIANGYU Edward
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CRAVOTTA, RENEE	JARBOLA, JUSTIN	PENG, YU	WEN, HAN
CUSTREN, GREGORY	KAPLAN, JOSHUA	Pritsker, Asya	WILLIAMS, ARLEEN
D'ANGELO, CHARLES	KELLY, BRENDAN	QIAN, YUHUI	WU, YUE
DOAN, KHOA	KOBER, JESSE	REN, ZONGYI	XU, LONGQING
DONNELLY, LAURA	KOROSTIN, STAN	RICCARDI, MARIA	XU, SIQI
DRAGANI, ALEX	KROMPASKY, AUSTIN	RUMBLE, TIMOTHY	Xu, Yuezhi
DRICK, CASSANDRA	LEINEWEBER, ASHLEY	SAMARGYA, KATHRYN	YAN, JIAONAN
EGAN, TYLER	LI, BOYA	SAUTER, MATTHEW	YANG, MIAOXIN
ESECSON, JACOB	LI, JINGYI	SHAO, ZITONG	YERGER, ELIZABETH
FENG, MIN	LI, RUI	Shi, Keyi	ZHANG, YIYI
FU, HAO-TUNG Calvin	LIGALI, FUAD	SHI, WENSHUAI (David)	ZHANG, ZHENYE
FURMAN, TYLER	LIU, RONGJIA (Jack)	SIERGIEJ, CHRIS M.	ZHENG, YI
GALEOTAFIORE, NICHOLAS	Liu, Yi	SMITH, LOGAN	ZOU, LIHONG
GAO, HONGYI	LONDON, MARC	SNOW, DAVID	

MFE	
BASTIAN, DAVID	NIE, GEGE
BUCKLEY, ALEX	QIAN, YUHUI
CHUKWUEKE, THEOPHILUS	RUMBLE, TIMOTHY
GUERCI, ERIC	SAUTER, MATTHEW
Hanks, Ephraim	SOKOL, MASON
HETTINGER, ALLISON	SUN, FANG
HINKEL, ROBERT	Taylor, Ben
Hu, Wenli	TSANG, PING YEUNG PETER
KELLY, BRENDAN	WANG, JIAXUN
KOROSTIN, STAN	WANG, KAICHENG
LIU, RONGJIA (JACK)	WANG, XIANGYU Edward
Liu, Yi	XU, SIQI
Lu, Tong	Xu, Yuezhi
LYONS, JEFFREY	ZHANG, YIYI
Mao, Qing	ZHENG, YI

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LIU, RONGJIA (JACK)
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MCINTURFF, KEVIN
Taylor, Ben
TSANG, PING YEUNG PETER
WANG, JIAXUN
WANG, KAICHENG
WEIDERT, AMY
XU, SIQI
ZHANG, YIYI

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Hanks, Ephraim
Hu, Wenli
LIU, RONGJIA (JACK)
Liu, Yi
Lu, Tong
Mao, Qing
Niu, Xiaoyue (Maggie)
SAUTER, MATTHEW
XU, SIQI





Internships		
Name	Company	Location
ABRAHAMS, ALEXA	AIG	Manhattan, NY
ALLEN, KENNETH	AIG	Manhattan, NY
BACKER, BRIDGET	ING	West Chester
BALLIET, ANDREW	Swiss Re	Armonk
BASTIAN, DAVID	Mercer	Washington, DC
Bongiorno, Robert	Savitz	Philadelphia, PA
CACCIOLA, CHRISTOPHER	United Health Care	Trumbull, CT
CARROLL, KEVIN	Pheonix	Hartford, CT
CONNERS, BRADFORD	CIGNA	Hartford, CT
D'ANGELO, CHARLES	Aetna	Hartford, CT
Dragani, Alex	Aramark	Philadelphia, PA
DU, BOYA	Aon Hewitt	Radnor
Fernandez, Cristina	Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland	Cleveland
HALPIN, DANIEL	MarcLife	Atlanta, GA
HAWTHORN, BRIAN	Buck Consultants	Secaucus, NJ
Hedges, Robert	Phoenix Life Insurance	Hartford, CT
HEFFLER, JENNA ELYSE	Met Life	Wilmington
HETTINGER, ALLISON	AIG	Manhattan, NY
Kerbag, Tarek	Liberty Mutual	Boston, MA
Koenig, Tim	IBX	Philadelphia, PA
LIANG, JING	ING	Windsor, CT
LIVOLSI, PAIGE	Buck	Secaucus, NJ
LONDON, MARC	CIGNA	Hartford, CT
LUTZ, COREY	Penn Mutual	Horsham, PA
MARCH, RACHEL	Portfolio Advisors, LLC	Darien, CT
MARTONIK, JOSEPH	Sun Life	Wellesley, MA
MATTOX, MICHAEL	Prudential	Newark, NJ
MCENTEE, SHANNON	AIG	Manhattan, NY
MCGARY, CALEB	BC/BS of Western NY	Buffalo
MCGUINNESS, CODY	UnitedHealth Group	Trumbull, CT
Mitskas, Shawn	Hay Group	Philadelphia, PA
Molotoris, Justin	Towers Watson	Berwyn, PA
Parpiyev, Kairat	BI Group	Kazakhstan
SHEMICK, ANDREW	Aetna	Blue Bell
Shi, Keyi	ING	West Chester
SMITH, LOGAN	Buck	NYC, NY
STOLTZ, ERIC	AON Hewitt	Chicago, IL
SYKES, JACLYN	ING	West Chester, PA
Taylor, Ben	Munich Re	Atlanta, GA
THOMPSON, BRADLEY	CIGNA	Hartford, CT
Tygh, Colleen	ING	West Chester
WANG, WEI	Sun Life	Boston, MA
WILLIAMS, ARLEEN	Gen Re	Stamford, CT
WILSON, LUCILLE	Towers Watson	NYC, NY
WU, SOPHIE	RM for COUNCIL Office	Philadelphia, PA
WU, YUE	AIG	Boston, MA
YANG, LUKE	Towers Watson	Berwyn, PA
YERGER, ELIZABETH	Aetna	Hartford
ZABELSKY, JASON	AIG	Neptune, NJ



Full Time Jobs		
Name	Company	Location
AMAN, ERIC	Independent Health	Buffalo, NY
BEE, Lourdes	ACE Group	Panama
BETTS, FRANCESCA	Towers Watson	Philadelphia, PA
BUCKLEY, ALEX	Buck	Secaucus, NY
CARBONE, LAUREN	Deloitte	NYC, NY
CHUKWUEKE, THEOPHILUS	Mercer	Philadelphia, PA
CRAVOTTA, RENEE	PwC Actuarial	Boston, MA
DONNELLY, LAURA	E&Y	Philadelphia, PA
DRICK, CASSANDRA	Buck	Secaucus, NJ
ESECSON, JACOB	Towers	Boston, MA
FENG, MIN	PSU Masters of Applied Statistics	University Park, PA
GALEOTAFIORE, NICHOLAS	Buck (Health)	Secaucus, NJ
GAO, HONGYI	Sun Life	Boston, MA
Gismondi, Michael	AXA	Jersey City, NJ
GUERCI, ERIC	PWC (Benefits)	NYC, NY
HAMMOND, KATLYN	Swiss Re Underwriting	Armonk, NY
HE, JACK	Buck	Secaucus, NJ
HUH, ANDREW	Sun Life	Boston, MA
JARBOLA, JUSTIN	TMNA	Philadelphia, PA
KAPLAN, JOSHUA	Aetna	Blue Bell, PA
KELLY, BRENDAN	Chubb	Warren, NJ
KOBER, JESSE	ING	West Chester, PA
KOROSTIN, STAN	E&Y (P&C)	Philadelphia, PA
KROMPASKY, AUSTIN	Prudential	Hartford, CT
LEINEWEBER, ASHLEY	Deloitte (Health)	Hartford, CT
Li, Boya	Columbia University Masters Program	NYC, NY
Liang, Josephine Yingxin	Columbia University Masters Program	NYC, NY
LIGALI, FUAD	Prudential	Roseland, NJ
LIU, RONGJIA	ING (Life Val)	West Chester, PA
LYONS, JEFF	Milliman FRM	Chicago, IL
MATRESE, KASSANDRA	UHC	Hartford, CT
MCINTURFF, KEVIN	ACE	Philadelphia, PA
NIE, GEGE	ING	Windsor, CT
OSIS, KARLIS	PWC	NYC, NY
PRITSKER, ASYA	UNUM	Portland, Maine
RICCARDI, MARIA	Penn Mutual	Horsham, PA
RUMBLE, TIMOTHY	UHC	Horsham, PA
SAMARGYA, KATHRYN	PWC	Boston, MA
SAUTER, MATTHEW	Wakely	Denver, CO
SIERGIEJ, CHRIS M.	PSU Grad School	University Park, PA
SNOW, DAVID	Health Now-BC/BS	Buffalo, NY
SNYDER, JUSTIN	GEICO	Chevey Chase, MD
SOKOL, MASON	UHC	Hartford, CT
TSANG, PING YEUNG PETER	Sun Life	Wellesley, MA
Wang, Kaicheng	Prudential	Newark, NJ
WANG, RUOXI	SCOR	Charlotte, NC
WEIDERT, AMY	Erie Ins (Life)	Erie, PA
YAN, JIAONAN	Phoenix	Hartford, CT
YANG, JING	University of Chicago	Chicago, IL

