When researching the Fowler Scholars Program, Natalie Soriano saw a picture of Faith Goh, a member of the Fowler Scholars class of 2022, who happened to have gone to the same high school. Natalie reached out to Faith who recommended that she apply because the program helped her develop confidence and leadership skills. After learning about the wealth of opportunities the Fowler Scholars program provides to its students, Natalie applied and was selected to be a part of the class of 2023.

Natalie has been involved in a wide variety of programs on campus over the last four years. She was a general member of the Asian Pacific Student Alliance, has worked for SDSU Ambassadors for the last three years, and has held leadership roles in multiple organizations. She has served as the VP of both Internal Audit and Communications for the Student Accounting Society and is now the Vice President for the Asian Business Association in its inaugural semester. Natalie has taken full advantage of her time at SDSU, growing her network and a vast range of experiences that will serve her throughout her career. When asked about her involvements on campus, Natalie said that “each one of these organizations has taught me how to be a better leader, how to connect with new people I meet and to be confident in my ability to persevere.”

A Message from Natalie: I would like to thank my directors, mentors, and fellow Fowler Scholars for making this experience as enriching as it’s been these past four years. Without your support, I wouldn’t have been able to learn as many lessons as I have during my time in the program. I believe that this program has made me more confident and resilient, and I will be forever grateful for how it has prepared me to succeed in the working world.

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FOWLER SCHOLARS EVENT INFORMATION

When: Tuesday April 11th 6:00PM-7:30PM
Where: SDSU Alumni Center Ballroom
Emcee: Isabella Murillo
6:00-6:30 PM - Food and Networking
6:30-7:15 PM - Program
7:15-7:30 PM - Closing and Mingling

During the event, you will get the chance to hear from and interact with a number of Fowler Scholars and program supporters via networking and presentations! We will also be highlighting our business trip to Washington DC! **Hope to see you at the event!**
Bill Roper, President and CEO of Roper Capital Company, recently came to speak to the Fowler Scholars. In his presentation, he discussed how being flexible and adaptable is critical to success. He advised the Fowler Scholars to volunteer and seek to participate in as many different opportunities as they could in order to develop their skills in different areas.

He went on to discuss the impact of company culture and what a great leadership looks like. He stated that strong leaders are not afraid of having smarter and more knowledgeable people in the room. They understand their limitations and utilize the strengths of others to achieve an organization's goals. Another piece of advice Roper gave was to not focus the superficial parts of your work like job titles, but instead focus on learning new skills and developing as a professional.

When asked for her thoughts on Roper’s presentation, Fowler Scholar Valeria Vizcarra stated, “I enjoyed how Mr. Roper was able to provide honest and realistic advice regarding corporate culture. He gave us priceless advice on how hiring people skilled in different areas can help promote a positive work environment and the importance of effective communication.”

Lucas says that a professional mentor is especially beneficial to him as a freshmen because it takes away feelings of uncertainty regarding his future as Becky has already been in his shoes and became a leader in her field. He said she has been extremely helpful in discussing various career opportunities and exploring his interests and strengths.

He recalls a specific discussion he had with Becky about ESOP's as the most impactful so far. She shared her own expertise along with resources for Lucas to explore on his own. He has valued interactions like these as they allow him to expand and explore his passions and present a unique opportunity that few other students ever experience.

Lucas states that he is thankful for Becky and is excited to build off of the connection they've made over the next 4 years with more calls, in-person meetings, and meals. He expects to see an even greater impact as he gains more experience and continues to build his career.

Be sure to use the links below to check out our social media and seek out additional information about the program. Also, click on the names of the featured student and guest speakers to be redirected to their LinkedIn profiles.