Khai discovered the Fowler Scholars Program in 2018 while working as a banquet server with Landon Delgadillo, a member of FSP's first cohort. Now, over 4 years later, Khai says that some of the most important things he's learned within the program are ethical business leadership and networking skills. He believes his growth is best shown through his ever-expanding campus involvement.

Andres Bonafacio Samahan is a Filipino cultural group and the first organization Khai joined. This was his first taste of leadership as he became a mentor to three students.

President of Alpha Psi Rho which is a multicultural Asian-Pacific Islander interest Fraternity. Khai states that, "it is surreal being the President of an organization because your people truly believe in you to lead. Philanthropy and service are at the forefront of my goals." He is extremely excited host an event this year to help kids combat cancer in collaboration with the B+ Foundation. The event will be on 4/14/2023!

Khai is also jump-starting a new business organization on campus with fellow Fowler Scholars Natalie Soriano and Katherine Tat. They are looking to establish the Asian Business Association in hopes of creating a community and hub for students of similar backgrounds and experiences. "This is an ambitious project but I’m confident in the group of students we have and truly believe in the mission of our organization. Stay tuned for more info for @SDSUABA!"

A Message From Khai: Looking back at my time at SDSU, I truly believe my experience would have been so different without this program. The experience and connections I’ve gained are invaluable and have defined who I am today. Thank you to both of my mentors, Steven Osinski and Alex Yao, for always being an open book for questions and advice. Thank you to Peter Shaw for seeing the potential in me. And lastly, thank you to all of our donors and supporters who make this program possible. This program opens so many doors for its students, and I believe I made the most of it.

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Nick Konat spoke to us about his career, particularly focusing on his unique experience with company culture and personal branding. One of the main points that stuck out was how the two can be intertwined. Mr. Konat encouraged us to understand our own brands and find opportunities with organizations whose cultures and brands align with our own. He also stated the importance of understanding how companies we work for are perceived externally, as, whether positive or negative, assumptions will be made about job candidates who come from different companies. In essence, working for particular companies can have an impact on our personal brands.

He stressed the importance of branding and culture as they are potentially very powerful tools that we can use to guide our own careers. The key to being able to do that is understanding who and where we are today, and where we ultimately hope to be. Combining that with an understanding of company cultures and brands will allow us to carve out our ideal career paths and understand where different opportunities can lead us.

Ed Baldry authors the book, "It Begins With Please and Doesn't End With Thank You", which focuses on the importance of business etiquette. He gave each of the Fowler Scholars a free copy of the book to read before he came to speak to us.

His talk focused on some key components of the book, but also went beyond. Some of the most valuable pieces of wisdom he shared included "EDibles" which were very memorable rules and pieces of advice. One of these was the acronym FACE. FACE stands for Focus, Attitude, Control, and Empathy and makes up Ed's "factors for success." He facilitated a discussion around getting us to think of ways that we can apply his advice and experiences to ourselves and our desired careers.

When asked about his thoughts on the presentation, freshman Fowler Scholar Connor Lamp stated, “His EDibles that he highlighted in his book made it easy to understand and apply his teachings to our own lives.”

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