Welcome to the Actuarial, Finance, Economics and Commerce Students’ Society for 2016! The publications team will be updating our members on upcoming events, as well as academic, social, and professional insights from our diverse team and sponsors. AFEC is one of the largest societies at the ANU and has a diverse range of Sponsors from accounting to actuarial firms. AFEC strives to be a bridge between the professional, social, and academic life for all of its members, the CBE community, and for those whose academic disciplines extend beyond the CBE into other fields. Attending all of AFEC’s events will be sure to enhance your university experience and employment outlook.

Upcoming events to attend include all of our Careers Week events in weeks 4 and 5 including all networking sessions to be announced in the near future. These events are a great way to get a unique insight to our sponsors’ firms, as well as getting great networking opportunities and refreshments.

Also keep an eye out on our Facebook page, website and emails from our team so you never miss a thing. Photos from the Welcome Party have now also been uploaded to our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Douglas Bonehill

My First Year Experiences

There is no right way to a first year. We are all different with distinct personalities, ambitions and goals. That being said there are some things that helped me greatly throughout my time in 2015. Firstly, staying organised is immensely useful and you will thank yourself later if you can maintain at least some essence of forward planning and thinking. There is nothing quite like the falling feeling of realising a due date is much closer than you had anticipated. If time is money, then good time management is an investment. Try not to stress if it becomes a mess though, not having as much time as you would like for assignments happened to me more times than I would have liked.

If I was to talk to first year self, I would tell myself to learn to ask a lot of questions, and explore the university; it’s always helpful to know about the quiet study spaces to the short cuts when in a rush.

Lucas Bridge

Mentor Assistance Program

The Mentor Assistance Program (MAP) is our mentoring program designed specifically for College of Business and Economics first years. It is led by a range of mentors, each with unique, diverse experiences and knowledge to share and pass down to the next CBE generation (the rest of your awesome fellow mentees!).

As a previous mentee, I remember meeting my mentor for the first time and having a billion questions in my head:

- ‘What subjects should I be taking?’
- ‘What should I be majoring in?’
- ‘How do I get a job?’
- ‘I don’t know anyone here, how do I make friends in this degree?’
- ‘How should I be studying for BUSN1001?’
Even I still don’t have all the answers to the first two questions, but as a result of MAP, I definitely know the answer to the third and fourth!

Joining MAP provided me with an opportunity to meet and become friends with some of the coolest people around, through the various MAP-exclusive events held (which have included a café crawl and a laser tag and gelato day!).

MAP-exclusive events are not just socially oriented though! In order to better equip you to make the most out of your university experience, the MAP program is designed to allow mentors to share their experiences on how they balanced studies, extra-curricular activities and work. Additionally, AFEC holds various MAP-exclusive study groups and internship application sessions to help you get that dream job!

On the academic side of things, I was provided copious amounts of academic advice through my mentor. I honestly do not know how I would have made it past my first year without him (thanks Adrian!). The program is designed to provide mentees with a mentor who has been through similar experiences and is in a similar (if not the same) degree, so this programme is not just beneficial for the commerce side of things, but your whole degree if you join!

Each MAP group is limited to a mentor and 3 mentees, which ensures you will receive the attention you require, as well as interacting with all the other mentees in the programme from your classes. Not only will you be given the opportunity to catch up with your peers, but to meet new people from across the university.

If you’re looking for a way to meet new people and expand your social circle, looking for a personal, academic, and social mentoring experience, MAP is the program for you!

If you’ve signed up for MAP or considering it, ensure you make the most out of this unique opportunity.

Sign up for MAP today: [bit.ly/1Ka3N8b](http://bit.ly/1Ka3N8b)

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