

# Terrapi **NOISE!**

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## President's Note

FCA is proud of the standard to which it holds itself, and it is vital that every officer realize the empowerment that comes from such a strong tradition of doing amazing things. Most importantly, leadership positions on Eboard build people. Those people have made FCA great, and FCA gives back invaluable lessons that will prepare them for a bright future. FCA today is better than it has ever been, and as long as its leaders are dedicated to the community they serve, FCA tomorrow will be even better.

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It's that time of year again: Elections. It's the time when the inspired step up and articulate their passion and intentions for their prospective positions. The time that initiates new journeys, characterized by growth, hardship, and friendship. Elections give our general body members the ultimate decision of choosing who they want to run our organization and how they want it to be run. In short, it's a time of change.

This issue is dedicated to informing you about our various Executive Board positions and

offering encouragement and advice for those who are interested in running.

Being a part of FCA's Executive Board is a life changing experience that you cannot easily find elsewhere. You become part of a team—nay, a family, made up of some of the brightest, most passionate, and most ambitious individuals that this campus has to offer. On Eboard, you will go through many trials—some within yourself and some with others—but you should not forget that you are all in this together—all 17 of you. That means that you have 16 other people to turn to for support, advice, or a hug. One of the things that kept me going was knowing I had this

incredible group of people by my side. For all the difficulties we encountered, we endured them together.

On the professional side, being a part of Eboard gives you the opportunity to develop as a leader. Your responsibilities help you gain experience with addressing a crowd, leading and planning projects, and ultimately, acting professionally. You will also learn how to write professional e-mails and how to appropriately talk to important figures.

What I've said might not seem like much, but the difference of having experience on Eboard is a lot more than can ever be explained in words.

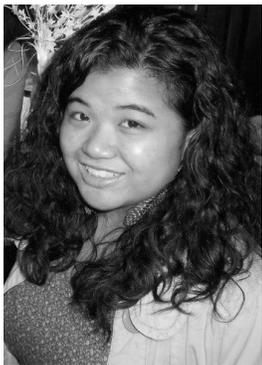
## The Positions

The next few pages are filled with relevant information as to what each Executive Board position entails, as well as personal experiences from each member's term. Feel free to talk to any member and ask them any questions you may have.

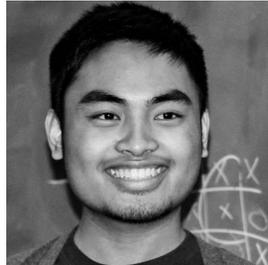
**Ready? Turn the page!**

# Freshman Representatives

(not open for nominations)



Hi, I'm Margaret and I'm a freshman pursuing a degree in Elementary Education! I'm one of the two Freshmen Representatives of FCA :)



My name is Lorenz Cruz, one of the current Freshmen Representatives of FCA. I am from Springfield, VA where I was Treasurer of the Asian American Student Association at my high school, as well as an Assistance Instructor at my Taekwondo School.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

My position entails helping Freshmen and FCA New Comers integrate as smoothly as possible into the FCA Family. The Freshmen Rep duo work together to keep the fire of FCA alive in the coming generations.

Coordinates freshman involvement in FCA activities, organizes freshman social events, including Freshmen Dinners, assigns new FCA members to FCA Families, maintains traditions of FCA.

## What are important skills that a Freshman Representative should have or develop?

It's really important to develop strong people skills. This job involves a lot of outreach and thus this position requires a lot of self-confidence and outgoingness.

Freshmen Representatives are required to have or develop good interpersonal skills. They must also be flexible and ready to adjust to the unexpected.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

This position caused a huge paradigm shift in me in the way I saw a lot of older peers from my past. I now have so much more respect for my "ancestors", especially my brother.

Being on E-Board this past year has been the catalyst that has allowed me to grow into the person and leader I am today. Even when I am out of college, looking for a job and entering the real world, I will always look back to what I have learned and experienced being in FCA.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

Never be afraid to share your opinion or your idea; even though you're a Freshman you are still just as important to the Eboard team and FCA family as anybody else is.

Always remember that you are a Freshmen Representative. While there is modern and cultural dances, MezzoPinoy, PCN, and an inordinate number of other activities to get involved in, always remember that you are responsible for getting the rest of your class involved and unifying them.

# Design and Publication Editor



Hi! My name is Pauline Masigla and I am currently serving as your Design and Publication Editor! I making weird faces, writing raps, and making people smile.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

As the Design and Publication Editor you are in charge of overseeing all FCA literature and graphic design needs, creating FCA publications (such as this one) for General Body Meetings, and designing booklets for events.

## What are important skills that a Design and Publication Editor should have or develop?

It's incredibly important to have good organizational managerial, and time management skills. Also, you will be delegating tasks to people, so it is very important to be upfront.

In addition, the D&PE should have good writing skills and a good grasp of the English language. If this officer wants to create all the graphics for FCA, good design skills and familiarity with the Adobe Software would be helpful

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

From serving as the graphic designer for FCA, I honed my skills as a designer and built up a strong portfolio that helped me get accepted into Maryland's Graphic Design Program.

From serving as a member of Eboard, I gained confidence and leadership skills. I used to be afraid of addressing a crowd, but now, I am very comfortable with it!

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

You are a student first. Constantly pushing schoolwork aside will only stress you more and negatively affect your performance. Also, cut corners where you have to

# Webmaster

## What responsibilities does this position entail?

The Webmaster is in charge of updating and maintaining the FCA website, as well as creating any additional websites for events. This person compiles and distributes the weekly FCA listserve and manages all technological matters.

## What are important skills that a Webmaster should have or develop?

The Webmaster should have prior programming skills. A background in HTML & CSS and in creating websites is a huge plus, but not required to obtain the position. However, they must be ready to learn these skills throughout the year.

# Historian



Hello, I'm your friendly neighborhood Historian. I like long walks and saving princesses in my spare time. If you don't know me get to know me and

you will see how much fun I can be.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

Being historian entails taking and editing pictures, filming and editing videos, and helping out the other E-board members. Also, it is your job to ensure these memories are shared with the general body, alumni, and potential members.

## What are important skills that a Historian should have or develop?

It is important to have a camera at all times. Video cameras can be provided by the AAST office. Learning how to edit photos and videos is a must for it is your main job. Be imaginative with your videos and pictures, for what you take will be seen by everyone.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

I have learned and developed my editing and camera skills throughout the year. I have met many people with the same interest and created lasting friendships.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

If you think editing is fast and easy you're in for an eye opener. It takes time to get the right edits without making the photo look fake.

# Sports Coordinators



My name is David Singh, the Male Sports Coordinator. I am a Junior in the Electrical Engineering program. When I'm not busy with school, I absolutely love to play sports. My favorite sport is basketball, but I also enjoy playing rugby, football, and baseball, and working out.



I am Siani Wong! I am the Female Sports Coordinator and I love food and wearing sunglasses.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

The responsibilities of the position of Male Sports Coordinator include: managing intramural sports teams entered under the representation of FCA, managing Men's team entering in D6 sporting events (Turkeybowl and D6 Basketball), making sure everyone has an equal opportunity to join and to participate in sporting events

My responsibilities include managing intramural sports teams and D6 sporting events. Anything and everything that is sports related is what the sports coordinator does. Also making sure that everyone has an equal chance to participate in sports.

## What are important skills that a Sports Coordinator should have or develop?

They should have a friendly and inviting personality, be sociable, be hard-working, be persuasive, and have a knowledge of managing teams and a knowledge of sports

Coming into the position you should be able to talk to people. During your position, if you do not already possess these skills, you will learn time management, ability to handle unexpected situations, network, and professionalism.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

This position has taught me to manage my time better; I get my work done ahead of time so that I can put full effort into my position without having to worry about my school work. I have learned to be a better leader, both through voice and through actions. Also, I have had the opportunity to meet new people.

The fact that I can convince people who have never played sports or does not like to play sports to participate in FCA sports and actually really enjoy it.

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### What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

**David Singh:** For future Sports Coordinators, both Male and Female, my advice would be to do all you can to find funds to cut down costs to participate in sporting events, in particular Turkeybowl and D6 Basketball. With lower costs, more people would be willing to participate in these events because they would not have to worry about high costs.

**Siani Wong:** Communication is very important, to the male sports coord, to the rest of eboard, to your players, and to coaches. Talk to them and keep everyone updated

## Cultural Chairs



Hi, my name is Cecily Jurlano!



Hi I'm Joan Kate Salvacion! This year's Cultural Chair along with Cecily Jurlano! :D

### What responsibilities does your position entail?

Coordinating the cultural dances, cultural events, and ensuring that we are keeping the Filipino/Filipino American culture within our organization.

Cecily and I are responsible EVERYTHING related to cultural. We are responsible for Cultural Retreat, Cultural Workshops, teaching the Cultural Dances, Cultural Performances we have throughout the year, taking care of the cultural costumes and making sure they are in tip-top shape!

We not also strive to educate others about our cultural roots but we also strive to integrate and network with other cultural organizations on campus to raise cultural awareness.

### What are important skills that a Cultural Chair should have or develop?

Patience, creativity, flexibility, willingness to learn about the culture and sometimes... a car.

Important skills a cultural chair should have is that they should be responsible, work well on a team or with others, good time-management skills, and the passion to not only educate others about culture but to strive to learn more about the culture as well.

### How have you benefited from holding this position?

I have learned so much about the Filipino culture over the past year, and realized the importance of our history and culture. I've definitely developed a strong Filipina identity and appreciation of our culture/history.

Being able to work with a team as great as this one as well as learning and growing from all the obstacles we all had to go through this year has made this position worth it for me.

From holding this position, I have learned to become more vocal of my thoughts and opinions, manage my time better [balance of life], be assertive, and to brush myself off and push through or move past the obstacles I face.

### What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

Organization.

You are in control. This position is what you make of it, the more you put into it, the more you'll receive from it. Remember, if there's no action, there's no results. With this position you have the opportunity to grow so much! Don't waste this opportunity, and remember to have fun! :)

# District Six Representatives



Hi! I'm Leilani Padua, one of your District 6 Representatives! I am currently a Junior majoring in International Relations with Persian Studies and minoring in Global Terrorism Studies.



Hi! I'm Tyler and I've had the pleasure of serving as one of your D6 Reps this year. For anyone considering running for Eboard, I hope this helps answer some questions.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

As D6 Rep, you are serving as a liaison for the local district which is part of a larger organization called FIND Inc. To further relations with the other district schools, meetings are held monthly to exchange ideas and events. In turn, you relay the information learned from FIND and D6 to your local E-Board and general body.

Generally speaking, your job is to maintain FCA's relationship with other Filipino clubs at local colleges like UMBC, Towson, and Catholic U. This requires attending monthly meetings with these schools' D6 Reps, and organizing FCA's attendance at D6 events like Semi, D6 Basketball, and FIND. And, like any Eboard position, your job extends well beyond your specialization. You will help plan GBM's, work concessions, manage bake sales, film eboard intros, visit embassies, and more. Keep this in mind when deciding to run for eboard!

## What are important skills that a District Six Rep should have or develop?

One of the more important skills you should have as D6 rep is to be personable. The connections you make with the other schools are vital in maintaining a strong district. Communication is key to this position since you are constantly passing information around to a variety of people. You also have to encourage the general body to come out to events such as FIND Dialogue, FIND Conference, and D6 Semi. It is especially important to have effective communication between you and your partner...you're stuck with them for an entire year so become best friends!

A healthy blend of conviction, understanding, and patience. As a D6 board, you will constantly need to negotiate and compromise with about 14 other people who have different backgrounds from you and whose clubs have different resources or even different goals.

When you have an opinion, you need to be able to explain it to everyone else and argue your position to get the best outcome for FCA. But you also need to come to understand the differences you have with other orgs, and why they hold the positions they do. And finally, all of this gets frustrating quickly, and at times you'll lose faith in D6 or be upset with your fellow Reps from other schools. Be patient and you'll return to appreciating your own convictions and their differences from yourself.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

I learned to work on a team of people with extremely different backgrounds and perspectives. It has helped me voice my concerns more as well as being open to other ideas and opinions. But of course, developing friendships with people throughout the district was the most rewarding part of being D6 rep.

As I always say about D6, meeting new people from other schools and hearing their experiences teaches you a lot of new things and opens the door to new opportunities.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

Understand the importance and purpose of D6 and FIND.

Challenge tradition and routine for the sake of tradition and routine!

## Anything else you want to share?

If you love road trips and getting away from campus every so often... then you'll love this position. You get to do it at least once a month!

There's a lot more to share about D6 than can be written in this little article. Talk to me and Leilani, we'd love to share our experiences and answer your questions!

# Community Service



My name is Ryan Toledo and I am a Junior Kinesiology/Pre-med student. I like to play basketball and I like shoes.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

My duties include setting up and facilitating community service opportunities for our general body members.

## What are important skills that a Community Service Chair should have or develop?

Innovation, determination, and communication

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

Serving the community is what makes this position worthwhile. You are able to create opportunities to improve the community and you get to do it with a group of friends.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

There is always something to do for the community. Be creative and have fun.

# Director of Public Relations



I'm Dana! Hopefully if you're reading this, we're already friends (if not, then I haven't done my job right)!

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

The DPR (Director of Public Relations) is in charge of making sure that everyone who has any sort of encounter with FCA leaves with a good impression of our organization. I'm in charge of the FCA Facebook and Twitter accounts as well as any other outlets that get word out about our events (press releases, listserves, chalking, flyering, etc.). Best of all, I get to meet a bunch of new people all the time and tell them about how awesome FCA is!

## What are important skills that a Director of Public Relations should have or develop?

DPR has to be willing to do whatever it takes to get FCA's name out there. It's important to stay on top of things and be consistent about posting on FB or sending out e-mails (if you don't let the know about it, they just won't know about it). Most of all, I think it's important to embody the spirit of FCA and be willing to welcome anyone and everyone into our family.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

Not only being relevant to my field and future career paths, being DPR has also pushed me to think outside the box about how to reach out and relate to people. I've grown not only in leadership ability and teamwork, but overall as an individual. Being on E-board tests you as a person and by the end of it, you realize things about yourself that you didn't even know. And it can be pretty awesome.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

It's true what they say: Everything you put into FCA is what you'll get out of it. Don't just treat FCA as an extracurricular position, use it as a chance to really grow as an individual and part of a team. If you decide to run for E-board (I highly recommend running for DPR), remember that you'll be the face of this organization and to let that shine in everything you do. ALSO, YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO LOUD.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

You know that feeling where you're worried it might be awkward to approach a stranger and say hello? Squash it.

# Secretary



Hey everybody! My name is Aaron Logan. I am a senior Clarinet Performance Major and Computer Science Major. I can also play alto saxophone and love to play jazz. However, if anything, I do love to bake any and all kinds of desserts.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

The Secretary position is tasked with keeping minutes from any and all meetings FCA related. Also, it is the Secretary's duty to reserve any and all locations for FCA events, as well as make sure each event runs logistically smoothly. This entails, reserving rooms, requesting for different A/V and equipment needs, monitoring all due dates for other members for the event, and making sure all documents are turned in on time. This position also requires that you know the University of Maryland's reservation process for locations throughout the campus, as well as, any and all rules and regulations for reserving spaces on campus.

## What are important skills that a Secretary should have or develop?

The four most important skills to have is time management, organization, being able to look five steps ahead of everyone else, and flexibility. Often, the Secretary will be the first person at the event and the last person to leave, and balancing that workload on top of your school work is key.

With organization, it is key that the minutes from every meeting is clean and concise for any member, both current and future, can refer to them with ease. Also, you must keep a record of any and all documentation for events as reference.

With being able to look ahead, you must be able to see as many scenarios for an event as possible. This helps you find the best route in reserving the most logistically sound space for events.

This means that you must inquire any and all information so that you can have a clear and concise plan for your fellow Eboard members to follow. However, not everything always goes according to plan, you must be flexible, and find different ways around situations. And with that, you must be confident enough to trust your instincts and act on them.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

This position has helped me with my organization and time management skills tremendously. I am able to plan things in advance and act on that plan in an organized fashion. And with this plan, it has also helped me be able to stay calm in times of stress and turmoil.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

The best advice I can give for future officers is to Stay Calm, and Press On. If there is a situation, it is always best to stay calm and think it through. Don't get stressed and in a frenzy, but rather relax and think it through fully.

# Treasurer



I'm Jonathan, or J10, and I am a third-year student working toward degrees in English and Computer Engineering. Outside of FCA, you might find me riding my bike, at the gym, or reading a book.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

The Treasurer monitors FCA's SGA and bank accounts, handles money going into and out of FCA, reimburses FCA members, and budgets funds for each FCA event.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

Always do things now, rather than later.

## What are important skills that a Treasurer should have or develop?

Some necessary skills for this position are: exceptional organizational abilities, risk assessment, creativity, reliability, and knowing when to say "no" and when to say "yes". Advanced mathematic skills aren't required; basic arithmetic will suffice.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

Being treasurer has tested my ability to balance FCA, school, free time, and everything else, and that has definitely prepared me for the post-college world. Also, being able to balance finances is something that everyone needs to learn to be successful.

# Vice President



Hello FCA Fam! My name is Krystle Canare and I happily serve as your VP for the 2012-2013 school year. If you are reading this, I hope you are considering running (or nominating someone really awesome) to be on next year's Executive Board. If you have any questions about Vice President, or any other position, feel free to talk to me before nominations start!

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

The Vice President is responsible for the internal organization of the Executive Board, ensuring that all tasks are carried out in a timely manner.

\*It is important to note that the responsibility of Vice President is handled differently each year, depending on the relationship of the President & Vice President and the chemistry of the Executive Board as a whole.

## What are important skills that a Vice President should have or develop?

As Vice President, it is important to develop close working relationships with each officer on E-Board. This requires someone that is both personable yet constructive. In addition, it is even more important that the Vice President works closely with the President, acting as his/her complement when leading the rest of the Executive Board.

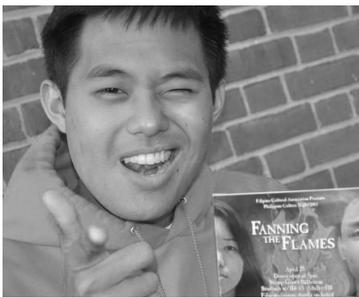
## How have you benefited from holding this position?

What's made this position worth it for me is seeing the growing passion of younger FCA members (E-Board and General body alike) and to hear that I inspired them get involved in the first place.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

My advice for the incoming E-Board is to remember that you are not alone. Whether you are entering the Executive Board as a returner or newcomer, don't be afraid to let others know when you need help.

# President



Hello! I'm Andrew Aggabao and I am honored to have served this year as the president of FCA. This year has been an awesome year for our organization, with the first ever Filipino American History Month Talent Showcase: FilAmplified, the Fourth Biennial Filipino American

Studies Gala: Inheriting History, and still to come the 31st annual Philippine Culture Night: Fanning the Flames. I'm proud to have been the leader of an amazing group of officers, and to have served this community and family for the past three years. I'm excited to see what bigger and better things FCA will do in the years to come.

## What responsibilities does your position entail?

The president sets the overall vision of FCA, and is the officer-in-chief of the executive board. In accordance with the mission of FCA's constitution, the president pushes for events and opportunities for the general body to celebrate and educate Filipino American culture. The president also manages the crucial operations that the Eboard must conduct in order to bring our greater community together.

## What are important skills that a President should have or develop?

Leadership is the number one skill that is necessary to be president. This involves first and foremost a passion for FCA, and an unwavering commitment to its members. In addition, communication and balance are important in combining the history of FCA, experience and ideas of its members, and values of Filipino American culture.

## How have you benefited from holding this position?

Being president has shown me a much deeper meaning of leadership. It is a humbling experience to be charged with the responsibility of an organization that constantly pushes its officers to face hardships and challenges that only make them stronger and better. Most importantly, it has given me an opportunity to give back to the family that has given me so much.

## What piece of advice would you share with future Executive Board officers?

There are no limits to what you can do. FCA has a tendency to exceed expectations, and showing that a group of passionate individuals can come together and accomplish impossible things that they could have never accomplished on their own.