For the Students, By the Students: Generating Scholarship Funds through Club Activities

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Motivation

- College costs are rising
- Student debt levels are rising
- Student clubs need to keep members active and engaged
- Student clubs can be powerful forces in industry engagement

Cal Poly Agribusiness Management Club

- Started in 1962
- Primary discipline-based club for Agribusiness students
- Over 100 paid members, many majors represented
- 13- member board
- Monthly meetings
- 2-3 industry field trips per year
- All activities are funded by club activities
- \$100,000 budget

Scholarships:

Range from \$500 - \$4,000

- 2015 \$5,000 (5 recipients)
- 2016 \$15,000 (10 recipients)
- 2017 \$26,000 (15 recipients)
- 2018 \$31,000 (21 recipients)
- 2019 \$37,000 (26 recipients)
- Requirements Club activities, leadership and min. 2.5 GPA
- Senior ABM Club officers select recipients
- Both industry-sponsored and club-sponsored scholarship funds

How do we do this?

- Creative involvement of industry partners
- Big-ticket activities
 - Ag Showcase Career Fair
 - Rodeo Food Concession

Creative Involvement of Industry Partners

- Recognize the value of your student leaders
- Industry wants access
- In 2017, launched "Industry Partners Program"
- Sponsor a club meeting (\$500 for food/door prizes)
- Exclusive access to our club members
- Promotion of their brand & company
- Name recognition with students

Sponsoring companies

- 2017-18:
 - Simplot





- 2018 19:
 - Cargill
 - Earthbound Farms (organic produce company)
 - K-Coe-Isom (agribusiness consulting and accounting)
 - Famous Software (technology company for agribusinesses)
 - Rjik-Swan (produce)
- Several companies already interested for 2019-20!

Tomorrow night!









Student-Led Activities:

Ag Showcase

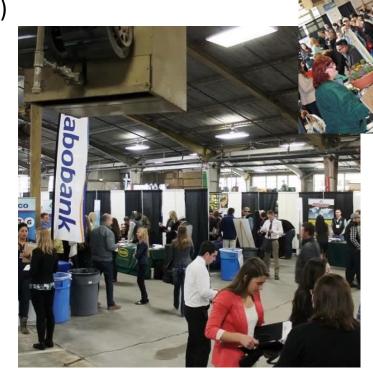
• Career Fair, 160 companies,

• 2 days (expanded in 2018)

• Over 800 students

• Careers,

- Internships
- \$90,000 budget
- Completely student-run



Ag Showcase Sponsors:

Platinum, Gold and Silver include a named scholarship for the company





Rodeo Concession

- ABM Club has a food concession at the annual spring Rodeo
- Student organized and run
- Help feed 10,000 people at event





Other student-organized/funded activities:

- Industry field trips
- Trade Shows: World Ag Expo, Specialty Food Association, Produce Marketing Association







Circle of Success

Student Ownership

Rewards Scholarships, Trips

True Student Engagement

Accomplishment

How to incorporate this in your student clubs

- Examine your advisory and/or leadership style
- Be more of an "idea" and support resource
- Let the students run the show
- Industry WANTS your students and their talent
- They WANT to support worthy activities, like field trips and scholarships
- Take advantage of this and get creative with industry opportunities to connect to your students

Thank you!

• Questions?



