

THE STATE OF BAKER



APRIL 2013

Introduction

Hey Baker! As a way to better inform all Bakerites on things relevant to our family, we will now have monthly State of Baker Addresses! This is a chance for me to reflect with you on the past month, look forward to the next, advertise Bakerites doing awesome things on campus, and recognize outstanding Bakerites.

This is the first of many State of Baker Addresses to come, and I hope you enjoy it!

Meet the Baker Government:

Before we move on, I also wanted to introduce the new Baker Government as a whole as changeover period is coming to a close. Since the government system can seem very complex with all these committees and subcommittees, I've made a Baker Government Flowchart that can solve your confusions (I'm pretty proud of this, haha). Check it out on the last page!

Looking Back

Looking back on the past month, here's a recap of some of the big things that happened!

Baker Cabinet Retreat: Thanks to new and old cabinet, and whoever showed up to share thoughts! It was insightful and we developed a vision to focus on creating a more cohesive and nurturing community for all Bakerites.

Rodeo Friday: Our first Friday activity! We had grilled corn on the cobs and pineapples. We had awesome country music. We had an awesome crowd. And We Danced.

Willy Week and BEER BIKE: It was Christmas Part 3. Special thanks to the Beer Bike Coordinators, Haley McCann, Andrew Stout, Sirius Jesudasen, and Molly Jones, for all of their hardwork to make it happen! Thank you all for being responsible too! Dean Hutch shed tears of joy (maybe).

The Birth of Baker What Ifs: We now have a system where anyone at Baker can share ideas and make ANYTHING happen with each other's support! Thanks to Ruchit Rana for posting the idea about Baker Game Night, and thanks to Brandon Hautt for making it happen! Continue sharing your ideas! We are in the oldest college with many traditions, but there is no stopping us from creating new ones for the future:)

90's Party-MTV Spring Break: We had an awesome turn out in the Baker-Will Rice Quad! It was the first time we threw a public party there and I guess we can say it was a great success! Congratulations to our Socials Committee, Sidney Cauthorn, Molly Jones, and Haley McCann, and thanks to those that helped set up to make it happen!

Starting with actual Spring Break and ending with MTV Spring Break, this past month definitely has been eventful! We look forward to a shorter month as school comes to a close, but expect it to be just as much fun as we find ways to relieve stress!

Looking Forward

Here are some things to look forward in the next month!

Awards Night: If you have RSVP'd to attend Baker's 2013 Awards Night, make sure to come out to the Commons at 5:45 pm on Tuesday, April 9th, for some fancy food and to celebrate the awesomeness of your fellow Bakerites!

Prospies Mingling Session: Prospies will be flooding campus from Wednesday to Friday for Owldays! Come out to the Outer Commons on Thursday after dinner to mingle with the prospies assigned to Baker!

Avatar - The Last Bartender: Friday is our COLLEGE NIGHT! More details to come about specific activities at the upcoming cabinet! T-shirts are also coming soon:)

Bubble Friday: Our last Friday activity will be on the last Friday of school! Come out to the P-Quad for some bubbles and stuff to blow off some steam!

Crawfish Boil: The annual Baker Crawfish Boil is coming up! It will be on the Saturday after the last day of school (April 20th) and it'll be a great way for everybody to relax!

Plenty of Study Breaks: As we move into Finals period, expect plenty of study breaks held by various committees, and by the Masters and RAs! Keep your eyes out for emails and announcements!

Permanent Improvements: Look forward to some new PI stuff for Baker! We've already gotten a new charcoal grill, and keep your eyes out for a glider bench, hammock, new seats for the computer room, and more!

Feedback Survey: One of my goals as president is to make sure I am taking Baker in the direction that y'all want it to go, so look out for a survey from me so I can get your feedback on my performance as your new president! It would mean a lot to me:)

Let's end this semester with a Bang!



*Photo of the month
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Bakerites on Campus!

One of our goals is to also support our lovely Bakerites around campus in whatever they are involved in! So look out for these dates, and be sure to go support Bakerites on Campus!

Kinda Sketchy Show - April 10th & 11th at 10:00 pm - midnight in McMurtry Commons
Come watch **Andrew Stout & Dennis Budde** tickle you funny!

Opera Scenes Performance - April 11th at 5:30 -7:00 pm in Wortham Opera Theatre
Come let **Arielle Carrara** serenade you!

Justin's Testimony - April 12th at 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Sewel 301
Come listen to **Justin Zahraee** share his thoughts on his faith!

Yao Meets Soul - April 17th at 9:00 - 9:45 pm in Coffeehouse
Come listen to **Me, Hope Atina, Sachin Gupta & Will Rice crew** (including my brother) play some acoustic pop, rock, and R&B!

Symphony Orchestra - April 19th at 8:00 - 9:30 pm in Stude Concert Hall (\$10)
Come listen to **Natalie Gaynor & Arielle Carrara** and take a study break!

Kudos

This is a chance for us to recognize some outstanding Bakerites of the month for their achievements or service to Baker! If you see these people, give them a pat on the back!

Kudos to **Adrian Jones, Cristell Perez & Alex Kumar** for helping throughout the entire setup for 90's party. It definitely would not have been possible without these guys!

Kudos to **Andie Obermeyer & Megan Schafer** for speaking up at the SA meeting regarding Rice's athletic director. Your voices were definitely heard.

Kudos to **Jeff Brown** for getting a grant from the NSF and Sigma Xi to spend 10 weeks of summer in Guam to study spiders!

Kudos to **Christina Hughes** for being awarded the Most Outstanding Senior by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers!

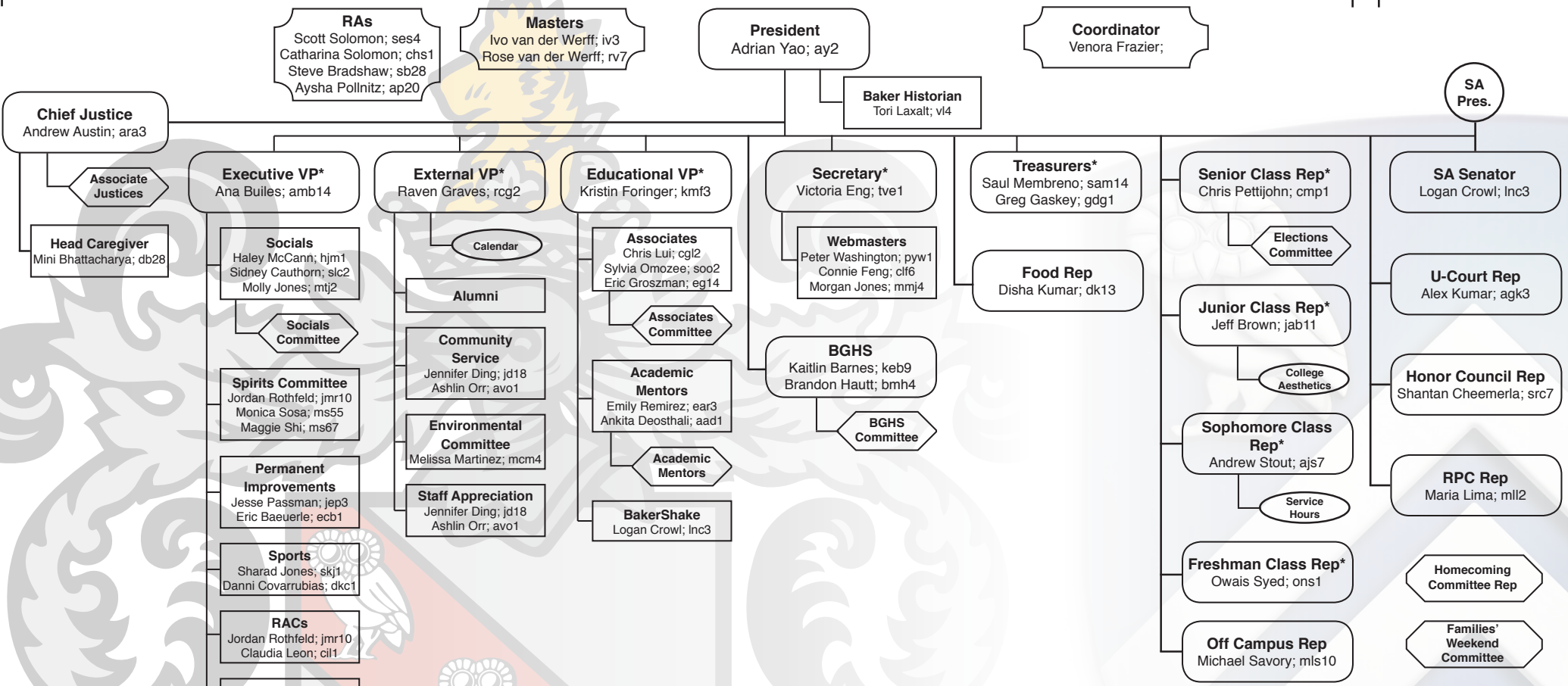
Kudos to **Jeff Wibawa** for being a Scholar Athlete Award Winner!

Kudos to **Liat Zimmerman** for kicking ass in tennis this season! She's currently 13-2 and still going strong!

Kudos to **Omar Chris-Rotimi** on the Rice Dance team for winning the 40th Annual Showtime International Collegiate Division I-A championship!

Baker Specific

Campus-Wide







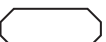
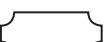
Baker College Committee Members

- Associate Justices:** Eric Bauerle, Brennan Halloran, Margaret Dieudonne, Justice Perez-White, Sirius Jesudasen, Stephen Silverberg, Nitin Agrawal, Gaby Barrios
- Socials Committee:** Alex Kumar
- Associates Committee:** Eric Bauerle, Brandon Hautt, Joyce Jones, Lexi Perez, Disha Kumar, Greg Gaskey
- Academic Mentors:** Brandon Hautt, Kathleen Abadie, Patric Han, Muhammad Shamim, Michelle Shen, Ruchit Rana, Madie Kelterborn, Katelyn Larson, Henry Yang, Bonnie Kalos, Ann Xu, Emily Begnel
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- Elections Committee:** Radina Khalid, Marie Gleichauf, Maria Lima

Campus-Wide Committee Members

- Homecoming Committee Rep:** Cristell Perez
- Families' Weekend Committee:** James Voytek, Tori Laxalt
- Owl Days Rep:** Tim Chang
- Varsity Student Liaison:** Cristell Perez

*Cabinet Voting Member

-  = Cabinet Member
-  = Committees
-  = Subcommittees
-  = Responsibilities
-  = Other Campus-wide committees
-  = Adult Team