

Traditional Student Party (Formerly Known as the Secret Student Party)

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ABSTRACT

The ASIS&T annual meeting Traditional Student Party (formerly known as the Secret Student Party) is a Sunday evening open house in the President's suite. It is an event only for students and gives them a space to be comfortable, and helps in making them feel welcome at ASI&ST. A few ASI&ST leaders are invited to talk to and inspire the students. The 2011 annual meeting Secret Student Party was a successful event attended by many students and ASIS&T representatives, as were the ones in the previous years.

However, the onus on organizing this party has traditionally fallen on a one or two person team led by the Student Chapter Representative and Co-Representative to the Chapter Assembly.

SIG/ED accepted responsibility for organizing the 2012 ASIS&T annual meeting Secret Student Party. Since SIG ED is closely linked to reaching out to students, it may be well positioned to organizing the party in the future as well.

Keywords

ASIS&T membership, academe, student attendees, networking, party.

INTRODUCTION

The ASIS&T annual meeting Traditional Student Party (formerly known as the Secret Student Party) provides a casual, relaxed environment where students attending the Annual Meeting can network with each other, and also get to meet some ASIS&T representatives. The event is structured as a Sunday evening open house in the

President's suite. The 2011 annual meeting Secret Student Party was a successful event attended by many students and ASIS&T representatives.

SIG/ED accepted responsibility for organizing the 2012 ASIS&T annual meeting Secret Student Party. As the ASIS&T SIG is offering a variety of panels and workshops designed to help doctoral students enter their academic careers, SIG/ED is well-positioned for organizing and hosting a party that introduces those students to the benefits of ASIS&T membership. The event was formerly organized by the Student Chapter Representative and Co-Representative to the Chapter Assembly.

FORMAT

The Secret Student Party is designed as a Sunday evening open house with light refreshments in the President's suite. Traditionally, the Student Chapter Representative and Co-representative buy snacks, wine and finger food from a store on the day of the party. In 2011, food was also ordered from the hotel and supplemented from snacks bought at a nearby store. The organizer arranges to collect the key to the President's suite from the President and typically invites the President, President Elect and student chapter of the year jury members to address the students. Going forward, and when SIG/ED is organizing this party, we recommend also inviting the student chapter representative and co-representative to this party, as well as the student chapter advisors from different schools. This could become an event where the advisors, leaders and students from different schools are able to connect with each other.

We also recommend doing away with the 'secret' aspect of the party and listing the party in the conference program.

BENEFITS

The Secret Student Party provides doctoral students with a casual environment for meeting and networking with each other and with ASIS&T representatives. Students learn about the benefits of ASIS&T membership and will hear about the various opportunities for service provided by the organization.

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PROMOTION

This party will be heavily promoted using ASIS&T listservs, as well as SIG/ED Facebook and Twitter accounts. In addition, a list of all student members attending the conference will be obtained from Dick Hill

and the students will be emailed with an invitation to attend the event. We also recommended listing the party in the conference program.