



THE STUDENT VOICE

NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY AIHE STUDENT AMBASSADORS

MEET OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL: DR. CYRIL JANKOFF

With every new chapter comes the opportunity for growth and transformation. At AIHE, we are excited to welcome Dr. Cyril Jankoff as our new Head of School, a leader with a diverse background and a passion for education. His journey - from studying science to accounting, law, business, and eventually becoming an educator - reflects the power of change and the importance of embracing new opportunities.

A Life of Learning and Growth

Dr. Jankoff didn't always know what he wanted to do. After finishing school, he took a job at a circus but quickly realised he wanted a real future. He then studied accounting, law, business, and eventually earned a double doctorate in education and business. Today, he has worked in 13 different careers including roles as an accountant, lawyer, country manager, and entrepreneur. Despite these shifts, one thing remains constant: his love for learning. *"Every day, I read for one hour to keep up with the world and my areas of expertise,"* he shares. His daily routine also includes exercise, which he believes is essential for both mental and physical health.

Now, as AIHE's Head of School, Dr. Jankoff is ready to guide students through their own educational journeys, ensuring they have the tools and support to build a strong foundation for success.

"Enjoy your life. Unless you inherit lots of money, marry into it, or successfully rob a bank, you will have to work for a living. Thus, choose a career where you do things you enjoy."

- Dr. Cyril Jankoff





Exciting Changes at AIHE

With a new leader comes fresh perspectives and ambitions for the future. Dr. Jankoff sees growth and efficiency as key areas of focus:

- ✓ Improving the student experience - making learning easier and more effective.
- ✓ Growing AIHE - helping the school become even stronger.

However, change isn't just about leadership—it's about students, too. Dr. Jankoff believes that student feedback is essential in shaping AIHE's future. *"If, for whatever reason, you wish to speak to me, my door is always open. My email address is Cyril.Jankoff@aihe.sa.edu.au,"* he says. He encourages open communication and values student feedback - whether it's a suggestion for improvement or simply sharing what's working well.

Advice for Students: Take Charge of Your Future




Dr. Jankoff encourages students to be proactive about their futures by engaging with their studies and the AIHE community.

"Unless you inherit lots of money, marry into it, or successfully rob a bank, you will have to work for a living. So, choose a career that excites you," he reckons.

His best advice for students? Get involved and make connections!

"I studied at a university away from my Melbourne home. It was a fabulous year. While there, I went out of my way to meet people and enjoy the environment. You should try to do the same. I made many friends, and decades later, I am still in contact with many."

He encourages students to:

-  Join groups and clubs
-  Explore Adelaide and travel
-  Make friends and enjoy student life

"Join groups, see the sights, travel, get involved in activities – all these make student life more fun for you AND those in the group. Don't forget that you are at AIHE to get a quality education."



With a new leader, fresh opportunities, and a shared commitment to growth, AIHE is ready for an exciting future. Let's make this year an amazing one - together!

Meet Your



New Student Ambassador

Adelaide Campus

Ma. Charmaine Nogot | 2nd Year MBA Student

Charm

What's your "origin story"? (Tell us what made you want to become a student ambassador!)

I've always loved helping wherever I can, and I realised my skills could contribute to AIHE as it continues to grow. Becoming a student ambassador felt like the perfect way to do that. I'm also grateful for the quality education I'm receiving from the school, and this is my way of giving back while also being part of something bigger - something I've always wanted. One day, I hope to look back and proudly say, 'Yes, I'm an AIHE alum!'

If your first week as a student ambassador had a theme song, what would it be? 🎵

It would definitely be "Got on My Skateboard" by Skeggs. Being a student ambassador feels a lot like riding a skateboard - trying to balance studies, work, and life without falling! One line from the song really sticks with me as well: "*Cause I'm not getting any youngerrr, young once then you're old forevrrr*". Being a student ambassador sounds fun and youthful, but here I am, in my 30s, doing my master's and managing so many responsibilities that make me feel way older. But hey, I'm still going with the flow!

You just unlocked a new skill by becoming an ambassador. What is it?

Accidental Newsletter Editor-in-Chief 📧 I never thought I'd be making a newsletter from scratch especially since I'm not a journalist or a writer. I just know how to make things look nice with layouts and designs. But somehow, here I am, putting everything together and making it all come to life! Turns out, I just unlocked a new skill! Wuhoo!

What's your best "hack" for surviving your 1st year in AIHE?

If a deadline is stressing me out, I just take a deep breath... then panic. Tada! Last-minute adrenaline kicks in and unlocks my hidden genius. Then, right when I submit, I realise I should've started two weeks ago and promise myself I'll be more organised next term (which, let's be honest, is a lie). So yea, what I'm trying to say the hack is... avoid procrastinating and do your best to organise your life (Easier said than done) 😓.

Describe your AIHE experience so far using ONLY an emoji!



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Adelaide Campus

Rosario Veronica Acol | 1st Year MBA Student

What's your "origin story"? (Tell us what made you want to become a student ambassador!)

To be honest, I was looking for something to do in my free time. I have always been eager to help others in small but meaningful ways, finding joy in making a positive impact. One of my biggest inspirations for becoming a student ambassador was my classmates. We began SP2 of 2024 at the peak of winter, a time when the atmosphere felt gloomy, but we managed to bring sunshine and positivity to our class. From that moment on, I was inspired to create more engaging, enjoyable, and memorable learning experience for all of us.

You're on a mission to help new students. What's your superhero name and special ability?

Operates in the shadows, ensuring new students never face academic ambushes alone. Intel will get you where you need to go - **Vee Fury**

If AIHE Student Ambassadors was a reality TV show, what would your role be?

The Chaos Coordinator (a.k.a. "How did I end up in charge of this?") Happens every time haha! I can't help but ask, "Why me?"

If you could give your past self one piece of advice before starting MBA, what would it be?

Learn some Aussie slang and terms, watch more Aussie movies and series haha! But seriously, it's okay to start slow and take things one step at a time.

What's your best "hack" for surviving your 1st year in AIHE?

Here are some personal tips that helped me survive and stay on top of things:

🕒 Time management – Plan ahead! Trust me, it makes a huge difference.

📅 Create a timeline – I love visuals, so I use a monthly planner to map out key dates and weekly schedules. It helps me stay on track and avoid last-minute panic.

👥 For group work – Set deadlines and take responsibility for your assigned tasks. Be mindful of other's time.

🧘 Make time to unwind – Study-life balance is a must! Take some time for yourself or hang out with friends to clear your mind.

🎉 The most important part - REWARD YOURSELF! You totally deserve it! 😊

Vee



Meet Your



New Student Ambassador

Melbourne Campus

Alyana Samantha Villagracia | 2nd Year MBA Student

Aly

What's your "origin story"? (Tell us what made you want to become a student ambassador!)

I have worked and have had classes with the AIHE Melbourne Campus' students ambassadors in the past, and I was really inspired by them. The way that they were excelling in class whilst juggling other responsibilities has made me aspire to become an Ambassador one day. I may have manifested it too hard as it eventually came true!

What's a fun fact about you that has nothing to do with academics?

I was actually a member of a band in high school, and I was one of the lead singers (I'm not a good singer)

If AIHE Student Ambassadors was a reality TV show, what would your role be?

With every personality test I have taken, I have always ended up being tagged as "The Idealist", "The Advocate", or "The Empath". To a certain extent I agree, as I will not be the most social in the room, but I will always be in the sidelines, advocating for equality, fairness, and for everyone to feel seen and heard.

What's your best "hack" for surviving your 1st year in AIHE?

My best hack in surviving your first term as an MBA student is to not take everything so seriously. At the end of the day, we're living in one of the most amazing cities in the world with arguably the best coffee. So, treat yourself to a good cup of your favourite coffee, take a break when you need to, and you'll be just about ready to conquer anything!

You're on a mission to help new students. What's your superhero name and special ability?

I would love to be Ms. Agent Clone, as I would clone myself if I could to be able to attend to every student's needs (and to be able to keep up with house chores as well).

Describe your AIHE experience so far using ONLY an emoji!



EVENTS



2024 SPI END OF TERM PARTY MEL

AIHE Melbourne campus wrapped up SPI in style with fun games, delicious food, and great company! From friendly competitions to laid-back chats, it was the perfect way to unwind and celebrate everyone's hard work.



2024 SP2 STUDENT AMBASSADORS SESSION MEL

Students got the scoop on what it means to be an AIHE Student Ambassador, including event planning and representing the student body. We shared the many ways ambassadors make an impact and how students can get involved.



2024 SP2 END OF TERM PARTY ADL

AIHE's End-of-Term Celebration at the Adelaide campus was a night to remember, filled with epic karaoke performances, impressive musical wits in the Guess the Song Title game, and of course - delicious snacks to keep the energy high!



2024 GRADUATION CEREMONY ADL & MEL

Took place at the Adelaide campus, bringing together all the students - including those who flew in from Melbourne to have a well-earned celebration of dedication and success. A day filled with joy and pride for everyone from AIHE staff, faculty and of course - students.



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2025 SPI STUDENTS WELCOME & CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH ADL

What better way to kick off the school year than with great food, new friends, and festive vibes? AIHE welcomed students with a fun lunch to celebrate Chinese New Year as well, filled with delicious dishes, laughter, and good luck wishes for the year ahead. A perfect mix of culture, community, and, of course, amazing food!



WORK READINESS WORKSHOP ADL & MEL

AIHE students got a career boost at the Work Readiness Workshop, where they learned how to overcome job barriers, improve resumes, and make a strong first impression! Led by Elena Mullar, Managing Director at Timemakers Consulting, the session was packed with valuable insights and expert tips to help students step into the workforce with confidence.



Got a brilliant idea for an event? A fun suggestion?
Or just some feedback to make things even better?
We'd love to hear it!

Feel free to chat with any of our friendly student ambassadors - we don't bite (unless there's pizza involved). Or, if you prefer the digital route, shoot us an email at student.assist.adl@aihe.sa.edu.au for students from Adelaide campus and student.assist.mel@aihe.sa.edu.au for students from Melbourne campus.

Let's make campus life more exciting together!



SEE IT, BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT: YOUR 2025 VISION BOARD! ✨

Starting a new academic journey is exciting, but let's be real - it can also feel like trying to juggle textbooks, deadlines, and your social life all at once! Whether you're just diving into your studies or gearing up for another year, a vision board is like your personal hype squad, keeping you motivated and focused on what really matters.

Think of it as your roadmap to success - except instead of GPS, it's powered by your dreams. The destinations? Acing your courses, finally taking that trip you keep talking about, or uncovering a hidden talent (who knew you were a master chef all along?). Seeing your aspirations every day gives you that extra push to keep going, even when assignments pile up and life gets tough.

So ditch the chaos, keep the goals and let your vision board save you!



This vision board is all about **YOU!** Tear this page out and stick it where you'll see it - your wall, your desk, even your fridge (because let's be real, snacks and dreams go hand in hand). Fill it with your big goals, wild ideas, and dream destinations. Doodle on it or add photos - the more "YOU" it feels, the more magic it brings! So grab your pens, unleash your creativity, and start turning dreams into reality - one goal at a time!



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Ambassadors**