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Kenny: Hey everyone, welcome to amplify. We're here, we're talking. This is Kenny Tran here, former ASI president, and earlier I met with Mariana over Zoom, who was the former Executive Vice president during my term, to discuss and reflect back on our time on the ASI board of directors, and it went a little something like this.

Kenny: Hey everyone, my name is Kenny Tran, and I was last year's ASI president.

Mariana: And my name is Mariana Rosales, and I was last year's Executive Vice President.

Kenny: Alright, so we're here today to reflect on some of the successes we had as executives in ASI last year, but also some of the challenges which we had a lot of, and I don't know about how you felt, but being an elected student representative was difficult, and we had to balance our involvements with academics and our personal lives too.

Mariana: Yeah, I think it was definitely hard, but, I think what really. What I learned a lot about during my time on the Board of Directors was really time management and prioritizing all of my commitments and even though I was only in ASI for one year, I learned so much about responsibility and leadership, especially in stressful situations like the pandemic.

Kenny: Oh yeah, that happened.

Mariana: Yeah, and you know, I think that was definitely one of the biggest challenges we had the entire year.

Kenny: Yeah, to be completely honest, I didn't think it was going to be as bad as it was, maybe like a month or two tops virtually, but we had to learn how to operate in a pandemic while also working to provide answers for students, so it felt like we were having to juggle a lot.

Mariana: Yeah, it was hard. It definitely, you know, cast a shadow over the year, but it's super important to not forget about all the good things that we were able to achieve. We launched successful campaigns like the 8 Dimensions of Wellness, which you can check out on previous Instagram post. We did more efficient communication to the student body by using memorandums, and we even provided for student advocacy during committees across campus, and you know, generally, although it was a difficult year for us. It was also one filled with so much growth, don't you think.

Kenny: Yeah, no, definitely lots of opportunities for students to thrive. I think for me, being on the board has been the most eye opening and biggest learning experience so far in my life. I think for anyone listening who's on the edge of running, not really knowing what they want to do. I really encourage you to step outside your comfort zone and just do it. If you're looking to grow as a leader and as a person, and to build Community, ASI is really the place to do that.

Kenny: Yeah, I think that's the end of our time.

Mariana: Yeah, thanks for listening, everyone, and don't forget to run in elections.

Kenny: Alright, bye everyone.

Kenny: I think it's safe to say a lot happened in 2020, but that's all the time we have for today, and just reminder applications to run for ASI elections close this Wednesday, February 10th at 12:00 PM.

Kenny: Make sure to follow us on Instagram and Twitter to stay updated with everything from the ASI Cougar Pantry, free events, giveaways, and more.

Kenny: Thank you all for listening.

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