

Aalto's KY-SUB

While at Aalto I joined the student business organization KY-SUB, and I am happy that I did. Because I was a part of KY-SUB I got to participate in a lot of their activities such as:

The Cottage Trip-The cottage trip was a lot of fun. They hosted some "Finnish Olympics" with wacky activities such as boot tossing, blindfolded mazes, dance offs, and other fun and silly activities throughout the overnight weekend trip. We also got to enjoy a campfire while toasting marshmallows and sausages and drinking spiked hot cocoa. It was an enjoyable experience to endure the Finnish winter at a cottage with my fellow classmates.

Lapland Trip-The Lapland trip was one of my best experiences on the exchange. I got to see the Northern lights on multiple nights during that trip. It was amazing, and a once in a lifetime experience. I also got to go on a Husky Ride, ski down the Finnish slopes, and enjoy some Finnish cuisine such as reindeer meat. Though one of the best parts was getting to bond with my fellow exchange students on the trip.

Vappu Parade and Picnic-Vappu is one of the biggest student celebrations in Finland. And I got to experience it firsthand by joining other KY-SUB members as we paraded through the streets of Finland to the Havis Amanda statue where they crowned her with a traditional white graduation hat. I also got to do a Vappu Picnic the next day and enjoyed some picnic foods in the park.

International Sitsi Party-One of the Finnish traditions is to do Sitsi parties where they sing songs and drink the whole night. We also got to eat some traditional Finnish foods during the event. Overall, it was fun. But I was a bit concerned with some of the lyrics in the songs they were singing. Other than that, it was fun hanging out with fellow exchange students in a relaxed setting.

KY-SUB Orientation and Farewell-KY-SUB hosted a good orientation when we first got to Aalto, and we were also able to buy our overalls during that event. I would highly recommend buying overalls because it is part of the overall experience. For a lot of the student events people wore their overalls to them. And you can even decorate them with patches that you can buy from various places/events. The KY-SUB farewell was also fun and bittersweet saying goodbye to everyone, and there was even an awards ceremony for the exchange students.

Various other events-KY-SUB also hosted various other fun events, and it made my Aalto experience even more enjoyable. Some of my friends from different majors other than business at Aalto did not have organizations like KY-SUB so they didn't get the same opportunities to participate in events such as these. So if you are in the Business school at Aalto I would definitely recommend it. If nothing else, you get really good discounts for trips.