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- **Oct. 25:** Local Committee President Elections
- **Nov. 5:** AIESEC at Georgia Tech Gala Dinner

## Fall RoKS from a New Member's Perspective

*By Lauren Spikes*

As I was driving a full car to Greenville for my first Regional Kickoff Seminar (RoKS), I didn't really know what to expect. I had heard all of the cliché "RoKS is so much fun!" and "You'll learn so much," I knew we were going to dance, and I knew that we'd be meeting AIESECers from other SoCo schools. My expectations were a little...flat, I guess you could say, because I didn't want them to put any kind of restraint on my experience a RoKS. I had goals for my RoKS experience, but I wouldn't call them expectations. I arrived at RoKS with a clear head, and open mind, and a willing heart. I was ready to make the connections that would help to shape my AIESEC experience. I was a little nervous too.

So, what did I discover at my first RoKS? First things first, AIESEC GT is so legitimate. As much as I loved meeting new people from other schools, it was nice to see that our LC has got it going on. I know what you're thinking, and no, I'm not just saying that because of my highly competitive nature. Our new members knew what was going on, and we made that obvious, especially in our New Member Track sessions, where the facilitators had to tell us to stop answering questions.

Second, AIESECers dance, A LOT. We've all seen how dancing helps to break the ice during LC meetings, but on a larger scale, dancing awkwardly to songs that seem like they belong

in some sketchy European club really gives you an immediate bond with the person dancing awkwardly next to you. Dancing makes it easy to find someone to share your triumphs and failures with, which levels the playing field and asserts the fact that one LC is not better than any other, despite what we like to think. Our identity and unity as the SoCo region was solidified for those of us who were afraid that division would exist between the LCs at RoKS.



My favorite thing about RoKS was the sessions. Even though I felt pretty confident about my knowledge of how AIESEC and all of the different functional teams work from new member orientation, I still managed to learn something new in every session that I attended. I didn't know anything about the history of how AIESEC was developed, about elevator pitches, or that we're the only school in SoCo with an Account Delivery team.

For me, RoKS was about developing my AIESEC culture. I went to RoKS wanting to learn more about AIESEC, wanting to make connections, and wanting to establish my goals as a new AIESECer. RoKS helped me achieve that, in between all of the dancing and the late nights and the fun. RoKS showed me everything that our region has accomplished, and all of the potential that it has to continue to be an integral part of AIESEC United States. RoKS made me a true AIESECer in just two days. I'd say that it was a pretty productive weekend.

# Calling all AIESEC Alumni!

You are cordially invited to...

## "Transcending Boundaries"

The AIESEC at Georgia Tech International Gala

A night of dinner and discussion, hosted by the nation's highest-performing chapter of the world's largest student-run organization

Keynote Speaker:  
Daniel J. Brutto  
President of UPS International

Friday,  
**November 5, 2010**  
7 pm, cocktail attire

Georgia Tech Alumni House  
190 North Avenue  
[www.aiesecgtevents.com](http://www.aiesecgtevents.com)

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Mark your calendars for the **2nd Annual AIESEC at Georgia Tech International Gala!** With keynote speaker Daniel J. Brutto, President of UPS International, discussing the night's theme of "Transcending Boundaries," the night is sure to be the perfect way of illustrating AIESEC GT's impact within the Atlanta community. We are calling all alumni to be a part of our distinguished audience on **Friday, November 5th, at 7pm** for dinner, compelling conversation, representation from our partners, and live entertainment.

Please visit the website for more information and to RSVP:  
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