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White House Official to Serve as Keynote Speaker at 2011 Higher Education Summit

Special Assistant to President Obama for Education Roberto J. Rodríguez will address a large multicultural group of stakeholders from across the country who represent a diverse cross-sector of communities-including students; policymakers; national and local government officials; and leaders from the higher education, community-based, and corporate sectors-at the **2011 APIASF College Completion Forum: Strengthening Institutions that Serve Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), June 27-28, 2011, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.** Rodríguez will be on hand to give the keynote address at the nation's largest gathering focused on increasing AAPI college completion and student success.

Rodríguez serves at the White House Domestic Policy Council. Previously, he was chief education counsel to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), former chairman of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. In this capacity, Rodríguez managed the Democratic education agenda for the committee and led policy development and strategy for legislation addressing early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, higher education, and adult education. Rodríguez began his tenure on Capitol Hill working for the Senate HELP Committee on the development of the No Child Left Behind Act.

For the full article and more information about Roberto J. Rodríguez, [click here](#).

For more information on the 2011 APIASF Higher Education Summit, or to register, [click here](#).

Department of Education Web Site Now Includes AANAPISIs in "Minority-Serving Institutions" List

APIASF would like to extend our appreciation to Secretary Arne Duncan, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Office for Civil Rights, for their efforts to become more inclusive of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) and adding them to the list of Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). The Department of Education's Web site identifies MSIs as institutions of higher education "enrolling populations with significant percentages of minority students, or that serve certain populations of minority students under various programs created by Congress." This landmark change allows

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Scholar Profile



"I hope to enter into the US Navy and study to become a doctor. I hope to be assigned to one of the Navy's hospital ships and travel around the world, serving both the armed services and the survivors of natural disasters and ethnic violence. This scholarship has made it possible for me to get there."

Richard Leong

2010-2011
APIASF/Southern California
Edison Scholar

Attending Columbia
University

programs created by Congress. This landmark change allows AANAPISIs to be recognized and listed among other well-known MSIs such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

This important addition to the Education Department's Web site will make federally-supported opportunities and resources set aside specifically for designated MSIs more accessible to AANAPISIs. APIASF is grateful to the Education Department officials, the many community organizations, and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders for their work to help achieve this goal.

For additional information, [click here](#).

APIASF Bids Farewell to New York Advisory Committee Chair

On Thursday, June 16, APIASF Staff, New York Advisory Committee (NYAC) members and the New York Regional Scholar Network (RSN) gathered for dinner to recognize the many contributions of the RSN representatives



and to bid farewell to Mina Martinez, Chair and Founder of the NYAC. Mina has been an active supporter of APIASF and a member of the Advisory Council for several years. She has been instrumental in growing our network of community members, volunteers and corporate partners in New York while raising awareness about the higher education needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs).

Mina was a Vice President at Clearlake Capital Group, where she was responsible for the firm's retail and consumer products efforts. Prior to joining Clearlake in 2007, Mina held a variety of positions in finance including serving as: Partner at Nogales Investors Management, LLC; Chief Administrative Officer of Lehman Brother's Los Angeles Office; Private Equity Investor at Warburg Pincus; and Investment Banker at Citigroup, Inc.

This summer Mina will be moving from New York City to Hong Kong with her family. APIASF and our Scholars will truly miss her passion and presence at all of our New York events. We wish her the best of luck on her new journey and look forward to keeping in touch!

Majoring in Pre-Medicine

Upcoming Events

June 27 - 28
APIASF Higher Education Summit
For additional information or to register for this event, [click here](#).

November 1
APIASF Scholarship Benefit
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