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APIASF to Honor USA Funds, United Health Foundation & Dr. Bob Suzuki at Benefit

On November 1, 2011 the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) will celebrate its Sixth Annual *Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future* Scholarship Benefit at the Hilton New York in New York City.

This year, APIASF will honor **USA Funds** and the **United Health Foundation** for their strong commitment to diverse communities, extensive contributions to the field of education, and broad support of APIASF. **Dr. Bob H. Suzuki**, President Emeritus of California Polytechnic University, Pomona, will be receiving the Higher Education Award for his long-standing commitment to education and efforts to support Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students.

The proceeds from the Scholarship Benefit help APIASF continue to improve the lives of AAPI students by providing them with resources that increase access to higher education and serve as the foundation for their future success and contributions to a stronger America.

For more information about the event or to purchase a ticket, [click here](#).

2011 CARE Report to Launch at Capitol Hill Briefing on October 11

By 2050, the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is expected to reach nearly 40 million people. The significant growth of this population is quickly changing the face of America's education system--from K-12 through higher education. However, there is a dearth of knowledge about the demography of AAPI students, their educational trajectory, and their postsecondary outcomes.

On Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m. at the Capitol Visitor Center, the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE), APIASF, along with the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), will host a briefing to discuss the findings of the 2011 CARE Report. This new report explores the critical role of AAPI students as the United States strives to adequately respond to the demands of the global economy and maintain its standing as a global leader. The report also includes a summary of the recommendations generated by participants during the 2011 APIASF Higher Education Summit.

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Scholar Profile



"Financial hardships have given me initiative to go out and pursue other resources for my education because there is absolutely no way I will let money keep me from a 4-year university."

Hong Truong
2011 - 2012
APIASF/FedEx Scholar
Attending University of California, Davis
Majoring in Bioengineering

Upcoming Events

October 11
2011 CARE Report Briefing
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November 1

Speakers at the event include: **Robert T. Teranishi**, Associate Professor of Higher Education at New York University and Principal Investigator of CARE; **Congresswoman Mazie Hirono** (D-HI), Chair of the CAPAC Educational Taskforce; **Dr. Debra Saunders-White**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education; and **Larry A. Griffith**, Vice President of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program at UNCF.

To RSVP for this event, please [click here](#). To download copies of the 2008 and 2010 CARE Reports, [click here](#).

GMS Applications Now Available Online

For students entering college for the first time fall 2012, the GMS 2012 Scholarship Application is now available online. **The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding, low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following discipline areas: computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science. The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence by providing thousands of outstanding students, who have significant financial need, the opportunity to reach their full potential.

For more information or to apply, [click here](#).

APIASF Scholarship Benefit

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