



## April 2012 eNews

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### APIASF President & ED Speaks at Convening on Young Men of Color at the National Press Club

On Wednesday, April 18, APIASF's President & Executive Director, Neil Horikoshi, joined leaders from around the country at the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) and the College Board Advocacy & Policy Center's convening, *Young Men of Color: Charting Their Educational Success*. The event focused on the latest research on young men of color and explored practical solutions and programs to improve educational outcomes.



Research shared during the event showed that just 26 percent of African Americans, 24 percent of Native Americans and Pacific Islanders, and 18 percent of Hispanic Americans have at least an associate degree.

Panelist **Hema Katoa**, Counselor, Student Intervention Services at the Jordan School District in Utah, shared the challenges faced by Pacific Islander students and how they are often overlooked in the education dialogue.

As the United States struggles to meet its national college completion goals, the academic success of young men of color becomes critical.

For more information and research on the experience of young men of color, please [click here](#).

### APIASF to Host Third Annual Higher Education Summit in Washington, DC

On June 20, 2012, APIASF will host its third annual Higher Education Summit around the theme, **Advancing the Democratic Mission of Higher Education: The Relevance of Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders** at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The 2012 Summit will shed light on national data outlining the demography of AAPIOs in the U.S. (e.g., 2010 U.S. Census data, 2012 CARE report) and its impact on educational policies, institutions, and students as it relates to diversity and equity. Panels and round table discussions will highlight what democracy means to AAPIOs and the crucial role institutions such as Asian

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*"A college education is a costly yet important opportunity that I am grateful to have. Not everyone is as fortunate to have the wonderful opportunity to attend the college of their dreams, but furthermore not everyone gets the chance to attend college with a scholarship."*

**Paula J. Dinozo**  
2009 - 2010 APIASF /  
Sodexo Scholar

Attending University of  
California, Berkeley  
Majoring in Engineering

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means to AAPIS and the crucial role institutions such as Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions that serve a significant percentage of AAPI students play in advancing the democratic mission of higher education.

Speakers include: **Estela Bensimon**, *Professor of Higher Education and Co-Director of the Center for Urban Education (CUE)*, USC Rossier School of Education; **Michelle Cooper**, *President*, Institute of Higher Education Policy; **Timothy Fong**, *Chair of Department of Ethnic Studies*, California State University, Sacramento; **Marybeth Gasman**, *Professor of Higher Education*, University of Pennsylvania; **Brian Murphy**, *President*, De Anza College; **Robert Teranishi**, *Associate Professor of Higher Education*, New York University and Principal Investigator for The National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education; **Mike Tuitasi**, *Vice President of Student Affairs*, Santa Monica College; and **Robert Underwood**, *President*, University of Guam / Vice Chairman, APIACU Board of Directors.

**Due to the limited number of spaces available, attendance at the Higher Education Summit is by invitation only.** However, APIASF will be hosting a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Compass Room at the Ronald Reagan Building that is open to the public. The reception will provide an opportunity for community leaders, students, educators, corporate representatives, federal employees and researchers to network and learn more about APIASF's programs and services.

**To RSVP for the evening reception, please [click here](#).** For additional information about the Summit and the complete agenda, visit [http://www.apiasf.org/higher\\_ed\\_2012\\_overview.html](http://www.apiasf.org/higher_ed_2012_overview.html).

### **Don't Forget to RSVP for the Southern California Edison Community Event on May 3!**

Join APIASF for a special reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 3 to welcome the 2012 - 2013 APIASF / Southern California Edison Scholarship Recipients. The reception will be held at the Southern California Edison office on 1515 Walnut Grove Avenue in Rosemead, CA.

Guests will have the opportunity to connect with APIASF staff, learn more about the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and network with leaders in the Southern California area.

**For more information about this event or to RSVP, [click here](#).**

the seventh annual APIASF ***Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future*** Scholarship Benefit in New York City. The event will be held on Thursday, **November 8, 2012** at the Hilton New York.

For more information or to learn more about sponsoring our 2012 Scholarship Benefit, please contact Katrina Chambers at [kchambers@apiasf.org](mailto:kchambers@apiasf.org).

### **Give the Gift of Education**

Did you know that you can make a difference for a deserving Asian American or Pacific Islander student? One gift to APIASF can support a student in achieving their dream of higher education.

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