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APIASF Announces Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) at Summit



On June 20, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) hosted its third annual Higher Education Summit, ***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.

To kick off the Summit, APIASF and the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) launched the Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project during a special media briefing. This announcement tied to the Summit's focus of leveraging partnerships to help facilitate college completion, career preparation and engagement among AAPI students.

The PEER project is a three-year, nearly \$2 million effort being supported by The Kresge Foundation, USA Funds, and the Walmart Foundation that will increase institutional effectiveness, share resources for student success and provide more useful data. APIASF and CARE will be working collaboratively with three Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), De Anza College, City College of San Francisco, and South Seattle Community College, to pilot the program.

In 2010, the 150 institutions eligible to be AANAPISIs made up only 3.4 percent of the nation's colleges and universities, but enrolled 40.8 percent of all AAPI undergraduates. Working with AANAPISIs provides a significant opportunity to impact AAPI

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Scholar Profile



"When I came to the United States three years ago as a refugee from Burma, I faced many challenges. However, I never gave up. I knew that an education was the key to my future and my family's future...By receiving this scholarship from you, I can go to college. I can also be a good example for my community because there are so many Burmese Refugee students who struggle for an education."

Joseph Lian
2012 - 2013 APIASF / Wells Fargo Scholar

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students on a broad scale.

For additional photographs and information about the APIASF Higher Education Summit, [click here](#). For the complete PEER announcement, [click here](#).

In the photo above, Congresswoman and Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Judy Chu lends her support to the PEER announcement during the 2012 APIASF Higher Education Summit.

For the First-Time Ever APIASF Summit Attended by Leaders from Nearly All Funded AANAPISIs

The 2012 APIASF Higher Education Summit was a historic event that provided a forum for more than 10 college and university presidents as well as senior leaders from nearly all of the funded AANAPISIs to share best practices and build partnerships to leverage AAPI student success. This was also the first time that senior leaders including the presidents of almost all of the Pacific Island colleges and universities were able to attend the event.

This important opportunity was made possible through the support of Southwest Airlines, who provided round-trip tickets to cover the travel of 20 AANAPISI leaders and 40 scholarship recipients.



APIASF scholarship recipients with Kim Delevett (standing left), Community Affairs and Grassroots Manager for Southwest Airlines, at the 2012 Higher Education Summit.

Wells Fargo Announces \$500,000 Commitment to APIASF to Support AAPI Student Success

Following the Higher Education Summit, APIASF hosted a special reception to honor Congressman Mike Honda for his 30-year career in education and his work to support education equity.



During the reception, Wells Fargo announced a new commitment to APIASF and presented a \$500,000 check to support AAPI students.

Community College
Majoring in Mechanical
Engineering

Save the Date

Please save the date for 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 the 2012 Scholarship Benefit, please contact Katrina Chambers at 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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support AAPI students.

"Thanks to Wells Fargo's generous support we will be able to make a significant increase in the number of

scholarships for our most underserved students," said Neil Horikoshi, APIASF President & Executive Director.

Since APIASF's inception, Wells Fargo has provided more than \$1.5 million to help provide access to higher education for hundreds of AAPI students from across the country and in the Pacific Islands.

In the photo above, Michelle Scales (left), Director of Diverse Growth Segments at Wells Fargo, presents a \$500,000 check to Michael Fung (center), Chair of the APIASF Board of Directors, and Neil Horikoshi (right), President & Executive Director of APIASF.

Disaggregated Data Continues to be a Top Priority for Supporting AAPI Students

The recent release of the Pew Research Center study, *The Rise of Asian Americans*, reinforced the mischaracterizations of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students and highlights the critical need for better data related to AAPI students. **To read the statement issued by APIASF and CARE, please [click here](#).**

To help combat these misperceptions about the community and ensure the accurate information to better inform federally-supported policies, programs, and initiatives, participants at the APIASF Higher Education were encouraged to complete the Request for Information (RFI) on disaggregated data that was issued by the Department of Education.

The White House Initiative on AAPIs developed a technical assistance webinar to help institutional leaders and others complete the RFI. To view the webinar, [click here](#).

To submit a comment, please visit www.regulations.gov and enter ED-2012-OESE-0009 in the search bar. Then click the blue "comment now" button on the right side to access the comment submission form. **All comments must be received by July 3, 2012. For more information, [click here](#).**

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