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APIASF Volunteers Complete the Application Read and Review Process for Nearly 8,000 Students

For the first-time, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) had more than 500 volunteers from across the country participate in the annual application Read and Review process. Many of APIASF's corporate supporters encouraged employees to volunteer and help make a difference for deserving Asian American and Pacific Islander students. DLA Piper LLP US, Farmers Insurance Group of Companies, IBM, IW Group, Inc., Southern California Edison, Walmart and Wells Fargo each had more than 10 employees participate. Southern California Edison employees completed the most reviews of any company and Wells Fargo had the most employees volunteer.

APIASF would also like to recognize all of the volunteers from community organizations, institutions of higher education, government agencies, teachers, and other community members who invested their time in helping APIASF select the next group of scholarship recipients.

As a way of showing thanks to our volunteers, several of APIASF's supporters donated fabulous prizes to offer in weekly drawings. Readers had the opportunity to be entered by reviewing a certain number of applications. Below are the prize winners from each of the weekly drawings:

- **Susan Amato**: Two-Night Stay at any Hilton Hotel
- **Melvin Kubota** (ETS): Southwest Airlines Ticket
- **Sony Gilb** (Dallas Independent School District): Southwest Airlines Ticket
- **Jimmy Gin** (NBC Universal): Southwest Airlines Ticket
- **Hiroko Hatanaka** (IW Group): \$600 Best Buy Gift Card to purchase a new iPad
- **Ming Pham**: \$500 Wells Fargo Visa Gift Card
- **Teresa Sampayan** (Spruce Elementary School): iPad 2
- **Kyle Weismann-Yee**: iPad 2
- **Elizabeth Solomon** (Walmart): \$50 Visa Gift Card
- **Vila Hala** (Legal Aid Society): \$50 Visa Gift Card

With each application being reviewed twice, this year's volunteer Readers went above and beyond the call of duty by completing the review on-time for the largest number applications that APIASF has ever received. APIASF will be announcing the final scholarship recipients early this Summer.

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"As the oldest in my family, I will be the first to go to college and will become a positive role model for my siblings. They will soon learn the importance of obtaining post-secondary education and because few people from my community pursue higher education, I will be a role model for others as well."

Anthony Nguyen
2011 - 2012 APIASF /
FedEx Scholar

Attending University of
Washington and
Majoring in Pre-Medicine

APIASF's President & ED Selected to Travel to Japan to Strengthen U.S.-Japan Relations



APIASF's President & Executive Director, Neil Horikoshi, was selected as one of 10 Japanese-American leaders from across the country to travel to Japan from March 3-10 to meet with top officials and further develop the U.S.-Japan relationship. The delegation was chosen based on several key themes including entrepreneurship, NGO/NPO partnerships, high technology and education.

The delegation visited the city of Sendai in the Tohoku region to show support for the region devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake and learn from those living there. During their time in Sendai, Horikoshi had the opportunity to present a letter of support and recognition to Akiko Benimura, Director of the Sendai-Miyagi NPO Center, on behalf of the members of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) for their ongoing commitment to building and investing in the Civil Society of Japan.

The delegates also participated in a symposium in Sendai sponsored by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the U.S.-Japan Council focused on empowering civil society and nonprofit organizations. On March 7, the delegates had the opportunity to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda to highlight the importance of working for continued solidarity between Japan and the United States.

To read the press release, please [click here](#).

In the photo above, APIASF President & Executive Director Neil Horikoshi (right), with Satoshi Hasegawa, Managing Director of The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership translating, presents a letter from the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans to NPO leader Akiko Benimura. Photo by Michael Tanimura.

New APIASF / Toyota Scholarships to be Awarded for the 2012 - 2013 Academic Year

APIASF is proud to welcome the newest scholarship supporter, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, who will be awarding their first group of scholarship recipients during the 2012 cycle. Recipients of the APIASF / Toyota scholarships will reside in the communities surrounding their US Headquarters in Torrance, CA and are planning to pursue a degree in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Each scholarship recipient will receive \$2,500 toward their tuition.

On Tuesday, May 8, Toyota will be hosting a reception at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum to recognize their first group of scholarship recipients. We look forward to congratulating this year's group of APIASF / Toyota Scholars and APIASF would like

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Join APIASF for a special reception from 6 - 8 p.m. on May 3 to welcome the 2012-2013 APIASF / Southern California Edison scholarship recipients and to learn more about APIASF's programs and services.

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

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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your group of friends. Toyota Center and Toyota would like to thank Toyota Motor Sales, USA for their generous support of Asian American and Pacific Islander students pursuing higher education!

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