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California Edison and Toyota Welcome New Scholars at May Receptions

Earlier this month, Southern California Edison (SCE) and Toyota each hosted welcome events to recognize their newly selected 2012 - 2013 scholarship recipients.



The Southern California Edison event was held on May 3 at their office in Rosemead, California. In addition to honoring their Scholars, SCE debuted a new video sharing the experience of three APIASF scholarship recipients. **The video is now available on**

YouTube or by [clicking here](#). *In the photo at left are the 2012 - 2013 APIASF / Southern California Edison Scholarship Recipients.*

On May 8, Toyota hosted their welcome event to recognize the 2012 - 2013 APIASF / Toyota Scholarship recipients. The event was held at the Toyota USA Museum and the was attended by many of the Asian employee affiliation group members. *In the photo at right are the scholarship recipients following the event.*



APIASF Takes to the Skies In Spirit Magazine



APIASF was honored to be one of the AAPI organizations highlighted as part of Southwest Airlines' feature on APA Heritage Month.

"Southwest Airlines is proud to support the Asian American and Pacific Islander

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Scholar Profile



"As a member of the first generation in my family to attend college, I can't fully express in words how much this scholarship means to me. For much of my life, I've watched my family pull together through tough times and knowing that this scholarship will be able to ease those tough times means the world to me. "

Tiffany Tran
2012 - 2013 APIASF / Toyota Scholar

Attending University of California, Los Angeles
Majoring in Environmental Studies



and Pacific Islander community," said Kim Delevett, Community Affairs and

Grassroots Manager, Southwest Airlines. "As we look at the contributions of the AAPI community during APA Heritage Month, it is important for us to recognize that the success of the community matters to all Americans. We are excited to be able to highlight APIASF and the AAPI community in our May issue of *Spirit Magazine*."

Since 2005, Southwest Airlines has provided more than 300 tickets, valued over \$120,000 to help increase access for AAPI students to educational opportunities. APIASF is one of Southwest Airline's longest running partners in the AAPI community.

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

New APIASF Website and Leadership Blog Launch

On May 1, APIASF launched its newly redesigned website and blog, *re/present: live. learn. lead.*, to help connect AAPI students with resources to access, complete, and succeed after post-secondary education.

In addition to the updated design, the website features expanded content including a Student Resource Center, links to research and data, Scholar stories and a guide to APIASF's social impact. The blog provides a space for Scholars to share their life experiences, discuss issues and topics of interest, and explore what it means to be an AAPI student and leader.

To check out the new website, visit www.apiasf.org and to see the new blog, visit <http://apiasfrepresent.tumblr.com/>.

Department of Education Announces Request For Information on Disaggregated Data for AAPIs

With the vast diversity that exists within the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, the disaggregation of data is critical to ensuring an accurate depiction of the needs and experiences of AAPIs. Disaggregated data is especially important when it comes to education and dispelling many of the misperceptions that exist about AAPI students. Without this information, agencies and institutions are often unable to identify and address the unique needs of the students who are not succeeding.

On May 4, the Department of Education issued a Request for Information (RFI) to gather and share information about practices and policies regarding existing education data systems that disaggregate data on the AAPI community. The information collected will be used by educational agencies, schools and institutions of higher education to share best practices and overcome challenges to gathering disaggregated data on AAPI students.

This RFI is a fundamental step to advance AAPI college completion and better support student success. Community members, educators, students and organizations are encouraged to share this information with their institutions of education or to

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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to share this information with their institutions of education or to post a comment directly to the RFI stating why disaggregated data is important to the AAPI community.

The White House Initiative on AAPIs will be hosting a conference call about the RFI on Thursday, May 31 at 4 p.m. EST. The call-in number is (888) 324-2913 and the participant code is 6054673.

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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