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2012 Scholarship Benefit Honorees Announced

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) will be honoring FedEx, Southwest Airlines and Dr. Frank Chong as part of its seventh annual **Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future Scholarship Benefit** held **November 8** at the Hilton New York. Each of the honorees will be recognized for their work to increase educational opportunities for AAPI students.

During the event, **FedEx** will be receiving the Excellence in Education Award for its leadership in developing APIASF's first four-year scholarship award. **Southwest Airlines** will receive the Inspiring Dreams Award for its effort to provide more than a hundred students the opportunity to enhance their education by attending the APIASF Higher Education Summit. In addition, the Higher Education Award will be presented to **Dr. Frank Chong**, President of Santa Rosa Junior College, for his longstanding career in higher education, especially his work with community colleges both as a leader and as the former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges at the U.S. Department of Education.

APIASF's annual Scholarship Benefit event brings together more than 400 community leaders, corporate representatives and scholarship recipients to raise awareness about the need to support AAPI students.

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

APIASF Hosts FREE Career Workshop

APIASF will be hosting a FREE Career Workshop from **4 to 6 p.m.** on **Thursday, November 8** in the Regent Parlor at the Hilton New York. This year's theme will be **Cultivating Soft Skills For A Big Career Impact**. During the workshop, students and young professionals will be able to strengthen their professional skills in order to help advance their careers.

Panelists for this year's event include representatives from: McDonald's, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers, the New York Times and the United States Navy.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about "soft skills," such as networking and communication skills from industry leaders

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Scholar Profile



"Because of the APIASF Scholarship, I have been able to invest even more as a leader in the APIA community here at USC. Not only has it allowed me to attend this private university, but it has also encouraged and motivated me to make a difference in the lives of other APIA students around me through service, commitment, and leadership."

Alison Chang
2011 - 2012 APIASF /
USA Funds Scholar

Attending University of
Southern California
Majoring in International
Relations

- Learn how these skills can help you in the workforce
- Interact with some of the nation's top corporate executives on how to develop these skills
- Strengthen your resume, portfolio and contacts

The workshop is free, but registration is required.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

APPLY TODAY - APIASF Scholarship

The 2012-2013 APIASF Scholarship Application is now available online. **The deadline for all submissions is Friday, January 11, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

Scholarships are available for high school seniors, currently enrolled college students in their freshman, sophomore or junior year and GED earners. Awards range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

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

In addition, the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is now accepting applications for the 2013 class online.

For more information about the GMS Program or to apply, [click here](#). **The deadline is Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

New Campus Engagement Manager for Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Reeba Monachan will be serving as the new Campus Engagement Manager for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program within the Northeast Region. Reeba started in September as part of this exciting pilot program through GMS intended to help support scholarship recipients.



The position will serve as a front line response to issues that students may face on campus, while also helping them build a network on campuses and within the region.

If you would like to get connected, please check out the Facebook group at:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/432898550080114/?fref=ts>

For more information, please email Reeba at rmonachan@apiasf.org.

APIASF Blog Features Dr. Don Nakanishi

Save the Date

Please save the date for the seventh annual **APIASF *Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future* November 8, 2012** Scholarship Benefit in New York City. The event will be held 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.

[Click here](#) to make a difference in the life of a student.

APIASF Programs

APIASF is a lot more than scholarships!

APIASF provides scholarship recipients with individual advising, community building and professional development opportunities. **[Click here](#) to learn more about our programs and services.**

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Dr. Don Nakanishi, Professor Emeritus (1994-2009) and former Director (1990-2000) at UCLA Asian American Studies Center, wrote a special feature for APIASF's blog, *re/present: live. learn. lead.*



Dr. Nakanishi's post focused on Asian American students and their legacy of social change. In the post, he shares his own personal experience and the role that students play in creating social change on campus and in the broader community. He also encourages the next generation of students to become part of the movement and make a difference in their own communities.

To read the post or learn more about the blog, [click here](#).

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