

April 2013 eNews

2013 Summit Session Presenters Announced

On June 25, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) will host its fourth annual Higher Education Summit. This year, APIASF sought proposals from leaders in education and the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community for a series of concurrent sessions that will be held throughout the day.

Proposals were asked to focus on two key areas:

- Mobilizing resources and advancing institutional capacity to increase higher education access for AAPIs
- Policy, program, or practice facilitating student access and success in higher education for AAPIs

The sessions include a information on refugee and migrant populations, best practices learned from the field, leadership development for Pacific Islander students, and ways to advance student retention. **For the Summit agenda and complete list of sessions, please [click here](#).**



In addition, APIASF is proud to announce Southwest Airlines as the Official Airline of APIASF and to offer a **special discount to those traveling for the**

2013 APIASF Higher Education Summit to/from Baltimore/Washington (BWI), Washington DC Dulles (IAD), and Reagan (DCA) airports to/from all scheduled Southwest Airlines service hubs between June 22 and June 27 (blackout date applies on 6/23/13).

Please visit www.southwest.com/APIASF to view the terms and conditions of this offer and to book your travel now.

To register for the 2013 APIASF Higher Education Summit, [click here](#).

APIASF Launches New Campaign to Increase AAPI College Access and Success

Last month, APIASF and the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE)

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Scholar Profile



"This scholarship will help me in my pursuit to study Computer Science at UC Berkeley. I feel that not enough Asian American women are in this field, let alone women of all races, and diversity in Computer Science has become more important for the exchange of perspectives and opinions. I hope to represent my community as an Asian American woman in Computer Science."

Jessica Chang
2013 - 2014 APIASF /
Southern California
Edison Scholar

Attending
University of California,

kicked off a national public awareness effort dedicated to increasing access and completion among AAPI students, the fastest-growing, but often the most overlooked and underserved student population at U.S. colleges and universities.

The new student-centered and -led campaign, "We're the Changing Face of America," is a multi-layered, grassroots effort working through strategic partnerships with three of the nation's Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs): De Anza College, City College of San Francisco, and South Seattle Community College. In

addition to the campaign's AANAPISI partners, other supporters at business, civil rights, community-based, and student- and youth-advocacy organizations are playing an important role in sharing information and messages. For a complete list of partners, [click here](#).

The campaign supports the Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project that APIASF and CARE launched in June 2012 to help improve educational outcomes for the AAPI student population. The campaign includes a new microsite at www.changingfaceofamerica.com that will help highlight students stories, the work of AANAPISI campuses and research from the project. Students are encouraged to get involved in the campaign by using the [online toolkit](#) on the site.

For more information about the campaign or to become a partner, email APIASF Director of Communications & Marketing, Katie Tran-Lam, at ktranlam@apiASF.org.



Answering the Call: APIASF's Next 10 Initiative

APIASF friends, volunteers, and supporters always answer our call for help. From January through March, more than 450 volunteers committed over 1,500 hours of their personal time to reading and evaluating more than 7,300 scholarship applications. In February, when we asked for help to vote for us in the GOOD Maker "Give for Youth" Challenge, we received overwhelming support which landed us in second place among 129 organizations. And on March 8, when we announced that we needed support for The Next Ten, an APIASF giving initiative celebrating our first 10 years of making a difference in the lives of Asian American and Pacific Islander students, our friends, volunteers, **scholarship recipients** and supporters were the first to contribute, already raising \$1,575!

We hope to raise \$10,000 in 10 months, but we can't make it there alone. [Please consider making a donation](#) - however big or small - to make our next 10 years a success. The following 28 individuals have already pledged their support. We hope you'll be one of the next 10!

Berkeley
Majoring in Computer
Science

Volunteer Profile



"We have so much to look forward to as a working, thriving and resourceful society because of these future leaders! APIASF is truly a catalyst for these outstanding young adults to think big, aim high and never settle for less!"

Jill Simonson
APIASF Volunteer,
New York Community
Affairs and Grassroots
Manager at Southwest

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.

A big THANK YOU goes to: Nicole Alonzo, Susan Amato, Loni Bordoloi, Katrina Breese, Sarah Ha, Nancy Hoffman, Joanne Hung, Monique Joe, Phong Luu, Emil Trinidad, Deborah Sheely, Minh-Hoa Ta, Daria Torres, Mary Yee, Eric Young, and 6 Anonymous Donors!

We would like to especially recognize our Scholars: Nidhi Arora, Tiffany Chan, Sang Do, Sue Lee, Boosaba Pananon, My Phan and Rominna Villasenor for contributing to this campaign. We are honored that we have been able to support their pursuit of higher education and that they want to create more opportunities for other AAPI students.

Join APIASF at Southern California Edison to Recognize Newly Awarded Scholars on May 2

APIASF and Southern California Edison (SCE) invite you to a special community reception hosted by Erwin Furukawa, Senior Vice President, Customer Service to announce the 2013-2014 APIASF / Southern California Edison scholarship recipients and to introduce APIASF to the Southern California community.

When: Thursday, May 2nd, 2013
6:00 - 8:00pm

Where: Southern California Edison
1515 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, CA 91770

To RSVP: [Click Here!](#)

Food and refreshments will be served.

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with APIASF



May is just around the corner and there is so much to look forward to! It will be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPIHM), re/present is turning one, and APIASF's 10-year anniversary celebration is in full swing! To celebrate these three wonderful events, **re/present** will be hosting a daily challenge throughout the month of May. Whether you choose to take a photograph

or write out a few sentences to express what the day's topic means to you, we hope you join the celebration! In addition, we will kick off the month with a post from the Honorable Ruby G. Moy, a key figure in getting the AAPIHM movement off the ground.

We're really excited and hope you are, too! Celebrate with us at <http://apiasfrepresent.tumblr.com>. To see posts related to April's

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