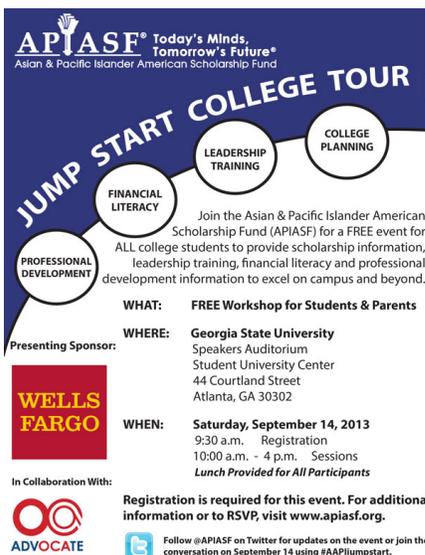


## August 2013 eNews

### RSVP TODAY! APIASF Jump Start College Tour

Join the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) for a **FREE college planning and leadership development opportunity on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Georgia State University**. The Jump Start College Tour, sponsored by Wells Fargo, will provide information for students and their families on college planning, scholarships, leadership training, financial literacy and professional development. **Lunch will be provided to all participants.**



**JUMP START COLLEGE TOUR**

Join the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) for a FREE event for ALL college students to provide scholarship information, leadership training, financial literacy and professional development information to excel on campus and beyond.

**WHAT:** FREE Workshop for Students & Parents

**WHERE:** Georgia State University  
Speakers Auditorium  
Student University Center  
44 Courtland Street  
Atlanta, GA 30302

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 14, 2013  
9:30 a.m. - Registration  
10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Sessions  
Lunch Provided for All Participants

**Presenting Sponsor:** 

In Collaboration With: 

Registration is required for this event. For additional information or to RSVP, visit [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org).

Follow @APIASF on Twitter for updates on the event or join the conversation on September 14 using #APIJUMPSTART.

During the day, participants will learn how to utilize career trends to leverage their college experience, best practices for money management and scholarship resources, and how to use Emotional and Cultural Intelligence to succeed.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and parking on campus is free in the G Deck. The event is free, but registration is required.

For additional information or to register, [click here](#).

To download a copy of the flyer to share with friends, [click here](#).

In advance of the event, Coca-Cola will be hosting a special community reception to help local business and community leaders learn more about APIASF's work to support Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students in the Atlanta community. The reception will also highlight the importance of Asian American Native American Pacific Islander - Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), like Georgia State University. For more information about the reception, please email Katie Tran-Lam at [ktranlam@apiasf.org](mailto:ktranlam@apiasf.org).

### GMS Application Now Available Online

Every year the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program,

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### Scholar Profile



*"I have a dream to one day have a career in news media and to make a difference in the ways in which information is distributed. As a first generation college student, it is highly important for me to attain a college education and to strive for a bright future."*

**Marisch Perera**  
2013 - 2014 APIASF /  
NBC Universal Scholar

Attending  
Pace University  
Majoring in  
Communications

funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, provides outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with significant financial need an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Applications for the 2014 class are now available online.

GMS will provide recipients with:

- Support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help amounts;
- Renewable awards for Gates Millennium Scholars maintaining satisfactory academic progress;
- Graduate school funding for continuing Gates Millennium Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science; and
- Leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities.

**For more information or to learn how to apply, [click here](#).**

The application deadline is Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).

**The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is also seeking individuals interested in serving as Readers for the 2014 scholarship year.** If you would like to apply, please send your name and email address to Joo Young Lee at [jylee@apiasf.org](mailto:jylee@apiasf.org) so that you can be added to the distribution list next month.

To assist students with applications and help increase awareness in local communities, Cherry Lim, APIASF Program Specialist for Outreach and Community Relations, will be traveling to cities around the country to speak with community leaders and high school students about APIASF's scholarships.

This year, Cherry will be traveling to Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.; Des Moines, Iowa; Indianapolis/Fort Wayne, Ind.; Oklahoma City/Tulsa, Okla.; and Biloxi, Miss. **For more information about outreach or to volunteer, email Cherry at [outreach@apiasf.org](mailto:outreach@apiasf.org).**

## AANAPISI Profile: Mission College

Located in Santa Clara, Calif., Mission College has a student population that consistently reaches nearly 50 percent AAPI and more than half of the institution's financial aid is distributed to AAPI students. Many of the students are assessed into pre-collegiate-level courses with very high numbers enrolled in English as a second language (ESL) classes.

To meet the needs of the student population, Mission College embarked on a process to identify best practices and address overall institutional improvements that included ways to better support the AAPI community. In 2010, Mission College received the designation as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and was awarded the

## Volunteer Profile



*"I feel grateful to be a reader for the APIASF scholarship program. The thoughtful and insightful essays submitted by the students gave me inspiration to be a better person for the next generation."*

**Cassandra Pham**  
APIASF Volunteer and  
Toyota Team Member

## Save the Date: APIASF Scholarship Benefit

On November 6, 2013, APIASF will host its Eighth Annual *Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future* Scholarship Benefit at the Hilton in New York City.

For more information about the event or to become a sponsor, email Gayle Yamada at [gyamada@apiasf.org](mailto:gyamada@apiasf.org).

federal Title III AANAPISI Part A grant in 2010. The college used the award to build success among students in ESL classes and assist in the transition to college-level English classes.

The following year, Mission College submitted another grant application and was awarded the federal Title III AANAPISI Part F grant in 2011. This grant is focused on the success of AAPI students transferring to four-year colleges/universities in Science, Technology, Education, and Math (STEM) majors.

Each of Mission College's AANAPISI programs work toward the ultimate goal of improving the transition, progression, graduation, and transfer rates of AAPI students. **To learn more about Mission College's work as an AANAPISI campus, [click here](#).**

### APIASF Summit Featured on Southwest Blog

Southwest Airlines recently featured APIASF in a new blog post that highlighted the impact of the annual Higher Education Summit. Every year, Southwest Airlines provides round-trip tickets for scholarship recipients from across the country to attend the Summit. For many of the students, this experience was a life-changing opportunity. **To read more about the students' experiences and the blog post, [click here](#).**



### Learn How to Make a Difference with APIASF #repChange During the Month of September

Just days after the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, [re/present: live. learn. lead.](#) will shift its focus to the meaningful topics of social change and civic engagement (**#repChange**) for the month of September. Take action throughout the month by following along with our **8 Ways You Can #repChange** feature, which will provide two ways each week that you can cultivate personal growth, create positive social change, and become an engaged citizen.

In August, we explored transitions of all sorts, provided links to resources, and heard some insights from our Scholars and Alumni. [Click here](#) to read how we sought to #repTransitions together.

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