



February 2013 eNews

Lumina Foundation Commits \$200k to AAPI Student Success Collaboration

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) and the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE), the leading Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) student- and research-focused organizations, respectively, recently received a \$200,000 grant from Lumina Foundation for the Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project - a bold, three-year effort aiming to increase AAPI student access and success. The grant supports one of the largest investments in history, with more than \$2 million, to improve educational outcomes for the AAPI student population.

The PEER project provides scholarships, institutional capacity-building, and institutional collaboration based on research by working collectively with Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) - a category of federally-designated Minority-Serving Institutions enrolling and conferring the largest concentration of degrees to the nation's AAPI undergraduate students. Serving as the PEER project's institutional partners are three of the nation's top AANAPISIs: City College of San Francisco, De Anza College, and South Seattle Community College.

For the complete press release, [click here](#).

APIASF Needs Your Help to Support Pacific Islander Students this June

APIASF is currently competing to be one of 20 finalists to be featured on Microsoft's Give for Youth platform, where winners will be able to raise funds with the possibility of matching donations from Microsoft. To become one of the final 20 organizations, APIASF needs to secure as many votes as possible between now and 3 p.m. EST this Friday.

Help support Pacific Islander students by voting at <http://giveforyouth.maker.good.is/projects/PacificIslanderEdu>.

To complete your vote, click on the link in the confirmation email sent by GOOD Maker.

APIASF Community College Scholarship

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Scholar Profile



"Being the first in my family to attend college has served as a challenge and motivation for me. Since I lacked an older role model who has experienced college, I had to work extra hard to walk myself through the path towards my college education. Receiving the honor of being an APIASF Scholar has only added to my motivation as well as elevated me to a higher plane of success in working towards a bright future."

Natasha Mandalang
2012 - 2013 APIASF /
United Health
Foundation Scholar

Partners Host Scholar Welcome Events

Throughout the month of February, APIASF's four community college scholarship partner institutions hosted welcome events for their newly selected scholarship recipients. The events recognized the academic achievements of the students and helped connect them to resources available through APIASF and their campus.

For more information about the community college scholarship program, [click here](#).

In the photo below, Coastline Community College President Dr. Lori Adrian (far right) and Coast Community College District Trustee Jim Moreno (second from left) with APIASF Board Member Carol Jackson (far left) and APIASF Board Chair Michael Fung (second from right) and four of the newly awarded scholarship recipients (center) following the welcome event on February 8. For more information about this event, [click here](#).



In the photo below are the City College of San Francisco scholarship recipients at the welcome event on February 20.

Attending
La Sierra University
Majoring in Pre-
Medicine

Volunteer Profile



Each year, volunteers from around the country commit one week of their time to read and review applications for the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program.

These volunteers are critical to APIASF's work and the scholar selection process. In addition to supporting APIASF through their time, this year's Readers made a generous donation to help APIASF secure more translated materials.

We are honored to recognize their hard work and thoughtful gift by featuring the 2013 GMS Readers in our first Volunteer Profile.

To learn how you can support APIASF, [click here](#).



In the photo below are the De Anza College scholarship recipients with the Impact AAPI program staff at the welcome event on February 20.



In the photo below are the South Seattle Community College scholarship recipients with the faculty and staff representatives who attended the welcome event on February 21.



For more information about APIASF's work with City College of San Francisco, De Anza College and South Seattle Community

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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College, [click here](#).

New AANAPISI Partnership Launched at Richland College Reception in Dallas

APIASF held a special community reception hosted by Richland College in Dallas, Texas on Feb. 4, 2013. Guests from around the Greater Dallas Area attended the event to learn more about APIASF's work to support local students, as well as the programs and services Richland College is providing as a designated Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI).

In addition to the leadership of APIASF and Richland College, many local business and community leaders attended the event. Guests included representatives from the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Dallas Korean American Chamber of Commerce, the Dallas Network of Indian Professionals and the Dallas Chapter of the National Association of Asian American Professionals.

For more information and photos from the event, please [click here](#).

Dare to Dream on the APIASF Blog

This March, we invite you to join APIASF's blog, *re/present: live. learn. lead.*, as we "march forth" in pursuit of dreams for ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world (#repDreams). Whether you reflect on personal aspirations, family history, or "The American Dream," we encourage you, our Scholars and readers, to share your perspectives and lived

experiences, even if the subject matter is outside of our prompts. If you would like to submit a blog post, you can do so via [direct blog submission](#), [email](#), and/or using this month's hashtag (#repDreams). We welcome text, photo, and video posts!

You can join and follow the conversation at <http://apiasfrepresent.tumblr.com>. To read February's #repLove posts, [click here](#).

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