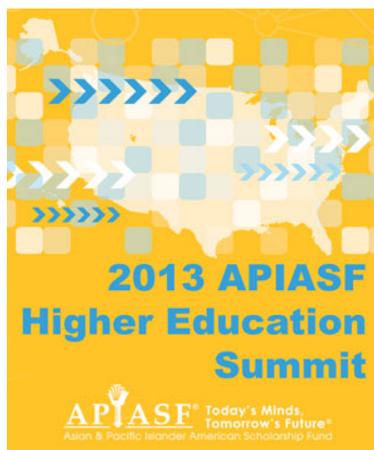


June 2013 eNews

Hundreds of Education & Community Leaders Join APIASF for 2013 Summit

On **June 25**, hundreds of college presidents, education leaders, students, policymakers, federal government officials and corporate executives from across the nation and the Pacific Islands gathered in Washington, D.C., at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center for the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund's (APIASF) fourth annual Higher Education Summit. This year's event, ***Moving Forward: Engaging the Changing Face of America***, focused on increasing success among Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students, strengthening the capacity for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), and the release of new data presented by the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE).



Tina Tchen, Assistant to President Barack Obama and Chief of Staff to First Lady Michelle Obama, provided keynote remarks during the opening plenary session. **Congresswoman Judy Chu** and **Congressman Mike Honda** also provided remarks at the event. In addition to the special guest speakers, participants were able to select from a broad range of sessions facilitated by community and education leaders. Sessions included a focus on the Burmese refugee community, leadership development for Pacific Islander students, best practices for student initiated retention and how to mobilize campus resources to advance student success. **For information from each of the sessions, [click here](#).** Additional presentations and information from the event will continue to be added to the website over the next week.

Following the day's presentations, APIASF recognized the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), OCA and the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) during a special reception for their role as founding members. The reception also served as an opportunity to commemorate APIASF's 10-year anniversary.

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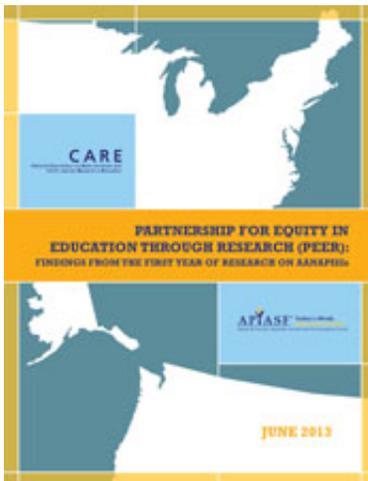
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with Findings from Research on AANAPISIs



The number of institutions eligible to be AANAPISIs -- a relatively new set of colleges and universities falling under the umbrella of minority-serving institutions -- continues to grow along with their increasingly positive impact on the fastest-growing, but often the most overlooked and underserved, AAPI student population. Likewise, there is rising concern about disparities in federal investments to AANAPISIs that affect the quality of education and access to support services

available for AAPI students, and other ethnic/minority students, attending these institutions.

Now, for the first time, a study conducted by APIASF and CARE titled, ***Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER): Findings from the First Year of Research on AANAPISIs***, provides an unprecedented look into the untapped potential of AANAPISIs to answer three critically important questions: (1) How many AANAPISIs exist nationally?, (2) How can promising practices at AANAPISIs impact the entire landscape of higher education?, and (3) How does targeted funding and interventions help tap into the full potential of AANAPISIs?

Key Findings from the Report

- As of 2012, the number of institutions that met the criteria for the designation of AANAPISI rose from 116 to 153 institutions. Seventy-eight institutions have received the AANAPISI designation, representing 50.9 percent of eligible institutions; despite the demand, only 21 institutions have received funding through the federal program
- Currently, funded AANAPISIs are enrolling 8.8 percent of the total AAPI enrollment in U.S. higher education, and conferring 7.6 percent of associate's degrees and 5.7 percent of bachelor's degrees to AAPI students. Designated AANAPISIs reach a much larger concentration of AAPI enrollment (26.9 percent), associate's degrees conferred (22.4 percent), and bachelor's degrees (22.1 percent). And, the full cadre of eligible AANAPISIs currently enroll 41.2 percent of all AAPI students, and confer 47.3 percent of all associate's degrees and 25.3 percent of all bachelor's degrees.
- AANAPISI funding has only reached 14 percent of the institutions eligible to be AANAPISIs, and 27 percent of the designated institutions. Current budget appropriations for the program do not meet the need or demand, which would require an additional \$22.8 million per year over the current level of funding to provide grants to all of the designated AANAPISIs. To fund all eligible AANAPISIs would require an additional \$52.8 million per year over the



"Providing scholarships for students in need for higher education is something that I have always shown interest in since college. Volunteering as a reader for APIASF has been rewarding and I was impressed by how well students balance their school life with volunteer work in challenging settings. I hope the APIASF Scholarship Program continues to grow and serves as the foundation for students' success. I would like to thank the APIASF Scholarship Program for the unique opportunity to review the applications of these inspiring students."

Jaemin Kwon
APIASF Volunteer and
VP, Stanford Branch
Manager at BBCN Bank

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- By 2015, another 12 institutions are projected to meet the criteria for being an AANAPISI based on projected enrollment growth among AAPI undergraduate students; however, the projected increase will require an additional \$4.8 million in funding needed over the current shortfall of \$52.8 million.

This is the first of a series of reports that will share results from the PEER project. Forthcoming studies from the PEER project will shed light on the impact of promising practices and targeted interventions that promote access and success for low-income AAPI students. **To download the report, [click here](#), and to view the press release, [click here](#).**

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The sun's out and the weather's hot, and that can only mean one thing - it's time to #repSummer! Join

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In June, our amazing Scholars shared inspiring and thought-provoking insights to #repEdEquity and further explore higher education in the context of access, equity, and diversity. If you weren't able to follow along throughout the month, we encourage you to read their testimonials [here](#).



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