



March 2013 eNews

Double Your Impact - Matching Funds Still Available to Support Students

Thanks to your support, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) placed second among 129 organizations in the GOOD Maker "Give for Youth" Challenge! The top 20 organizations with the highest number of votes are now featured on the Give for Youth giving platform, along with three microprojects that support APIASF programs.

Here's how you can help:

1. Support us by donating to our microprojects. Microsoft is matching each donation (up to \$1,000 per donation) until Wednesday, March 27 - but only while matching funds remain! Donate today!
2. Share our microprojects with your contacts to spread the word about our fundraising efforts.

APIASF's three projects are:

- [Empower Scholars from Hawaii & the Pacific Islands](#)
- [Support 2 Internships for the APIASF Blog](#)
- [Translated Materials for College Scholarships](#)

Thank you for your continued support of APIASF and our efforts to better serve our Scholars and community.

Thank You! APIASF Readers Make a Difference

Thanks to hundreds of volunteers from across the country and the Pacific Islands, all of the completed scholarship applications submitted for the 2013 - 2014 academic year have been reviewed! Each volunteer reader generously gives of their time to help increase the opportunity for AAPI students to pursue higher education.

This year, **Walmart** had the most active readers participating in the APIASF Volunteer Read. APIASF would like to

recognize the **37 volunteer readers** from Walmart who helped review and score **more than 750 scholarship applications** as a team. Thank you for dedicating your time to helping us select our



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Scholar Profile



"I am truly honored and blessed to have been named an APIASF/Sodexo Foundation Scholar for 2012-2013. As a first generation Indian-American, I have spent time in a rural boarding school a mere block away from poverty and despair. Experiencing different cultures has taught me to not take anything for granted, and to live my life with a sense of direction."

Abhinav Sharma
2012 - 2013 APIASF /
Sodexo Foundation
Scholar

next cohort of APIASF Scholars!

DLA Piper's seven volunteers went above and beyond expectations by **reading more than 1,200 scholarship**



applications, translating to over 300 service hours dedicated to the Read. APIASF couldn't have completed the Read on schedule without their outstanding help!

APIASF would also like to recognize all of the companies that participated in this year's Volunteer Read, including: BBCN Bank, Comcast, Deloitte, DLA Piper, Educational Testing Service (ETS), Farmers Insurance, General Motors (GM), Google, Hilton, IBM, IW Group, JP Morgan Chase, MassMutual, McDonald's, OCA, Southern California Edison, Sodexo, Southwest, Toyota, Verizon, Walmart and Wells Fargo. Thank you for all of your support, not just during the Volunteer Read, but throughout the year!

Scholars Use Spring Break to Build Leadership Skills and Serve Their Community



The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) program brought together 50 Scholars and Alumni from across the country to volunteer in a week-long service trip located in Albuquerque, NM from March 10 - 16, 2013. Accompanying the Scholars were staff members from across the four GMS partner organizations, APIASF, AIGCS, HSF and UNCF. Attendees volunteered their time on projects such as restoring homes, collecting and packaging food at a local food bank, painting classrooms, tutoring middle school kids, and clean-up of tribal grounds. The program offered Scholars an opportunity to give back to communities and engage in critical conversations around leadership in service to others.

Help APIASF Celebrate 10 Years of Making a Difference for AAPI Students

APIASF is celebrating its 10th anniversary with the launch of **The Next Ten**, an APIASF giving initiative to celebrate the first

Attending
Emory University
Majoring in Behavioral
Sciences

Volunteer Profile



"The impact scholarships have for students goes beyond the simple amount of money they receive, it affords them the opportunity to be fully engaged as a student at their institutions of higher education rather than having part time students and workers. I appreciate all the work APIASF is doing for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in assisting students to achieve their academic potential without being burdened with financial constraints."

William Chiang
APIASF Volunteer
Reader and Executive
Assistant at Asian Pacific
American Labor Alliance
(APALA)

Give the Gift of
Education

10 years of making a difference in the lives of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students while looking forward to the next 10 years. The goal is to raise \$10,000 in the next 10 months, but we can't do it without your help. [Make a donation today](#) to help us kick-off our 10-month celebration now!

Don't Forget - APIASF Higher Education Summit Proposals are Due Today!

On **June 25, 2013**, APIASF will host its annual Higher Education Summit around the theme, ***Moving Forward: Engaging the Changing Face of America*** at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. This year, APIASF is looking for proposals for breakout sessions from leaders in higher education, the community and federal government who could add value to the experience of our participants.

Proposals for concurrent sessions should be framed around the following topics:

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

To submit a proposal, download the call for proposal form [here](#) and email the completed document to summit@apiasf.org by 11:59 PST tonight.

For more information about the 2013 Higher Education Summit or to register, [click here](#).

Connect with the APIASF Community with April's Blog Theme - #repConnections

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We invite you to join APIASF's blog, [re/present: live. learn. lead.](#), in a dialogue around April's theme - **#repConnections**. Please check back with us

on April 1 for a list of prompts for the upcoming month.

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

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.

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