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Help APIASF Celebrate 10 Years of Success at the 2013 Scholarship Benefit in New York

On **November 6**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) will be hosting its **Eighth Annual Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future** Scholarship Benefit at the **Hilton New York in New York City**.

Throughout the event, APIASF will be commemorating 10 years of service to students, families and communities, and will recognize the volunteers and supporters who have contributed to this important milestone.

APIASF will also be presenting the **Excellence in Education Award to Macy's, Inc.** and the **Inspiring Dreams Award to Hilton Worldwide** for their ongoing contributions to the community. **Dr. Doris Ching**, Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs for the University of Hawai'i System, will be honored for her outstanding career in higher education and efforts to improve the lives of students.



The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the country's largest non-profit provider of college scholarships for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students. APIASF works to create opportunities for students to succeed, complete, and succeed after post-secondary education, thereby developing future leaders who will excel in their careers, serve as role models to their communities, and will ultimately contribute to a more vibrant America.

As the fastest growing community of color, the success of AAPI students is essential to the advancement of the next generation of leaders. The Today's Minds, Tomorrow's Future Scholarship Benefit directly contributes to this work, by supporting APIASF's programming initiatives to ensure that AAPI students have the resources needed to succeed in higher education and beyond. For more information about the event or to become a sponsor, please email APIASF Director of Development Gayle Yoneda at gyoneda@apiasf.org.

For more information about this event, to purchase a ticket or become a sponsor, [click here](#). We hope that you will join us for this event!

APIASF Launches Jump Start College Tour Series with Video from Wong Fu Productions

On September 14, APIASF launched the Jump Start College Tour sponsored by Wells Fargo, at Georgia State University in Atlanta. The Jump Start College Tour series targets the nation's Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions

Scholar Profile

APIASF is proud to highlight:

Munmun Khan

for her recent op/ed that ran in the Huffington Post and Michigan Daily on the impact of the selection of Nina Davuluri as Miss America 2014.

To read the op/ed on APIASF's blog, [click here](#).

Munmun is an undergraduate student at the University of Michigan studying International Studies and Community Action Social Change. She is also a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program.

She has worked in Bangladesh, South Africa and Washington, D.C. on the promotion of education, human rights and poverty alleviation.

APIASF is proud to recognize her outstanding work and activism in the community!

(AANAPISI), such as Georgia State University, that enroll more than 40 percent of all Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) undergraduates nationally.

The launch event was attended by nearly 150 high school students, college students, APIASF scholarship recipients, community leaders and parents. Georgia State University President Mark Becker was also in attendance to provide welcome remarks to all of the guests.

APIASF worked in collaboration with OCA to develop the program to help participants learn how to identify resources to support their pursuit of higher education, anticipate career trends, leverage personal networks, improve their professional communications skills and build their personal brand. Representatives from Wells Fargo also presented financial literacy and college financial aid information. *In the photo below, Sylvia Jones from Wells Fargo Education Financial Services provides information about the many ways students can pay for college.*



As part of the financial literacy training, APIASF debuted a new video through an engagement with Wong Fu Productions, which is primarily known for their YouTube channel that has nearly 2 million subscribers. Sponsored by Wells Fargo, the social media video "Save the Date" was developed as financial literacy video for Asian American college students to emphasize the importance of saving money. The video has already received more than 650,000 views. To watch the video, click on the image below.

Volunteer Profile



"I find it a distinct honor to be involved with the Scholarship Fund. It is a pleasure to have a small part in helping a student realize his / her life's ambition. As I read through each application I am reminded of the challenges I faced myself moving to this country from Manila at a young age and assimilating to school / society. Programs such as APIASF can ease the financial burden to the student and their family, and is a tremendous help in achieving their goal."

Clayton de Vera
APIASF Volunteer and
Senior Director of
Product Development at
Walmart

To volunteer with
APIASF, [click here](#).

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Applications Due



Save the Date

Prior to the event, Coca-Cola hosted a special community reception on September 13 at the World of Coca-Cola in Atlanta. The event provided an opportunity for APIASF to strengthen relationships with many of the local Atlanta community and business leaders. Additionally, Georgia State University Vice Provost Tim Renick provided an overview of their work as an AANAPISI.

AANAPISI Profile: UMass Boston

The University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) received one of the federally designated Asian American Native American Pacific Islander - Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) awards during the 2010 grant cycle. They are the only institution in New England to receive the grant which will continue through 2015.

Through the AANAPISI grant, UMass Boston launched the Asian American Student Success Program (AASSP) to help support college access and persistence for AAPI students. AASSP works to increase college access for students who are low-income or first generation college-goers and are traditionally underrepresented on college campuses. The program utilizes an integrative, programmatic relationship through the Asian American Studies Program and Institute for Asian American Studies to help address student needs. For more information about the UMass Boston AANAPISI program, [click here](#).

UMass Boston is also one of APIASF's nine partner institutions for the AANAPISI scholarship program. Students at UMass Boston are eligible to apply for the awards that range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The deadline to apply is October 11 at 9 p.m. EDT / 6 p.m. PDT. For more information about the scholarship, [click here](#).

Call for Volunteers: Help Select Future Scholarship Recipients for GMS

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is seeking Readers for the 2014 GMS Read to be held in Washington, D.C. from February 16-21, 2014. The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding African American, American

The APIASF Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Scholarship provides awards to students attending select campuses across the country and in the Pacific Islands. **All applications must be completed by 9 p.m. EDT / 6 p.m. PDT on Friday, October 11.**

For more information about the scholarship or to apply, [click here](#).

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Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in all discipline areas, and graduate fellowships for those students pursuing studies in mathematics, science, computer science, engineering, education, library science or public health.

Readers are individuals committed to educational access and are able to participate in a rigorous process of online review and assessment of Gates Millennium Scholarship Nominees. Selected Readers will be asked to participate in a cultural orientation, serve as resource persons and share their knowledge of Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures, education, leadership and community service throughout the evaluation week.

Please complete the [application form](#) and submit to Ms. Nicole Alonzo via email to nalonzo@apiasf.org or fax to 202-530-0643. The priority deadline is **October 31, 2013** and applications will continue to be reviewed as spaces are filled. Applicants are also required to submit their [resum](#) / curriculum vitae with the application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Joo Young Lee at jylee@apiasf.org or 202-715-0791.

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Join re/represent for the 2013 #repOutreach Challenge & Win a Southwest Airlines Ticket

Join the APIASF blog, [re/represent: live. learn. lead.](#), for the 2013 #repOutreach Challenge.

Outreach season is in full-swing and APIASF needs the help of Scholars to share information about



scholarships programs with students in communities across the country. Scholars who complete the required activities will be entered to win special prizes including a roundtrip Southwest Airlines ticket. **All entries must be completed by 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, January 31, 2014** to count towards the drawing. For the complete eligibility criteria, [click here](#).

In September, [re/represent](#) encouraged Scholars and Alumni to focus on social change and civic engagement with 8 ways to #repChange. [Click here](#) to see how students became engaged citizens!

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