

July 2014 eNews

Meet Our Scholars - 2014 - 2015 APIASF General Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is pleased to welcome its latest class of scholarship recipients for the 2014 - 2015 academic year.



*Kevin Xiong
Macalester College*

The Scholars represent 31 states, American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands and Armed Forces locations across the world. They also represent many of the diverse groups within the AAPI community and more than 60 percent are first generation college students.

Recipients will receive awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000 and will

also be eligible to participate in APIASF's programs such as individual advising, community building and professional development opportunities. The students plan to pursue a diverse range of majors including: anthropology, business, computer science, Hawaiian studies, pharmacy and social work.



*Jean Abac
Pasadena City College*

More than 60 percent of the students are from families living at or below the poverty line. By mobilizing resources to support these Scholars, APIASF is creating opportunities for students to access, complete, and succeed after post-secondary education and developing future leaders who will excel in their careers, serve as role models in their communities, and contribute to a more vibrant America.

To get to know these outstanding students, please [click here](#).



*Ger Moua
Minneapolis College of Art and Design*

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Scholar Profile



"After I read the award letter, I was floored with humility because I never thought that anyone would feel interested in supporting a project like me. You gave me hope and a sense of responsibility that I aspire to eventually repay. I feel a renewed sense of perpetuation in my na'au and hope to one day bestow the same feelings onto the future generations."

Rowdy Lindsey
 2014-2015
 APIASF / Goldman Sachs
 Gives Scholar

Attending

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Program Applications Available Online

APIASF is now accepting applications for the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander - Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Scholarship Program. Each award will range between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and will provide more than \$625,000 in support for students during the 2014-15 academic year. Full-time, degree-seeking Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students will be able to utilize the scholarships to support their academic endeavors.

Students must be enrolling at one of the following 15 AANAPISIs: American Samoa Community College; California State University, East Bay; City College of San Francisco; Coastline Community College; De Anza College; Guam Community College; Laney College; Mission College; Queens College, CUNY; Richland College; South Seattle College; University of Guam; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; University of Illinois at Chicago; and University of Massachusetts Boston.

Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander - Serving Institutions are recognized as minority serving institutions by the U.S. Department of Education and have at least 10 percent of undergraduate students identifying as Asian American and Pacific Islander. APIASF's partnerships with these campuses allows the organization to reach some of the highest concentrations of underserved students and help accelerate their success in higher education.

The APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program is generously supported by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Educational Testing Service, General Mills Foundation, Hilton Worldwide, Honda, USA Funds, Walmart Foundation and Wells Fargo.

For more information or to apply, [click here](#). The application deadline is Oct. 15, 2014 at 9 p.m. EST.

APIASF Scholarship Recipients Attend United Health Foundation Diverse Scholars Forum

Several APIASF / United Health Foundation Scholars had the opportunity to meet in Washington, D.C. recently to participate in the sixth annual Diverse Scholars Forum. The event is part of the United Health Foundation's Diverse Scholars Initiative that aims to increase diversity in the health care workforce by supporting promising future health professionals.

During the event, Scholars had the opportunity to meet with leaders and policymakers on some of the nation's most pressing health issues. Students also had the opportunity to network with their peers and visit Capitol Hill.

"We are grateful to work with APIASF to support these amazing students as they work to achieve their goals and improve our health care system," said Kate Rubin, president of United Health Foundation. "The Diverse Scholars Initiative helps these scholars fund their education and gives them an opportunity to learn from one another and interact with experts who are leading the way in improving patient care."

University of Hawai'i Maui
College and studying
criminology.

Volunteer Profile



" APIASF removes barriers for students so that they can imagine a different, more inspired world for themselves, their families, and their future. I am humbled by the journeys of the students who receive APIASF scholarships. Their stories intertwined with my own, remind me that we must continually give of ourselves with hope, so that our children can construct a future grounded in hope."

- Mamta Motwani Accapadi

APIASF Volunteer and
Vice President for Student
Affairs at Rollins College.

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APIASF, [click here](#).

Quick Links

For more information about the Diverse Scholars Initiative, visit www.unitedhealthfoundation.org/dsi.html.

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Summer is almost over and our newest class of freshmen Scholars will be entering their first year of college, while others will be returning to campus for another year. Some Scholars may be entering the workforce or undergoing changes as seasoned professionals. Whatever the transition, **we invite you to engage in a dialogue around life transitions and responding to change (#repTransitions) for the month of August.**

In July, re/present shared tips on how to stay productive and make the most of the summertime. If you weren't able to follow along throughout the month, we encourage you to read their reflections [here](#).



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