

June 2014 eNews

APIASF Higher Education Summit Highlights the Impact of AANAPISI Programs on Students

On June 17, more than 200 college presidents, education leaders, students, policymakers, federal government officials and corporate executives from across the nation gathered in Washington, D.C., for the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund's (APIASF) fifth annual Higher Education Summit.

The Summit, *Creating Meaningful Change for AAPI Students*, was a space for institutions to share best practices to accelerate student success, discuss opportunities to mobilize the community through research and attend workshops to strengthen institutional capacity.

Nearly 30 funded and designated Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander - Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs) participated in the event. Attendees also included representatives and students from many of the Pacific Island and Hawaiian institutions.



In addition to several concurrent sessions hosted by community, government and educational leaders, participants had the opportunity to engage in a Town Hall discussion hosted by MSNBC Anchor Richard Lui (in the photo above). The session provided Summit participants a forum to create a broad dialogue on the [most recent data gained](#) through the Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project and the impact AANAPISI programs have on the collective minority-serving institution community.

During the Summit, APIASF also recognized representatives from each of the original PEER funders for their support of APIASF and the

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Scholar Profile



"No matter what the odds are, I'll always try and work my hardest, and wait to see what happens. Sometimes it doesn't go the way I wanted to, and other times it brightens my day to read the positive news. Throughout life, I've learned that failure isn't a bad thing since I've learned a lot and have improved myself after failing, but the greatest failure is never even trying."

Girard Tecson

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National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE). The PEER project has already made an important contribution to the higher education community by demonstrating the significant influence of AANAPISI programs on student success.

From left to right in the photo below are: Michael Fung, Chair of the APIASF Board of Directors; Susan Johnson, Director of Equity & Inclusion for the Lumina Foundation; Robert Ballard, Senior Vice President of Access and Outreach for USA Funds; William F.L. Moses, Managing Director of Education for The Kresge Foundation; Tony Waller, Senior Director of Corporate Affairs and Constituent Relations for Walmart; and Neil Horikoshi, President & Executive Director of APIASF.



The Summit was also an important opportunity for APIASF scholarship recipients to engage in the national education dialogue and meet with some of the nation's leaders from the White House and U.S. Department of Education. Thanks to Southwest Airlines for generously supporting their travel.

Wells Fargo Announces New \$3 Million Partnership to Increase Support for Students

During the evening reception at the Summit, Wells Fargo broadened its support of APIASF by announcing a three-year, \$3 million partnership.

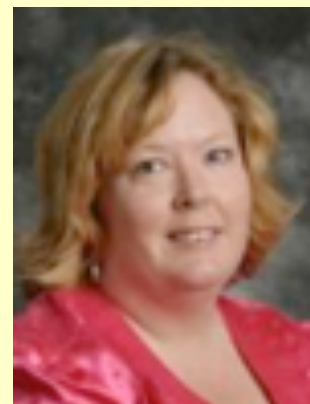
The expanded partnership will double the amount of APIASF / Wells Fargo scholarships and will also increase programs to accelerate the success of AAPI students. Through this generous gift, APIASF will also be able to increase the number of Jump Start College Tour events held at AANAPISIs across the country.

In the photo below from left to right are: Dewey Norwood, Wells Fargo Government and Community Relations, Strategic Philanthropy and Partnerships; Michael Fung, Chair of the APIASF Board of Directors; Neil Horikoshi, President & Executive Director of APIASF; and Arati Randolph, Senior Vice President of Corporate Communications at Wells Fargo and member of the APIASF Board of Directors.

Scholar

Attending
CUNY Hunter College in
Media

Volunteer Profile



"It has been an amazing experience...and extremely humbling. Seeing what these 17-18 year olds are doing...and have already accomplished in their short lives, leaves me speechless. I have no doubt that our society will be in excellent hands with this generation of upcoming leaders and educators."

- Dawn Rystrom-Keith-Rogers

APIASF Volunteer,
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Help APIASF ensure all AAPIs can access higher education! Will you invest in our nation's most underserved AAPIs today? A gift to APIASF can help provide Asian American and Pacific Islander students with resources to help them become a college graduate.

As June comes to a close, please take this opportunity to [give in honor of a graduating student you know](#).

For all donations made before July 1, APIASF will also send a special congratulatory note to the student recognizing the support made to APIASF in his/her honor.

Celebrate Education Equity this June with APIASF

In June, [re/present: live. learn. lead.](#) explored higher education in the context of access, equity, and diversity. Many of our Scholars shared inspiring and thought-provoking insights to #repEdEquity. If you weren't able to follow along throughout the month, we encourage you to read their reflections [here](#).

For the month of July, join us as we #repSummer and discuss tips on how to stay productive and make the most of the summertime. Put on your shades and get ready to #repSummer with us on [Tumblr](#).



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