

## March 2014 eNews

### Community Reception with University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

On Monday, March 24, 2014, APIASF collaborated with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to hold a Community Reception in Honolulu, Hawai'i, which was generously sponsored by the Asian McDonald's Operators Association (AMOA).

The event was held at the East-West Center on the UH Mānoa campus and served to inform Honolulu leaders from all sectors about what APIASF has done for the state of Hawai'i, including the work to have schools within the University of Hawai'i system recognized and funded as Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs).

VIP guests included Senator Akaka, Congresswoman Pat Saiki, Governor Neil Abercrombie and University of Hawai'i Interim President David Lassner alongside other influential local leaders in business and education, and APIASF/GMS Scholars and readers.



APIASF Advisory Council Member and former U.S. Representative from Guam Robert Underwood greets Senator Akaka to Monday night's Reception

For more photos and a recap of Monday's Reception, [click here](#).

### APIASF & CARE's PEER Project Receives New Grant from Kresge to support students

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### Scholar Profile



*"The GMS Scholarship has inspired many of my peers and fellow citizens of the Marshall Islands to pursue higher education. It has also pushed me to strive for greater purposes in life"*

**Anthony Dujmovic**  
2011-2012  
Gates Millennium  
Scholar

Attending  
Chaminade University of  
Honolulu  
in Environmental Studies  
and Communications:  
Mass Media

In the second year of a three-year initiative to bring national attention to and improve educational outcomes for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) college students, APIASF and the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) continue to work together through the Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) project. Through an ongoing partnership with the Kresge Foundation, APIASF and CARE recently received a grant to expand the PEER project's efforts, broadening the foundation's support of innovation in higher education.

The Kresge Foundation grant further advances the PEER project's activities of providing scholarships, institutional capacity-building, and institutional collaboration based on research--all designed to help AAPI students realize their full degree-earning potential. In addition, the grant supports the PEER project's collaborative work via select Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), allowing for more robust dissemination of research about the significance of AANAPISIs and their role of improving outcomes for low-income AAPI students.

The second research report to be published through the PEER project, titled *Measuring the Impact of Student Success*, will be released April 10 and will report on findings from evaluations of federally funded AANAPISI programs at City College of San Francisco, De Anza College and South Seattle Community College.

To learn more about the Kresge Foundation's contributions to the PEER project, [click here](#).

To see the first report published through the PEER project, [click here](#).

## VIP Luncheon in Seattle

Last week, APIASF held a "Top Chef" luncheon that was generously hosted by APIASF Advisory Council Member Kerwin Higashi of Sodexo. The event focused on bringing together key educational, business and community leaders to learn how APIASF is making an impact in their community and nationwide.



L to R: Kerwin Higashi (Sodexo), David Lake (Sodexo), Storm Hodge (University of Washington), Colleen Fukui (Nordstrom), Gayle Yamada (APIASF), Chef Tracey MacRae, Neil Horikoshi (APIASF).

## Volunteer Profile

APIASF thanks the 2014 APIASF General Scholarship Program Volunteer Readers

*"So many [APIASF applicants] have grown up in tremendous poverty and they...have experienced the stresses...and suffered the consequences that poverty often engenders. Yet, these students have managed to achieve academic excellence and to be leaders in their schools and communities. However, what is most remarkable is their outlook on life...These young people write with passion about their hopes and dreams and all realize that higher education is the path to reaching their goals."*

- Susan Amato  
APIASF Volunteer

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

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## AANAPISI Profile: University of Illinois at Chicago

The Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) program was created by the U.S. Department of Education and was designed to improve retention, transfer and graduation rates of underserved Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students.



The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is using their grant funds in part to support their UIC AANAPISI Initiative, a demographic research project coordinated through their Asian American Resource and Cultural Center (AARCC).

With an aim to serve the UIC student body, twenty percent of whom identify as Asian

American, AARCC's goals are to:

- Provide education and resources for and about Asian Americans
- Increase awareness of diverse Asian American issues, cultures and communities
- Strengthen the Asian American campus community
- Promote the growth of Asian American Studies through curricular and co-curricular partnerships
- Guide Asian American students in reaching their academic, personal and professional potential

The Center offers social, cultural and educational programs that promote knowledge of and foster engagement with issues relating to Asian Americans and Asian American studies. The co-curricular programs enhance the UIC experience and provide opportunities for integrated learning and development.

For more information on the University of Illinois at Chicago AANAPISI programs click [here](#).

University of Illinois at Chicago is one of nine AANAPISIs partnered with APIASF through the [APIASF AANAPISI Scholarship Program](#), which distributes awards from \$2,500-\$5,000 to AAPI students at participating institutions.

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

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

Join us as we explore our connections to people, places, and things, defining what those connections mean to us as individuals and our respective senses of self.

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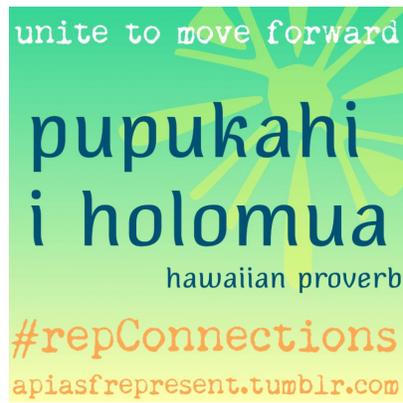
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