

APIASF Welcomes New Scholars at May Events

In early May, BBCN Bank, Toyota and Southern California Edison each hosted welcome events across the nation to recognize their newly selected 2014-2015 scholarship recipients.



On May 8, **BBCN Bank** held receptions at both their headquarters in Los Angeles and New York City to welcome the new class of APIASF / BBCN Bank Scholars. The photo above is from the New York event and the photo below is from the recognition event in Los Angeles.



Toyota hosted their annual awards dinner and reception on May 5 at the Toyota Automotive Museum in Torrance, California. Scholarship recipients were recognized for their academic achievements, leadership and service. The Toyota team members also took to social media with a special Instagram station for Scholars and guests to print photos from the event. APIASF President & Executive Director Neil Horikoshi (right) and Toyota event Co-Chair Julia Wong (left) add their photo online. For more information about this event, [click here](#).

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Scholar Profile



"Being the first in my family to go to college, I am very appreciative of the efforts of APIASF's donors to contribute in funding my educational career and getting me one step closer to achieving my goal of pursuing a career as a pharmacist."

Russie Tran
2013-2014
APIASF / Sodexo
Scholar

Attending

TOYOTA AND APIASF
SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION 2014
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014



#APIASFToyota



On Friday, May 2, **Southern California Edison** hosted a reception that honored recipients of the APIASF / Southern California Edison scholarship. In the photo below, Ronald Litzinger, President of Southern California Edison, presents a certificate of recognition to APIASF / Southern California Edison Scholar My Thuy Vu.



APIASF's AANAPISI Partners Host Recognition Events for Scholarship Recipients

James Madison University
in Biology

Volunteer Profile



"I look forward to volunteering my time to the APIASF each year because it gives me the chance to impact the next generation of talent as they start on their collegiate journey. Through tireless efforts and innumerable hours of work, the APIASF helps to provide the stepping stones of success for its applicants and members. I'm proud to be a very small part of such an amazing organization."

- Brett Krynak

Operations Manager at
Farmers Insurance

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APIASF, [click here](#).

Quick Links

Three of APIASF's Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander - Serving Institution (AANAPISI) partner campuses recently held recognition events to honor their scholarship recipients. Richland College hosted an event on April 24, Coastline Community College met on May 1 and Guam Community College scholarship recipients gathered on May 2. Each of these events provided an opportunity for students to meet with leaders on-campus, and learn more about APIASF's programs and services. Thanks to Walmart for generously supporting these receptions and supporting Asian American and Pacific Islander students.

Changing Face Campaign Highlights AAPI Leaders through 5 Questions Series

Over the past few months, the "**We're the Changing Face of America**" campaign, one of the initiatives through APIASF's **Partnership for Equity of Education Through Research (PEER)** project, has focused on stories of change through its 5 question series. Students, public officials, business professionals, entertainers, and other notable Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) leaders have shared their stories and ways to support student success.



Our most recent story features **Sarah Ha**, the first managing director of the **Asian American and Pacific Islander Initiative at Teach For America (TFA)**, a national teacher corps of college graduates and professionals who commit to teach for two years and raise student achievement in public schools. With a passion to make a difference in the AAPI community, Sarah's determination as an educational advocate is truly inspiring. To read her profile, [click here](#).

The series also includes other leaders in the AAPI community such as **Jasjit Singh** (Executive Director of Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund), **Ren Hsieh** (Executive Director of the Dynasty Project), and **Kiran Ahuja** (Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders).

To learn more about the "**We're the Changing Face of America**" campaign, [click here](#)

Scholars Change *re/present* to celebrate education equity this June!

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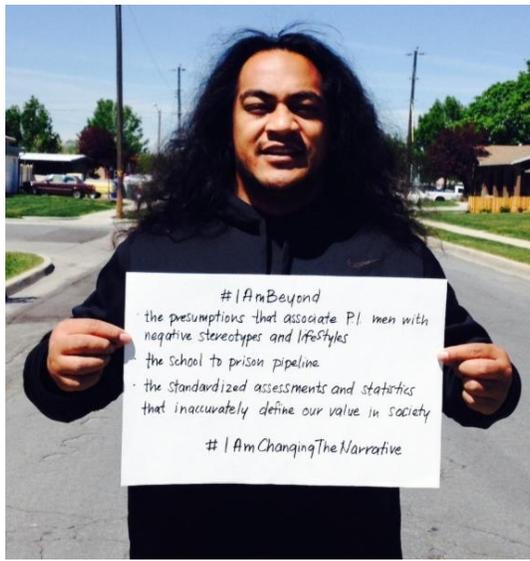
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Throughout the month of May, APIASF's [re/present: live. learn. lead.](#) celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the help of our Scholars and members of the community. In one of the most popular posts from the month, APIASF/GMS Scholar, [Inoke Hafoka](#) added his voice to the narrative sharing his experience as a Pacific Islander student. To read more posts from May (#repAAPIHM), [click here](#).

For the month of June, join us as we #repEdEquity and explore a theme central to our work at APIASF: higher education in the context of access, equity, and diversity. We'll be highlighting the recent graduations of our Scholars and our work on the APIASF Higher Education Summit!

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