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Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA) Foundation & APSEA







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Dear APSEA members and friends,

On behalf of the Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the APSEA Foundation and APSEA Annual Scholarship Gala. We are very proud of our accomplishments this past year in advancing the careers of APSEA members and advocating for their interests, also working with the community to promote career opportunities, civic participation and cultural awareness. We delivered a successful Career Development Program for 1000 participants on career development and upward mobility over the last year. Our Navigating Leadership Program 2016 is underway and moving fast. This year's Series, The Intrapreneurs' Innovation Boot Camp provided participants an understanding of an evolving dynamic innovation process and learn how to apply it in the departments and agencies.

Tonight, we are here to recognize the personal and professional achievements of three outstanding Asian Pacific American leaders who exemplified dedication to the State Government and tireless service to APSEA. Together with APSEA Foundation, we continue to promote and encourage advancement in higher education through the APSEA Foundation scholarship program.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate and applaud our growth, accomplishments as well as our award and scholarship recipients. Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers who made this evening possible!

Best Regards,

Linda Ng APSEA President



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

APSEA Foundation

Dear Asian Pacific State Employees Association Foundation friends and guests:

Welcome to the 17th Anniversary Gala of the APSEA Foundation. Last year we modified or scholarship program to reach out to our targeted applicant pool of the underserved population. This is our second year since we modified our scholarship eligibility criteria and as expected, our applicant pool didn't disappoint.

Without the generous donations of our corporate, community organizations and individuals supporters, the APSEA Foundation would not be help our youth realize their scholastic or professional goals. Tonight, we honor these impressive high school students with college scholarships to help them transition into the new phase of their lives.

The foundation strives to expand the understanding and knowledge of our future leaders by highlighting the connection between government, politics, business, and communities. To help our young leaders understand State government, our partners the Asian Pacific Islander Capitol Association (APICA) provide a learning experience to do so with a 10 week summer experiential – a unique program to include both experiences at the Capitol and state agencies.

We are very grateful to this year's major sponsors, SEIU and Verizon for their continued support over the years. Their commitment to the Asian Pacific community and youth programs throughout the local region has always been exemplary. In order to do more requires additional funding and with the dedication and time spent, Bill Liu is helping us provide a new vehicle to achieve additional funding for our young leaders and current state worker development. The vehicle is this year's Big Day of Giving – a 24 hour challenge that lifts up lives and provides a one stop shop of giving for a number of local non-profit organizations. The day of the event is May 3rd, 2016. Additional information to follow.

Finally, I want to thank the dedicated group of professionals I am honored to work with again this year, namely the board of directors, committee chairs and advisory board members. To our retirees, the State may call you retired but to me you are the FOUNDATION of the APSEA Foundation. With your continued support and outstanding volunteer work, I hope to be able to continue the fine work of my predecessors

Thank you and visit our website, www.apseafoundation.org for updates and online applications for 2016.

Very best,

Randy Kajioka, President APSEA Foundation



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The Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA) Foundation was established in 1999 to continue APSEA's commitment to serving youth of the greater Sacramento area. The APSEA Foundation's primary focus is to support the education and culture of the Asian Pacific Islander community through awarding scholarships, grants, and providing training. The APSEA Foundation welcomes all contributions to the scholarship fund. The donations and gifts are tax deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes.

With continued support, the APSEA Foundation can:

- Continue to award scholarships to aspiring college students
- Continue to expand its community involvement
- Maintain a leadership role in supporting America's diverse cultures, rich heritage, and commitment to preserving families and youth
- Support and encourage youth leadership, continued learning, and family values

If you would like to be a sponsor or donate to the APSEA Foundation Scholarship Fund, please contact Jean Chong, APSEA Foundation Fund Development Committee, at jeanchong@sbcglobal.net, or (916) 213-7188.

For additional information, please visit www.apseafoundation.org

ASIAN PACIFIC STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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The Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA) was founded in 1975 to serve the needs of Asian Pacific Islander State employees. Over the years, APSEA has provided a variety of services to its 500 plus members throughout California and contributes to the betterment of the Asian/Pacific Islander (API) community. APSEA advocates for its member's interests, hosts career development training workshops and seminars, provides networking opportunities, supports young adults in career advancements through the APSEA Foundation by sponsoring scholarships, and works with the community to promote cultural awareness and support other Asian Pacific community-based organizations.

VISION: Members serving, enhancing, and leading state government and our community.

MISSION: To ensure equal opportunity and advance the careers of Asian Pacific State Employees Association members.

For additional information, please visit www.apsea.org







PAMELA WU

Director of Marketing and Communications UC Davis School of Law

Pamela Wu is the Director of Marketing and Communications at the University of California, Davis, School of Law, ranked among the top law schools in the nation. She is responsible for the law school's strategic communications in marketing, media relations, social media, and website development.

Pamela joined UC Davis in 2009, after more than a decade as a television news anchor and reporter. During her news career, she reported on stories ranging from presidential elections to red carpet events in Hollywood. She has been on the front lines of some of California's most devastating floods and fires. She was nominated for an Emmy award for her work as host of the cultural affairs program, "KCRA 3 Common Ground," and received the Unity Award in Media for political reporting.

Pamela continues her career in broadcasting as a documentary host and contributor for Capital Public Radio. She is the substitute host for Insight, the station's daily public affairs program. She hosted a health care documentary that won the 2012 Edward R. Murrow Award.

She is a member of the national Board of Directors of the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) and founding co-director of AAJA's Media Institute. In 2015, she was named AAJA's Member of the Year for excellence in service to the organization and the journalism industry.

Pam holds a degree in Rhetoric and Communication from UC Davis, where she was a member of the prestigious Integrated Studies Honors Program.

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CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER JOHN CHIANG

John Chiang was elected on November 4, 2014, as California's 33rd State Treasurer. As the State's banker, he oversees trillions of dollars in transactions every year. One of his top priorities is to conduct the State's business in the most transparent manner possible.

Chiang sells California's bonds, invests the State's money and manages its cash. In addition, he manages financing authorities that help provide good-paying jobs, better schools, improved transportation, quality health care, more affordable housing and a cleaner environment. He is sitting on the governing boards of the nation's two largest public pension funds – the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS).

Prior to being elected Treasurer, Chiang served from 2007 through 2014 as State Controller, during which time he:

- Took steps during the Great Recession to preserve cash to meet obligations to education and bond holders.
- Worked to ensure the fiscal solvency of the State's pension plans, and was a leader in pension and corporate governance reform.
- Aggressively used his auditing authority to identify more than \$9 billion in taxpayer dollars that were denied, overpaid, subject to collection, or resulted in revenues, savings and cost avoidance.
- Ensured that \$3.1 billion in unclaimed property was returned to the rightful owners.





JOE XAVIER Director, CA Department of Rehabilitation

THERESA XAVIER Retired, CA Department of Conservation

Joe Xavier and his wife, Theresa Xavier are inspirations to the community. They dedicate much effort and time in serving Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA), Association of State Employees with Disabilities and advocating for people with disabilities.

Joe, in his capacity as Director for the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), was instrumental in launching APSEA'S Career Development Program. Through Joe and Theresa's sponsorship and support, APSEA and DOR conducted a year-long program for all state employees to further develop their knowledge, skills and abilities to attain their highest professional goals. Joe and Theresa have endorsed the Navigating Leadership Program since its inception in 2012 donating their time and services to ensure each session was successful and inspirational for attendees.

Joe came to the United States from the Azores with his parents and seven siblings in 1966. He grew up on dairy farms working with his family and spoke limited English. His vision was impaired early in life by retinitis pigmentosa, but overcame this profound challenge and language barrier. He went on to become a successful business entrepreneur and eventually a civil servant.

Joe was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2010 as deputy director for the DOR's Specialized Services Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. There, he was responsible for Blind Field Services, the Business Enterprises Program, the Independent Living Unit and many others. Now as DOR director, Joe continues to advocate for people with disabilities to help them be independent. He brings stakeholders and community together to build a meaningful collaborative partnership to share and effectively utilize available resources.

Theresa is retired from the State of California after 37 years of experience in public administration by providing personnel management services and assisting individuals with disabilities to become employed, independent and be treated equally, among many other responsibilities.

Joe and Theresa have been happily married for 23 years. They have three beautiful children, Angie, Olivia and Julian. When not traveling, they enjoy spending time with their grandson Li.







RHONDA BASARICH

Office of Fiscal Services, CA Department of General Services

The stream of life that defines the character of this year's APSEA 2016 Member of the Year Award began in the Philippines, where Rhonda Basarich was born. She was raised by her grandmother and uncle until she was 9 years old. Rhonda entered 4th grade, in the U.S., not speaking any English. Her parents were the role models for the strong and faithful work ethic that she carries in life.

Rhonda's swift progression in state service began in 1979 as a student assistant with the CSUS Library. In 1984 she graduated from CSUS with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. From 1990-92, Rhonda was part of a two-year management development program that included posts with the California Transportation Commission, the Planning Division, and the Budget Office. In 2004, Rhonda took a long sabbatical to prepare for her future retirement from state service. From 2005-2008, she attended Palmer West College of Chiropractic in San Jose, California. In 2009, while still working for the State full time, Rhonda opened her part-time chiropractic practice. In 2011 Rhonda began working at the Department of General Services. In 2013, she was promoted to Chief of the Office of Fiscal Services (CEA) at DGS, a position she still holds.

Rhonda has been an active member of APSEA since 1995. She is past President for two consecutive years (2000-2002), continuing her avid involvement with NLP yet today! Rhonda's passion, integrity, influence and commitment are a steadfast foundation for APSEA. She is a faithful servant and loyal steward in her service to enhance the forward movement and leadership of state government and our community!

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Music by Island Sunset Band

Scholarship Committee

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APSEA's Past Awardees

FAST AFSLA FRESIDENT AWARDEES	2
Maeley L. Tom	2001
Senator Deborah V. Ortiz	2002
John Chiang	2003
Christopher Cabaldon	2004
Assembly Member Judy Chu	2005
Genevieve Shiroma	2006
Floyd Shimomura	2007
Asian Pacific Islander Committee of SEIU Local 1000	2008
Betty T. Yee	2009
Selvi Stanislaus	2010
Teri Takai	2010
Mona Pasquil	2011
Linda Ng	2012
Juney Lee	2013
Jean Shiomoto	2014
Darrel "H" Woo	2015
PAST APSEA MEMBER AWARDEES	
Richard Lew	2002
Theresa Richardson Harmon	2003
Steve Kotani	
Jean Chong	2004
Mary Philip	2005
William SooHoo	
Raynor Tsuneyoshi	2006
Jeffery Ogata	2007
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PAST APSEA FOUNDER AWARDEES

Elaine Chiao	1997
Dean Lan	2004





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APSEA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Edwin T. Kurata	Jan-June 1989
Gerald Shue	1989-90
David Ikeda	1990-91
Barbara Nishimura	1991-92
Neal Shigemitsu	1992-93
Christy Hui Shaw	1993-94
Henry Quock	1994-95
Thomas Moy	1995-96
Dr. Charles P. Lee, DDS	1999-00
Dr. Benjamin Antioquia, DDS	2000-01
Dr. George SooHoo, DDS	2001-03

Mildred Yamada	2003-09
Paul G. Perez	2009-15
Mildred Yamada	2009-15

APSEA BAY AREA CHAPTER

Dan Nishijima	1993-94
Mercy Lam	1994
Regina Wong	1994-95
Howell Chan	1995-97
Susie Willemsz-Geeroms	1997-00
Gil Deluna	2000-01
Howell Chan	2001-08
Bao Chan	2008-13
Eric Schen	2013 - Present

APSEA CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

Dr. Charles P. Lee, DDS	2001-02
Toby K. Wong	2002-03
Elsie Brooks	2003-04
Pete Cerrillo	2004-09
Adam See	2009 - Present

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King Gee	1999-02
Stim Suzuki	2002-03
Darrel "H" Woo	2003-04
Jean Chong	2004-05
Randell H. Iwasaki	2005-06
Srikanth Balasubramanian	2006-08
Mitzi Higashidani	2008-09
Henry D. Nanjo	2009-11
Howard Iwata	2011-12
Pauline Sing	2012-13
Susie Wong	2013 -14
Randy Kajioka	2014 - Present

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS









Cameron Yuki

Antelope High School Asian Pacific State Employees Association Foundation

Cameron Yuki, currently a senior at Antelope High School, plans to attend UC Davis, UC Berkeley, or Cornell University for the 2016 fall term. With a total weighted GPA of 4.52, he is currently ranked first in his class. In addition to his studies, Yuki is involved in extracurricular activities and serves as an active member or officer in eight clubs at school (i.e. People of the Planet Club, Odyssey of the Mind Club, etc.). He recently earned his Eagle Scout rank with a project that is under consideration as Eagle Scout project of the year.

Ryland Fernandez Franklin High School Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA)

A senior at Franklin High School in Elk Grove, Ryland Fernandez plans to attend college and obtain a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. He has assumed many different leadership positions both at school as well as outside of school. Fernandez became the director of his school's morning news broadcast and a leader of his school's Link Crew program, which aims to help freshmen with their transition from middle school to high school. Following graduation from college, Fernandez would like to obtain his doctorate.

Sui Shan Cheng John F. Kennedy High School Chinese American Council of Sacramento (CACS)

Hong Kong native Sui Shan Cheng moved to the United States with her mother and settled in Sacramento. She currently attending John F. Kennedy High School. Throughout high school, she has been an active member of key club, an organization aimed to serve the local community. Through key club, she has been able to volunteer at organizations such as the Asian Community Center and help with the local celebrations in Locke. Cheng plans to pursue business economics at UCLA, as she is drawn to the international aspect of the business world. Studying business economics would allow her to further bridge her two identities, Chinese and American, and enable her to work towards a more connected world.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jasmine Casillas Davis Senior High School SEIU Local 1000

As a senior at Davis Senior High School, in her role as a Girl Scout leader, Jasmine Casillas is committed to being a role model for everyone. Her Silver Award consisted of collecting Spanish and English books and creating a mini library in the low income health center Communicare. Undecided with regards to where she wishes to attend college, Casillas would like to pursue a degree in nursing and continue her strong desire to help people.



Kelli McGuffin River Valley High School Verizon

Currently a senior at River Valley High School, Kelli McGuffin has taken college preparatory, advanced placement, and elective courses in the field she wishes to pursue – Sports Psychology. McGuffin plans on majoring in Psychology and minoring in Sports Medicine. She is a Youth Activities Coordinator, member of Link Crew, and has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation since freshmen year.



Vasudha Tandon Rio Linda Senior High School Woo Family

A senior at Rio Linda Senior High School, Vasudha Tandon plans to attend UC Davis. Tandon and her friends founded the South Asian Club at her high school in hopes of unifying the South Asian students. She is currently the Secretary of Math Club and a member of Science Bowl, in which she practices each week to prepare for the National Science Bowl Competition. After Tandon graduates from the University of California, Davis with a major in Biological Science, she plans to become a physician.



I would like to congratulate this year's APSEA Foundation Scholarship recipients. Their efforts today will help shape our future tomorrow!

I would also like to acknowledge the APICA scholarship winners – I hope to see them around the Capitol.



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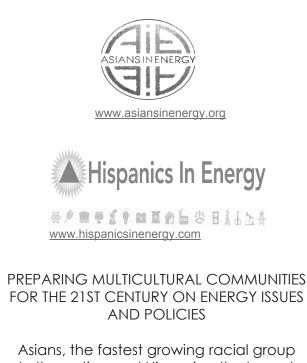
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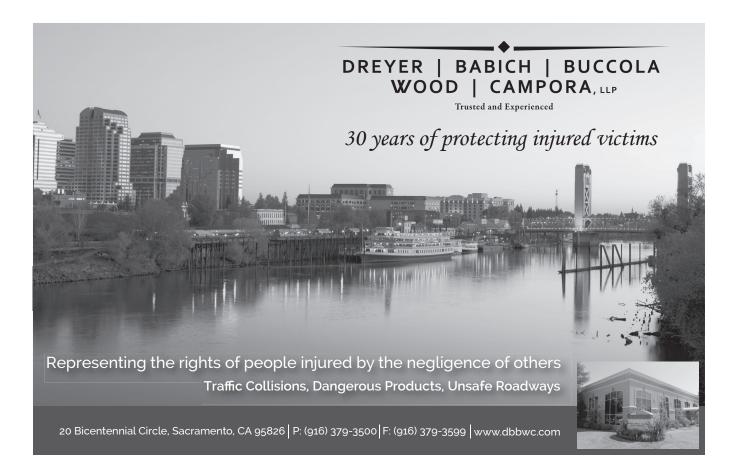
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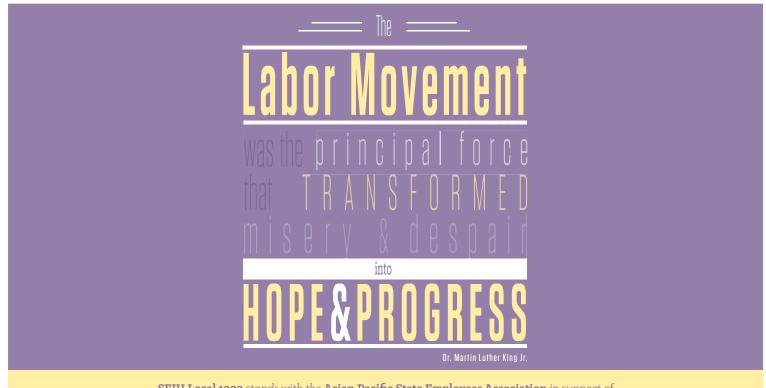
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