

TRANSFORMING AND LEADING

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February 3 – 4, 2012



MISSION STATEMENT

Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education is dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities for Asian and Pacific American students; promoting and supporting the hiring, retention, and advancement of qualified Asian and Pacific American faculty, staff, and administrators; and creating a better understanding of issues in the public affecting Asian and Pacific Americans in higher education.

WELCOME!

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the APAHE Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to San Francisco for our annual conference, "Transforming and Leading." This year marks our 25th anniversary since our organization's inception, and we are still going strong!

Today Asian Pacific Americans comprise one of the fastest growing populations in the United States, and the diversity among APAs reflects that we are not all the same. Together, we must continue to lead, transform, and collaborate. As you look over this year's program, you will find relevant and inclusive topics presented by and for the many diverse faces that make APAHE what it is now.

I want to not only thank the APAHE planning committee personally for all its energy and passion but also acknowledge all those who have taken time out of their busy schedules to be a part of this year's program. Throughout the conference I am sure you will notice the efforts to continue to build unity in a time of change.

For those of you who continue to invest your time and efforts for APAHE – despite your regular workload – I think the following quote is apropos:

**"What we do for ourselves dies with us.
What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."**
- Albert Pine, ca. 1851

With that said, thank you for joining us! We are glad you are here.

Cordially,



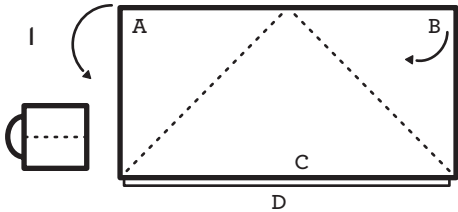
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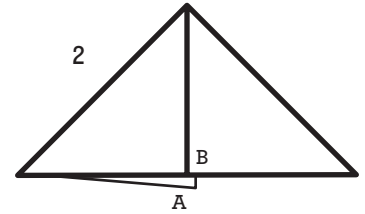


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SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3, 2012



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- 7:30 Registration Opens
Location: Imperial Ballroom Foyer
- 8:00 Breakfast
Location: Imperial Ballroom A
- 8:30 Welcome and Introductions - Wyman M. Fong, President,
Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education
Location: Imperial Ballroom A
- 9:00 The Dream Act and Immigrant Rights
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- Presentation of APAHE Recognition Award to Lisa Chen
- 9:30 Leadership and Social Justice
Location: Imperial Ballroom A
- 10:15 Networking Break and Book Signing with Authors Frank Wu and Robert Teranishi
Location: Imperial Foyer
- 11:00 Women Leaders in Higher Education: Transforming and Empowering
Location: Imperial Ballroom A
- 12:00 Luncheon & Opening Remarks: Jane Kim
Presidents' Panel - Crashing the Party – Pathways to Leadership Positions
Location: Imperial Ballroom B
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2:00

Concurrent Sessions #1

1A. Vincent Who? - Asian American Activism:
How far we have come and how far we can go? Film and Q&A
Location: Osaka

1B. Enhancing Student Success I: AANAPISI Lessons Learned Serving Filipinos, Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Students in Community Colleges
Location: Spring BC

1C. Partnering with Community Groups to Broaden Participation and API Support
Location: Garden A

3:30

Networking Break
Location: Imperial Foyer

4:00

Concurrent Sessions #2

2A. Asian Americans in Higher Education: Culturally Responsive Services for Our Diverse and Complex Communities
Location: Spring A

2B. Let's Talk Story: The Academic Leadership Pathway in Higher Education
Location: Spring BC

2C. Enhancing Student Success II:
AANAPISI Programs at Four-year Institutions of Higher Education
Location: Garden A

6:00

Dinner & Keynote Speaker - Phyllis Wise
Location: Imperial Ballroom

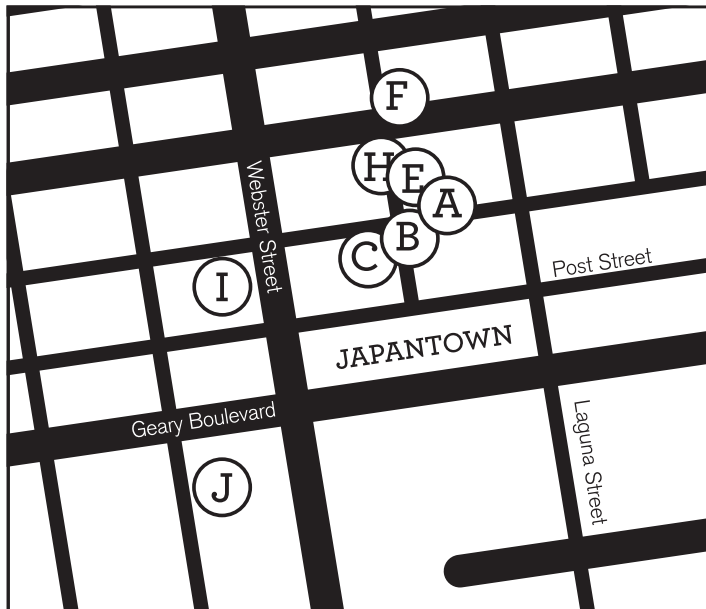
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- 8:00 Breakfast
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- 8:30 Am I Ready? API Leaders Making Transitions to the Next Step
Location: Spring ABC
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Location: Osaka
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Location: Garden B
- 11:00 Our Future: API Student Leaders Share their Stories
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- 12:00 Conference Closing Session / Open Forum with Board of Directors
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- D) **INO SUSHI**
22 Peace Place #510
- E) **IROHA**
1728 Buchanan Street
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1826 Buchanan Street

HISTORY LESSON

About San Francisco Japantown

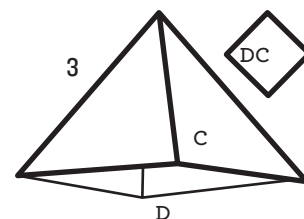
The first Japanese arrived in San Francisco -- or Soko as they called it -- in the early 1860s. For the most part, they lived in Chinatown and in neighborhoods south of Market Street, including South Park and the area near what is now the San Francisco Shopping Centre. It was not until the devastating 1906 earthquake and fire drove many of them from their homes that they began moving to the Western Addition. As they settled here, they built churches and shrines and opened typically Japanese shops and restaurants.

The neighborhood took on a very Japanese character and before long became a miniature Ginza known as Nihonmachi, or Japantown. It is here that the foundations of San Francisco's Japanese American community took root. With the advent of World War II, the Japanese Americans in San Francisco and in other West Coast communities suddenly were uprooted and interned in what was one of the great tragedies of the War -- and a most regrettable episode in our country's history.

Following the War, many of the original Japanese American residents returned to the city to pick up the threads of their lives. Today, nearly 12,000 Japanese Americans live in San Francisco and approximately 80,000 live in the Bay Area.

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Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education
White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI)
A conversation with the Chair of the President's Advisory Commission on
Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

- Frank Chong, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, U.S. Department of Education, and newly appointed Superintendent/President, Santa Rosa Junior College (Introduction)
- Daphne Kwok, Chair, President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

- 9:00 The Dream Act and Immigrant Rights
Location: Imperial Ballroom A
- Lisa Chen, Community Advocate, Asian Law Caucus/ASPIRE
 - Catherine Eusebio, ASPIRE Youth Member

Presentation of APAHE Recognition Award to Lisa Chen

- 9:30 Leadership and Social Justice
Location: Imperial Ballroom A
- Audrey Yamagata-Noji, Vice President for Student Services, Mt. San Antonio College, (Introduction)
 - Robert Teranishi, Associate Professor, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, New York University, and Author of Asians in the Ivory Tower:
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Dilemmas of Racial Inequality in American Higher Education. Serving AAPIs and the Emerging Student Demography: A Social Justice Imperative

- Frank H. Wu, Chancellor and Dean, University of California Hastings College of the Law, and Author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White*; *The Future of Asian American Leadership*

Q & A will follow with Robert Teranishi, Frank Wu and Lisa Chen

10:15 **Networking Break and Book Signing with Authors Frank H. Wu and Robert Teranishi**
Location: Imperial Foyer

11:00 **Women Leaders in Higher Education: Transforming and Empowering**
Location: Imperial Ballroom A

- Doris Ching, Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Hawaii (Moderator)
- Mamta Motwani Accapadi, Dean of Student Life, Oregon State University
- Patti Hiramoto, Vice President for University Advancement, California State University, Monterey Bay
- Jocelyn Nakashige, Senior Associate Dean, Finance and Administration, University of California, Riverside School of Medicine
- Thuy Thi Nguyen, General Counsel, Peralta Community College District

12:00 **Lunch**
Location: Imperial Ballroom B

Greetings and Remarks - Honorable Jane Kim, San Francisco Supervisor, District 6

Presidents' Panel - Crashing the Party – Pathways to Leadership Positions

- Frank Chong, President/Superintendent, Santa Rosa Junior College (Moderator)
 - Loretta (Lori) Adrian, President, Coastline Community College
 - Gabriel Esteban, President, Seton Hall University
 - Leroy Morishita, President, California State University, East Bay
 - Les Wong, President, Northern Michigan University
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1A. Vincent Who?

Asian American Activism: How far we have come and how far we can go? Film and Q&A;

Location: Osaka

- Curtis Chin, Writer/Producer

2012 is the 30th anniversary of the murder of Vincent Chin. This is a special screening of the award winning film, "VINCENT WHO?" In 1982, at the height of anti-Japanese sentiments, Vincent Chin was murdered in Detroit by two white autoworkers who said, "it's because of you mother that we're out of work." When the judge fined the killers a mere \$3,000 and granted three years probation, Asian Americans around the country galvanized for the first time to form a real community and movement. This documentary features interviews with the key players at the time, as well as a whole new generation of activists.

1B. Enhancing Student Success I: AANAPISI Lessons Learned Serving Filipinos, Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Students in Community Colleges

Location: Spring BC

- Rowena Tomaneng, Associate Vice President of Instruction, De Anza College (Moderator)
- Christine Chai, IMPACT AAPI Staff Development Coordinator, De Anza College
- Karen Chow, IMPACT AAPI Faculty, De Anza College
- James Nguyen, IMPACT AAPI Project Director, De Anza College

De Anza College's IMPACT AAPI is a program that began in 2008, funded by the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. IMPACT AAPI's goal is to close the wide gaps in academic achievement and transfer among Asian American and Pacific Islander students at De Anza by focusing on Asian Pacific Islander subgroups that are historically underrepresented in higher education: Filipino, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander. This session will highlight our professional development efforts and integrated curricular pathways designed to provide educational experiences that support, challenge, and foster leadership and community engagement amongst faculty and students.

1C. Partnering with Community Groups to Broaden Participation and API Support

Location: Garden A

- Brian Tsukimura, Professor of Biology, California State University, Fresno (Moderator)
- Joy Goto, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, California State University, Fresno
- Jody H. Hironaka-Juteau, Associate Dean, California State University, Fresno
- Hiromi Kubo, Assistant Librarian, California State University, Fresno
- Yoshiko Takahashi, Assistant Professor of Criminology, California State University, Fresno

Promoting a campus climate that is sensitive, representative, and fair to all ethnic groups is essential. In order to proactively respond to diverse needs, effective networks and linkages are critical. Strategic involvement of other URG associations, as well as professional societies, expands our impact. Hear how we have involved off-campus professional societies and our students to achieve greater community support.

3:30

Networking Break

Location: Imperial Foyer

4:00

Concurrent Sessions #2

2A. Asian Americans in Higher Education:

Culturally Responsive Services for Our Diverse and Complex Communities

Location: Spring A

- Matthew R. Mock, Ph.D., Professor, John F. Kennedy University, Marriage and Family Therapy Program
- My Linh Vo, PsyD Graduate Student, John F. Kennedy University

Cultural competency, cultural responsiveness and cultural humility have become imperatives in teaching and service practices with Asian Americans in educational settings. The multiple, complex needs of AAPI students are finally being recognized. AAPI success on university campuses extends beyond academics to social, emotional, psychological, physical and familial health. In addition to clinical information actual personal stories from students will be presented by the primary presenter, students and peers. Recommendations from nationally recognized mental health experts as well as evidence-based practices, practice based evidence

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and effective practices will be discussed.

2B. Let's Talk Story: The Academic Leadership Pathway in Higher Education

Location: Spring BC

- Rowena Tomaneng, Associate Vice President of Instruction, De Anza College (Moderator)
- Karen Chow, Academic Senate President, De Anza College
- Weiming Dariotis, President, California Faculty Association-San Francisco State University
- Eileen Fung, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, University of San Francisco
- Wanda Lee, Dean of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and ACE Fellow, San Francisco State University
- Darlene Yee-Melichar, Vice Chair, Academic Senate of the California State University

This panel discussion will present a cross-generational discussion on leadership pathways for API women within diverse higher education institutions, Community College, California State University, and Private University. Presenters will share their leadership experiences, focusing on the motivating factors that led them to pursue leadership positions within their campuses. Presenters will also discuss the challenges in navigating the politics of their institutions, and the need for mentorship, support, and building alliances within and external to the institution.

2C. Enhancing Student Success II:

AANAPISI Programs at Four-year Institutions of Higher Education

Location: Garden A

- Karen Su, Director, Asian American Resource and Cultural Center, University of Illinois at Chicago (Moderator)
- Greg Mark, Professor, Department of Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento
- Vince A. Sales, Interim Vice President, California State University, Sacramento

A panel presentation by two current AANAPISI grantees with a focus on enhancing the academic experience for API students in order to improve the recruitment, retention and graduation rates of these students. What are we learning in our projects as we begin to fill institutional gaps?

6:00

Dinner

Location: Imperial Ballroom

Keynote: Phyllis Wise, Vice President and Chancellor
at the University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign

Presentation of Awards

- Loretta (Lori) Adrian, President, Coastline Community College
- Leroy Morishita, President, California State University, East Bay
- Phyllis Wise, Vice President and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign

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8:00

Breakfast

Location: Imperial Foyer

8:30

Am I Ready? API Leaders Making Transitions to the Next Step

Location: Spring ABC

- Abe Ali, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, Kern Community College District (Moderator)
 - Corinna Calica, Program Director, Child Development Center, Las Positas College
 - Marissa Nakano, Single Stop Site Coordinator, City Colleges of San Francisco, and Asian Pacific American Student Success (APASS) Coordinator College of Alameda
 - Rajinder Samra, Director of Research and Planning, Las Positas College
 - Noki Seekao, Director of Student Life, California College of the Arts, and President-Elect, California College Personnel Association
 - Yvonne Wu-Craig, Grant Developer/Writer and Classified Senate President, Chabot College
 - Huimin "Happy" Yang, Graduating senior from Balboa High School, Law Academy, San Francisco, CA., and Vice Chair and District 11 Youth Commissioner for the San Francisco Youth Commission
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Come join a panel discussion of APIs taking on new leadership roles. Presenters will discuss their motivations for pursuing new positions, the strategies they used for getting there and what they learned along the way. What steps did they take to prepare themselves? What were the pros and cons they had to weigh? How has the transition been since then and what have they learned.

9:45

Coffee Break

Location: Imperial Foyer

10:00

Concurrent Sessions #3

3A. Down to Get Down:

What Does it Mean to be a Critical Educational Leader in Today's Climate?

Location: Osaka

- Newin Paul Orante, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Laney College
- Alexis Montevirgen, Ed.D., Dean of Enrollment Services, College of Alameda

While the discourse on leadership is vast, literature and scholarship is primarily informed by theories and concepts from the disciplines of Business Management and Psychology. As educators, we believe that to address the issues of equity and social justice, it is imperative to develop counter-narratives to traditional definitions of leadership. In this workshop, we will attempt to distinguish the difference between Transformational and TransformATIVE Leadership. Moreover, as we engage the audience, we hope to facilitate dialogue that will differentiate what is an "administrator in education" versus an "educational leader."

3B. Building Asian American Leadership in An Educational Setting - Asian American Studies

Location: Garden B

- Loan Dao, Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Given the unique challenges and specific strengths of many Asian American students at the university, this paper presentation will explore general conceptualizations of leadership, how Asian American students view leadership development in the classroom, and present recommendations about future curriculum development within Asian American Studies that

emphasizes developing Asian American leadership in the classroom. Audience feedback and suggestions will be requested!

11:00

Our Future: API Student Leaders Share their Stories

Location: Spring ABC

- Noki Seekao, Director of Student Life, California College of the Arts, (Moderator)
- Kryshana Anathan, Senior Fellow, California College of the Arts
- Jeff Dam, Co-Operations, Southeast Asian Student Coalition, University of California, Berkeley
- Sydney Fang, Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) Senator, University of California, Berkeley
- Takeo Hiraki, Student Trustee, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District
- Milika Leakona Hopoi, Student Body President, Oregon State University
- Congyi "Elaine" Qui, Student Assistant, Office of Student Life, Chabot College

API student leaders bring great depth and contribution to our academic communities. Come hear perspectives on life for API students in higher education today. What challenges do they face? Where do they need support? Our best teachers are our students. During this panel discussion through student voices we can develop strategies for strengthening API leadership and mentorship pipelines at the college level.

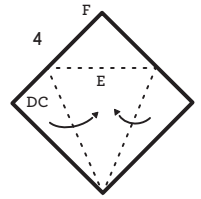
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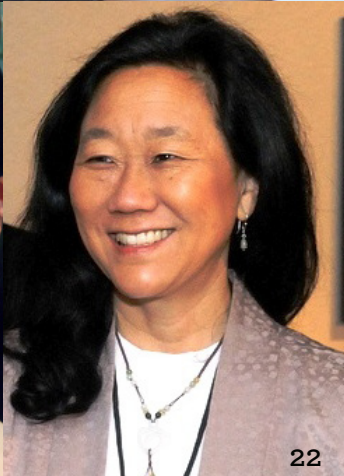
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KEYNOTE AND PLENARY SPEAKERS





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MAMTA MOTWANI ACCAPADI - 1

Mamta Accapadi currently serves as Dean of Student Life at Oregon State University. Prior to this assignment, Mamta served as Assistant Director of the Multicultural Information Center at the University of Texas, Austin, where she was in charge of student programming and funding and worked collaboratively with other departments to support students. Mamta Accapadi recently completed her voyage with Semester At Sea (SAS) where she (along with fellow faculty and staff) prepared for the arrival of around 500 undergraduate and graduate students. The ship spent 110 days circumnavigating the globe as they stopped in 10 different countries, spending time at each location while putting their education to use. The broad-based curriculum was interdisciplinary, from political science to social studies, and had practical applications to their world travel.

IBRAHIM “ABE” ALI - 2

Abe Ali has led Kern Community College District's Human Resources operations for the past four years as Vice Chancellor of Human Resources. His 18 years of HR experience includes four years as Human Resources Manager and, later, Vice President, Chief Human Resources and Equal Employment Officer for a total of 10 years with Redwoods Community College District in Eureka, CA. Abe's experience includes serving as lead management negotiator for faculty and classified organization collective bargaining, developing and managing personnel policies, and taking the lead in organizing district-wide staff development and staff diversity programs.

Abe is Past President of the Chief Human Resources Officers Consortium for the California Community Colleges and former co-chair of the Commission for Legislation and Advocacy for the Association of California Community College Administrators. He developed two statewide manuals that were distributed to all community college Human Resources/Equal Employment Offices: Diversity Guide for Affirmative Action Officers (funded by the Chancellor's Office and Affirmative Action and Diversity and Equity Consortium); and Human Resources Handbook, Volumes 1 and 2 (funded by the Association of Chief Human Resources/Equal Employment Officers). Abe is a founding board member of the boys and Girls club of America in Chico, CA.

Abe was born in Tokyo Japan and raised in Honolulu Hawaii.

CORINNA CALICA - 3

Corinna Calica is currently a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership at UC Davis School of Education. She works as the Program Director of the Child Development Center at Las Positas College in Livermore since February 2011. Ms. Calica is also a 2010 – 2011 pre-dissertation

fellow for David and Lucille Packard Foundation in early childhood education studies. Ms. Calica also received the 2009 Employer Recognition from the Solano County Mayor's Association for the Employment of People with Disabilities.

Ms. Calica's professional experience is grounded in child development and early childhood education. Prior to assuming the administration at Las Positas College, she served as Coordinator of Child Care Programs at Benicia Unified School District. She was Assistant Director at Solano Community College Children's Programs in Fairfield. She has written and have been awarded numerous grants in early education facility, renovation, capital, enrollment, and special projects with First 5 of Solano County and CA Department of Education, Child Development Division. Ms. Calica is also a certified Infant Toddler Trainer with West Ed's Program for Infant Toddler Care, and serves as Adjunct Faculty in Early Childhood Education at Solano Community College since 2004.

Ms. Calica's academic career includes a M.A. in Human Development, with a concentration in Educational Administration, from Pacific Oaks College in Pasadena. Her interest in child development began after her B.A. in Psychology from UC Berkeley, with a focus on developmental psychology. Ms. Calica's thesis at the Pacific Oaks College Library focuses on "The Significance of Educational Attainment Among Asian Americans." Ms. Calica has also given a presentation in "Infant Toddler Temperaments" at the 2003 Asian American Marriage Conference in San Ramon. Ms. Calica is bilingual, and is fluent in Tagalog (Filipino).

LISA CHEN - 4

Lisa is a Community Advocate at the Asian Law Caucus focusing on education and advocacy for comprehensive immigration reform in API communities. Lisa graduated from the University of California San Diego in 2009 with a degree in International Studies. She was heavily committed to educational justice for working class students of color by organizing around access and affordability issues with the University of California Student Association.

In her capacity as a UCSA Board of Directors member, she organized students across the state on the DREAM Act, an equitable UC wide fee policy, and funding for academic preparation. In 2008, she helped start the student worker collective and organized a successful living wage campaign for the service workers on campus. Lastly, she was a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow from UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Policy and was a core member of UC San Diego's Students for Justice in Palestine. She supports the work of ASPIRE San Francisco and has been a key player in the political organizing ASPIRE has started to do around the federal and state DREAM Act through committing to the leadership development of ASPIRE members.

CATHERINE EUSEBIO - 5

Catherine immigrated from her native Philippines to the city of Fremont at the age of 3. She is currently on her last semester at UC Berkeley studying political science. She joined ASPIRE last year, and since then has blossomed into a passionate organizer. She is the lead planner for ASPIRE's conference: "Our Dreams Can't Wait" and has been able to reach out to different API and immigrant organizations. She aspires to continue organizing for her community even after the DREAM Act passed.

CURTIS CHIN - 6

Writer/Producer Curtis Chin is a proud member of the Writers Guild who has worked for ABC, NBC, Disney Channel, and many others. As a community activist, he co-founded the Asian American Writers Workshop and Asian Pacific Americans for Progress. In 2008, he served on Barack Obama's Asian American Leadership Council where he participated in helping the campaign reach out to the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Since then, he has been invited to the White House twice, including for the 40th Anniversary of Stonewall and the signing of the White House Initiative on AAPI's. Curtis has also been active in LGBT rights, serving as the chair of the Gay Asian Pacific Islander Men of New York and as a member of API Equality in Los Angeles. He and his partner are one of the 18,000 couples officially married in California before Prop 8. He has been featured on CNN, MSNBC, in Newsweek, and other leading media. Chin has toured "Vincent Who?" to over 200 colleges/community centers in four countries. Visit www.vincentwhomovie.com for more information.

DORIS CHING - 7

Doris Ching, Ed.D., served the people of Hawai'i and student affairs community in diverse and challenging roles. She was the first woman vice president of University of Hawai'i (UH) and strong advocate to countless students. Doris retired in 2005 after 44 years of supporting and teaching thousands of students in secondary and higher education. As the UH-Manoa and UH System Vice President for Student Affairs, she was instrumental in upgrading and expanding services for students, promoting the rights of women and underrepresented groups, and encouraging hundreds of student leaders who now hold influential positions in the community. Dr. Ching has been involved with numerous national boards and commissions. She was the first Asian American and first woman of color to be elected president of NASPA and the NASPA Foundation.

FRANK CHONG - 8

Frank Chong, Ed.D., was recently appointed by the Santa Rosa Junior College Board as its new Superintendent/President effective January 2012. Dr. Chong becomes only the fifth superintendent/president of the school in its 93rd -year history. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Chong was appointed as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges in the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

Dr. Chong's professional experience spans every level of education and politics. Prior to assuming the Laney College presidency, he served as president of Mission College in Santa Clara CA and dean of Student Affairs at City College of San Francisco. He was an appointed member of the San Francisco Children and Families Commission, and was elected to the San Francisco Board of Education in 1998. From 1987 to 1991, he served as special assistant to Willie L. Brown, Jr., the Speaker of the California State Assembly.

A. GABRIEL ESTEBAN - 9

A. Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D., currently serves as President, Seton Hall University. Prior to this appointment, Gabriel was appointed Provost at Seton Hall University in August 2007. Prior to his leadership positions at Seton Hall, Dr. Esteban was provost and dean of faculty at

The University of Central Arkansas. Dr. Esteban also served as dean of the College of Business and tenured professor of marketing at the University of Central Arkansas. During that time he served as chairman of the Conway (Arkansas) Area Chamber of Commerce and of the Women's Shelter for Central Arkansas. He was associate vice president of academic affairs at Arkansas Tech University and an assistant professor at the University of Houston-Victoria. Dr. Esteban was also a full-time instructor at the College of Business Administration of the University of the Philippines. Lastly, Dr. Esteban serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Asians and Pacific Americans in Higher Education.

PATTI HIRAMOTO - 10

Patti Hiramoto, Ed.D., was recently appointed as Vice President for University Advancement, California State University, Monterey Bay. After serving as the President's Chief of Staff since 2009, Dr. Hiramoto was selected to lead CSU Monterey Bay's Division of University Advancement, which encompasses development, communications, and external and governmental relations. Dr. Hiramoto has worked at CSU Monterey Bay for seven years, first from 1996 to 2000 as director of equal employment opportunity and again since 2008, when she rejoined the university as associate director of academic personnel.

From 2000 to 2008, Dr. Hiramoto worked at UC Santa Cruz as director of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. A 15-year resident of Monterey, she earned a doctorate in higher education at UC Berkeley and has also worked at San Francisco State and Stanford University, where she served as director of student services for the School of Education.

JANE KIM - 11

Jane Kim was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in November 10, 2010. represent District 6, one of the most dynamic and diverse districts in San Francisco, encompassing the Tenderloin, South of Market, North Mission, Civic Center, South Beach, Mission Bay, Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island and Downtown neighborhoods. Supervisor Kim has dedicated her career to serving the communities in San Francisco, starting as a Community Organizer at Chinatown Community Development Center, then a Civil Rights Attorney at Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and most recently as President of the San Francisco Board of Education.

DAPHNE KWOK - 12

On July 25, 2010, President Obama appointed Daphne Kwok of San Francisco, California as Chair of his Advisory Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islanders. The Commission was re-established in 2009 by the President as part of a White House Initiative to improve the lives of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities underserved by federal resources. Ms. Kwok has more than two decades of experience as a community leader at both the national and state levels. She is currently the Executive Director of Asians and Pacific Islanders with Disabilities of California. She previously served as the executive director of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, as well as the Organization of Chinese Americans, a national civil rights organization with more than 10,000 members. She was also the first-elected Chair of the National Council of Asian Pacific Ameri-

cans. In addition, Ms. Kwok has served on the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Council and on the boards of a wide range of Asian American and Pacific Islander groups, including APIA Vote, National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, National Coalition of Asian Pacific American Community Development and the Asian Pacific American Caucus of the American Political Science Association. She is also a Founding Board Member of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund.

MARISSA NAKANO - 13

Marissa Nakano, M.S., was born in the Bay Area and currently lives in Oakland, CA. Her parents (both San Francisco teachers) instilled the value of higher education early in Marissa's life as well as a strong identity with her Japanese/Chinese American heritage. After completing her Master's degree in Counseling at San Francisco State University, she began coordinating and counseling at Asian Pacific American Student Success (APASS) Learning Community at College of Alameda. Simultaneously, she started at City College of San Francisco as the Single Stop Coordinator/Counselor. Marissa co-presented at 2011's APAHE Conference with her College of Alameda colleagues as well as the 2011 Strengthening Student Success Conference in San Francisco. She's also a recent graduate of LEAD's Leadership Development Program for Higher Education (which she highly recommends for all APIs in higher ed!). Marissa truly enjoys counseling in higher education and hopes to continue working with community college students in the years to come.

JOCELYN L. NAKASHIGE - 14

Jocelyn Nakashige serves as Senior Associate Dean, Finance and Administration, University of California, Riverside School of Medicine. She has responsibilities in budgeting, human resources and strategic planning, planning and developing formal relationships with affiliated health care providers. She is a member of the Society for College and University Professionals (SCUP), National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), and Western Association of College and University Business Officers (WACUB). She also served as a mentor in the UC San Francisco Academic Business Officers Group Mentorship Program.

THUY THI NGUYEN - 15

Thuy Thi Nguyen currently serves as General Counsel for the Peralta Community College District. At different points during her appointment as General Counsel, she served in additional roles as Acting Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and District-wide Strategic Planning Manager. When Thuy graduated from Castlemont High School in Oakland, the Mayor of Oakland named June 23, 1993 "Thuy Thi Nguyen" Day for her community service. Thuy attended Yale where she earned a B.A. in Philosophy, and UCLA School of Law's "Program in Public Interest Law and Policy" where she received her Juris Doctorate degree in 2000. In 1999, Thuy was selected a Paul and Daisy Soros for New Americans Fellow. In 2002, she was listed among "30 Most Influential Asian Americans Under 30" nationally by Rainmaker Political Group. In 2007, she was named one of 18 "Best Lawyers Under 40" in the country by the National Asian American Bar Association. Thuy recently received the 2011 Trailblazer Award from the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California.

Thuy co-published a book entitled, "25 Vietnamese Americans in 25 Years," a 100-page historical book chronicling the first 25 years of Vietnamese people in America since the Fall of Saigon. The publication is archived in the Library of Congress and the Viet Museum in San Jose.

RAJINDER SAMRA - 16

Rajinder Samra is currently the Director of Institutional Research and Planning at Las Positas College. His responsibilities as Director include leadership in organizing, designing, coordinating and implementing a comprehensive institutional research and planning agenda. Mr. Samra works actively with faculty, classified professionals, and administrators to support data-driven decisions that help increase student success and achievement. Prior to his position as Director, which he assumed in July of 2011, Mr. Samra served as an institutional researcher for nearly 10 years at Chabot College. Mr. Samra has a Master of Science degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from San Jose State University and a Bachelor in Arts degree in Psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

NOKI SEEKAO - 17

Noki Seekao is currently the Director of Student Life and Chief Student Conduct Officer at the California College of the Arts. His Thai immigrant parents' struggles and the guidance of wonderful mentors greatly influenced his love of higher education. For the past 9 years, his primary mission in the field of student affairs is to engineer opportunities and initiatives that educate and engage students to become leaders in their communities. He is currently the President-elect at the California College Personnel Association (CCPA), a state division of ACPA, College Student Educators International. Noki has a M.A. in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University, and a B.A. in Psychology & Social Behavior and B.A. in Studio Arts from the University of California, Irvine.

ROBERT TERANISHI - 18

Robert Teranishi is Associate Professor of Higher Education at New York University and Principal Investigator for The National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education, a project funded by the College Board and USA Funds. He is also a faculty affiliate with The Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy and a consultant for the Ford Foundation's "Advancing Higher Education Access and Success" initiative. Prior to joining the faculty at NYU, Teranishi was a National Institute of Mental Health postdoctoral fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute at the University of Pennsylvania,

Teranishi is the recipient of the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty Award from NYU and was recently named one of the nation's top "up-and-coming" leaders by Diverse Issues in Higher Education. His most recent book published by Teachers College Press is *Asians in the Ivory Tower: Dilemmas of Racial Inequality in American Higher Education*.

LESLIE E. “LES” WONG - 19

Les Wong, PhD, has served as the president of Northern Michigan University since 2004. His previous positions include provost and academic vice president, along with six months as interim president at the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo; and academic dean at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., where he began as a faculty member. Les has a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Washington State University, M.S. in Experimental Psychology from Eastern Washington University, and B.A. in Psychology from Gonzaga University.

FRANK H. WU - 20

Chancellor & Dean Frank H. Wu is the William B. Lockhart Professor of Law. The first Asian American to serve as dean at UC Hastings. Dean Wu previously taught for a decade at Howard University. He also has taught at the law schools of George Washington University, University of Maryland, Columbia University, University of Michigan, Peking University, as well as in the undergraduate programs of Johns Hopkins University and Deep Springs College.

Currently he is a member of the U.S. Department of Education's National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) to advise the Secretary of Education on matters of accreditation. He is also a member of the U.S. Defense Department's Military Leadership Diversity Commission to make recommendations to Congress and the President on policies that provide leadership opportunities in the Armed Forces.

Dean Wu's research and writing emphasizes issues of diversity and civic engagement. His works include *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White*, and *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment*, which he co-authored under a grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. He has written on a professional basis for magazines and newspapers, including *The Washington Post*, *National Law Journal*, and *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

YVONNE WU-CRAIG - 21

Yvonne Wu Craig has currently served as the Grant Developer/Writer at Chabot College for the past five years and has nine years of grant writing and program evaluation experience in the P-20 system. She is also the President of the Chabot Classified Senate having started her term in July 2011. Her love and respect for the power of education began when was sixteen and volunteered to work with special needs children. Since then, she has worked and volunteered in Bay Area elementary schools as a teacher's aide and classroom teacher, making the transition to higher education five years ago. Yvonne holds a Bachelor's degree in Comparative Literature with a Minor in Education and a Master's degree in Education from UC Berkeley. Her Master's Thesis was titled "Asian Immigrant Families and the School Lunch Environment." She has also made a presentation at the Association of Community College Trustees' National Conference and was named Chabot College's Striving Black Brother's Coalition's Mentor of the Year.

AUDREY YAMAGATA-NOJI - 22

Audrey Yamagata-Noji currently serves as Vice President of Student Services, Mt. San Antonio College. Audrey received a Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate University, a master's degree in counseling, and bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Long Beach. She is a licensed marriage, family and child therapist.

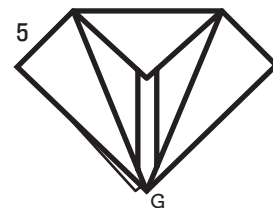
Additionally, Dr. Yamagata-Noji serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Santa Ana Unified School District. First elected in 1987, Audrey served for three consecutive terms on the School Board through 2000. In November 2002, Dr. Yamagata-Noji was elected to the School Board for a fourth term. In addition to her involvement as a Board member of Asian and Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE), Dr. Yamagata-Noji is a trainer for Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc (LEAP). Together with co-coordinator Henry Gee, Audrey directs the annual Leadership Development Program in Higher Education – a partnership effort between APAHE and LEAP.

HUIMIN “HAPPY” YANG - 23

Huimin “Happy” Yang grew up in China and immigrated to the US two and a half years ago. She is currently a senior at Balboa High School, San Francisco, CA. Although she needs to babysit her siblings and translate for her parents who speak limited English, she aspires to be the first in her family to go to college. Her parents immigrated to America so that she could have more educational opportunities and she strongly believes that higher education is one of the most important ways for her to help people from similar education and linguistic barriers to rise up from hardships. Holding a 4.0 GPA she has applied to UC's and private schools, where she intends to major in political science.

As an activist in her community, she is the Vice Chair of the San Francisco Youth Commission, for which she advises the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor on policies related to youth as she was appointed by Supervisor John Avalos. With the commission, she advocated for affordable public transportation. Over the summer, as a Youth Leadership Fellow with the Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition, she organized the first ever Immigrant Youth Summit and brought together 100 immigrant students from seven San Francisco public high schools on October 29, 2011, with support from the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs. She also represented the SFUSD in attendance at the White House Initiative on Asian American Pacific Islanders Youth Leadership Briefing, where she met with White House officials who provided mentorship and information about careers in public service and government. Her career aspirations include helping under-represented communities gain more access to education and to encourage their civic engagement.

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LORETTA P. ADRIAN

Loretta “Lori” Adrian, Ph.D., was appointed by the Coastline Community College Board of Trustees as President of Coastline Community College July 1, 2010. She has been in higher education for over 20 years, having also served as International Student Advisor at Delta College and as a Foreign Admissions Evaluator at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California. Dr. Adrian also worked as a cross cultural trainer/program director for the U. S. Peace Corps.

Lori holds a bachelor’s degree in Philippine Studies from the University of the Philippines and a Master’s in Communication Theory from the University of the Pacific. She received a Ph.D. in Education from a joint program between Claremont Graduate University and San Diego State University. Lori’s passion and expertise are in the areas of leadership, diversity and student equity, and governance.



LEROY M. MORISHITA

Leroy Morishita, Ed.D., was recently appointed the President of California State University, East Bay. He arrived at Cal State East Bay from San Francisco State University, where he served as Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer. Dr. Morishita has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, as an educator and administrator. He first worked in the California State University system from 1978 to 1981 as Counseling Coordinator and Counselor for the Educational Opportunity Program at San Francisco State University.

Dr. Morishita has been a Commissioner of the Western Association for Senior Colleges and Universities since 2007, and chair of its Finance & Operations Committee since 2010. He also has also served on several committees for the CSU, including the CSU Risk Management Authority since 2002,

serving as Chair from 2006 to 2010 and Vice Chair from 2004 to 2006; the CSU Systemwide Budget Advisory Committee since 2004; the CSU Human Resources Advisory Committee since 2008, and the CSU Investment Committee (2007-10).

Locally, he is a trustee of the Institute of Buddhist Studies in Berkeley. He is a former board member of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California; and former president and board member of Oakland's Asian Community Mental Health Services.



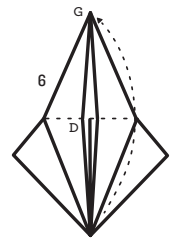
PHYLLIS WISE

Phyllis M. Wise, Ph.D., was selected to serve as Vice President of the University of Illinois and Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Wise joined Urbana-Champaign effective October 1, 2011. Phyllis M. Wise was interim President of the University of Washington in 2010-2011. Prior to being named interim President, she served as Executive Vice President and Provost, a position she held for five years. As provost, she is the University's chief academic and budgetary officer and provides leadership in educational and curriculum development, formulation and allocation of budget and space, long-range strategic planning, and management of the University's research programs.

A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine, she holds a bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College in biology and a doctorate degree in zoology from the University of Michigan.

Wise continues an active research program in issues concerning women's health and gender-based biology. She has been particularly interested in whether hormones influence brains of women and men during development, during adulthood and during aging.

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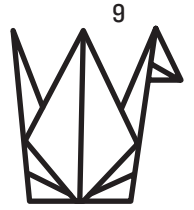
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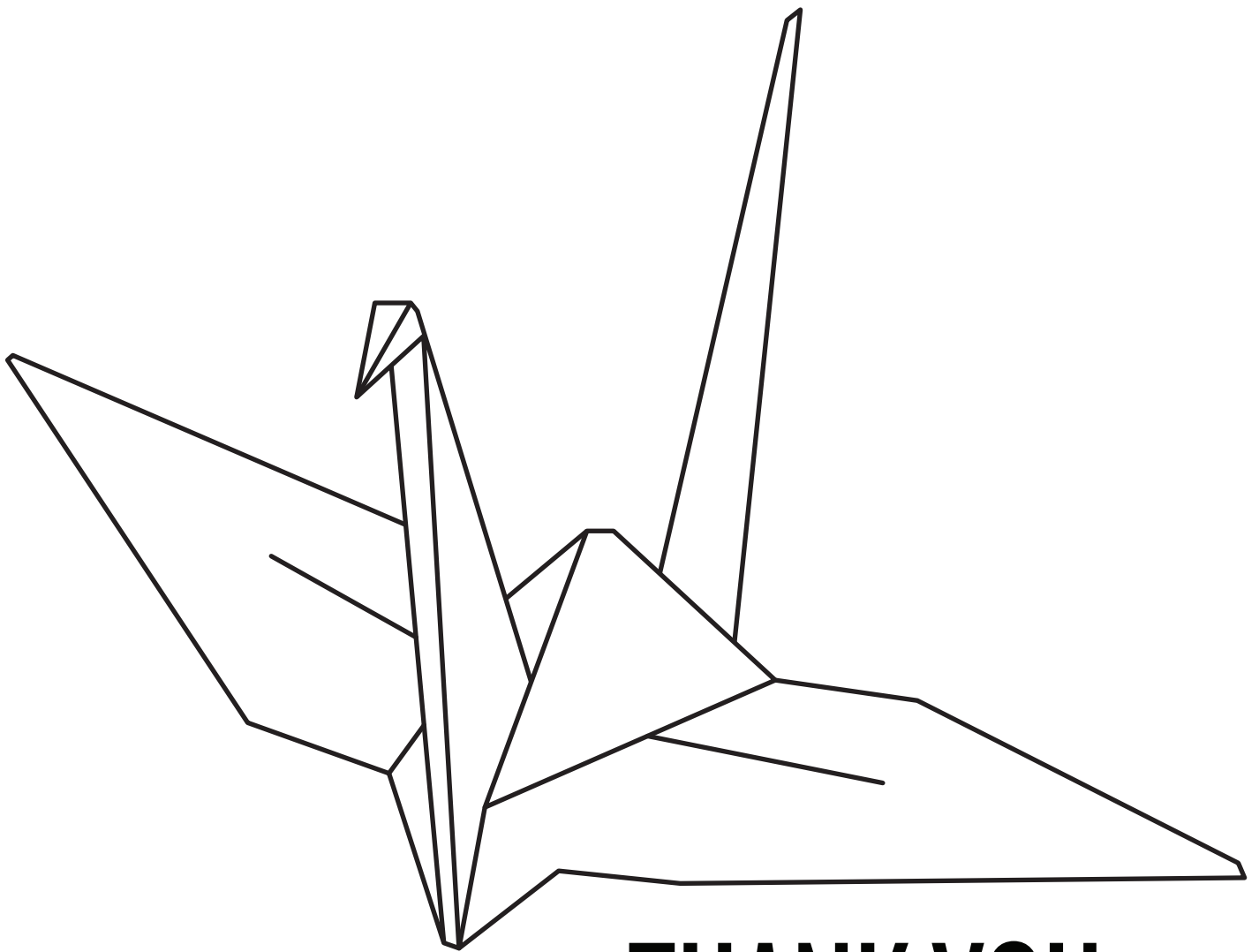
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