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FAPAC National Board of Directors attended the Department of Transportation Celebration of the AAPI Heritage Month Celebration with Honorable Secretary Elaine L. Chao; from left, Olivia Adrian, President; Honorable Secretary Chao; Marina Milton, Vice President; and Peter Nguyen, Vice President of Operations. Secretary Chao has been invited to give a Keynote Address at the 2018 FAPAC National Leadership Training Program.

Upcoming Events:

- FAPAC Leadership Symposium, September 15**
 [registration opens at 8 AM] at US Department of Transportation
 -see www.fapac.org for details and registration



Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary, Department of Transportation

18th U.S. Secretary of Transportation, first Asian-American woman ever appointed to the President's Cabinet in American history, this is her second cabinet level post. She also served as the 24th U.S. Secretary of Department of Labor, 2001-2009.

2017 National Leadership Training Program is a Success



Former Secretary of Commerce and Transportation Norman Y. Mineta gave the Keynote Address at the Civilian Awards Banquet on May 18th.

FAPAC's 32nd year anniversary was successfully celebrated during the National Leadership Training Program (NLTP) held at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, Maryland during May 15-18, 2017. This celebration coincided with the observance of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month for the entire month of May. The registration team recorded a total number of 300 attendees along with several distinguished guests. The FAPAC award banquet on Thursday included Norman Mineta as the Keynote Speaker. FAPAC's Distinguished Public Service Scholarship Endowment Fund, awarded in honor of Norman Mineta, was presented to Danicole Ramos, a Filipino-American student pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration at American University in Washington, D.C. The Thursday Gala Event was the culmination of a four-day leadership training program that featured 40 workshops. This annual event is a premier training destination for federal and D.C. government employees and military employees. This year's theme of "Unite Our Voices by Speaking Together" reminds us how important it is for AAPIs to have one voice and share the message of the importance of diversity and inclusion in this unique time in our history as an organization and as public servants.



Mrs. DC 2015, Elaine Keltz, was the Emcee at the Civilian Awards Banquet on May 18th. She was also a panelist on the Plenary session on Women Empowerment.

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FAPAC Board Of Directors with Honorable Secretary Norman Y. Mineta and Representative Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, American Samoa, Member of Congress at 2017 National Leadership Training Program; from left, Annabelle Flores, Peter Nguyen, Fahmida Chhipa, Rene Lau, Marina Milton, Honorable Secretary Mineta, Olivia Adrian, Honorable Congresswoman Radewagen, Grace Spence, Kevin Le and Tat Shum.

Civilian Award Winners, from left to right, are: Sara Kaul; Minh A. Nguyen; Nga (Linda) Busch; Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, Olivia Adrian; Feliciano Schaible; Chinling Chen; and Harnetta Williams accepting the award on behalf of KC Yanamura.



Secretary Norman Y. Mineta (left) awards FAPAC Distinguished Public Service Scholarship to Danicole Ramos. Also pictured is Olivia Adrian (right).

Congratulations to Danicole Ramos, 2017 FAPAC Distinguished Public Service Scholar!

We are pleased to announce that Danicole Ramos has been selected for the 2017 Distinguished Public Service Scholarship in honor of former Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. Danicole is a Filipino-American student with an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Seattle University and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration at American University as the recipient of the FAPAC Scholarship for 2017. Danicole was born and raised in Hawaii by immigrant parents active in several organizations such as United We Dream, one of the largest youth immigration advocacy organizations that collaborated with AAPI groups to help the community. The award, including a stipend of \$5,000, was presented to Danicole at the 32nd National Leadership Training Program during May 15 to 18 at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, MD.



The FAPAC Distinguished Public Service Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes the recognition of Asian Pacific American students who are interested in public service and have made contributions to foster diversity and inclusion in the Asian Pacific American community. The award is given out annually and on a rotational basic to honor three distinguished Asian Pacific American pioneers and role models whose dedication and efforts in public service have opened the doors for many others. These three pioneers are: late Congressman Dalip Singh Saund, an Indian American and the first Asian Pacific American elected to Congress; former Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, a Japanese American and the first Asian Pacific American to serve in two Cabinet positions as Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation; and Secretary Elaine L. Chao, a Taiwanese American and the first Asian Pacific American woman to be appointed to a President's Cabinet, serving as 24th US Secretary of Labor under President George W. Bush and currently serving as the 18th US Secretary of Transportation.

2017 Career Development Program Launches

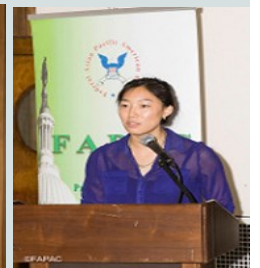
One of the cornerstones of our organization is career development for federal employees, and the 2017 Career



FAPAC Kicks off 2017 CDP at the Department of the Interior Main Building on April 21, 2017.



Sara Kaul speaks at the Kickoff.



Kelly Kim at the Kickoff.

Development Mentoring Program (CDP) for High Performers had a successful Kickoff on April 21, 2017 at the Department of Interior. There are 20 Mentees and 20 Mentors that were selected to participate this year. This year's program is scheduled to end on October 31, 2017. To meet the objective of this program, each Mentee and Mentor is to adhere to the guidelines of FAPAC's educational and recognition program. There are no shortcuts to completing the requirements of this program in order to earn recognition and graduate; participants must remember our organization's core values of integrity, respect, service and excellence, and apply these values when seeking education or recognition awards.