



Federal Asian Pacific American Council

FAPAC

Promoting Equal Opportunity and Cultural Diversity of Asian American Pacific Islanders in Government

Lunar New Year Celebration at the White House

Upcoming Events:

- April 12—Career Development Mentoring Program Kick-off Meeting. (Link [here](#))
- April 13—2nd NBOO Quarterly Meeting and One-Day Leadership Training
- April 13—Chapters Meeting and Leadership Training
- May 13-16—National Leadership Training Program ([Register here](#))



Photo Credit: White House Initiative on AAPIs

On February 12, the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hosted a Lunar New Year Celebration. Senior officials of the Administration welcomed members of AAPI from various government entities and community leaders, followed by a myriad of cultural performances and lively demonstrations.

Michelle Giuda, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, delivered a personal address, sharing her experiences that lead her to her current position at the State Department. Additional senior officials spoke on varying U.S. economic statuses and upcoming policy strategies, emphasizing issues of importance to the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The program concluded with remarks from AAPI's Executive Director, Holly Ham, highlighting the AAPI community and

country. Additional notable attendees include Dottie Li, Founder and CEO of Trans-Pacific Communications, and Chiling Tong, Founding President of the International Leadership Foundation for the next generation of AAPI.

FAPAC's presence and support is in direct support of our mission statement in promoting diversity in the workforce.

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Left to right: Dottie Li, Chiling Tong, Ollivia Adran



National Diversity Coalition: Town Hall Meeting

On March 14, the National Diversity Coalition (NDC) hosted its first Washington, DC, based Town Hall event. The mission of the NDC is to empower and influence the nation's minority communities at every level of government and within the business community.

FAPAC President, Olivia Adrian, was invited to attend the event and met with several influential federal and corporate panel members in the heart of Washington, DC. Her presence bolstered vital relationships with the public and private sectors that FAPAC serves.

More information on the National Diversity Coalition can be found on their website:

<http://nationaldiversitycoalition.org>



Left to right: Ja'Ron Smith, Special Adviser to the President for Legislative Affairs; Faith Bautista, NDC President and CEO; Olivia Adrian, FAPAC President

FAPAC Career Development Mentoring Program

FAPAC is proud to announce our selected mentors and mentees for the 2019 Career Development Mentoring program (CDP). The CDP is a tuition-free program that offers individual mentoring, professional development, and career counseling for high-performing federal employees. This year's selection matches 18 mentors with 18 mentees across various federal organizations, a significant opportunity to augment partnerships across government entities. Below are the list of mentor/mentee pairings. For more information about the CDP, please visit: <https://fapac.org/cdp>

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2019 Civilian and Uniformed Services Award Winners

The 2019 Civilian and Uniformed Service Award winners were announced on April 1st.

These awards recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of AAPI communities and promote diversity and inclusion in the government.

Awards will be presented at the 34th National Leadership Training Program (NLTP) held May 13-16 in Huntsville, AL.

Civilian

Outstanding Individual Leadership:

Individual who has shown bold leadership and innovative ways in promoting Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), Affirmative Action and Diversity

Ms. Sunny-Lee Fanning (SES), *Federal Aviation Administration, DOT*

Mr. Chi Tony Pham (GS 13-15), *Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, Navy*

Ms. Rachel Kizito-Ramos (GS 1-12), *Department of Transportation (DOT)*

Excellence in Individual

Achievement: Individual who has shown the greatest contribution toward the AAPI representation at all levels as compared to the total AAPI population as a whole.

Ms. Victoria Y. Wei (SES), *Federal Aviation Administration, DOT*

Mr. Kim W. Yee (GS 13-15), *Naval Surface Warfare Center, Navy*

Ms. Aryn Lockhart (GS 1-12), *U.S. Air Force*

Diversity Excellence: Individual who has shown a remarkable contribution towards diversity and inclusion through collaboration and against all odds.

Mr. Johnny F. Stephenson (SES), *Marshall Space Flight Center, NASA*

Mr. Thomas J. Liu (GS 13-15), *Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, DOI*

Mr. Tuan Le (GS 1-12), *Office of Personnel Management (OPM)*

Uniformed Services

- U.S. Army: **Sergeant Herman K. Watson, Jr.**
- U.S. Marine Corps: **Corporal Deserai N. Knight**
- U.S. Navy: **Third Class Petty Officer Cynthol F. Fuata**
- U.S. Air Force: **Senior Master Sergeant Donald E. Clayborn, Jr.**
- U.S. Air Force: **Senior Master Sergeant Francis M. Quiambao**
- U.S. Air Force: **Technical Sergeant Julyne Lei-Kawaha Clarke**
- U.S. Coast Guard: **Lieutenant Commander Rven T. Garcia**
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- U.S. Air Force Reserve: **Technical Sergeant Rachelle K. Estrada**
- U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps: **Lieutenant Commander Xinzhi Zhang**
- U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps: **Captain Paul Jung**

For more information , please visit:

<https://fapac.org/awards>

“The 14 winners of the 2019 Uniformed Services Awards have distinguished themselves by promoting the tenets of civil and human rights, equal opportunity, human relations, and public service,” —FAPAC President Olivia Adrian

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2019 Scholarship Winner Announced

The Federal Asian Pacific American Council's scholarship fund has named **Nancy Luu Trang**, from Nokesville, Virginia and currently attending *Howard University College of Dentistry, Washington DC*, as the winner of the **2019 Distinguished Public Service Scholarship**. This year, the award is given in honor of **Congressman Dalip Singh Saund** (pictured right between John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, respectively, 1958), an Indian American who was the first Asian Pacific American elected to Congress.

Nancy Luu Trang is a second-year dental student attending Howard University College of Dentistry. As a pre-professional B.S./D.D.S student, she completed undergraduate studies, with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry within two years while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is President of the Student Research Group, Vice President of the Asian Dental Student Association, Committee Leader of the Student National Dental Association Oral Cancer Walk, and contributing author to the American Student Dental Association dental magazine *Contour*. She is also a member of the American Dental Association and Special Care Dental Student Association. During her undergraduate studies, she was a member of the Pre-Dental Society, the Swipe Out Hunger Outreach Team, and also served as the Committee Coordinator for the College of Arts and Science Community Outreach Team.

The FAPAC Distinguished Public Service Scholarship Endowment Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes the recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students. Since 2013,



FAPAC has identified scholarships to AAPI students who are interested in public service, exhibit academic excellence, and demonstrate a continuous effort to foster diversity and inclusion in AAPI communities. The scholarship is presented in honor of AAPI leaders whose dedication and efforts in public service have opened doors for many others.

Since 2013, the scholarship is presented in honor of three successful AAPI leaders in public service on a rotating basis: The **Honorable Secretary Elaine L. Chao**, a Chinese American who became the first Asian Pacific American woman to hold a Cabinet position as Secretary of Labor and she is now the 18th U.S. Secretary of Transportation; former **Secretary Norman Y. Mineta**, a Japanese American who was the first Asian Pacific American to serve in two Cabinet positions as Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation, and the late **Congressman Dalip Singh Saund**, an Indian American who was the first Asian Pacific American elected to Congress.

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All are invited to join us at the **34th FAPAC National Leadership Training Program (NLTP)** held May 13-16 in Huntsville, AL., where the awardee will receive a stipend of \$5000. The NLTP provides high-quality training, networking opportunities, and practical strategies for personal and professional development. It is held annually in May to coincide with the celebration of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. For more information about the NLTP, please visit www.fapac.org/nltp.