As FAPAC’s President, it is my honor to write this last message for the bi-monthly newsletter. For the past four years, I can tell you that receiving two terms for this position was a great joy. I consider it a sign of acceptance from our members and colleagues.

I am very excited for our new team of energetic and dedicated volunteers. This year marks the 35th Year Anniversary of FAPAC and I end my term with heartfelt gratitude. It is a joyous moment and I thank you all, my colleagues, for the great opportunity to share my services. Without you, this experience wouldn't have been possible. Congratulations to the new Board of Directors!

FAPAC has evolved into a premier organization and I will continue to be part the team to meet our mission statement and continue to support Asian Americans Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) in government.

For the newly elected board, I am confident in your knowledge, skills, and abilities to determine the course of FAPAC for years to come. You will face challenges, confront hardships, and I am assured you will get the job done! I know you will continue to strive hard to continue to improve FAPAC processes from chartering more chapters nationwide to forming new partnerships.

In today’s fast-changing environment and unprecedented time, we must embrace transformation, promote improvement, and empower learning. We must recognize, emphasize, and support the impact of the AAPI culture and contributions in the community we serve. With this, I invite everyone to join me in congratulating the new board!
On Monday, September 28, FAPAC celebrated its 35th anniversary by recognizing the original founding members. In 1985, eight Federal employees collaborated to create an environment to help plan and implement an interagency training program for APAs. Their efforts has evolved into what FAPAC is today, a premier organization for leadership training, networking, and the support and recognition of AAPI’s in government.

Thank you to our founding members: Stephen Thom (Dept of Education), Blaine Tsugawa (Dept of Commerce), Corazon Foley (State Dept), Vivian Kim (Dept of Health and Human Services), Robert Tsukayama (State Dept), Kaye Nitta Tockman (Dept of Health and Human Services), Azucena Vasquez (US Information Agency, and Judith Gilliom (Dept of Defense).
On Friday, September 11, FAPAC conducted the chartering of the Department of Defense (DOD) Chapter. This event was held virtually and the following members were sworn in by President Adrian as DOD Chapter’s Elected Officials: President Wayne Chin, Vice President Tuan Le, Secretary Connie Williamson, Treasurer Byron Moraga, and Auditor Barbara Jackson.

Among the attendees were the Members of the FAPAC National Board of Directors to include Marina Milton, Treasurer, Peter Nguyen, Vice President of Technology, Rene Lau, Executive Secretary, Fahmida Chhipa, Vice President of Operations, and Jane Yang, Vice President of Finance. Thank you for showing you support to this newly formed chapter!
Last fall, in partnership with the Student Employment Services, FAPAC co-hosted a job fair with 77 recruiters and over 500 students. Additionally, the event served as a platform for both student and alumni to network.

Unfortunately, out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19, this year’s job fair was held virtually via video chatrooms and panels. Recorded was 51 government agencies and 450 registered attendees. The success of the event will serve as example for FAPAC’s future virtual events.

In addition to the virtual job fair, FAPAC held two online workshops: Writing a Federal Resume and Navigating USAJOBS. Both events were extremely successful, registering over 150 participants comprised of both current students and recent alumni.

These workshops offer various strategies, skills, and tips when preparing for government based jobs and serves as some of the best steps job seekers can take toward obtaining government employment. Additionally, FAPAC also covered interviewing techniques, which provided tips such as common questions and best practices. Please stay posted for more virtual events!
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