LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

In 2022, the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) continued to navigate the challenges presented to us by the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the unknowns, APAICS did not falter in delivering on its mission and advancing its ambitious agenda - now with a hybrid strategy of virtual and in-person events and programming.

Despite the unprecedented challenges of the past two years, APAICS continued to surpass our goals, solidifying our organization as a prominent thought leader for discussions and decisions on representation and diversity in government and the private sector.

2022 brought the triumphant in-person return of the APAICS Annual Awards Gala with a keynote address from Vice President Kamala Harris, and honorees Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-06), California Assemblymember Evan Low, Steve Aoki, Amna Nawaz, and the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. The sold-out event included the addition of the APAICS Lounge and the After Party featuring Steve Aoki.

APAICS has expanded its programs to include, for example, the Women’s Collective and Leadership Summits, and grown its staff to a record high level. APAICS also launched our newly created Racial Equity Fellowship to further advance advocacy for our Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander communities. We continue to grow our reach and impact by holding our values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice for representation across all branches of our communities.

2022 also brought the passing of our co-founder Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, a loss that is profoundly felt by the APAICS community. But Secretary Mineta’s legacy continues to inspire us and move us forward as we strive to achieve his vision for the future. Emerging out of 2022, we are stronger, more resilient, and energized to increase AA & NH/PI civic engagement and representation at all levels of the political process.

Sincerely,

Susan Jin Davis
Board Chair
IN MEMORIAM

Secretary Norman Y. Mineta

November 12, 1931 - May 3, 2022

Incarcerated by the United States based solely on his race during World War II, Secretary Mineta became one of the most prominent figures in American history. His achievements include: becoming the first Asian American to become mayor of a major U.S. city; first Japanese American member of Congress elected from the lower 48 states; and first Asian American Cabinet Member, having served as Secretary of Commerce under President Clinton and Secretary of Transportation under President G.W. Bush.

While in Congress, Secretary Mineta co-founded APAICS and its sister organization, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC). In 2006, Secretary Mineta received the Presidential Medal of Freedom—our nation’s highest civilian honor.

“Secretary Mineta united our wonderfully diverse community, and made room for each and every one of us. Having endured internment and encountered racism and discrimination for being Japanese American, Secretary Mineta truly understood how important it was to fight for justice and equality. He was always our community’s strongest voice and never gave up hope that we could be a truly united nation.

Despite his stature and fame, Secretary Mineta was ever approachable and always generously gave us his time, care, and attention. He knew us by name and our story and, if he didn’t, he would take the time to learn about us and become a friend. I am forever grateful to Secretary Mineta for his leadership, encouragement and inspiration. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten.”

-Susan Jin Davis

“Secretary Mineta was a giant in our community. His legacy included many firsts, and beyond his historic wins, he left an everlasting mark on our community, advocating for all of us to achieve greatness.

Secretary Mineta’s resiliency and perseverance brought enormous visibility, investment and power to address the needs of our community. It is because of him, that we now celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, that our community is represented in the Executive Branch, and why the United States issued a formal apology to the unjust incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

We stand in the footsteps of greatness, and our community is forever indebted to the efforts and achievements of Secretary Mineta.”

-Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke
IN MEMORIAM

Helen M. Ruggiero
August 31, 1945 - June 3, 2022

Helen M. Ruggiero served as APAICS’ beloved Chief Operating Officer and its longest serving member of its staff. She joined APAICS in August 2006 and was responsible for financial responsibility, fundraising, grant writing and event planning for the organization. Additionally, she served as the liaison to the APAICS Board and Advisory Council before retiring August 2021.

During her time Helen welcomed and nurtured hundreds of APAICS Fellows and Interns, along with countless other alumni in APAICS programs. For many in Washington, D.C., she was one of the first faces they’d meet, and she always greeted everyone with positivity and warmth. As an integral part of the APAICS family, she will be forever cherished.
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The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) is a national non-partisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting Asian American & Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander participation and representation at all levels of the political process, from community service to elected office.

APAICS programs focus on developing leadership, building public policy knowledge, and filling the political pipeline for Asian American & Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander to pursue public office at the local, state, and federal levels.
“If we build it, they will come.”

At the start of 2022, APAICS entered the third year of the COVID-19 global pandemic. With new COVID-19 variants, our community still reeling from anti-Asian hate, and still many unknowns ahead, APAICS went forth with a hybrid strategy—planning both virtual and in-person events and programming.

In the beginning there was still a hesitancy to return to fully in-person events. Despite these challenges, APAICS continued to push boundaries.

APAICS heard from the community that ‘if we build it, they will come.’

And so we did, and continued to expand both virtual and in-person programs and events. APAICS surpassed our goals, solidified the organization and our community as influential and necessary for conversations regarding representation and diversity across government and in the private sector.
TRANSITION FROM VIRTUAL TO IN-PERSON

In 2022, APAICS announced that its Annual Awards Gala will return in-person during Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

After the pause during the pandemic, the triumphant return of the Gala marks a significant message that the community is willing to show up - something that encompasses the theme “Courage to Lead.” There was an overwhelming response from the community, so much that APAICS introduced The Lounge in order to accommodate the space needed from attendees representing community, business, and political leaders.

The gathering also introduced the Gala Afterparty featuring Steve Aoki, the Gala’s Icon Award honoree.
In 2021, APAICS launched Health, Energy, and Tech Summits to bring together community and corporate leaders, subject matter experts, and elected officials for bipartisan policy discussions that affect AA & NH/PI communities and the nation at-large.

In 2022, APAICS expanded and grew these Summits to exist in a hybrid format with virtual panels and in-person receptions to engage participants in Washington, D.C. and across the country. The new format meant participants were able to continue accessing valuable knowledge on key topics while building out their networks.
INAUGURAL RACIAL EQUITY CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP

In August, 2022, the first 11 APAICS Racial Equity Congressional Fellows concluded their 9 month stint on Capitol Hill. Created in partnership with General Motors, Kaiser Permanente, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the APAICS Racial Equity and Social Justice Fellowship was created in response to the rise in anti-Asian hate and violence, and offered a new avenue for AA & NH/PI individuals to address racial equity through public policy.

Fellows were placed across personal offices, committees, and caucuses in both the House of Representatives and Senate, and were able to apply a racial equity lens to their legislative work.
BREAKING BARRIERS THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAMMING

2022 was a year of unprecedented growth for APAICS congressional placements through both the Congressional Fellowship and Congressional Internship. APAICS had a record 20 Congressional Fellows in 2022.

In addition, APAICS placed 21 Congressional Interns in 2022 throughout all three seasons, and were able to provide benefits that broke down financial barriers for young AA & NH/PI’s interested in public service. 2022 was the first year that APAICS has been able to provide housing for Congressional Interns, and it resulted in increasingly diverse internship cohorts.
DEMOGRAPHICS

GLOBAL REPRESENTATION
Throughout APAICS’ core programming including its Congressional Fellowship, Congressional Internship, National Leadership Academy, and Regional Leadership Academies, APAICS saw an increase in registrants and has ensured that all APAICS programs appropriately represented all AA & NH/PI communities in the country. This commitment toward representation was carried through direct outreach to communities and resulted in 43 different ethnicities across 29 U.S. states and territories.

29 U.S. STATES & TERRITORIES REPRESENTED
Alabama | 1
American Samoa | 1
Arkansas | 1
California | 21
Washington, D.C. | 9
Florida | 2
Georgia | 1
Guam | 1
Hawaii | 8
Illinois | 1
Iowa | 1
Maryland | 7
Massachusetts | 1
Michigan | 1
MP | 2
Nebraska | 1
Nevada | 2
New Jersey | 7
New York | 6
North Carolina | 3
Ohio | 1
Oklahoma | 1
Oregon | 28
Pennsylvania | 3
Tennessee | 2
Texas | 13
Utah | 1
Virginia | 11
Washington | 4

43 ETHNICITIES REPRESENTED
Afghan | 2
African | 1
American Samoan | 3
Arabian | 1
Bosnian | 1
Burmese | 1
Cambodian | 1
Cantonese | 1
Chamorro | 3
Chinese | 36
East Asian | 1
Filipino | 17
Hmong American | 1
Indian | 7
Irish | 1
Iu-Mien | 3
Japanese | 6
Jewish | 1
Korean | 13
Lao | 3
Malay | 2
Marshall Islands | 1
Mexican | 1
Miconesian | 1
Middle Eastern | 1
Native Hawaiin | 6
Nepali | 3
Okinawan | 1
Pakistani | 5
Russian | 1
Singaporean | 1
Somali American | 1
South Asian | 2
Spanish | 1
Sri Lankan | 1
Tahitian | 1
Taiwanese | 7
Tamil | 1
Teochow | 1
Thai | 1
Tibetan | 1
Tonga | 1
Vietnamese | 17

GENDER

55% FEMALE
45% MALE
APAICS BY THE NUMBERS

599
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ALUMNI

107
CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWS

126
YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ALUMNI

655
REGIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ALUMNI

349
CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS

47
CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ALUMNI

11
RACIAL EQUITY FELLOWS

23
AKEHASHI PROGRAM
FUNDRAISING SOURCES

**Restricted Funding**
$2,476,000  
58.58%

**Unrestricted Funding (Other)**
$528,795  
12.51%

**Unrestricted Funding (AA & NH/PI History Month Events)**
$1,221,757  
28.9%
PROGRAMMING
BUILDING THE AA & NH/PI PIPELINE ACROSS FOUR PILLARS

**01 INSPIRE**
APAICS programs and events are organized to inspire the next generation of AA & NH/PI leaders. APAICS continues to highlight and celebrate the historic achievements of our community.

**02 EDUCATE**
APAICS programs and events are created to provide the AA & NH/PI community resources and training to be prepared for their political ambitions - whether you are in high school and attend our Youth Leadership Academy or are attending our National Leadership Academy to run for local office, APAICS is a resource for the community.

**03 CONNECT**
APAICS programs and events connect the AA & NH/PI community to its national network. Often times, the first step is the hardest, and APAICS programming opens doors.

**04 EMPOWER**
APAICS programs and events empower the AA & NH/PI community to take the steps they need to reach their political and career goals - whether you are already in politics or are brand new, APAICS will develop leadership and build public policy knowledge for its participants to have the confidence to pursue their ambitions.
The APAICS National Leadership Academy provides AA & NH/PI elected officials and those looking to run for office with the training and network to help them either excel in their current office, prepare them for opportunities to advance into higher office, or to run a campaign for the first time.

The National Leadership Academy brings together a bipartisan group of promising AA & NH/PI political leaders from state legislatures, city councils, and local governing bodies from all across the country. The Leadership Academy has grown from 13 participants in 1999 to almost 600 participants today.
“My time at APAICS National Leadership Academy was my summer highlight of 2022.

I still was not sure if I would pursue a career in politics when I came to the Leadership Academy, but after all the amazing training material I felt the urge to actually commit and start planning for my future campaign. I really appreciated the effort that was put in to have representation of elected and unelected AA & NH/PI’s. It was empowering for me to see Elected Pacific Islanders and have that space to network and ask questions.

APAICS created a three day conference full of amazing training material, activities, and a lot of time to network and build relationships with other AA & NH/PI like-minded individuals.

I am so grateful for APAICS and the programs they offer.”

JAKEY SALA SIIOLO
2022 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PARTICIPANT
The Regional Leadership Academy is a two-day leadership training event for current elected officials, individuals seeking to run for public office, and community stakeholders.

APAICS partners with local organizations to deliver programming that consists of interactive political training with topics ranging from developing your campaign plan, communications, digital organizing, power mapping, volunteer recruitment and management, and fundraising. There have now been over 650 regional leadership academy participants.
“Attending the APAICS Regional Leadership Academy made a real difference in my campaign.

It was inspiring to see people who look like me serving on the local, state, and federal level. Decades ago, the Oregon Legislature looked much different, but now I feel so welcomed and supported throughout this process because of initiatives like the academy.

I’m sure that I will be connecting with APAICS alumni in the future as I begin my work in the Oregon Legislature.”

REPRESENTATIVE HAI PHAM, OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2022 PORTLAND REGIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PARTICIPANT
RACIAL EQUITY FELLOWSHIP
In 2022, our inaugural Racial Equity Fellowship allowed 11 AA & NH/PI leaders to engage in public policy on Capitol Hill. Fellows spent 9 months in congressional offices supporting members of congress through legislative work such as drafting policy, attending briefings, staffing committee hearings, conducting research, and writing speeches. Our first ever Racial Equity cohort displayed their accomplishments and presented their work at our 2022 Legislative Leadership Summit, where they discussed their biggest projects in their placement offices.

Racial Equity Fellows have since gone on to hold full time positions in Congressional offices, receive appointments in the current Presidential Administration, and oversee communications and press for state legislators.

2021-2022 RACIAL EQUITY FELLOWS

PRIYA AMILINENI
Office of Senator
Alex Padilla
(CA)

VIRAJ AYAR
Office of Representative
Barbara Lee
(CA-13)

ROYCE CHEN
Office of Representative
Brenda Lawrence
(MI-14)

DEVAKI DAVE
Office of Senator
Catherine Cortez Masto
(NV)

ALI FAZAL
Office of Senator
Tammy Duckworth
(IL)

ERIC KIM
House Committee on
Financial Services

SHARON KWON
House Committee on
Education & Labor

JENNIFER MIN
Congressional Hispanic Caucus

PATRICK PERALTA
Office of Representative
Gregorio Sablan
(MP-At-Large)

MAYWADEE VIRIYAPAH
Office of Representative
Mike Levin
(CA-49)

CHRISTIAN VON ROTZ
Office of Representative
Bobby Scott
(VA-03)
“The APAICS Racial Equity Fellowship provided me with the opportunity to work as a full-time staff member in a congressional office and provided my office with an Asian-American perspective.

Throughout my fellowship, I was able to brief the Senator, make policy recommendations, and write and introduce legislation. The Racial Equity fellowship has prepared me to continue my career in public service and work to create more inclusive policy.”

PRIYA AMILINENI
OFFICE OF SENATOR ALEX PADILLA (CA)
CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP
The APAICS Fellowship provides exceptional graduates and young professionals the opportunity to work extensively on policy issues as full-time staff members in a Congressional office. Through a nine-month program, fellows gain invaluable federal policymaking experience and develop lasting relationships amongst fellows and prominent leaders as they work closely with members of Congress, government officials, and community leaders.

2022-2023 CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWS

JESSICA BAE
Office of Senator Brian Schatz (HI)

SOLOMON CHEN
House Committee on Education & Labor

ASHLEY JUHN
Office of Representative Young Kim (CA-39)

RITA KAUR KUWAHARA
Office of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)

MICHELLE LIZ TABAJONDA
Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus

ALAN MUNEOKA
Office of Representative Ed Case (HI-01)

JADE ROWLAND
Office of Senator Mazie K. Hirono (HI)

KAVERI SENGUPTA
Office of Representative Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)

JONATHAN SZETO
Office of Representative Mark Takano (CA-41)

VIANNA VO
Office of Representative Gregorio Sablan (MP-At-Large)

KYRA WHITELAW
Office of Representative Grace Meng (NY-06)
“Despite not having the typical background of a Hill staffer, I was fortunate enough to gain the opportunity to serve as a Fellow for the Office of Congressman Sablan through APAICS.

Through my work with Congressman Sablan, I have been able to engage in substantial policy work that has challenged me to not only develop my writing skills, but to also cultivate critical thinking skills that are necessary to effectively advocate on behalf of our constituents.

Beyond gaining experience in policy work, I have discovered that the true value of APAICS lies in our community of alumni. In these short few months, I have already been able to find mentors who are genuinely invested in my personal growth and eager to share their experiences as AA & NH/PI staffers. I will be forever grateful for the guidance and learning opportunities that APAICS has made possible, and cannot wait until I, too, can serve as a mentor for the next generation of AA & NH/PI staffs.”

VIANNA VO
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE GREGORIO SABLAN (MP-AT-LARGE)
CONGRESSIONAL INTERNSHIP
The Congressional Internship is designed for AA & NH/PI undergraduate-aged students looking to increase their experience in public policy and service. The paid internship program, offered in the Fall, Summer, and Spring, placed interns in congressional offices and provided them with the opportunity to develop their leadership and professional skills, encourage political engagement, and foster interest in public service careers.

“Looking back on my experience, being an APAICS congressional intern has definitely been a huge stepping stone in my career in politics and government.

With the support of APAICS, I have been able to pursue my dreams, grow as a leader and meet others in the AA & NH/PI community who are in the same position and share the same struggles as me. APAICS made sure I was well taken care of in all aspects of my life and made sure my only priority was to learn as much as possible through the many development events they provided for us.

To be able to meet people who looked like me in all sectors of the government and who were so eager to lend a helping hand was extremely symbolic and encouraging to a Filipina girl who once thought she didn’t belong in an institution like Congress.”

LOIS RAMILO
OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE
ADAM SCHIFF (CA-28)
2022 CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS

RAHEEL ABUBAKAR  
Office of Senator Michael Bennet  
(CO)

RAMONCITO ARRIETA  
Office of Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman  
(NJ-12)

JOSH CHUN  
Office of Representative Jimmy Gomez  
(CA-34)

JEMALYNN IGUEL  
House Democratic Caucus

JOANNE KIM  
Office of Representative Marilyn Strickland  
(WA-10)

NA HYE KIM  
Office of Senator Mazie K. Hirono  
(HI)

THEO LIN-BIANCO  
Office of Representative Ami Bera  
(CA-07)

JULIA LOPEZ  
Office of Representative Dean Phillips  
(MN-03)

MAYA MAU  
Senate Committee on Agriculture

NAY (ETHAN) MYINT  
House Democratic Caucus

JALIYA NAGAHAWATTE  
Office of Representative Stephanie Bice  
(OK-05)

JOSEPH NEWMANN  
House Committee on Natural Resources

SOPHIA NGUYEN  
White House Initiative  
On AA & NH/Pils

LOIS RAMILO  
Office of Representative Adam Schiff  
(CA-30)

LAILA ROUHI  
Office of Representative Chip Roy  
(TX-21)

ARTH SOLAYAPPAN  
Office of Representative Katherine Clark  
(MA-05)

WENA TENG  
U.S. Office of Personnel Management

AIMEE TRAM  
House Democratic Caucus

DONNA TRAN  
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension

MICHELLE TRAN-DUONG  
Office of Representative Sharice Davids  
(KS-03)

YANA ZAMORA  
House Committee on Appropriations
“YLA gave me the opportunity to meet dozens of other young AA & NH/PI students who shared an interest in politics and government.

What’s more, hearing the views of my fellow participants while discussing pressing issues like climate change and police reform was a great way to hone my speaking and argumentation skills. With unique, tailored panels on college admissions and from NH/PI officials, I learned about important aspects of federal policy that wouldn’t be covered in a traditional civics class.

As a whole, the Youth Leadership Academy was the perfect way to experience Washington, D.C. and hear from the people who work there day-to-day."

JEFFREY TEH
2022 YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PARTICIPANT
LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
The APAICS Legislative Leadership Academy, in partnership with the Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), is a Washington, D.C.-based program for mid-senior level Hill Staffers (Legislative Correspondent or Legislative Assistant level) of AA & NH/PI heritage, interested in the opportunity to hone their leadership skills, deepen their confidence, strengthen relationships, and build community to more effectively position themselves and pursue senior management roles such as Legislative Director, Chief of Staff, Committee Staff Director, or Communications Director on Capitol Hill.

Since 2020, the APAICS Legislative Leadership Academy has trained 40 mid-level AA & NH/PI public servants, and has provided each of them with the soft skills necessary to continue growing in their careers. Of these 40 participants, over 50% received promotions or job offers within 12 months of their specific Academy, with almost 25% holding leadership positions in the House of Representatives, through federal appointments, or in the private sector.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
APAICS, in partnership with the Close Up Foundation, hosted its very first in-person Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) program in Washington, D.C. This week-long program allows students the opportunity to develop leadership and engage in enriching programming geared towards AA & NH/PI high school students.

The program offers the unique opportunity to students of AA & NH/PI heritage to learn more about government and public policy issues impacting the AA & NH/PI community and how they can be more involved in the political process.
WOMEN’S COLLECTIVE
The Women’s Collective aims to build a community that inspires and supports AA & NH/PI women to become politically engaged by leading the national conversation on AA & NH/PI women representation in politics, uplifting AA & NH/PI women in politics, creating resources and tools for AA & NH/PI women to increase representation in public service, and to connect leaders and stakeholders. Programs such as our Women’s Collective Office Hours series provide AA & NH/PI women the chance to hear from leaders who represent varying political spectrums.

In 2022, the Women’s Collective Summit returned to in-person programming in Las Vegas, NV. At the Summit, participants celebrated the accomplishments of female leaders and included panels and training on leadership development and community building.

Cochairs
- Nevada Assemblywoman Cecelia González
- Nevada Assemblywoman Brittney Miller
- Nevada Assemblywoman Rochelle Thuy Nguyen
- Nevada Assemblywoman Selena Torres

Spotlight Award Honorees
- Philadelphia Councilwoman Helen Gym
- Former Texas State Representative Dr. Martha J. Wong

Keynote
- First Lady of Nevada and Co-Founder and Director of Hobbs, Ong & Associates, Inc. Kathy Ong Sisolak
“The APAICS Women’s Collective Summit was absolutely impactful and an inspiring experience I will always cherish.

To be in a room full of powerhouse AA & NH/PI women leaders from across the nation supporting and getting trained by one of the best organizations on Capitol Hill is an honor.

I walked away feeling more informed, motivated, empowered, and hopeful.”

ARLENE MARKTHEPHARACK
2022 WOMEN’S COLLECTIVE SUMMIT PARTICIPANT
SUPPORT, BUILD, PROMOTE

APAICS events celebrate the achievements of the AA & NH/PI community, and offer opportunities for individuals and organizations in government, non-profit, and the private sector to connect and engage in meaningful discourse.

In 2022, APAICS offered its signature events virtually, and introduced new events in-person, to continue providing quality avenues for connection.
ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
The APAICS Annual Awards Gala is the culmination of our nation’s recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, a celebration of the culture, traditions, history, and contributions of AA & NH/PIs in the United States.

The Annual Awards Gala is the largest gathering of AA & NH/PI elected officials and government appointees at the federal, state, and local levels and is considered the hallmark event of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Attendees participate from across the country, including community, business, and political leaders.

In 2022, the 28th Annual Awards Gala was held in-person in Washington, D.C. In addition to the Annual Awards Gala, APAICS introduced The Lounge and the Gala Afterparty.

The Lounge was a specifically curated experience during the APAICS Gala which allowed attendees to have a relaxed space to network, decompress, and watch a live stream of the Gala. The Gala Afterparty featured a special performance by APAICS Icon Award Honoree Steve Aoki.

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS
Representative Kai Kahele (HI-02) and Representative Marilyn Strickland (WA-10)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Vice President Kamala Harris

ICON AWARD
Steve Aoki

VISION AWARD
Amna Nawaz

PIONEER AWARD
Representative Grace Meng (NY-06) and California Assemblymember Evan Low

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
In 2022, the Legislative Leadership Summit returned to an in-person format. Over the course of two days, subject matter experts, AA & NH/PI elected officials, and community and corporate leaders discussed issues that affect our communities and the nation at-large.

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS
Senator Mazie K. Hirono (HI) and Representative Ted Lieu (CA-33)

APAICS TECH, ENERGY & HEALTH SUMMITS
The APAICS Summits bring together community and corporate leaders, subject matter experts, as well as AA & NH/PI elected officials for bipartisan policy discussions that affect the AA & NH/PI community and the nation at-large.

Panel topics ranged from “Exploring How Fintech is Driving Financial Inclusion” at our Tech Summit, “Striving for Health Equity” at our Health Summit, and “The Energy Transition: A Roadmap for our Nation” at our Energy Summit. We examine the potential effects of new and evolving legislation, and what our partners are doing to adapt to these changing conditions.
APAICS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
APAICS Community Conversations facilitated a community-level dialogue between legislators, policymakers, activists, and community members centered on recent legislation and current events impacting the AA & NH/PI communities. In 2022, APAICS held community conversations in Orange County, CA and Las Vegas, NV.

BRIEFINGS
APAICS Briefings are tailored singular events that allow APAICS sponsors to broadcast updates and key messaging to the AA & NH/PI community.

CELEBRATIONS
In addition to programmatic work, APAICS hosted events that celebrated our community’s accomplishments throughout the year including Lunar New Year, a Holiday Party, and Happy Hours. These engagements allowed additional opportunities for community members, our alumni, and our APAICS team to interact with members of Congress and the Administration.

APAICS IN CONVERSATION
APAICS in Conversation is an exciting series of virtual fireside chat teleconferences to learn and hear from leading AA & NH/PIs in their field. Each teleconference is approximately 30 minutes and included a Q&A session with the participants.
DONATE TODAY

FOR THE GENERATION OF TOMORROW
Your donation helps APAICS continue its mission to promote AA & NH/PI participation and representation at all levels of the political process. Join us as we work towards a brighter future.

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2022 Spring Intern

JOSHUA ALFANO
2022 Summer Intern

ANIKA GUPTA
2022 Summer Intern

AIMEE TRAM
2022 Summer Intern

SRIYA PRATHURI
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2022 Summer Intern

ANIKA GUPTA
2022 Summer Intern

AIMEE TRAM
2022 Summer Intern

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2022 Fall Intern

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SUPPORTERS

CHAIR’S CIRCLE
$200,000+
Amazon

LEGACY CIRCLE
$100,000 OR MORE
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC
Bristol Myers
Coca-Cola
Coulter Foundation
Democracy Fund
General Motors
Open Society
Raytheon
ReflectUS
Toyota
Walmart

PRESIDENTIAL
$50,000 - $99,999
Airbnb
American Petroleum Institute
APIAHF
AT&T
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Charter
Comcast
CVS
Dell
Google
Horizon Therapeutics
Johnson & Johnson
Meta
Microsoft
Nike
PepsiCo
State Farm
TikTok
Verizon
Wells Fargo

CONGRESSIONAL
$25,000 - $49,999
AARP Community Fund
Accenture
ADL
Amgen
Biogen
Blockchain Association
Novartis
DaVita
Delta
DiaGeo
DoorDash
FedEx
Intuit
Mercer
NAB
Novartis
Novo Nordisk
PhRMA
Rock Central
SEIU

1994 CIRCLE
$10,000 - $24,000
ACS CAN
AMC Network
AmerisourceBergen
APIA Scholars (APIASF)
BP
CTA
CTIA
DCCC
Disney
DNC
EIX/SCE (SoCal Edison)
Entertainment Software Association
Exelon
Fulcrum Public Affairs LLC
FWD
GRAIL
Leaders Forum
MGM
MPAA
National ACE
New York Life
Nielsen
NRDC
Salesforce
Starz
Susan Jin Davis
TAFF
TAG
UPS
ViaCom CBS
Walgreens
Waymo

CHAMPION
$5,000 - $9,999
ACDC
Arcata
Bel Leong-Hong
Business Roundtable (BRT)
Compassion & Choices
Emily’s List
League of Women Voters
Engagement
Samsung
Shekar Narasimhan
Shine
TDW+Co
Texas Instruments

FRIEND
$1,000 - $4,999
AAPCHO
APALA
ASPIRE PAC
Barbara Lee Family Foundation
David Kim
Fair Kim
Greater Washington Community Foundation
Jason Chan
Jay Cho
Martha Wong
NAPABA
New American Leaders
One APIA Nevada
Paulo Pontemayer
Ron Chu
SoYoung Min
Teri Galvez
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