Reunion Homecoming Weekend 2009

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009

★ ASIAN AMERICAN ACTIVITIES CENTER OPEN HOUSE
Visit the Asian American Activities Center (A3C), the hub of Asian American community affairs on campus. Meet staff, students, and fellow alumni, and get updates about the center and the Asian American community at Stanford. @A3C, 1-3pm

★ MULTICULTURAL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME RECEPTION
Honor Stanford’s most accomplished alumni of color as they are inducted into the Multicultural Alumni Hall of Fame. Celebrate the achievements of David Henry Hwang, ’79, this year’s A3C inductee. @Tresidder Union, Oak Lounge, 4:30-6:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

★ SAPAAC TOWN HALL MEETING
Get the latest news and exchange ideas on issues affecting the Stanford APA community, including a briefing on Undergraduate Admissions. @Old Union Clubhouse Ballroom, 11:30am-1pm

★ SAPAAC ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN MINI-REUNION
Reunite with fellow alums of Junipero/Okada, JRA, and the Teahouse, and celebrate SAPAAC’s 20th Anniversary. Feast on the fare that made the Teahouse a student favorite in its day. Tickets: $12 adult, $7 youth or SAPAAC member/guest. Children under 12 are free. Purchase at: http://pgnet21.stanford.edu/goto/event5766info. @Old Union Clubhouse Ballroom, 4:30-7pm

★ AASA 40TH ANNIVERSARY
Take a look back at 40 years of the Asian American Students’ Association with a panel of AASA Chairs through the decades. Reception to follow. @Tresidder Union, Oak West, 7-9pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

★ ASIAN AMERICAN “ORIGINS” PANEL & RECEPTION
Learn how it all began with a panel of alums who will explore the founding and early years of Junipero (Okada), JRA, and the People’s Teahouse. Join us as we unveil a plaque commemorating the Teahouse. Reception to follow. @Okada House/Teahouse, 11am-1pm
3rd Annual Pan Asian BBQ

Over 100 alums and their friends from the Ivy schools and Stanford met for an afternoon of food and fun at Crissy Field in San Francisco this summer for the 3rd Annual Pan Asian BBQ, which was sponsored by the Ivy League Asian American alumni groups and SAPAAC.

Christian Ngo Honored with 2009 SAPAAC Distinguished Student Award

On May 7, 2009, the A3C hosted the annual Asian American Graduation Celebration. Each year, SAPAAC honors a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to the Stanford APA community and the Asian American community at large.

This year’s recipient, Christian Ngo, has been an active leader in efforts to protect community centers from University budget cuts, and has played a major role in endorsing ASSU candidates through the Students of Color Coalition. He has served as co-chair of AASA in addition to being highly involved in PASU throughout his time at Stanford. Moreover, he has been a wonderfully supportive ally to Stanford’s Queer & Asian group, helping them to bring speakers to campus for Listen to the Silence, the Asian American Issues Conference. Not limited to involvement outside the classroom, Christian is also majoring in Asian American Studies, connecting his extracurricular interests to his academic pursuits. His sustained involvement has served to motivate others to make a difference, and is a true inspiration to future leaders.

Christian received a complementary Lifetime Membership in SAPAAC, a cash award, and a place alongside past recipients on the perpetual plaque on display at the Asian American Activities Center.
Panel and Dedication for Reunion 2009 – MEMORABILIA NEEDED

Dan Kojiro ('74), is leading the effort to organize a mini-reunion, panel, and reception, for alums who were involved with Junipero, JRA, or the People's Teahouse for his upcoming 35th reunion this fall. We could use your help for two events planned for Sunday, October 25, during Reunion 2009: a panel of alums involved in the founding of these important Stanford Asian American institutions, and the dedication of a plaque and compiling materials memorializing the Teahouse. Please search your memories (and attics) for any names, historical documents, or other items that can help us reconstruct these beginnings.

Questions? Leads? Memories to share? Please contact Dan Kojiro (dankojiro@sbcglobal.net) or Ron Nakao (ronbo313@stanfordalumni.org).

Become an AIM Mentor

All SAPAAC members are encouraged to participate in the A3C AIM Mentoring program. Applications will start again in the Fall so alumni should contact Cindy Ng at cindy.ng@stanford.edu or watch out for an application through email announcements in the Fall. The AIM is a wonderful mentoring program started in 1993 to connect Asian American alumni with sophomores.

Founded in 1993, the Asian American Interactive Mentoring Program (AIM) program matches Asian American sophomore students with Asian American faculty, staff and alumni for one-on-one mentoring experiences. AIM seeks to provide these students with mentors who are sensitive to cultural differences that may affect a student’s experience and success at Stanford. AIM also seeks to provide faculty, staff and alumni with a means of interacting with undergraduates in a meaningful way.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help Plan an Event, or Host one. See our Calendar of Events.
- Join a Committee. Advocate for issues important to APA students and alums, or simply encourage other alums to join SAPAAC.
- Become an AIM Mentor. Reach out to undergrad APA’s, give them support and advice, and be a role model.
- Become a Panel Speaker. Got a knack for public speaking? Or just want to discuss interesting APA issues?
About SAPAAC...

Mission
To promote and support the educational, professional, and social interest of Stanford Asian Pacific American (APA) alumni and the Stanford Community.

Goals
• To provide avenues for interaction for APA alumni,
• To keep members informed of APA affairs related to Stanford,
• To serve as role models for Stanford APA students,
• To inform the Stanford Administration of APA concerns and issues,
• To encourage hiring, promotion, and retention of APA faculty, and
• To serve the community.

New Members Wanted
Do you know fellow Stanford APA alums who haven’t joined SAPAAC yet? Encourage them to join today! Send them to www.SAPAAC.org/join.html.

Call to Action:
Directing Your Donations to the A3C
SAPAAC encourages Asian American alums to direct their giving to the Asian American Activities Center (A3C).
Why? If you simply give to the general fund, the University has the absolute discretion to determine how to spend your dollars. But if you give to the A3C, or specify that your gift is intended for the A3C, then your generous donation will be used in a way that directly and meaningfully benefits Asian American students and alums, such as funding programs for Stanford APA’s and other student services around campus.

So please help the A3C, and direct your donations to the Asian American Activities Center. See “Contribute to the A3C” on Page 1 of the Spring 2009 Newsletter for instructions.

For more info about donating directly to the A3C, contact the Advocacy & Issues Committee or email SAPAAC at sapaac@stanfordalumni.org. The Asian American Activities Center is online at http://a3c.stanford.edu.

Submissions for Future Newsletters
Got an interesting story for the SAPAAC Newsletter? Want to send us some photos of recent SAPAAC events? Planning an event of interest to Stanford APA students or alums? Let us know about it.
Submissions may be sent as plain text or email attachments to Kathryn Chow Han ’98 at katychow@stanfordalumni.org.