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Welcome to the 18th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference! Since 1993, hundreds of high school students selected from Oregon and Southwest Washington have come together for a daylong conference to achieve the following goals:

1) To impart leadership skills
2) To provide career guidance and opportunities
3) To foster a strong sense of culture and self-pride among the attendees

We are proud of the wide diversity of ethnic backgrounds and number of high schools represented in our conference. We encourage you to reach out to people you don’t know, make new friends, and create more connections with your fellow Asian Americans. We all have commonalities to which we can relate and differences from which we can learn. Take advantage of the unlimited opportunities today.

This year’s theme is “Connecting Tomorrow’s Leaders.” As you attend this conference, think about your life story and the journey leading you to where you are today. This story encompasses you and your family’s history, your cultural heritage, your beliefs. If you don’t know, then it might be time to ask, discover, and know.

We are hoping what you take away from the conference will ignite a passion to lead, a goal to aim for or an idea that will integrate your culture, pride and uniqueness. You need to believe you can make a difference!

Finally, we are grateful to our various sponsors, volunteers, workshop facilitators, and Portland Community College—without the support we receive, this conference would not be possible.
The Asian American Youth Leadership Conference Committee expects you to come to the Conference prepared to learn and to enjoy the activities which are planned for you. We ask you to adhere to the guidelines listed below in order to ensure that you will be safe and benefit from the Conference.

What We Will Provide:

- All Meals
- Adult supervision; volunteer and school personnel
- Conference materials
- An excellent place to learn and grow

Rules For Everyone:

- Student must attend on school transportation, NO private cars.
- No drugs, alcohol or smoking will be allowed.
- No fighting allowed. Fighting results in automatic expulsion from the conference.
- Students are prohibited from leaving the conference area.
- Adhere to conference agenda and attend all sessions.
- All other school district policies and procedures are in effect.
- Only appropriate dressing: NO hats, NO headphones, NO hanging belts, NO sagging pants, NO cellular phones, NO pagers, NO oversized coats.
- No cell phone usages (texting or voice calls) during workshops and events.
- Use appropriate behavior.

What You Will Do:

- Attend the sessions you have been assigned.
- Be prepared to have fun and learn a lot about yourself and others.
- Have an enjoyable and productive day.
- Ask questions and pay attention.
- Be respectful of others.

NOTE: Students who fail to adhere to any of these rules will be asked to leave the conference immediately. It will be the responsibility of the school district chaperone to notify your principal and parents and arrange for your removal from the conference.
### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**18th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference**

**“Connecting Tomorrow’s Leaders”**

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2010 Workshop Summaries

Leadership Workshop
How would you work with a group of people you don’t know to accomplish a task? What skill sets would be necessary or could you contribute? Would you trust others to give you instruction and help you? The leadership workshop is designed to teach students about trust, teamwork and communication. Students will be responsible for communicating and assessing their strengths to delegate roles to enhance their performance as a team. The ultimate goal of the workshop is to show that leadership may come not from one person, but from many individuals, each with their own suggestions and ideas. Before you can be a good leader, you need to trust others and become a good team player.

Cultural Workshop
The way we handle conflict is very much influenced by our cultural values, upbringing and personal experiences. In this fun and highly interactive workshop, you will explore different ways we react to conflict and how we can manage it in two interactive scenarios. You will walk away with increased awareness of what works and what doesn’t.

Urban Ecology Workshop
A fun interactive workshop that’s guaranteed to get you moving and thinking about the issues of the environment and sustainability. Clean water, healthy environment, access to green jobs and public transportation, all of these topics and more will be covered!

College & Career Workshop
Ever play the game of Life? Well we have our own College & Career version! This workshop allows you to learn in an interactive format about the costs college, majors, living on your own and types of careers that might be of interest to you. Are you ready to play?

College & Career Fair
After playing “Life Game: College & Career”, head over to the Upper CC Mall to meet with potential colleges and representatives. Get to know more about the programs they offer, such as your major, location or even class size. Next, meet with recruiters from the Career Fair for possible summer jobs, internships or volunteer opportunities. An internship can be a great way to learn about a career of interest or even add to your resume for future scholarships or jobs.

Leadership Challenge
Four workshop teams competing against one another in an attempt to maneuver through the obstacle course. They must transport their little bean bag from the “Tosser” to the “Catchers” to the “Runners” (running around cones and passing under a bed sheet held by two chaperones) to the “Marksmen”, ending with throw the “Sudoku Masters”! Six cycles must be completed as well as the “Sudoku Masters” correctly finishing a Sudoku Puzzle.

The team with the fastest time in completing this Leadership Challenge wins! So what role will you play on your team? How will you help your team? What leadership qualities will you need to compete in this team event? What strategies will you come up with and how will you communicate this in a large group? How will you utilize your strength or your weakness during this event? Who determines what role their teammates will perform? All this and more will be realized and answered during the Leadership Workshop, come and be challenged!
Elliott Nguyen | Westview High School

Elliott Nguyen is a senior at Westview High School. He is involved in many extra-curricular activities including the Track team, Key Club, Model United Nations and Science Fair. Elliott has served as a Model United Nations committee chair at the state conference at the University of Oregon. He placed 2nd within his environmental management category at the Beaverton/Hillsboro Science Exposition, and participated in the North Western Science Exposition. He has helped at blood drives, volunteered at libraries, served in homeless shelters, and participated in various events to better his community. As ambassador, Elliott wants to broaden his high school involvement for the annual youth leadership conference. He strongly believes AAYLC gives students the chance to better themselves; to learn and grow from others and extend their reach to others in their community, district, and state. AAYLC is a chance for not only Asian Americans, but also other youth of a wide spectrum of ethnicites to learn about themselves and others. Being an ambassador will help Elliott reach his hopes that the youth of Oregon is better informed about their surroundings in their schools and communities.

Special thanks to our student ambassadors for their work and commitment!
Luke Vang | Roosevelt High School

Luke Vang is a junior and is part of the ACT (Arts, Communication, and Technology) program. He is a proud member of Roosevelt’s Advance Jazz Band and Thespian Troupe #7289. In the Jazz Band, he plays the guitar and flute in his spare time. Luke has been inducted into the Thespian Society and is now driving to become an honor thespian. He has served in nearly all of Roosevelt’s productions, mostly as a crewmember. Luke recently entered the Ricketts Writing contest and won 1st place in the expository category. As an avid environmentalist, he is active in the Roosevelt High School’s Environmental group by growing vegetables and selling them at parks. Luke has also given his time to the Optimist club with the tree lots during the holidays. As a student leader he gives back his skills by teaching the basics of music theory, break dancing, salsa, and tutoring in after school programs in his neighborhood. This will be Luke’s first year attending AAYLC as an ambassador and a participant. For Luke, it is with great honor to be Roosevelt’s first AAYLC ambassador.

Alexandria Lacandazo | Southridge High School

Alexandria Lacandazo is a junior and is currently enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. She is also a member of the Freshman class and a Public Speaker for Key Club. She has been studying Japanese for two years and understands some Tagalog. Her dream school is UC Berkeley because they offer a Bachelor’s degree in both Pre-law and Legal Studies-General. She is a member of the Hawkettes (school dance team) and plays Tennis. Currently, she is a member of the Hawkettes (school dance team) and plays Tennis. During her free time, she enjoys hanging out, playing sports, snowboarding, surfing, and creating her own choreography. This is her second year attending the AAYLC. She feels extremely lucky to be able to come as Southridge High School’s student ambassador and hopes that she’ll be able to represent Southridge once again next year.

Dan Dang | Sunset High School

Dan Dang is a senior and plans to attend the University of Oregon next year. As an aspiring businessman, he lives knowing communication, inspiration, and adaptation will lead people to success in any venue. As an International Baccalaureate curriculum student, he understands the value of knowledge, especially the application of knowledge. Limits only begin where vision ends, and at the end of the day one either has the thing they want most, or the reasons why they don’t. Dan used to figure skate competitively at the Junior National level, and now he coaches at Sherwood Ice Arena. Recently, Dan started to dedicate hours to tennis, with the goal of landing a place on Sunset’s varsity tennis team. Aside from tennis and skating, Dan was a varsity swimmer. This will be Dan’s first time attending the AAYLC; however, he was more than willing to accept his nomination to be Sunset High School’s Ambassador. He knows his interpersonal skills, strong sense of self-purpose, and ability to lead will help his Asian-Americans peers in discovering their cultural identities, and to helping them build character that the world’s future leaders will aspire to.

Lisa Tran | Tigard High School

Lisa Tran is a senior at and is currently taking International Baccalaureate classes. She is involved in Link Crew, National Honor Society, Japanese National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students of America, Girl’s Varsity Tennis, and is secretary of Asian Club and treasurer/communications of Key Club. She plans on attending Seattle Pacific University or Oregon State University majoring in biology with a pre-medicine option. She has been studying Spanish and Vietnamese for 4 years, and is also fluent in Vietnamese. Lisa has volunteered extensively for organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Race for the Cure, Oregon Food Bank, SOLV American Red Cross, Providence St. Vincent Hospital contributing in the Pediatric Psychiatric department, Tigard Police Drug Abuse Resistance Education as a camp counselor, St. Anthony’s Church, Camp Tikkiik as a counselor, and Medical Teams International. This will be Lisa’s first year attending AAYLC, as well as being an ambassador. This is also Tigard’s first year in a very long time to attend the AAYLC. She hopes AAYLC will be fun for everyone and that Tigard students will return next year.
### Student Ambassadors

**Sabrina Valdefiera | Parkrose High School**

Sabrina Valdefiera is an active senior at Parkrose High School. Sabrina is currently the president of the Asian Youth Society club, president of the FBLA club (Future Business Leaders of America), yearbook marketing editor, manager of her school’s student store, and one of the captains of her school’s tennis team. Playing tennis, spending time with loved ones, traveling in and out of the country, eating out with her friends, and impacting the Portland community are her favorite past times. To Sabrina, helping others and serving the Portland community is the best reward she ever gotten. Sabrina helped to start a new club at her school: The Asian Youth Society. The club teaches leadership skills as does the conference. This will be Sabrina’s fourth year attending the AAYLC, and second time serving as an Ambassador of her school. She is proud to be representing her school once again and she hopes to inspire more students in the future.

**Maria Phan | Pauling Academy**

Maria Phan is a junior at Pauling Academy of Integrated Sciences (Marshall Campus). She plans to pursue pharmacy after she graduates. She is one of the top five students in her class that have the highest GPA. Maria is involved in the Student Government as a Junior Representative. She also helps at her school’s student store and library. Maria loves to spend her time for helping people in the church and involving in Sunday Bible School. This is the second year that Maria is attending the conference and her first being a student ambassador. Maria thinks this conference is a great opportunity for high school students from different school districts to meet and make friends. This conference also establishes a good Asian American youth community for the students. As an ambassador, Maria is very excited to represent Pauling Academy and she hopes she will have the chance to represent Pauling Academy again next year.

**Erik Mauk | Portland Christian High School**

Erik Mauk is a senior and is currently a Senior Class Officer. He has been involved in Drama (Fall Drama and Spring Musical), Concert and Pep Band (Trombone) and Athletics (Football, Bowling, and Track) for the past 5 years. As an honor roll student and the secretary of the National Honor Society, Erik is currently enrolled in the Scholars Diploma program at PCHS. Erik speaks and writes Japanese and aspires to become a physician. Erik serves as the Youth Teen Coordinator for the Northwest Korean Culture Society (www.nkcs.org). He is proud of his heritage of Korean, Irish, German and Cherokee Indian history. He learned and experienced his native culture when he and his family went to Seoul, Korea, in 2004, to attend the 2nd Annual Korean Adoptee Gathering, which his mother attended as a First Wave Korean Adoptee. When not studying, Erik’s hobbies include debating politics and theology, Dance Dance Revolution, drama and musical theatre, pep band, snow skiing, reading novels, going to movies, backpacking, hiking, pc gaming, and recreational walks. This is Erik’s second year at AAYLC and the second year for Portland Christian High School to be represented.

**Olyvia Chac | Renaissance Arts Academy**

Olyvia Chac is a senior at Renaissance Arts Academy and will attend Oregon State University in the fall, majoring in Radiology imagining. She is an active member in National Honor Society and has been a member of her high school yearbook since freshmen year with a short break her junior year. She returns to Yearbook her senior year and is one of the three editors. Olyvia attends Minds Matter of Portland, which helps high achieving students from low-income families prep for the SAT and college preparatory courses every Saturday morning. She is a member of a non-profit Youth Group (GOPD) Minh Quang at Hoac Son Temple and this being her ninth year, she plans to continue her connection with the youth group even after going away to University. Throughout her high school career, she had attended AAYLC once and was amazed at what was going on in her community to help Asian American students reach their full potential. As the Renaissance Arts Academy AAYLC Ambassador, Olyvia plans to achieve her goal of assisting her fellow Asian-Americans how to give back to the community and help other Asian-Americans after them.

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### College Fair Booths

**Career Fair Booths (in light blue)**

- AAYLC.org Info & Registration
- APANO ‘Rock the Vote’
- Bureau of Land Management
- Filipino American Student Association
- Pacific islander Student Association
- Portland Public Schools
- TSA

**College Fair Booths (in white)**

- Air Force ROTC
- CCA Community College
- Concordia University
- Eastern Oregon University
- Eastern Washington University
- Texas A & M University
- Northwest Missouri State University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Portland Community College
- Portland State University
- Portland State University
- Oregon State University
- United States Navy
- University of California
- University of Oregon
- University of Phoenix
- University of Washington, Bothell
- Western Pacific College
- Western Oregon University
- Washington State University
- Western States Chiropractic College
- Western Washington University
- TSA

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For more information, visit www.aaylc.org.
Keynote Speaker: Liani J. Reeves, JD

Willamette University College of Law alumna Liani J. Reeves BA ’98, JD ’01 will be among the high-caliber executives under 40 who are honored this month by the Portland Business Journal during its annual Forty Under 40 awards reception. Reeves was selected for the award for exhibiting outstanding character and achievement in her career, engagement in civic activities, volunteerism in the community and genuine passion for what she does.

Reeves is assistant to the chief trial counsel in the Employment Litigation Section of the Oregon Attorney General’s Office. She also chairs the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs and serves on the board of the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. Reeves majored in religious studies and English at Willamette before earning her J.D. at the College of Law. She previously worked as a clinical instructor and staff attorney for the National Victim Law Institute, where she focused on violence against women and human trafficking issues.

Lunchtime Performance: LDT

LDT (Liza’s Dream Team) is currently one of Portland’s freshest and coolest hip-hop crews around. LDT’s first performance was at the Rose Garden as the opening act for the America’s Best Dance Crew Tour in 2008. Since then LDT has performed at numerous events and competitions around the Portland-metro area, such as Nike’s Asia Pacific Employee & Friends Network Ceremony and the Foundation. LDT also uses their talents to give back to the local community with great promise. This is LDT’s first performance at the AAYLC, and they are very honored and excited to be a part of this event.

Closing Ceremony Performance: Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon

Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon was established purely because of the strong belief in preserving Lao culture and heritage through the fine art of dancing. This team consists of ten dancers who regularly perform for the local community and The Portland Lao Buddhist Temple. This Lao traditional style of dancing is called “Fon,” which is considered to be very elegant and classical as it incorporates delicate and precise movements of both the hands and feet. It is through their dancing that Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon hopes to create a greater awareness and shed more light on Lao traditional dancing.

Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon

Rachel Seeman | Grant High School

Rachel Seeman is a senior and plans to attend a four-year university to study biology and management to pursue a career as a hospital administrator. Rachel is currently the student body president. She has participated in cross country and varsity swim team, and served as co-captain of the swim team during her senior season. Rachel is involved in “We the People” Constitution Team that placed second in the state, Institute of Science and Math Program, National Honor Society, Japanese Magnet Program, and Co-Founder of Seitokai student council at school. Rachel is a valedictorian and a Junior Rotarian. Rachel’s most proud accomplishment has been serving as the 2009 Rose Festival Queen. As Queen, she has traveled to Kaohsiung, Taiwan (Portland’s sister city), and Pendleton for the annual Round Up. Rachel met many dignitaries from around the world and continues to represent the city of Portland and the Rose Festival. Attending the 2008 AAYLC made a lasting impact, and she hopes that as a student ambassador, she can help inspire students this year. Asian American youth play a vital position in today’s society, and by making strong, globally-minded individuals, they will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Katrina Wilson | Health & Science High School

Katrina Wilson is a junior and plans to apply to either UO Pi or LCC’s bio-medical program in her senior year. Katrina was born in Spain but is Chinese American and is very proud of her heritage. Katrina has participated in many academic and extra-curricular activities at her home high school including soccer, cross-country, track, Key Club International, and Languages of Learning. In addition to being an honor roll student Katrina also spends time on weekends volunteering at wetlands where she helps preserve native plant species, clean up trash, and cut back invasive plants. In 2007-2008 Katrina was an Ambassador for Health and Science HS where she talked to sponsors, visitors from other states, and school districts during the first couple years the school first opened up. As a returning student and first time AAYLC attendee she is very excited. Katrina’s goal is to encourage students of this conference to give back to the community. With her caring commitment to our community, she hopes that students will use her good-willed efforts to expand on their own knowledge and experiences throughout life.

Samantha Chan | International School of Beaverton

Samantha Chan is currently a senior at the International School of Beaverton and enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program. She has been a student there since the school opened in 2006. She has been on student leadership for four years now and is the Senior Class Historian. She is also the Vice President of the National Honor Society/Interact Club and the Public Relations Officer for National Art Honor Society. This spring, she will be attending the Model United Nations Spring Conference as a delegate for China 2B (Global Economics). Samantha enjoys being at the International School and likes to learn everything. She is planning on studying civil engineering in college. As a global citizen, she would also love to study abroad during college. This is her second year participating in the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference and also being an ambassador. She is excited for this opportunity to represent the International School of Beaverton and collaborate with other enthusiastic Asian-American students to make a difference.

James Kim | Lincoln High School

James Kim is a junior at Lincoln High School and is a member of the International Baccalaureate Program. As a musician, he was a member of the Portland Youth Philharmonic orchestra for 4 years. James is the leader of a brass quintet that often goes to the Goose Hollow Homeless Shelter to perform contemporary and classical pieces and believes that music should be available to everyone, despite their circumstances. He also helps teach a computer class for the elderly at his church and works every Friday in his communities. He recently won districts in the Solo/Ensemble Competition and will compete for State. James plans to study business management and entrepreneurship in the future. This will be James’ second year participating in the AAYLC. He is excited to be able to return as an ambassador for his school this year and hopes that he can learn more about leadership as well as gain knowledge of various other cultures from this program. In this way he hopes to make a difference wherever he goes.
Chris Khut | Franklin High School

Chris Khut is a senior and is looking to attend a college in Oregon, majoring in chemistry. He has been very active in school activities as well as in the community. As a freshman he was a part of the program known as REAP, which allowed him to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes. He has joined other school related programs and clubs such as the Key Club, Free Tibet, the Vietnamese Club, as well as played on the school basketball team. He is now a dedicated player of the CACA (Chinese American Citizens Alliance) team, the Rebels, which he is co-captain of. Chris has attended the AAYLC twice before and looks to continue his experience with those who may not have had the chance to attend. Attending in previous years he has noticed that AAYLC is not widely known at his school and he hopes to spread it to all Asian Americans. He wants the Asian American population at his school to be able to receive all the knowledge as well as benefits that the organization has to offer. He believes that the organization has a lot to offer and that his school should not miss such an opportunity.

Jenny Mai | Century High School

Jenny Mai is a junior and after high school, Jenny plans to pursue a degree in pre-med and become a dermatologist. She is involved in National Honor Society and her church activities. Jenny is driven to make a difference in her community, as it allows her to experience new and exciting things, while at the same time learning skills to enhance her understanding about future careers that may benefit herself and the community. In her spare time, Jenny loves painting and taking pictures of nature, spending time with her family. During the summer this year, Jenny and her church plan to fly to Nebraska to help with a friend church with their vacation bible school. This will be Jenny’s second year attending the conference and her first time being an ambassador at the conference, and she can’t be any more excited for this conference than she was for last year.

Nancy Ha | Clackamas High School

Nancy Ha is a junior and plans to have a profession in the medical field. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and has a passion for volunteer work. She is an active member of Key Club International and served as a committee board member in her school club during the ’08-09 school year. Nancy is also in National Honor Society, Link Crew, the CHS tennis team, and was a student leader of her school’s Raising Student’s Voice and Participation (RSVP) program. Nancy has been studying the piano for 10 years. She has passed the Oregon Music Teacher’s Association (OMTA) Level X Examination in 2008, and won numerous OMTA Classical and Romantic Festivals. She has also won the OMTA Tsula Whelan Concerto Competition, the Marjorie Trotter Competition, and the Oregon Junior Bach Festival. She has played the violin for 5 years, and is a member of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony and her school’s Chamber Orchestra. This is Nancy’s first year attending AAYLC, and as an ambassador, hopes to reach out to the Asian American community, and get more students involved in leadership roles as well as community service.

John Tran | Central Catholic High School

John Tran is a senior at Central Catholic High School and will be attending Oregon State University in the fall. He is an active member in his community, who volunteered at the Special Olympics, Salvation Army, and Boys and Girls Club. In his spare time he enjoys playing basketball and spending time with his friends and family. Throughout his high school career, John has attended the AAYLC twice, and will return as an active member in the community. As ambassador, he aspires to show AAYLC students social skills, and new experiences that they would have not have had a chance to experience at their school.

Samantha Chan

Samantha Chan is a senior at the International School of Beaverton and enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program. She was inspired to create the logo because she is passionate about finding success in the future by working with other leaders. This year’s theme encompasses everything that youth should be focused on to create change within the next decade and beyond. Connecting tomorrow’s leaders will allow people to collaborate in an active and productive way. Technology seems to be running the lives of the people today, so her logo shows the literal meaning of the theme by connecting leaders through the telephone. The male and the female character represent the people who aspire to change humanity in a positive way. The tree represents the future and symbolizes growth in the world. This tree contrasts the man-made telephone to show how the humankind has been changed and shaped. She believes that one person can make an impact, but a group of people can change the world forever. Overall, the logo is clean and simple to contrast the complicated world we live in today.

Jeremy Jahja

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Volunteering is an activity that Rachel values. She volunteered at Portland Providence Hospital in the maternity unit for one year and currently volunteers at Guise Hollow Family shelter and at local Japanese American community and Rose Festival events. Rachel has been a member of Unite People youth group, a junior chapter of the Japanes American Citizen’s League, for three years and is currently serving as Co-President. Unite People has helped Rachel learn about civil rights and become an active volunteer in the community. Through the Japanese American Citizen’s League, Rachel has participated in a national speech competition in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rachel’s most proud accomplishment has been the honor of serving as the 2009 Rose Festival Queen. As an active leader of the Japanese American community and Grant High School community, Rachel wants to help outreach to Asian American youth from around the Portland Metro Area.

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Student Ambassadors

John Tran | Central Catholic High School

John Tran is a senior at Central Catholic High School, and will be attending Oregon State University in the fall. He is a active member in his community, who volunteered at the Special Olympics, Salvation Army, and Boys and Girls Club. In his spare time he enjoys playing basketball, and spending time with his friends and family. Throughout his high school career, John has attended the AAYLC twice, and will return as the student ambassador for Central Catholic. As ambassador, he aims to show AAYLC students social skills, and new experiences that they would have not have had a chance to experience at their school.

Jenny Mai | Century High School

Jenny Mai is a junior and after high school, Jenny plans to pursue a degree in pre-med and become a dermatologist. She is involved in National Honor Society and her church activities. Jenny is driven to make a difference in her community, as it allows her to experience new and exciting things, while at the same time learning skills to enhance her understanding about future careers that may benefit herself and the community. In her spare time, Jenny loves painting and taking pictures of nature, spending time with her family. During the summer this year, Jenny and her church plan to fly to Nebraska to help with a friend church with their vacation bible school. This will be Jenny’s second year attending the conference and her first time being an ambassador at the conference, and she can’t be any more excited for this conference than she was for last year.

Nancy Ha | Clackamas High School

Nancy Ha is a junior and plans to have a profession in the medical field. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and has a passion for volunteer work. She is an active member of Key Club International and served as a committee board member in her school club during the ‘08-09 school year. Nancy is also in National Honor Society, Link Crew, the CHS tennis team, and was a student leader of her school’s Raising Students’ Voice committee board member in her school club during the ‘08-09 school year. Nancy is also in National Honor Society and Link Crew. In her free time, she enjoys graphic designing, photography, drawing, and spending time with her family and friends. In the past, Jeannie has joined other contests for fun. She has been chosen as runner up in the 2009 AAYLC logo competition. For 2010’s design, Connecting Tomorrow’s Leaders; the hand is of a teenager holding a child’s hand to connect the leadership that will be passed onto them in the time that passes by generation by generation (the watch).

Chris Khut | Franklin High School

Chris Khut is a senior and is looking to attend a college in Oregon, majoring in chemistry. He has been very active in school activities as well as in the community. As a freshman he was a part of the program known as REAP, which allowed him to volunteer at Loaves and Fishes. He has joined other school related programs and clubs such as the Key Club, Free Tibet, the Vietnamese Club, as well as played on the school basketball team. He now is a dedicated player of the CACA (Chinese American Citizens Alliance) team, the Rebels, which he is co-captain of. Chris has attended the AAYLC twice before and looks to share his experience with those who may not have had the chance to attend. Attending in previous years he has noticed that AAYLC is not widely known at his school and he hopes to spread it to all Asian Americans. He wants the Asian American population at his school to be able to receive all the knowledge as well as benefits that the organization has to offer such as scholarships. He believes that the organization has a lot to offer and that his school should not miss such an opportunity.

Logo Design Winners

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Highlights

Keynote Speaker: Liani J. Reeves, JD

Willamette University College of Law alumna Liani J. Reeves BA ‘98, JD ’01 will be among the high-caliber executives under 40 who are honored this month by the Portland Business Journal during its annual Forty Under 40 awards reception. Reeves was selected for the award for exhibiting outstanding character and achievement in her career, engagement in civic activities, volunteerism in the community and genuine passion for what she does.

Reeves is assistant to the chief trial counsel in the Employment Litigation Section of the Oregon Attorney General’s Office. She also chairs the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs and serves on the board of the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. Reeves majored in religious studies and English at Willamette before earning her J.D. at the College of Law. She previously worked as a clinical instructor and staff attorney for the National Victim Law Institute, established purely because of the volunteerism in the community and genuine passion for what she does. Reeves is assistant to the chief trial counsel in the Employment Litigation Section of the Oregon Attorney General’s Office. She also chairs the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs and serves on the board of the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association. Reeves majored in religious studies and English at Willamette before earning her J.D. at the College of Law. She previously worked as a clinical instructor and staff attorney for the National Victim Law Institute, where she focused on violence against women and human trafficking issues.

Lunchtime Performance: LDT

LDT (Lisa’s Dream Team) is currently one of Portland’s freshest and coolest hip-hop crews around. LDT’s first performance was at the Rose Garden as the opening act for the America’s Best Dance Crew Tour in 2008. Since then LDT has performed at numerous events and competitions around the Portland-metro area, such as Nike’s Asia Pacific Employee & Friends Network Ceremony and the Foundation. LDT also uses their talents to give back to the local community with great promise. This is LDT’s first performance at the AAYLC, and they are very honored and excited to be a part of this event.

Closing Ceremony Performance: Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon

Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon was established purely because of the strong belief in preserving Lao culture and heritage through the fine art of dancing. This team consists of ten dancers who regularly perform for the local community and The Portland Lao Buddhist Temple. This Lao traditional style of dancing is called “Fon,” which is considered to be very elegant and classical as it incorporates delicate and precise movements of both the hands and feet. It is through their dancing that Natasinh Sao Lao of Oregon hopes to create a greater awareness and shed more light on Lao traditional dancing.

Rachel Seeman | Grant High School

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Katrina Wilson | Health & Science High School

Katrina Wilson is a junior and plans to apply to either UofPs or L&Cs bio-medical program in her senior year. Katrina was born in Spain but is Chinese American and is very proud of her heritage. Katrina has participated in many academic and extra-curricular activities at her home high school including: soccer, cross-country, track, Key Club International, and Languages of Learning. In addition to being an honor roll student Katrina also spends time on weekends volunteering at wetlands where she helps preserve native plant species, clean up trash, and cut back invasive plants. In 2007–2008 Katrina was an Ambassador for Health and Science HS where she talked to sponsors, visitors from other states, and school districts during the first couple years the school opened up. As a returning student and first time ambassador, her goal is to encourage students of this conference to give back to the community. With her caring commitment to our community, she hopes that students will use her good-willed efforts to expand on their own knowledge and experiences throughout life.

Samantha Chan | International School of Beaverton

Samantha Chan is currently a senior at the International School of Beaverton and enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program. She has been a student there since the school opened in 2006. She has been on student leadership for four years now and is the Senior Class Historian. She is also the Vice President of the National Honor Society/Interact Club and the Public Relations Officer for National Art Honor Society. This spring, she will be attending the Model United Nations Spring Conference as a delegate for China 2B (Global Economics). Samantha enjoys being at the International School and likes to learn everyday. She is planning on studying civil engineering in college. As a global citizen, she would also love to study abroad during college. This is her second year participating in the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference and also being an ambassador. She is excited for this opportunity to represent the International School of Beaverton and collaborate with other enthusiastic Asian-American students to make a difference.

James Kim | Lincoln High School

James Kim is a junior at Lincoln High School and is a member of the International Baccalaureate Program. As a musician, he was a member of the Portland Youth Philharmonic orchestra for 4 years. James is the leader of a brass quintet that often goes to the Goose Hollow Homeless Shelter to perform contemporary and classical pieces and believes that music should be available to everyone, despite their circumstances. He also helps teach a computer class for the elderly at his church and works every Friday in the library. He recently won districts in the Solo/Ensemble Competition and will compete for State. James plans to study business management and entrepreneurship in the future. This will be James’ second year participating in the AAYLC. He is excited to be able to return as an ambassador for his school this year and hopes that he can learn more about leadership as well as gain knowledge of various other cultures from this program. In this way he hopes to make a difference wherever he goes.

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Sabrina Valdefiera is an active senior at Parkrose High School. Sabrina is currently the president of the Asian Youth Society club, president of the FBLA club (Future Business Leaders of America), yearbook marketing editor, manager of her school’s student store, and one of the captains of her school’s tennis team. Playing tennis, spending time with loved ones, traveling in and out of the country, eating out with her friends, and impacting the Portland community are her favorite pastimes. To Sabrina, helping others and serving the Portland community is the best reward she ever gotten. Sabrina helped to start a new club at her school. The Asian Youth Society. The club teaches leadership skills as does the conference. This will be Sabrina’s fourth year attending the AAYLC, and second time serving as an Ambassador of her school. She is proud to be representing her school once again and she hopes to inspire more students in the future.

Maria Phan | Pauling Academy
Maria Phan is a junior at Pauling Academy of Integrated Sciences (Marshall Campus). She plans to pursue pharmacy after she graduates. She is one of the top five students in her class that have the highest GPA. Maria is involved in the Student Government as a Junior Representative. She also helps at her school’s student store and library. Maria loves to spend her time for helping people in the church and involving in Sunday Bible School. This is the second year that Maria is attending the conference and her first being a student ambassador. Maria thinks this conference is a great opportunity for high school students from different school districts to meet and make friends. This conference also establishes a good Asian American youth community for the students. As an ambassador, Maria is very excited to represent Pauling Academy and she hopes she will have the chance to represent Pauling Academy again next year.

Erik Mauk | Portland Christian High School
Erik Mauk is a senior and is currently a Senior Class Officer. He has been involved in Drama (Fall Drama and Spring Musical), Concert and Pep Band (Trombone) and Athletics (Football, Bowling, and Track) for the past 5 years. As an honor roll student and the secretary of the National Honor Society, Erik is currently enrolled in the Scholars Diploma program at PCHS. Erik speaks and writes Japanese and aspires to become a physician. Erik serves as the Youth Teen Coordinator for the Northwest Korean Culture Society (www.nkcs.org). He is proud of his heritage of Korean, Irish, German and Cherokee Indian history. He learned and experienced his native culture when he and his family went to Seoul, Korea, in 2004, to attend the 2nd Annual Korean Adoptee Gathering, in which his mother attended as a First Wave Korean Adoptee. When not studying, Erik’s hobbies include debating politics and theology, Dance Dance Revolution, drama and musical theatre, pep band, snow skiing, reading novels, going to movies, backpacking, hiking, pc gaming, and recreational walks. This is Erik’s second year at AAYLC and the second year for Portland Christian High School to be represented.

Olyvia Chac | Renaissance Arts Academy
Olyvia Chac is a senior at Renaissance Arts Academy and will attend Oregon State University in the fall, majoring in Radiology Imaging. She is an active member in National Honor Society and has been a member of her high school yearbook since freshmen year with a short break her junior year. She returns to Yearbook her senior year and is one of the three editors. Olyvia attends Minds Matter of Portland, which helps high-achieving students from low-income families prep for the SAT and college preparatory courses every Saturday morning. She is a member of a non-profit Youth Group (GOPT Mentz Quang) at Ngoc Son Temple and this being her ninth year, she plans to continue her connection with the youth group even after going away to University. Throughout her high school career, she had attended AAYLC once and was amazed at what was going on in her community to help Asian-American students reach their full potential. As the Renaissance Arts Academy AAYLC Ambassador, Olyvia plans to achieve her goal of assisting her fellow Asian-Americans how to give back to the community and help other Asian-Americans after them.

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Student Ambassadors

Luke Vang | Roosevelt High School

Luke Vang is a junior and is part of the ACT (Arts, Communication, and Technology) program. He is a proud member of Roosevelt's Advance Jazz Band and Thespian Troupe #7289. In the Jazz Band, he studies piano and plays the guitar and flute in his spare time. Luke has been inducted into the Thespian Society and is now striving to become an honor thespian. He has served in nearly all of Roosevelt’s productions, mostly as a crewmember. Luke recently entered the Ricketts Writing contest and won 1st place in the expository category. As an avid environmentalist, he is active in the Roosevelt High School’s Environmental group by growing vegetables and selling them at parks. Luke has also given his time to the Optimist club with the tree lots during the holidays. As a student leader he gives back his skills by teaching the basics of music theory, break dancing, salsa, and tutoring in after school programs in his neighborhood. This will be Luke’s first year attending AAYLC as an ambassador and a participant. For Luke, it is with great honor to be Roosevelt’s first AAYLC ambassador.

Alexandria Lacandazo | Southridge High School

Alexandria Lacandazo is a junior and is currently enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. She is also junior class Secretary, taking Leadership class, and is Public Speaker for Key Club. She has been studying Japanese for three years and understands some Tagalog. Her dream college is UC Berkeley because they offer a Bachelor's degree in both Pre-law and Legal Studies-General. She is in Fashion Club and Key Club, and she has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Tae Kwon Do, and Track and Field. Currently, she is a member of the Hawkettes (school dance team) and plays Soccer. She has run in the Race for the Cure, walked in the Sole Support for Parkinson's, volunteered at the Northwest Family and Kids Festival, participated in the Walk for Autism and the March for Uganda. During her free time, Alex enjoys hanging out, playing sports, snowboarding, surfing and creating her own choreography. This is Alex’s second time attending the AAYLC. She feels extremely lucky to be able to come as Southridge High School’s student ambassador and hopes that she’ll be able to represent Southridge once again next year.

Dan Dang | Sunset High School

Dan Dang is a senior and plans to attend the University of Oregon next year. As an aspiring businessman, he lives knowing communication, inspiration, and adaptation will lead people to success in any venue. As an International Baccalaureate curriculum student, he understands the value of knowledge, especially the application of knowledge. Limits only begin where vision ends, and at the end of the day one either has the thing they want most, or the reasons why they don't. Dan used to figure skate competitively at the Junior National level, and now he coaches at Sherwood Ice Arena. Recently, Dan started to dedicate hours to tennis, with the goal of landing a place on Sunset’s varsity tennis team. Aside from tennis and skating, Dan was a varsity swimmer. This will be Dan’s first time attending the AAYLC. However, he was more than willing to accept his nomination to be Sunset High School’s Ambassador. He knows his interpersonal skills, strong sense of self-purpose, and ability to lead will help his Asian-Americans peers in discovering their cultural identities, and to helping them build character that the world’s future leaders will aspire to.

Lisa Tran | Tigard High School

Lisa Tran is a senior and is currently taking International Baccalaureate classes. She is involved in Link Crew, National Honor Society, Japanese National Honor Society, Health Occupation Students of America, Girl’s Varsity Tennis, and is secretary of Asian Club and treasurer/communications of Key Club. She plans on attending either Seattle Pacific University or Oregon State University majoring in biology with a pre-medicine option. She has been studying Spanish and Japanese for 4 years, and is also fluent in Vietnamese. Lisa has volunteered extensively for organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Race for the Cure, Oregon Food Bank, SOLV, American Red Cross, Providence St Vincent Hospital contributing in the Pediatric Psychiatric department, Tigard Police Drug Abuse Resistance Education as a camp counselor, St. Anthony’s Church, Camp Tilikum as a counselor, and Medical Teams International. This will be Lisa’s first year attending AAYLC, as well as being an ambassador. This is also Tigard’s first year in a very long time to attend AAYLC. She hopes AAYLC will be fun for everyone and have Tigard students return next year.

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Elliott Nguyen is a senior at Westview High School. He is into many extra-curricular activities including the Track team, Key club, Model United Nations and Science Fair. Elliott has served as a Model United Nation committee chair at the state conference at the University of Oregon. He placed 2nd within his environmental management category at the Beaverton/Hillsboro Science Exposition, and participated in the North Western Science Exposition. He has helped at blood drives, volunteered at libraries, served in homeless shelters, and participated in various events to better his community. As ambassador, Elliott wants to broaden his high school involvement for the annual youth leadership conference. He strongly believes AAYLC gives students the chance to better themselves; to learn and grow from others and extend their reach to others in their community, district, and state. AAYLC is a chance for not only Asian Americans, but also other youth of a wide spectrum of ethnicities to learn about themselves and others. Being an ambassador will help Elliott reach his hopes that the youth of Oregon is better informed about their surroundings in their schools and communities.

Special thanks to our student ambassadors for their work and commitment!

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Reconnect w/Chaperones 12:45 - 12:55
Closing 1:00 PM - 1:55 PM
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Please complete & turn in Evaluation Form

IMPORTANT! 10 minutes before the end of Workshop #4, facilitators will ask students to fill and complete the Evaluation Form inside the provided folder. Once Evaluation form is completed, detach one of the raffle ticket not stapled on the form and keep it for the closing event. Please turn in the evaluation form along with the attached ticket to your workshop facilitator(s) for collection. The tickets are for raffle drawings to win GREAT PRIZES!!

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2010 Workshop Summaries

Leadership Workshop
How would you work with a group of people you don’t know to accomplish a task? What skill sets would be necessary or could you contribute? Would you trust others to give you instruction and help you? The leadership workshop is designed to teach students about trust, teamwork and communication. Students will be responsible for communicating and assessing their strengths to delegate roles to enhance their performance as a team. The ultimate goal of the workshop is to show that leadership may come not from one person, but from many individuals, each with their own suggestions and ideas. Before you can be a good leader, you need to trust others and become a good team player.

Cultural Workshop
The way we handle conflict is very much influenced by our cultural values, upbringing and personal experiences. In this fun and highly interactive workshop, you will explore different ways we react to conflict and how we can manage it in two interactive scenarios. You will walk away with increased awareness of what works and what doesn’t.

Urban Ecology Workshop
A fun interactive workshop that’s guaranteed to get you moving and thinking about the issues of the environment and sustainability. Clean water, healthy environment, access to green jobs and public transportation, all of these topics and more will be covered!

College & Career Workshop
Ever play the game of Life? Well we have our own College & Career version! This workshop allows you to learn in an interactive format about the costs college, majors, living on your own and types of careers that might be of interest to you. Are you ready to play?

College & Career Fair
After playing “Life Game: College & Career”, head over to the Upper CC Mall to meet with potential colleges and representatives. Get to know more about the programs they offer, such as your major, location or even class size. Next, meet with recruiters from the Career Fair for possible summer jobs, internships or volunteer opportunities. An internship can be a great way to learn about a career of interest or even add to your resume for future scholarships or jobs.

Leadership Challenge
Four workshop teams competing against one another in an attempt to maneuver through the obstacle course. They must transport their little bean bag from the “Tosser” to the “Catchers” to the “Runners” (running around cones and passing under a bed sheet held by two chaperones) to the “Marksmen”, ending with throw the “Sudoku Masters”! Six cycles must be completed as well as the “Sudoku Masters” correctly finishing a Sudoku Puzzle.

The team with the fastest time in completing this Leadership Challenge wins! So what role will you play on your team? How will you help your team? What leadership qualities will you need to compete in this team event? What strategies will you come up with and how will you communicate this in a large group? How will you utilize your strength or your weakness during this event? Who determines what role their teammates will perform? All this and more will be realized and answered during the Leadership Workshop, come and be challenged!
# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## 18th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference

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The Asian American Youth Leadership Conference Committee expects you to come to the Conference prepared to learn and to enjoy the activities which are planned for you. We ask you to adhere to the guidelines listed below in order to ensure that you will be safe and benefit from the Conference.

What We Will Provide:

- All Meals
- Adult supervision; volunteer and school personnel
- Conference materials
- An excellent place to learn and grow

Rules For Everyone:

- Student must attend on school transportation, NO private cars.
- No drugs, alcohol or smoking will be allowed.
- No fighting allowed. Fighting results in automatic expulsion from the conference.
- Students are prohibited from leaving the conference area.
- Adhere to conference agenda and attend all sessions.
- All other school district policies and procedures are in effect.
- Only appropriate dressing: NO hats, NO headphones, NO hanging belts, NO sagging pants, NO cellular phones, NO pagers, NO oversized coats.
- No cell phone usages (texting or voice calls) during workshops and events.
- Use appropriate behavior.

What You Will Do:

- Attend the sessions you have been assigned.
- Be prepared to have fun and learn a lot about yourself and others.
- Have an enjoyable and productive day.
- Ask questions and pay attention.
- Be respectful of others.

NOTE: Students who fail to adhere to any of these rules will be asked to leave the conference immediately. It will be the responsibility of the school district chaperone to notify your principal and parents and arrange for your removal from the conference.
Welcome to the 18th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference! Since 1993, hundreds of high school students selected from Oregon and Southwest Washington have come together for a daylong conference to achieve the following goals:

1) To impart leadership skills
2) To provide career guidance and opportunities
3) To foster a strong sense of culture and self-pride among the attendees

We are proud of the wide diversity of ethnic backgrounds and number of high schools represented in our conference. We encourage you to reach out to people you don’t know, make new friends, and create more connections with your fellow Asian Americans. We all have commonalities to which we can relate and differences from which we can learn. Take advantage of the unlimited opportunities today.

This year’s theme is “Connecting Tomorrow’s Leaders.” As you attend this conference, think about your life story and the journey leading you to where you are today. This story encompasses you and your family’s history, your cultural heritage, your beliefs. If you don’t know, then it might be time to ask, discover, and know.

We are hoping what you take away from the conference will ignite a passion to lead, a goal to aim for or an idea that will integrate your culture, pride and uniqueness. You need to believe you can make a difference!

Finally, we are grateful to our various sponsors, volunteers, workshop facilitators, and Portland Community College—without the support we receive, this conference would not be possible.

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