Mission: To help Asian-American youth rise above the obstacles before them and achieve their potential by promoting education, imparting leadership skills and instilling self-confidence.
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Welcome to the 19th 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 “Embrace the Challenge.” 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.

AAYLC 2011 Planning Team
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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 to help make your experience at the Conference more enjoyable.

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-sanctioned 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. NO cellular phones. NO MP3 or audio players usage during conference opening, closing and workshop activities.
- All other school district policies and procedures are in effect.
- Dress properly. Use appropriate behavior. Respect your peers and educators.

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

## 19th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference

**EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE**

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2011 Workshop Summaries

Leadership Workshop
Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt. When we think of great leaders, we think of those who positively impacted the world and made a significant difference. What is required to be a great leader? Where does it start? In this leadership seminar, you will be exploring what it takes to become a great leader. It all starts with “Paying it Forward.” Are you ready for the challenge?

Culture/Identity Workshop
This interactive workshop will create a safe space for you to share and examine your beliefs and experiences regarding Asia stereotypes and racism from the different perspectives. In addition to this exploration and dialogue, you will develop strategies for reducing the prevalence of these stereotypes (and their effects) on ourselves and our counterparts.

Communications Workshop
The way we communicate is very much influenced by our language abilities, education, cultural values, upbringing and personal experiences. In this fun and highly interactive workshop, you will be exploring the challenges we face in the act of listening with our parents, peers, teachers and others outside our culture. You will walk away with increased awareness of what works and what doesn’t.

Preparing for Beyond High School and College/Career Fair
During this workshop, students will explore the many resources and options that are available to assist them with post high school planning by participating in a college/career fair and a seminar. They will also learn how to exercise self-advocacy by utilizing resources to access options, being able to know where to go, who to talk to, when deadlines are, etc. The topics explored in the seminar will include how to do budgeting, how to apply for scholarships, and how to decide on a major.

For more information on the rotation and sample questions for this workshop, please see pages 8 and 9.

Bridget Chan | St. Mary’s Academy
Bridget Chan is a senior and hopes to study International Relations at University of Washington or Boston University next fall. She served as Link Crew Commissioner and is currently an officer at her school’s Tri-M Music Honor Society. She regularly volunteers at Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children and at a local church serving breakfast to the homeless. Bridget has been given First Honors for all her semesters at St. Mary’s, as well as named Scholar-Athlete for her participation in sports and maintaining a high GPA. Bridget enjoys sports, achieving a Varsity letter in swimming during her sophomore year and joining her school’s cross-country skiing team. Music is also a large part of her life; she completed her OMTA Level X Syllabus and composes for fun. Her ultimate passion is to travel; she has been to Bangkok, Taipei, Beijing, Hong Kong, Kyoto, and England, and hopes to travel to Korea or Italy. Bridget is a third year attendee at AAYLC, but this is her first time serving as an ambassador. Her greatest hope is that she can help each person realize their potential as a leader and that each attendee leaves with a commitment to diversity.

Hong Nhien Nguyen | Sunset High School
Hong Nhien Nguyen is a senior at Sunset High School and will be attending Oregon State University next fall. Hong has been an active member in both her community and school. She is actively involved in her after school activities such as Key Club and Robotics Club. During her senior year, she volunteered to tutor other students under the instruction of the teacher. Outside of school, she is a volunteer for the Thrift Shop, to help serve the Salvation Army. In February of 2011, she participated in the Beaverton-Hillsboro Science Expo with her partner and won first place in the Behavioral and Social Science category. Last year’s experience at AAYLC inspired her to return again this year. Through AAYLC, she learned and gained helpful knowledge about Asian Culture as well as meeting new people who share the same culture. As the Sunset AAYLC Ambassador, Nhien’s goal is to encourage people to be involved in organizations such as AAYLC, to help them develop leadership skill as well as gaining more knowledge about Asian cultures and create a more diverse community.
Caren Kim | Portland Christian High School

Caren Kim is a senior at Portland Christian High School and plans to attend a four-year college in New York, majoring in business management. She has been involved in Spring Musical, Concert choir, ensemble and Student Government during her high school year. As a member of the National Honor Society and a president of International Student Program, Caren is currently involved in numerous school activities and hopes that she can help develop her school well. This is her third year at Asian American Youth Leadership Conference and she is excited for being an ambassador. She is also looking forward for this opportunity to represent the Portland Christian High School and collaborate with other enthusiastic Asian American students to make a difference. She hopes that she can learn more about leadership as well as gain knowledge of various other cultures from this program.

Alex Lacandazo | Southridge High School

Alex Lacandazo is a senior and is currently enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. She has been studying Japanese for three years and understands some Tagalog (Filipino language). Her dream college is UC Berkeley because they offer a Bachelor degree in both Prelaw and Legal Studies- General Outside of school, Alex is involved in many clubs and sports. She is in Fashion Club, Key Club, Volleyball, Basketball, Tae Kwon Do, and Track and Field, and Tennis. She has participated in the Race for the Cure, Sole Support for Parkinson’s, the Northwest Family and Kids Festival, Walk for Autism and the March for Uganda. During her free time, besides just hanging out, she plays sports like Tennis and Basketball with friends. Also, choreography has recently become a favorite hobby. In the winter Snowboarding is the most fun thing to do, but in the summer that hobby switches to Surfing. Besides exercising, she enjoys jam sessions with friends on the guitar, piano, or vocals. This is Alex’s third time attending the AAYLC. She feels extremely lucky to do, but in the summer that hobby switches to Surfing. Besides exercising, she enjoys jam sessions with friends on the guitar, piano, or vocals. This is Alex’s third time attending the AAYLC. She feels extremely lucky to help her fellow Asian students by providing resources to ensure a future beyond a high school diploma.
Naomi Vo | Health and Science High School

Naomi Vo is a senior and plans to study Biology and Pre-Medicine at the University of Oregon and then moving on to medical school to pursue a career in pediatric oncology. She hopes to find a cure for, and successfully treat children diagnosed with, cancer. Her involvement includes: green club, music club, theater, teacher assistant for middle school art, high school ambassador, prom committee, "Germ busters" club, and library volunteer. Naomi is both of Vietnamese and Chinese descent. However, both of her parents and family have originated from Vietnam. In her spare time, Naomi enjoys dance (she was a part of Southridge’s color guard/dance team), travel, photography, singing, staying active (running, yoga, etc.), and spending time with her family and friends. Naomi’s enthusiasm for traveling has made her determined to learn more about different parts of the world and wishes to bring new and traditional medical procedures from other cultures into the states. This will be Naomi’s second year attending the AAYLC, and her first year as an ambassador. She is excited for this opportunity to represent her peers, and hopes that the students will create new friendships, develop interests in other cultures, and encourage diversity in their own communities.

Catherine Chen | International School of Beaverton

Catherine Chen is a junior and plans to study Economics in college. She participates in the Rotary Club, National Art Honor Society, Model United Nations, and volunteers at the Beaverton City Library and at Children’s Healing Art Project once a week. Catherine is interested in social justice, and helped to create the first Women’s Rights Club at her school. An International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate, she has held several leadership positions, including student council for two years. She is bilingual in English and Mandarin Chinese. She spends her free time drawing, photographing, painting, and playing the piano. Though she was born and raised in the United States, Catherine has been to Asia several times, and has a good grasp of both Eastern and Western cultures. This will be her second time attending the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference, and the first time attending as an ambassador. She hopes that this conference will encourage her fellow Asians to celebrate their diversity.

Katie Chang | Lake Oswego High School

Katie Chang is a junior and hopes to pursue political science or international relations in her future. She has been on the school’s Model United Nations planning team and participated in the Junior Statesmen of America conference. She has also been on the Speech and Debate team for the past two years and qualified for the OSAA State Tournament. In doing these, Katie hopes to learn more about the world through politics and become a better, more articulate speaker. Currently LD High’s Chinese Club president, Katie has been organizing various Chinese and Asian activities. She has also been a member of the National Chinese Honor Society and National Honor Society. Katie is on the literary board of Reflections, LD High’s annual literature and art publication. Katie has also been a competitive figure skater for the past 11 years, competing in local and regional competitions. Figure skating has taught her commitment, discipline, hard work, and the importance of time management. Katie hopes to compete this coming year, and also hopes to continue skating while in college. This is Katie’s first year as an AAYLC ambassador.

Jiahui Zhang | Lincoln High School

Jiahui Zhang is a junior at Lincoln High School and is planning to pursue a career in the medical field. She was born and raised in Xi'an, China and moved to the United States at the age of 10. She is an IB Diploma candidate and is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars, and math honours society Mu Alpha Theta. She has been involved with the band and choir program at her school along with being a flute player in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony. She is currently involved with Asian club, Interact club, and math club and will also be serving as a committee chair for this year’s Oregon Model United Nations. She regularly volunteers at OHSU and Legacy Hospital and has volunteered at many places in the past, such as The International School, Multnomah County Library, Loaves and Fishes, and Potluck in the Park. In her free time, Jiahui likes to play tennis, play the flute, oil paint, and write Chinese calligraphy. This will be her third year at AAYLC and first as a student ambassador. She hopes to learn more about leadership and culture as well as help other students aspire to make a difference in the world.
**Student Ambassadors**

**Hai Tran | Century High School**

Hai Tran is a senior and plans to attend PCC Rock Creek, then transfer to University of Oregon to pursue his career as an architect. He wants to be more involved with the community by contributing his time by volunteering in Key Club and donating blood to the Red Cross. He finds pleasure in helping others and makes it his own mission to do so. Hai was born and raised in Saigon, Vietnam, and migrated to the United States when he was 6. After living in poor conditions back at his homeland, he is driven to make a difference for his family back in Vietnam. To do so, he hopes to be a successful architect. During his spare time, he enjoys playing and coaching tennis. Hai has been playing tennis since freshmen year and has participated in other sports such as track and field, soccer, and cross country. This is Hai’s 3rd and last year attending AAYLC. He first heard about it from a friend and thought it would be an ideal opportunity for students to get involved with the community. This is his first time being ambassador and he feels blessed that he has opportunity to represent Century High School.

**Louanne Feng | David Douglas High School**

Louanne is a senior at David Douglas High School and plans to attend University of Oregon in the fall, majoring in Business. She plans to study abroad either in Japan or in Europe. As a student leader at Outdoor School, she enjoyed teaching younger students about nature and being a mentor. Louanne is passionate about Japanese language and culture, and participated in Japanese Club for all four years of high school. Louanne is involved in Key Club, National Honor Society, DREAM (Discover Realize Enlighten Accomplish Miraculous) Club, Teen Council, and Evergreen Charity Organization. For many years, Louanne has always been shy and never liked or attempt to take on the role as a leader. It wasn’t until her junior year of high school that she started to challenge herself into being a leader. This is Louanne’s first year attending the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference and first time being an ambassador in this role, her goal is to gain new knowledge, inspire others (who are shy like she once was) to take on the role as a leader, and to create a memorable experience for everyone.

**Henry T. Li | Grant High School**

Edward Ly is a senior and will attend the University of Oregon’s Clark Honors College in the fall, majoring in mathematics and philosophy. He volunteers for the Multnomah County Library and tutors at his school per the National Honor Society. His other extracurricular activities include: the Young Composer’s and Musician’s Forum, the Science Bowl Club, the Anime Club, and the DokiDoki Club. He is also a member of the Grant Varsity Golf Team, plays the French horn in the Grant Wind Ensemble, and plays the trumpet in the Grant Jazz Ensemble. Edward has also earned recognition in numerous competitions, including the American Mathematics Contest, the High School Science Bowl Competition, the National Latin Exam, and the PIL Solo and Ensemble Festival. Ever since he attended AAYLC his sophomore year, he has gained the knowledge to make a greater impact. He is the French horn section leader in the Grant Wind Ensemble and continues to contribute to the band program. As the Grant AAYLC ambassador this year, Edward hopes to be a role model for everyone at his school, and that more people like him will also be stepping up and be the leaders of the future.

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Preventing for Beyond High School

There are two segments for this 55-minute workshop session (each segment is 25 minutes):

**Segment I:** College and Career Fair (CCF)
**Segment II:** Preparing for Beyond High School Seminar (SEM)

Groups in Pods A and B will participate in Segment I (CCF) in the first 25 minutes and Segment II (SEM) in the second 25 minutes of the workshop.

Groups in Pods C, D and E will participate in Segment II (SEM) in the first 25 minutes and Segment I (CCF) in the second 25 minutes of the workshop.

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### Student Ambassadors

**Michael Chea | Aloha High School**

Michael Chea is a senior and plans to attend Portland Community College this fall. He then plans to transfer to OSU and major in pharmacy. Michael is active in student leadership & government, a member of Key Club, and is the president of Asian Culture Club. He has played football for 2 years and wrestling for 4 years. Apart from being active in school, he also does volunteer work, ranging from helping at a local elementary school fair to helping the incoming freshman on their first day of high school. In his spare time, he likes to play sports, hang out with friends and play games. He has been academically sound and the 4 years of wrestling has brought him to 6th place in District One Regional. Seeing how much fun AAYLC was, he wanted to see how it worked behind the scenes. This will be his 3rd time attending the conference, but this will be his first time serving as ambassador for Aloha. He hopes that the students who attend this conference will learn how to open up to other people and make new friendships.

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**Audrey Tsai | Beaverton High School**

Audrey Tsai is a junior and plans to pursue a double major in International Relations and Politics and a minor in Music. Her top college choices are Willamette University, American University, and George Washington University. She is an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate and a candidate for the Bilingual Certificate in French. She is active in Key Club, French Club, German Club, Marching Band, Choir, Student Council, Latino Club, Model United Nations, World Quest, and Speech and Debate. Audrey speaks French, Chinese, and English fluently and has taken 4 years of German and 2 years of Japanese. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering at the KBOO radio station and the World Affairs Council of Oregon and playing the piano and timpani. As a Beaverton High School AAYLC Ambassador Audrey aims to bring her voice back to the community and school to encourage others to take the challenge of becoming a better person and ameliorating the world and societies they live in. If Audrey could have any job she wanted she would either want to be Secretary of State or work in the U.S. Department of Education.

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**Viet Phan | Benson Polytechnic High School**

Viet Phan is a senior at Benson Polytechnic High School and will be attending the University of Portland next fall. He is a major contributor to both his school and his community. Viet is a member of the National Honors Society, Health Occupations Students of America and of the Benson Swim Team. He is also the President of the American Red Cross Club and was an executive mentors for freshmen for two consecutive years. He spends a lot of his free time volunteering for Portland Parks & Recreation, Providence Medical Center, and countless other nonprofit organizations. Viet is still uncertain about what he wants to be when he grows up, but he does know that he is interested in a career in either computer science or the health field. Viet's high level of academic success has helped him become a finalist for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. He takes AP classes, participates in science fair, and competes in a state conference for the Health Occupations program at his school. At the conference Viet has taken first place in HOSA Bowl, forensic medicine, and pharmacology.

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**Nancy Ha | Clackamas High School**

Nancy Ha is a senior and will attend Cornell University in the fall to study pre-medicine. She maintains a 4.0 GPA, is enrolled in AP and honors classes, and currently taking math classes at Reed College as a part of the Young Scholars program. Nancy is also an active member of Key Club International, National Honor Society, Link Crew, and was a student leader of her school’s Raising Students’ Voice and Participation (RSVP) program. Nancy has a passion for music, studying the piano for 11 years. She passed the Oregon Music Teacher’s Association (OMTA) Level X Examination in 2008, and has won numerous OMTA Classical and Romantic Festivals, including: OMTA Trula Whelan Concerto Competition, OMTA 2011 Marjorie Trotter Scholarship Competition, 2011 Three Rivers League Solo Competition, and a state winner of the 2010 Oregon Junior Bach Festival. She has also played the violin for 6 years, and is currently a member of the Metropol-itan Youth Symphony and her school’s Chamber Orchestra. This is Nancy’s second year as ambassador. She is very excited and hopes to reach out to the Asian American community, and get more students involved in leadership roles as well as community service.
Scholarship Winners

Sherry Liao of Benson High School | 2011 Scholarship Awards Recipient ($500)

Sherry Liao is a senior at Benson High School and will be attending the University of Portland next fall. At school, Sherry is an active participant in leadership and extracurricular activities. Since her sophomore year, she has been an executive member of the Benson Red Cross Club, working to organize school blood drives, volunteer events for students, and fundraisers to raise money for various causes and community organizations. This year a project that she initiated was making fleece scarves for the homeless to pass out around Downtown Portland and provide people with a warm winter holiday. She is also secretary of National Honors Society and an active MOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) member and competitor. Sherry is a devoted athlete on the Benson Swim Team, Benson Tennis Team, and the USTA Junior Tennis Team as well. Outside of school Sherry enjoys playing the piano, drawing, and volunteering for her community. Every weekend, she volunteers at the Adventist Medical Center, helping to escort patients, deliver IV’s, and deliver dietary products. Her most memorable experience volunteering at Adventist was being able to translate for one of the patients and his family. She says, “I liked being able to use the skills I’ve learned, after going to Chinese school each Saturday for ten years, to help others. It provided me with proof that my dedication to my language and culture has not gone to waste.” Sherry’s goal is to go to medical school to become a cardiologist, and then retire from medicine as a health occupations teacher. She wants to be able to use her skills and knowledge to provide care and guidance for her community. Being fluent in the Chinese language, Sherry wants to use her skills to reduce the barrier between Asian patients and medicine. In the future, she hopes to be able to give lectures at Asian Family Centers, participate in community health clinics, and write health articles in newspapers to educate families and reach out to the people in her community.

Eun Hyung (Thomas) Kim of Southridge High School | 2011 Scholarship Awards Recipient ($1000)

Thomas Kim is a senior at Southridge High School and will be attending either UC Berkeley or Pacific Lutheran University this fall. He plans to double major in Economics and Psychology and then continue on to law school to pursue a career in law. Since moving to the United States from South Korea in 2005, Thomas has accomplished many great achievements. Graduating with full honors, Thomas is an active member in both his school and his communities. He has served in many academic and extra-curricular activities at Southridge including the Cross Country Team, Track Team; Tennis Team; National Honor Society, Jazz Band, and Concert Choir. Last summer, Thomas was fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve as the Cascade Presbytery Delegate at PCUSA Presbyterian Youth Triennium. In addition, because of his academic achievements and excellence in diversity, he was selected to attend the IB World Student Conference and the World Camp at UCLA as his school representative. Thomas has been involved with the Varsity Cross Country Team for four years, and has just served as the Team Captain for his senior season. Moreover, he is actively involved with his church. Outside of school, he is a volunteer for the Oregon Food Bank. This May, after his IB exams for his IB Diploma, Thomas will volunteer as a Student Leader at the Northwest Outdoor Science School, teaching many young students the value of science. Thomas will be returning for his second time to the AAYLC this year; Thomas greatly appreciates the opportunity to use this scholarship to prepare his journey in becoming a reliable lawyer dedicated to the legally weak, so he can contribute to the communities and help other Asian-American youth overcome challenges.

Tanya Kang of Liberty High School | 2011 Scholarship Awards Recipient ($500)

Tanya Kang is a senior and will be attending University of California - San Diego for Economics next year. Most of Tanya’s upbringing happened in Mexico, China, Canada and America. These unique and global experiences enables Tanya to not only blend into her communities with ease, but to immerse into new surroundings as a “shiny chameleon”. She has attended more than 15 schools through her entire academic career and is involved in many activities including: Softball team, Lacrosse team, Swimming team, Culturama, DECA Chinese Culture Club, Drama Club, Concert Choir, Science Olympiad, and the Robotics team. In 2010, Tanya was chosen to represent the Hillbrow community as a delegate for Oregon’s Girl State in Salem. She currently serves on the Executive Board as Associated Student Body Secretary, and through Liberty’s outstanding leadership program, has volunteered and fundraised for non-profit organizations such as Doernbecher’s Children Hospital, the Elk Lodge Foundation, and Matti’s Chemo Bags. Furthermore, she has influenced the life of one young girl named Heidi, by volunteering with her one-on-one for 1000+ hours. Now, Heidi isn’t any normal girl. She has Angelman syndrome, which means that she can’t understand her surroundings; her thoughts are comparable to those of a 2 year old. The reason for the placement of angel in the term Angelman is that individuals diagnosed seem to emit happiness. Through Heidi’s optimistic personality and endless hugs, Tanya has found a positive way to lead herself and others around her. The epitome of Tanya’s world and the reason she is attending AAYLC is to welcome, become accustomed to, and enjoy diversity, leading to her ultimate dream of expanding her knowledge on international culture and advocate cultural exchanges between different countries around the world.

College & Career Fair Questions

You will have 25 minutes to visit close to 30 college and career representatives.

Make the most of each of your visits by asking pertinent questions regarding things that you are not able to find online or in catalogues. For example:

For College Fair:

• Can you give me examples of some campus traditions?
• Ask if there are any scholarship secrets.
• Ask whether admission officers make decisions based on numbers (i.e. GPA and SAT/ACT scores, or if they really do consider extra-curricular activities).
• Ask how best to prepare for college.
• Ask if a student leader can contact you to give you a student’s perspective.
• Ask how many of the students drop out, transfer away, or how many stay and graduate.
• Ask for a direct phone number for an admission counselor and a financial aid counselor.

For Career Fair:

• Please tell me about the mission and main function of your organization.
• What type of opportunities are typically available to new college graduates?
• What specific skills and qualifications does your organization look for in its employment candidates?
• Are there specific courses or other requirements you look for in prospective employees?
• What is the hiring process at your company?
• How does your organization train their new employees?
• What is the culture of your organization?
• What are the projections for future changes within your organization?
Conference Highlights

Keynote Speaker: Melanie Ying

Melanie Ying is a past scholarship winner of AAYLC 2001 while she was a junior in high school. She was an active participant of AAYLC throughout her high school career and served on the planning team. Her commitment to give her best in all her endeavors has resulted in accolades of continual advancement in her career, being recognized as an outstanding member in her MBA program, and receiving numerous honors and awards in school including a Junior Citizens Award from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.

Melanie is currently attending Arizona State University for her Masters of Business Administration; she graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in 2005 at the age of 20. She has held positions for a couple of different companies in a marketing capacity prior to her current role as a Channel Marketing Manager for Clearwire Corporation. For the past couple years, she has traveled across the nation working in most of all 77 of CLEAR’s WiMAX markets. She is honored to have been selected as this year’s AAYLC keynote speaker and hopes her message will inspire students to excel and give their best in all that they do.

Lunchtime Performance: Moon Patrol

Moon Patrol crew formed in 2001 with only five members in Portland, OR. Now in 2011, they boast a roster of 16 of the best b-boys in the Pacific Northwest. With members gaining either winning competitions or being invited to judge and teach cities like NYC, LA, Phoenix and SF, the crew has cemented national recognition. Now considered three generations deep by dancer standards, the original and core members remain active having moved onto influential positions to teach and spread their unique perspective on dance culture. Moon Patrol shows are always 3/4 performance and 1/4 history lesson to help the audience get a better understanding of this rich and still relatively new dance style better known as breakin’.

Logo Design Winners

Eudora Erickson
Logo Competition Winner: Beaverton High School

Eudora is a junior and is on track to getting the IB Diploma. She is half-Japanese, half Caucasian and have attended the Portland Japanese School for 9 years. She is involved in National Honor Society, Global Awareness to Action, Diversity Club, Knitting Club, Choir, Varsity Swim team for the past 3 years, Cross Country, and was Class Historian during her freshman and sophomore year. In the community, Eudora is on the Washington County Youth Advisory Council. Last summer she volunteered on a Flower Farm in Japan for two months. She conducts book drives in the community and raised over 100 books for the Ronald McDonal house. She also volunteers at Providence Center for Mentally Fragile Children, reading and talking to the children there. In the future, she hopes to help the relief efforts in Japan, and to visit there in the next few years to help rebuild communities.

In college she plans to study Political Relations, Math, and Cognitive Psychology. This summer Eudora will be attending Girls State Oregon to get more involved in government. This is her third year participating in the AAYLC, and hopes to come again next year! She loves the AAYLC because “we are able to collaborate with other youth in our community and come up with ideas so that we can all continue strive for our best.”

Amy Meyer
Logo Competition Runner-Up: Mountain View High School

Amy is a junior at Mountain View High School and is a member of National Honor Society and Key Club. She also volunteers at the Cascade Park Branch of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library. In her free time, she likes to draw, read, play piano, and hangout with friends. She has been figure skating recreationally and competitively for ten years. After high school, Amy plans to go to Clark College for one year, then transfer to the Pacific Northwest College of Art, and major in graphic design. She wants to become a graphic designer, then after gaining experience, become an art director. Her inspiration behind the design: deciding what to draw when you’re faced with a blank piece of paper – that is a challenge. “There’s so many ideas floating around in your mind, but it’s up to you to translate that one idea onto the paper. And from one pen stroke, it develops into something great.”

Danning Yao
Logo Competition Runner-Up: Crescent Valley High School

Eudora Erickson