2019 ASIAN AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FRIDAY APRIL 26TH 2019

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Welcome to the 27th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference! AAYLC is a program organized by a team of volunteers and presented by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland Lodge. You may learn more about C.A.C.A. Portland via its website: cacaportland.com.

Since 1993, thousands of high school students selected from Oregon and Southwest Washington have come together for a daylong conference to achieve the following goals:

1) To promote education
2) To instill self-confidence
3) To develop leadership skills

We are delighted to have the wide diversity of ethnic backgrounds and number of high schools represented at the conference.

This year, our theme, “Be Real”, challenges you to discover your definition of “real”, share personal experiences of social and cultural challenges, and embrace your community responsibilities as the next generation of Asian-American leaders. The program is designed to help you explore and learn more about yourself as well as foster leadership skills to help strengthen your community. You will be in a team with students from other schools to participate in a variety of learning and exploration activities. These activities will focus on leadership development, communication skills, and cultural identity. You will also participate in a college and career fair.

We encourage you to reach out and make new friends, meet inspiring leaders, and learn about organizations that shape the communities we live in. Be ready to learn more about yourself and your strengths and determine how you can strengthen your community. The conference will be filled with learning and networking activities geared to enrich and inspire you.

We hope what you take away from the conference will ignite a passion in you to lead, to give back and get involved in your community.

We are proud to share that many conference alumni are giving back and paying it forward in their communities in various ways. Some have returned to serve on the conference planning team and in other capacities.

Finally, we are grateful to our sponsors, volunteers, facilitators, and Portland Community College for helping to make the 27th AAYLC the best conference ever.

2019 AAYLC Planning Team
CONFERENCE RULES

The Asian American Youth Leadership Conference Committee expects you to come to the Conference prepared to learn and enjoy the activities. Please adhere to the guidelines listed. The goal is to ensure that you will be safe and to help make your experience at the conference enjoyable.

What We Will Provide:

- All meals.
- Adult supervision—volunteer and school personnel.
- Conference materials.
- A rich environment to learn and grow.
- A string bag for you to wear during the conference. It is a crucial element for team assignment.

Rules For Everyone:

- Student must arrive by 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.
- 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 chaperon to notify your principal and parents and arrange for your removal from the conference.
Campus Map

AM Automotive & Metal
BK Bookstore
CC Amo DeBernardis College Cntr
HP Heat Plant
HT Health Technology
LIB Library
PAC Performing Arts Center
SCB South Classroom Building
SS Social Science & Technology
ST Science & Technology
TCB Technology Classroom Building

GYM Breakfast & REG.
GYM Opening & Closing
CC Lunch 1 & 2
CC Career & College Fair

IMPORTANT! Please refer to the Workshop Schedule for specific workshop groups, teams, classrooms and time.

HT GYM
Students/Chaperones Registration front of HT Building outside Gym

WORKSHOPS
Classrooms inside buildings: SS, ST, TCB and SCB

27th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference
WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Emergency Contacts
Emergency: 9-1-1

Active Shooter:
Run / Hide/ Fight
- If safe to do so, GET OUT and call 9-1-1
- Next option, HIDE OUT in the safest place you can find
- While hidden, KEEP OUT the assailant; barricade the doors
- If all else fails, TAKE OUT the assailant
- To the extent possible, HELP OUT those around you with needs

Earthquake:
Drop / Cover / Hold On
- Duck and Cover under solid furniture if inside and/or away from building perimeters, power lines, falling objects, and windows
- Hold On
- Check in at designated assembly areas
- Food, shelter, medical – the basics will be available ASAP
- If trapped, BANG on something so you don’t get worn out shouting

Fire:
Stop / Drop / Roll
- If door is HOT, stay in room or exit through the window if possible
- If door is COOL, open slightly to check for smoke
- If SMOKE, stay in room and use towels, etc to cover openings
- If no smoke, close door behind you and go to assembly area (pull fire alarm en route)

Fire Extinguisher:
PASS
- Pull the pin out
- Aim at the base of the fire
- Squeeze the handles together
- Sweep side to side
# Program & Group Schedule

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Each color team within the 4 groups consists of 25 students.
## 2019 AAYLC Facilitators in Groups and Teams

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**Keynote Speaker: Amy Chanthaphavong**

Amy is the CEO and Co-Founder of London Valor, a luxury fashion brand of smart handbags that creates efficiency for enterprising women. She was also crowned Miss Asian America and is a former TEDx speaker, sharing her journey from “Fear to Fearlessness.” Amy is a creative leader with over 10 years of experience in marketing, sales, business development, content creation, client management and operations in the areas of technology, IT, real estate, media and banking.

With a knack for adventure and social impact she moved to Laos in 2014, one of the least developed countries in the world. In Laos, Amy became a curator of the Vientiane Global Shaper Community, a network of city-based hubs initiated by the World Economic Forum. Her desire for social impact, love for stories, media and technology, also led her to create sharingamy.com, a space to share stories from her personal journey.

She was the first Laotian-American woman to be crowned Miss Asian America in 2009, the longest running Asian pageant in the U.S. As Queen, she traveled across the United States and abroad as a goodwill ambassador and a leader in the Asian American community. She actively utilized her title to bring awareness to issues that were dear to her heart such as Human Trafficking, Education, Preservation of the Family Unit and her parents’ native country - Laos.

**Performance: Brittany Newton**

Since the beginning of her formal training in ballet, tap, and jazz at the age of eight, Brittany has channeled her passion for dance into numerous art forms. She has taught children’s classes, choreographed musicals, competed on dance teams, and even won a pageant.

Brittany holds an academic minor in Dance from Portland State University. Within the Creative Dance Sequence, she honed her skills by choreographing and performing in four of the dance department’s showcases and one of the music department’s operas. In her first year at PSU she fell in love with Bollywood and Bhangra after attending a workshop taught by Prashant Kakad.

As the lead dancer of the Jai Ho! Dance Troupe, Brittany has performed & taught dance across the U.S. for nearly nine years, capturing the character-driven nature of Bollywood music through her elegance & charisma. She most recently starred in the narrative dance musical “A Bollywood Dream” at the Hult Center in Eugene and The Armory in Portland.
This year, our theme, “Be Real”, challenges students to explore and discover their definition of “real”, share personal experiences of social and cultural challenges, and embrace their community responsibilities as the next generation of Asian-American leaders through small and large group discussions.

**Workshop 1**

*What does it mean to “Be Real”?*

**OBJECTIVES:**

Encourage students to define what “being real” means to them.

Help students to understand the power of embracing their true selves.

Equip students with techniques to manage social pressure and build confidence.

**Workshop 2**

*What’s your story?*

**OBJECTIVES:**

Convey the importance of each students’ individual story.

Embrace the value of our unique experiences.

Display the unifying power of sharing our (sometimes challenging) experiences with others.

**Workshop 3**

*What inspires you?*

**OBJECTIVES:**

Give students the opportunity to identify driving factors in their lives.

Encourage students to explore psychological and emotional motivations.

Ask students to identify ways they might create positive change in their communities.

**Workshop 4**

*How do I make a difference?*

**OBJECTIVES:**

Empower students to leverage their passions, stories, and skills to be agents of positive change in their communities.

Help students to create a tangible, actionable plan to make a positive change in their communities.
COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR TIPS

You will have limited time to visit over 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 catalogs. For example:

For College Fair:
- Ask for 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 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?
- 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?

Complete the Passport on page 17 to be entered into a prize drawing !!!
**Be Real! Selfie Contest!**

1. Follow AAYLC on Instagram and/or Twitter @aaylc_pdx
2. Make sure your profile is public, at least for the day of the conference.
3. Take selfies that best showcase your interaction with our theme “Be Real”
4. Post as many selfies/group selfies as you like. Each photo is an entry!
   - Be sure to tag @aaylc_pdx so we can find your entries.
   - Hashtag #aaylc #aaylc2019 #Be Real
5. Allow AAYLC to repost your photos from the day of the conference.
6. We will pick a winner during the closing ceremony.
7. If you are not present at the time to collect your prize AAYLC will DM you.
8. Get Creative! Connect with other attendees! Have Fun!
**COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR BOOTHS**

**Representatives from:**

**Colleges**
- Clackamas Community College
- Clark College
- Eastern Oregon University
- Linn Benton Community College
- MCPHS University
- Northern Arizona University
- Oregon State University
- Portland Community College
- Seattle University
- Southern Oregon University
- University of Oregon & Flagship
- Warner Pacific
- Washington State University
- Vancouver
- Washington University in St. Louis

**Organizations**
- APANO (Asian American Pacific Network of Oregon)
- Campus Compact of Oregon
- The Council on International Educational Exchange
- The Experiment in International Living
- Friends of Trees
- Oregon Army National Guard
- Portland Fire & Rescue
- Washington County - Emergency Preparedness
- ASPIRE Access Specialist and Program Analyst
- Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion
- City of Portland Workforce Recruitment & Training
- C.A.C.A. (Chinese American Citizens Alliance) - Portland Lodge
- Democratic Party of Oregon
- Asian American & Pacific Islanders
- Young Entrepreneurs Business Week (YEBW)

**Professionals.**

**Jia Evans**
Senior Claims Specialist

**Ronald Lim**
Engineering Manager

**Amy King**
Sr. Product Manager at Digimarc

**Katy Leung**
Nurse

**Dr. Billy Lo**
Senior RET Design Engineer

**Kurt Ikeda**
Education Manager - Oregon Nikkei Endowment

**Karen Ng Lo**
Senior data scientist, Vacasa

**A'misa Chiu (Ann Matsushima Chiu)**
Electronic Services and Instruction Librarian, Warner Pacific University

**Fiona Miu Chen, LCSW**
Licensed Clinical Social Worker

**Jennifer Fang, Ph.D.**
Assistant Director and Manager of Programs.

**Christine Liu**
Senior Development Officer, Lewis & Clark College.

**Michael Chen**
Marketing

**Kevin Yang**
Accountant I

**Naoki Yoneyama**
Senior Financial Analyst

**Hau Pham**
QA Analyst 1

**Sang-won Kim**
Compliance Analyst

**Brianna Alcoran**
Backend Engineer 2
## College & Career Fair Booths

### 2019 AAYLC College and Career Fair: Passport to Success

- Collect answers and stamps for all 16 questions from different booths for a chance to be drawn for a prize!
- Show your completed passport to a facilitator at your next workshop and give them the legible filled out bottom portion with your contact information to be entered in to our Passport to Success drawing!

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<th>How can I arrange a campus visit?</th>
<th>If you could do it over again, what would you change about your career path?</th>
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Email: ___________________________________
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*Thanks to our community volunteers for serving as conference facilitators!*

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Erica takes her academic success very seriously. She is a hard-worker and a proven leader. She clearly demonstrates not only the ability to propel herself forward, but also a natural brilliance to motivate others around her as well.

In the classroom, she excels and is on-track to earn her International Baccalaureate diploma. Her teachers speak highly of her and are genuinely impressed with the quality of work she has produced over the course of her high school career. She takes on each task with humility and grace and always goes above and beyond what is required.

Aside from her studies, Erica is also highly engaged in other projects and activities. She spends countless hours serving as Key Club Lieutenant Governor - Division 62, as the President of her school’s National Honor Society, President of her school’s Asian Student Union and also as her school’s Senior Class Historian. She has also been an active member and participant of AAYLC for all four years of high school.

Chivon is a stand-out scholar who is highly accomplished both in the classroom and beyond. He is the son Cambodian/Khmer refugees and represents the very best of what his generation has to offer to the future of our world.

Chivon is driven to pursue a career in medicine and has focused his studies and activities accordingly. He has completed a myriad of health and science courses during his high school career and has earned high marks in each of his endeavors. Beyond scholastics, Chivon has immersed himself in programs specifically aimed at helping him achieve his career goals. He is the President of Liberty High School’s Health Occupations Students of America Club and has also completed an internship with OHSU Cancer’s Continuing Umbrella of Research Education Program. As a capstone, Chivon was awarded first place during the OHSU Internship Symposium where he provided his contributions to cancer gene therapy research at the Sahay Laboratory.

Driven to challenge traditionalism to improve conventional medical philosophy and techniques, Chivon is compelled to advance his career path as a healer. He will attend the University of Brighton this fall where he will undoubtedly continue to enrich his spirit and the community around him.

Erica Luu
2019 Scholarship Awards Recipient ($1000)

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**Scholarship Winners**

Ricky is a well-rounded young person who conducts himself with compassion, commitment and integrity. His high school counselor describes him as one who “always contributes positively and respectfully.” He is family-oriented and consistently works hard to better himself and those around him.

Ricky has gone well-above his service requirements and has given almost 200 hours to a variety of projects. In June of 2018, he travelled to the island of Jamaica to help build a sports court for a local community. His love for the game of basketball has transcended his hometown, where he is an assistant basketball coach for 10th graders, and has crossed borders and nations.

This fall, Ricky will attend the University of Portland where he plans to complete his studies and go on to a successful career as a medical doctor. He is a model student and an inspiration to those younger than him. There is no doubt that his strong faith and love for his family will continue to take him far in life.

**Logo Design Winner**

Krisona Wen | Gresham High School

Krisona Wen is a sophomore at Gresham High school. She is currently taking many honor’s classes. She is a member of the API club at Gresham where she has encountered a wonderful group of great people and exciting opportunities. Currently, she is also trying to study animation and digital art on her own and hopes to accomplish perfecting those skills.

**Logo Competition Winner**

Saphya Lones | Rex Putnam High School

Saphya is an Afghan-American freshman at Rex Putnam High School. She is a member of the student council, concert band, and the varsity swim team. She has a passion for illustration and aspires to go to school for graphic design and business leadership. Lately Saphya’s artistic inspirations come from Alphonse Mucha’s art nouveau and Nikki McClure’s graphic illustrations.
Melissa Kim is a Junior at Portland Christian High School. This is her second year studying in US. She is looking forward to learn more about the AAYLC conference as a student ambassador. Melissa enjoys reading books and listening to music.

Kyyle Lam is a junior who attends Liberty High School located in Hillsboro, Oregon. He plans on furthering his education and knowledge by attending a college with a focus on computer science and programming. As a student in his school’s leadership program and founder of the Asian Pacific-Islander Club, he is an active member in bettering the community within the school. He is a member of the Hillsboro Youth Basketball recreational league and is part of the Liberty Track and Field team. Outside of school, Kyyle enjoys drawing, playing video games, and entertaining those around him with magic. This is his third year participating in AAYLC, but his first year as an ambassador for Liberty. He hopes that students in his community will further understand the importance of this event because it allows the opportunity to meet others and learn the importance of diversity and representation for Asian Americans.

Sharon Sherpa is a senior attending Grant High School. Over the years Sharon has been involved in many different clubs and activities which includes: The National Honor Society, Student Equity, Japanese Immersion Program, Grant Dance Collective, Outdoor School and president of the Asian Pacific Islander Alliance club. During her spare time she practices her intermediate guitar skills, dancing, hiking, and learning new languages (aside from English she currently speaks: Nepali, Japanese, and a little bit of French). Sharon volunteers as a peer tutor after school and is a student leader at Howard Outdoor School. Sharon also volunteers every year at her former Japanese immersion elementary school at Richmond Elementary to help at the annual Harvest and Spring Festival. Sharon plans to attend the University of Oregon and double major in a business-related field and computer science. Sharon hopes to travel and create a B-corporation business that will have a positive impact on the world socially, economically, and environmentally. This is Sharon’s second year attending the AAYLC and first year as a Student Ambassador. She is so excited to be apart of an amazing event that connects, educates, and celebrates API students. She hopes you have a great time and come back next year!
Kai Nelson – Clackamas HS

Kai Nelson is a sophomore at Clackamas High School. He enjoys playing sports and is part of his school’s tennis and varsity soccer team. Kai is a very involved student at Clackamas HS and is an active member in clubs such as: Key Club, Spanish Honors Society, Asian Student Union, and DECA. After graduating in 2021, Kai plans to major in computer science at California Polytechnic State University and wants to eventually become a software developer. It is Kai’s first year being an AAYLC Student Ambassador and attending the AAYLC. He thinks it is important to attend the AAYLC because it is a unique opportunity to learn about your own cultural and ethnic heritage, meet plenty of new people in a welcoming environment, and develop essential leadership skills for the future.

Katie Lee – Mountainside HS

Katie Lee is a junior at Mountainside High School in Beaverton, Oregon. She is involved in numerous clubs such as National Honor Society, Yearbook, Model United Nations, Random Acts of Kindness, and Key Club. Katie loves to get others involved and share her love for service leadership. She is currently serving as the Lieutenant Governor of Division 65 of Key Club International, ASB Treasurer, Club President, and Team Captain. When she isn’t planning club meetings or doing homework, you can find Katie either golfing or hanging out with her friends. Her family and friends mean the world to her and she would do anything for them. The idea of empowering Asian Americans, uniting them as one, and helping them break stereotypes are what she loves about AAYLC. She was truly inspired by those who went to the conference previously and wants to continue to bond Asian Americans around her. Creating an inclusive environment, where everyone feels welcomed, is what she strives to help create.

Kimberly Ake – International School of Beaverton

Kimberly Ake is part of the current junior high school class of 2020, attending The International School of Beaverton. She hopes to attend West Point Military Academy after graduation, with the pursuit of a degree in the medical field. ISB allows her to challenge herself academically, however in order to maintain a balance she is involved in numerous after school clubs and activities. These include swim team, water polo, Student Council, Japanese National Honor Society or Model United Nations to name a couple. This is her second year attending the Asian-American Youth Leadership conference, first year as an ambassador, and she believes that it is significant to attend due to the conference’s ability to strength one’s own knowledge and appreciation for the uniqueness of Asian culture and the importance of representation. This gives students the opportunity to express their passions and to be proud of their respective cultural origins.
Sivia Cheng – Westview HS

Sivia Cheng is a junior attending Westview High School, and hopes to pursue a career in law in the future. She is currently involved in managing a variety of school activities, such as being the section editor of her school newspaper and bulletin editor for Key Club. She has a passion for technical theatre and costuming, and is an inducted thespian of troupe 5350. Outside of school, she spends her time volunteering with the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors. In her free time, she enjoys expressing herself through art, including painting and writing. This is Sivia first year attending AAYLC and she is excited to start discussions surrounding the racial identity and help others find their own. Sivia wants to encourage others to embrace their individual ethnicity and is a firm believer that through the education of diverse cultures, the ignorance of monitoring stereotypes can be subdued.

David Hoang – Franklin HS

David Hoang has attended the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference since 2017, but this is his first year as a Student Ambassador. A senior at Franklin High School in southeast Portland, he runs the Asian American Association, which advocates for the celebration of diverse Asian cultures represented in the school community. Additionally, he is a member of the Multnomah Youth Commission, writing policy recommendations and testifying at school board meetings on certain youth issues. As an AAYLC participant, David believes it is important to learn not only about cultural history but also current events that may impact our community and generation. This fall, he will attend a university in Oregon to study journalism or political science. In his free time, you can find David either embarking on downtown Portland adventures or in bed watching mukbang and ASMR videos on YouTube.

Britney Soumphonphakdy – Beaverton HS

Britney is a senior at Beaverton High School, and this will be her fourth year attending AAYLC. In College, Britney plans to major in International Business and International Studies. Her goal is to go to Laos and be a part of its economic development. At school, she is a part of many extracurriculars such as Asian club, Japanese Club, Eco Club, Key Club, and volunteering at her school’s Beaver Den in which she helps organized supplies for low-income families. She believes that it is important to attend AAYLC because students have an opportunity to network with others and learn more about their culture, history, and accomplishments. Britney hopes everyone attending will form friendships and have a chance to connect back to their roots. During her free time, you’ll find here exploring festivals/events, drinking boba, attempting (bad) latte art, and constantly getting lost due to her terrible sense of direction.
Anna Kim – Sunset HS

Anna is a senior at Sunset High School. She is one of the editors for her school’s yearbook and president of a YALA (Young Asian Leaders of America) chapter at Sunset. She is super excited to graduate this year and begin a new chapter in her life at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR pursuing Pharmacy! In her free time, she likes to read, watch Good Doctor, have insightful conversations with people and take pictures for them, and play the violin (12+ years!!). This is Anna’s 2nd AAYLC and for both years has been an ambassador. Her goal during the conference is to help all young Asian Americans find their voice and potential in their lives. Diversity and inclusion are values that AAYLC has and from that, it’s important to attend this conference because it’s a place where one can grow as an individual and make new friendships.

Shelly Espinosa – Milwaukie HS

Shelly is currently a sophomore at Milwaukie High School. This will be her first year attending AAYLC and her first year as a student ambassador. She hopes that by being a student ambassador she’ll be able to open up doors for Asian/Pacific-Islander students at her school by helping them connect with other API student leaders. She believes that attending AAYLC will be a powerful experience and will show students who feel underrepresented that they do have a voice, and that AAYLC will teach them how to use it in a way authentic to them. Through the conference, she hopes to learn the leadership skills necessary to create a club for API to share their cultures and experiences to grow closer to the Asian-American community as a whole.

Erica Luu – Cleveland HS

Erica Luu is a graduating Senior from Cleveland High School who will attend UC Berkeley this fall to study Medical Laboratory Sciences with a Pre-Med track. She has served as the Lieutenant Governor of Division 62 Key Clubs, Junior Class Secretary, Constitution Team member, and has been a part of the Mandarin Immersion Program since Kindergarten. This year, she keeps busy through her boba addiction, IB classes, and leadership as president of the National Honors Society, Asian Student Union, and Senior Class cabinet. Erica has been a part of the AAYLC since she first attended her Freshman year. This will be her third year as a student ambassador and she encourages everyone to attend to network, learn, and have a voice. Through the AAYLC workshops and peers she met, Erica found inspiration to design the mural in Mojo Crepes that represents diversity and the unity of ethnic groups of the Jade District.
Alexandria Quan – Wilson HS

Alexandria Quan is currently a Junior at Woodrow Wilson High School. She is hoping to attend universities in California or Hawaii to pursue Marine Biology. She is in a multitude of clubs in and outside of school, including serving as the Lieutenant Governor of Division 62 Key Club, Students of Color Action Association, Asian Pacific Islander, and many more. In her spare time, she loves doing watersports, no matter what season it is. This year will be Alexandria second time being an attendee and the first as an ambassador. The influence of sharing opinions, discussing racial issues not normally taught in schools, and more topics that you learn at this conference motivated her to become a leader in order to help others. Alexandria Quan was inspired after attending AAYLC and hopes to share this same effect on her for future generations of Asian Americans.

Meileen Yee is a senior this year at Jesuit High School and plans to study architectural engineering at Cal Poly. She has been an active member of her school’s Asian American Club throughout high school and is now a leader. Meileen is a swimmer but also takes much pride in having been on Jesuit’s JV2 softball team her freshman year. When she is not swimming, Meileen lifeguards and enjoys photography and taking precious naps. This is Meileen fourth year attending AAYLC and her first time as a student ambassador. She believes that it is very important to come to AAYLC to connect with people of similar cultural backgrounds and learn about the importance of having a voice. Meileen is very excited to be an ambassador this year because her main goal is to make other APIs feel a sense of belonging and pride after leaving AAYLC.

Derek Nguyen – Tigard HS

Derek Nguyen is a junior at Tigard High School. This will be his second year attending AAYLC and his first year as an AAYLC Student Ambassador. Derek currently is the president and founder of Tigard High School’s chapter of YALA (Young Asian Leaders of America) and also serves as the co-president of Tigard’s chapter of HOSA. He was also a Rotary International short-term foreign exchange student to France. Derek is part of his school’s tennis and speech and debate team. He is an IB Diploma candidate and hopes to attend UC San Diego after high school to prepare for a career in medicine. Derek believes that AAYLC is an important program as it fosters activism and engagement among Asian American students and provides the opportunity for discussion of issues pertaining to the Asian American community that would not be brought up in a typical classroom setting.
Student Ambassadors

Shui Yui – Lincoln HS

Shui is currently a junior at Lincoln High School. Her dream school is Stanford University and she is interested in the fields of business, architecture and psychology. Although she decided that some of the projects that she accomplished previously isn’t meaningful enough to her to mention here, she’s hoping to put more of her ideas into action, including creating workshops for high school students to learn necessary skills that they don’t get to learn in school like doing taxes and business etiquette so that they’ll be better prepared for the “real world”. In her free time, she likes watch documentaries, discover good music, brainstorm more ideas for her projects, and explore the world. This will be Shui’s third year attending AAYLC and she is honored to represent Lincoln High School. She believes that attending AAYLC would be a meaningful experience for everybody because it brings youth together and provides a open space for them to discuss important and sometimes even controversial topics and learn things that they haven’t known about before.

Jeremiah Mai – Mountainside HS

Jeremiah is a junior at Mountainside High School. He plans on attending a university outside of the United States and wants to gain new cultural experiences while receiving a contrasting education. In his spare time, Jeremiah enjoys hiking, exploring the vast Pacific Northwest, photography, and learning foreign languages. He is also a supporter of local and Asian-led businesses, believing that familiarity within the community is important in creating relations amongst locals. One of his goals in life is to revitalize Chinatown in Portland so that there is a central district for Asians to gather together. This is Jeremiah’s second year of being involved with AAYLC, and his first year as a student ambassador. He believes it is important to attend AAYLC as it hosts a great platform for the Asian youth to learn more about each other’s backgrounds and give students a voice, all while creating memories with the friendships made at AAYLC.

Kaily Malynowski – Benson Polytechnic HS

Kaily Malynowski is a junior at Benson Polytechnic High School and is currently enrolled in the Architecture Program. Kaily plans to attend the University of Hawaii at Manoa and pursue degrees in architecture and business. She loves to read, listen to music, and get involved with school activities. This will be her first year attending AAYLC and she’s very excited to meet new people from all over Portland! She believes it’s important to make new friendships and thinks AAYLC is perfect for that!
The Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland Lodge is proud to present the 27th Asian American Youth Leadership Conference.

Pictured from left to right: Sharry Quan, National President Davace Chin
Board Members:
Wen Schieffelin, Kittie Kong, Franklin Quan, Betty Jean Lee, Gloria Lee, Kent Lee, Wisdom Ming, and Stephen Ying

The C.A.C.A. Portland Board wishes to thank the AAYLC Planning Team members for their dedication, time, and energy in making another rich and impactful conference. They also want to thank the school staff for their support and wish the best for the students in attendance.

**Best wishes for a Great Conference!**

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