



# Asian American Youth Leadership Conference

presented by: Chinese American Citizens Alliance

**Mission:** To help Asian American youth rise above the obstacles before them and achieve their potential by promoting education, instilling self-confidence, and developing leadership skills.

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To: High School Educators  
From: Helen L. Ying, AAYLC Chair  
Re: 25th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, May 12, 2017 at Concordia University. The goal of the conference is to help our youth achieve their potential by promoting education, fostering leadership development, cultivating self-confidence, providing resources, and encouraging civic engagement. This year's theme is "RISE".

The Planning Committee consists of members from the Asian American communities as well as representatives from schools, community-based organizations, Concordia University, and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. We plan this conference as a community event and anticipate 400+ students representing many diverse backgrounds in attendance.

We look forward to having students from your school represented at the conference. Please mark your calendar with the deadlines as noted for the applications and forms associated with the conference. All application forms for our programs and competitions can be downloaded at AAYLC.org under the 2017 Conference Info tab. Please refer to the contact persons listed below should you have questions regarding any of the programs.

## Conference Registration

**Deadline: See details below**

Each school should identify a designee to select students for attendance based on criteria established by the Planning Committee. A packet of conference information, including the selection criteria, will be forwarded to the school designee by email attachment and/or mail package. Please note that each school must send a chaperone(s) to supervise their students throughout the conference day. Early conference registration is \$15 per participant from January to April 24. Late registration is \$20 per participant after April 24. For further information concerning registration, please contact Melissa Thongtan at 503-740-5929 or [registeraaylc@gmail.com](mailto:registeraaylc@gmail.com).

## Student Ambassador Program

**Deadline: Sunday, March 5**

The goal of the Student Ambassador Program is to allow students to hone their leadership skills by participating in the planning and promotion of the conference. One student ambassador will be selected from the applicants at each school and his/her registration fee will be waived in appreciation for their service. Furthermore, all student ambassadors are recognized at the conference for their contribution. Contact person: Hoa Nguyen at 225-603-3481 or [ambassadorsaaylc@gmail.com](mailto:ambassadorsaaylc@gmail.com).

## Logo Design Competition

**Deadline: Monday, April 10**

The goal of the Logo Design competition is to allow students to demonstrate their creativity and artistic abilities. Winning entries will be on display at the conference and published on the AAYLC.org website. The winner(s) will also receive prizes and recognition at the conference. Contact person: Erika Wong at 503-358-8258 or [logocontestaaaylc@gmail.com](mailto:logocontestaaaylc@gmail.com).

## Paul Duong Memorial Scholarship Awards

**Deadline: Monday, April 10**

There are three scholarship awards: \$1500, \$1000, and \$500. Please share this information with the college counselor at your school. Contact person: Ron Cheng at 304-376-1674 or [scholarshipaaylc@gmail.com](mailto:scholarshipaaylc@gmail.com).

Please also inform the students about the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Portland Lodge's scholarship program - top prize is \$4000. Visit [cacaportland.org](http://cacaportland.org) for more details.

Thousands of students have benefited from this conference in the past and I am confident that the upcoming conference will serve students equally well, if not better. Please be mindful of the various associated competitions/programs as stated above, as well as their respective deadlines. We appreciate your help in forwarding the materials to the appropriate school contact. Thank you for your continued support.

Helen L. Ying  
Chair, AAYLC