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**Save the Date: 2015 APIASF Higher Education Summit**  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015 | Washington, DC

### APIASF in Boston This Weekend

APIASF will be in Boston this weekend for a series of events:

- **Friday, March 20** APIASF will be hosting a community reception inviting Boston community and business leaders to meet APIASF leadership and to share how its mission to address college access and retention of underserved Asian & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) plays a major role in creating stronger communities. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact **Gayle Yamada**, Vice President of Development & External Relations.
- **Saturday, March 21** The next stop for the APIASF Jump Start College Tour is **Boston** this Saturday at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

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### 2015 APIASF Higher Education Summit



Mark your calendar - the 2015 APIASF Higher Education Summit will take place on June 23, 2015 in Washington, DC. The theme of this year's Summit is **"Ensuring AAPI Student Success: Prospering in America's Future Workforce."** Organized into a series of presentations, panels, and breakout sessions, the Summit will highlight the important role that institutions play in developing AAPI students into graduates who are poised to prosper in today's economy.

If you are interested in presenting at the Summit, please complete the [Call for Proposal form](#) by April 8, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact [Anamika Gupta](#).

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## APIASF Makes its Way to Orange County



*L-R: Michael Fung, APIASF Board of Directors; Jack Toan, Wells Fargo Foundation; Mayor Steven Choi of Irvine; Neil Horikoshi, APIASF; Ngan Hoang, 2013 APIASF/USA Funds Scholar; Dr. Lori Adrian, Coastline Community College; Warren Furutani, Retired California Assembly Member*

Last month, APIASF hosted a community reception on Friday, February 27 in Orange County, where community and business leaders heard from APIASF leadership and supporters about the organization's impact on ensuring the success of AAPI students.



On Saturday, February 28, more than 100 students and parents gathered to learn more about college planning, financial literacy, and professional and leadership development at the APIASF Jump Start College Tour in Westminster, California.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor, Wells Fargo, our partners at Coastline Community College and Nielsen, as well as our volunteers and panelists for helping make this a wonderful event!

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## Building Connections with re/present in April

Join the conversation on the blog this month, as we explore April's theme: #repConnections. We'll dialogue and reflect on how our connections to other people, places, and things have shaped our identities and personal growth.



If you would like to submit a blog post, you can do so via direct blog submission, email, and/or using this month's hashtag (#repConnections) on social media. We welcome text, photo, and video posts!

Check out last month's posts on #repDreams [here](#).

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### Scholar Profile



*"Born to non-English speaking parents who emigrated from a poor village in China, my upbringing was loving but restricted. My parents' lack of education limited them from helping me and teaching me. As a result, I became very independent. Because they lacked skills, they were forced to work minimum wage jobs at dirty restaurants, but even then we lived from paycheck to paycheck in a small, one-bedroom apartment. When my parents saved up enough to buy a house, we struggled to pay bills. In those times, I stepped up and searched for agencies that would assist us. From those experiences, I learned that I want to give back to my community; I want to pursue a career that will allow me to help others."*

**Lily Chen**

2014 - 2015 APIASF / Anne Chow Scholar  
Attending Oregon State University | Majoring in General Science

### Volunteer Profile

*"I am privileged to be part of the process to select the next cohort of APIASF Scholars. There were many stories shared which stood out as true testaments to the ability to persevere through terrible adversity. I read stories of refugees from worn-torn countries and those facing political oppression which had an impactful and enriching effect on me."*

**Ezra Lockhart, MCSE, AC**

APIASF Volunteer Reader | Anchorage, AK

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