



ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO
30th Lunar New Year Celebration & Asian American Conference
| Community Health Fair | Global Business Forum | Youth Job Fair |
February 23, 2013 * Hyatt Regency O'Hare * 9 A.M. to Midnight
Hosted by the Vietnamese Community & Nghia Sinh Intl Inc.

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FROM: Irene Cualoping, Chair, Media Committee, AACC 2013 Lunar New Year Celebration

CC: Speakers, VIPs, Performers, Cast and Crew; Volunteers, AACC 2013 Planning Committee; Venue and Sponsor Reps

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“CELEBRATING THREE DECADES OF UNIFIED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES”

JAMES R. THOMPSON GRAND ASIAN AMERICAN SANDRA OTAKA MEMORIAL AWARDEE

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CHICAGO, IL - - The **Asian American Coalition of Chicago** is pleased to announce the following comprehensive schedule of events commemorating its **30th Anniversary Lunar New Year Celebration, “Celebrating Three Decades of Unified Leadership and Services”** to be held **Saturday, February 23, 2013** at the **Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 West Bryn Mawr Avenue in Rosemont, Illinois**. Approximately 2,000 people overall are expected to enjoy the festivities. The Vietnamese American Community will, for its fourth time, host the Lunar New Year Celebration and an Asian American Conference.

AACC previously announced that this year, it will hold a full-day conference, with the goal of educating and engaging over 2,000 people who are expected to attend. The festivities kick off at 9 a.m. with a Community Health Fair, followed by an afternoon Job Fair, a Conversation with Four University Presidents, a Global Business Forum, AAPI Identity Workshops for high school students, Leadership Workshops for college students, an Interfaith Prayer Session, and will conclude with an evening black-tie optional gala.

Cocktail reception begins and exhibits open at 5 p.m.; opening ceremonies are at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, entertainment and awards ceremonies until approximately 10 p.m., ending with dancing until midnight.

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DAY PROGRAM - EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Exhibit setup times are 8:00 a.m. for the morning health fair, 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon global business forum, and 4:30 p.m for the Gala BLACK-TIE optional dinner celebration.

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (**Ballroom GH**)

- Posting Colors
CPS-ROTC Color Guards
- Morning Keynote Address on the Affordable Care Act
Kenneth Munson, Regional Director, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
- Community & Family Health Fair
Corporate Sponsor: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois

11:30 a.m.

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- Noon Keynote Address on Community Leadership
Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White
- Wellness Performance
Jesse White Tumbling Team

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- 2013 Asian American Conference on Education and Economy
- *** Current Trends & Issues on Asian Students: A Conversation with University Presidents (**DFW**):
Dr. Mark S. Wrighton, Chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis
Dr. John Anderson, President of Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)
Dr. Margaret Lee, President of Oakton Community College
Dr. Sharon Hahs, President of Northeastern Illinois University
Moderator: Dr. Victoria Chou, Dean of UIC School of Education
- *** Youth Job Fair & Leadership Skills Development Workshops (**Sky Harbor**)
Moderator: Dr. Richard Darga, Dean of CSU Instruction Services
- *** Asian American Community Leadership Summit (**LAX**)
Sponsored by the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- 2013 Asian American Conference on Education and Economy (Continued)
- *** Global Business Forum (**International Ballroom**)
Sponsored by USDC Minority Business Development Agency
- *** AAPI Identity Workshops for College Students (**DFW**)
Sponsored by Asian American Institute
- *** Leadership Development Workshops for High School Students (**LAX**)
Sponsored by Asian American Institute

4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

- ***"Workshop for Aspiring Attorneys"
- ***Co-sponsored by AACC, Chicago-Kent APALSA, & KABA (**Sky Harbor**)

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- Mass & Interfaith Prayers for Peace and Prosperity (**Ballroom F**)
Religious Leaders of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism,
Islam, Sikhism and Other Religions
Mass led by Bishop Alberto Rojas, Archdiocese of Chicago
Interfaith Prayers led by Rajinder Mago

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- Exhibits & Reception

EVENING PRE-PROGRAM

- By 3 p.m. (Friday, 2/22) A/V unload
4 p.m. (Friday, 2/22) Set-Up A/V in Ballroom GH
6 p.m. (Friday, 2/22) Set-Up A/V in Ballroom ABCDE

Saturday, 2/23

- 6 a.m. Set-Up A/V in International Ballroom, DFW, and LAX
9 a.m. Health Fair begins
1 p.m. Dry Runs for Community Performers (Indian, Korean, Vietnamese (3), Indonesian, Filipino, and Thai)
3 p.m. General Planning Committee Call
By 3 p.m. Final Sound and Tech Check/Run
4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Dry Runs of Chicago Children's Choir and Navy Band (Closed to the Public)
General Sound and Tech Check - Grand Ballroom (Closed to the Public)
4 p.m. Media Committee and Show Committee Volunteers Call
4:40 p.m. Media Committee in Place
5 p.m. (Cast/Crew Eat/Change Clothes)
5 p.m. Start Greeting Guests
5 p.m. Holding Area, Briefing/VIP's, Awardees
5 p.m. Run Advance Details with Governmental Speakers' Aides
5:35 p.m. Script Update, If Any
5:35 p.m. Microphone Level Checks
5:45 p.m. Emcee Call

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PRE-EVENT

5:00 p.m.	Cocktails/Exhibits Open	Grand Ballroom Foyer
5:45 p.m.	DOORS OPEN/Grand Ballroom – Please start moving in.	
5:45 p.m.	American Patriotic Songs U.S. Navy Band (Great Lakes)	
6:00 p.m.	Posting of Colors Chicago Public Schools - ROTC Color Guards Led by 1 st Sgt. Stanley Westbrook	
	The National Anthem U.S. Navy Band (Great Lakes) Led by Lt. Patrick Kevin Sweeten and Master Chief Musician Scott Williams Welcome Remarks <i>(Doug M. Nguyen, AACC Chair)</i>	
6:20p.m.	Performance of Lion Dance by Vietnamese Buddhist Temple of Chicago <i>(Doug M. Nguyen, Emcee)</i>	
6:30 p.m.	Performance by Chicago Children's Choir Alumni <i>(Doug M. Nguyen, Emcee)</i> Led by Josephine Lee, Artistic Director <i>"America the Beautiful, Amazing Grace, God Bless America, We Shall Overcome"</i>	
6:45 p.m.	Opening Remarks and AACC Background Information <i>(AACC Board President, Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu)</i> <i>(Doug M. Nguyen, Emcee)</i>	
6:50 p.m.	Introduction of Mai Martinez, Weekend Anchor/Reporter,CBS 2 Chicago <i>(Celebrity Emcee)</i>	
6:51p.m.	Greetings from Global Sponsor <i>(Mai Martinez, Emcee)</i> Cheryl Pearson-McNeil, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs and Government Relations, Nielsen	
6:52 p.m.	Acknowledgements of AACC Board of Directors (30th Anniversary Birthday Cake-Cutting)	
6:59 p.m.	Remarks by Julia Puente, Catering Manager, Hyatt Regency O'Hare	
7:00 p.m.	Chicago Children's Choir Alumni <i>(Mai Martinez, Emcee)</i> <i>"Happy Birthday Song"</i>	
7:02 p.m.	Remarks by (Mr.) Dilawar Syed, Commissioner, The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; CEO, Yonja Media Group (Silicon Valley, CA and Turkey)	
7:03 p.m.	Remarks by The Hon. Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Representative (D-IL 8th District)	

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- 7:04 p.m. Remarks by **The Hon. Judy Baar Topinka, Comptroller, State of Illinois**
- 7:05 p.m. Remarks by **The Hon. Dan Rutherford, Treasurer, State of Illinois**
- 7:06 p.m. **A Tribute to the Founders of Asian American Coalition of Chicago** (*Mai Martinez, Emcee*) (5-minute DVD on Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu)
- 7:13 p.m. Reserved
- 7:16 p.m. **Invocation**
Rev. Michael N. Allen, Senior Pastor, Uptown Baptist Church
- 7:17p.m. - 8:00p.m. **DINNER**
- 7:31 p.m. **Introduction of Lily Kim, Managing Partner and Host, AScene Chicago and Expo Taghap**, Executive Assistant to the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White (**Co-Emcees**) (*Toss by Mai Martinez, Emcee*)
- 7:32p.m. **Acknowledgment of Corporate Sponsors** (*Lily Kim and Expo Taghap, Co-Emcees*)
- 7:33p.m. **Performance by Indian American Community** (*Lily Kim and Expo Taghap, Co-Emcees*)
Description: Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago presents the Punjabi folk dance, "Bhangra," performed by "DePaul University Bhangra" troupe.
- 7:38 p.m. **Performance by Korean American Community** (*Lily Kim and Expo Taghap, Co-Emcees*)
Description: the Chicago Korean Dance Institute, under the direction of Aedeok Lee, will perform a traditional fan dance, known as "Bu-Chae Chum."
- 7:43p.m. **Performance by "Asian Warrior," Maine South Hawkettes Dance Team (Park Ridge, Illinois)**
(*Lily Kim and Expo Taghap, Co-Emcees*)
Description: the Hawkettes won the first ever Division 3A title at the Illinois High School Association's State meet.
- 7:48p.m. **The Hon. Roger C. Claar, Mayor, Village of Bolingbrook** (*Doug M. Nguyen, Emcee*)
- 7:49p.m. **The Hon. Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board** (*Doug M. Nguyen, Emcee*)
- 7:50p.m. **The Hon. Jesse White, Secretary of State, State of Illinois** (*Doug M. Nguyen, Emcee*)
- 7:51 p.m. **Performance by The Jesse White Tumbling Team**
- 8:10 p.m. **Special Presentation for the Illinois Secretary of State** (*Doug M. Nguyen, Emcee*)
- 8:20 p.m. **Acknowledgements of Additional Dignitaries** (*Lily Kim and Expo Taghap, Co-Emcees*)
- 8:30 p.m. **Keynote Address** (*Lily Kim and Expo Taghap, Co-Emcees*)
Aurora Abella-Austriaco, the 139th President of the Chicago Bar Association
Of Counsel, Clark Hill PLC
"Characteristics of Future Leaders"
- 8:45 p.m. **Performance by the Indonesian American Community Dancers**
- 8:50 p.m. **Performance by the Thai American Community Dancers**
- 8:55 p.m. **Presentation of the Grand Asian American Award to The Hon. James R. Thompson Chairman of Winston & Strawn**
By Dilawar Syed, Commissioner, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu, AACC Board President
(Note: Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu, President, AACC Assists This Whole Segment)

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8:57 p.m. Acceptance Remarks by **The Hon. James R. Thompson**

8:58 p.m. Presentation of the Pan Asian American Ping Tom Memorial Award to **Lourdes G. Mon**
Principal of St. Anastasia Catholic School (Waukegan, Illinois)
By **Dilawar Syed, Commissioner, White House Initiative on AAPIs, and AACC Board President Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu**

9:00 p.m. Acceptance Remarks by **Lourdes G. Mon**

9:02 p.m. **Presentation of Community Service Awards** (*Background Music: Patriotic Themes*)
(*Lily Kim, Co-Emcee*)

Presenters: The Hon. Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State
Assisted by Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu, AACC President

Recipients:

1. **(Mr.) Benny Wong**, Police Officer (1994 - Present), City of Chicago Police Department (18th District); President, Illinois Chinese American Law Enforcement Association; and Founder and Director, Viscounts Youth Group (1966 – 2007), **Chinese American Community Awardee;**
2. **(Mr.) Expedito "Expo" Pacaldo Taghap**, Executive Assistant to the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White; Membership Chair, Ateneans USA and Board Member, JustKidney, **Filipino American Community Awardee;**
3. **(Ms.) Mohina Ahluwalia**, Former Commissioner, Illinois Economic Recovery Commission; Past Chairperson (2010), Punjabi Cultural Society of Chicago; Founding Director and Secretary, Indo-American Center in Chicago, **Indian American Community Awardee;**
4. **(Ms.) Anna Herdiana Prabowo**, Staff Associate, UIC College of Nursing; Member, Board of Executives, Indonesian American Community of Illinois, **Indonesian American Community Awardee;**
5. **(Mr.) Stanley Yoshio Fukai**, Volunteer Bilingual Instructor, Driver Safety Programs, Office of the Secretary of State of Illinois and AARP; Volunteer, Japanese American Service Committee, **Japanese American Community Awardee;**
6. **(Dr.) Sunny Kim (Ph.D.)**, President, iProperties & Assets, Glenview, Illinois; Vice President, Korean American Association of Chicago; and Board Member, Korean American Women's Association of Chicago, **Korean American Community Awardee;**
7. **(Mr.) Mir Ali**, President and CEO, Midwest Brass & Marble; Member, Pakistan Independence Day Planning Committee, **Pakistani American Community Awardee;**
8. **(Ms.) Oranee Kalayanamit**, Former Registered Nurse, Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Member, Thai American Association and Former Board Member, Thai Nurses Association, Thai American Community Awardee; and
9. **(Mr.) Tuan Le Bui**, Associate Director of Global Clinical Science for Astellas Pharma, Inc.; Member, Vietnamese Truc Lam Buddhist Temple, **Vietnamese American Community Awardee.**

9:20 p.m. **Presentation of Youth Who Excels Awards** (*Lily Kim, Co-Emcee*)

9:40 p.m. By **The Hon. Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State**
Assisted by Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu, AACC President

Recipients:

1. **(Ms.) Carmen Jia-Min Yang**, 16, Junior, Thomas Kelly High School, Chicago, Illinois, **Chinese American Community Awardee;**

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2. **(Ms.) Danielle Elise Austriaco**, 16, Junior, Maine South High School, Park Ridge, Illinois, **Filipino American Community Awardee**;
 3. **(Ms.) Isha Jog**, 18, Senior, Hoffman Estates High School, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, **Indian American Community Awardee**;
 4. **(Mr.) Timothy Satrio Folkers**, 16, Junior, Plainfield East High School, Plainfield, Illinois, **Indonesian American Community Awardee**;
 5. **(Ms.) Stephanie Yi**, 18, Senior, Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills, Illinois, **Korean American Community Awardee**;
 6. **(Ms.) Anusha Ali**, 20, Junior, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, **Pakistani American Community Awardee**;
 7. **(Mr.) Ted Bhumnugky**, 18, Senior, Neuqua Valley High School, Naperville, Illinois, **Thai American Community Awardee**; and
 8. **(Ms.) Stephanie Lee**, 22, Graduate Student-at-Large Dental, University of Illinois at Chicago, **Vietnamese American Community Awardee**.
- 9:40 p.m. **St. Henry's Church (Chicago) and Queenship of Mary's Church (Aurora, Illinois) Choral Performances**
- 9:50 p.m. Farewell and Closing Remarks *(Lily Kim and Expo Taghap, Co-Emcees)*
Dr. Nguyen Trung-Hieu and Doug Nguyen
- 9:55 p.m. **Transfer of Gavel to 2014 Host Community -**
 Japanese American Community
 By **Doug M. Nguyen**, 2013 Chair
 Accepted by **Megan Nakano**, 2014 Chair
- 9:56 p.m. **Remarks by Megan Nakano, 2014 Chair**
- 10:00 p.m. **Adjournment**

10:00 p.m. - **Vietnamese Dance** Adjacent Grand Ballroom GH
 12:45 a.m.

Singers: Ngoc Thuy, Le Nguyen, Le Nhut Minh, and the Chicago Band

SELECTED LIST OF ELECTED/APPOINTED TOP OFFICIALS EXPECTED TO ATTEND

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Mr. Daliwar Syed, Commissioner, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; President & CEO at Yonja Media Group

The Hon. Tammy Duckworth, U.S. Representative (D-IL 8th District)

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The Hon. Roger C. Claar, Mayor, Village of Bolingbrook

The Hon. James R. Thompson, Former Governor, State of Illinois; Chairman,
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Mr. Peter Ohr, Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board

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Ms. Marcia Mosley, Acting Regional Commissioner of the Social Security
Administration
The Hon. Ameya Pawar, City of Chicago, Alderman (D-47th)
Members of the Judiciary
Members of the Diplomatic Corps

AACC... WHO WE ARE

An event held on this grand of a scale only once a year, Lunar New Year is traditionally the single largest organized annual event in Chicago's Asian American community. According to the 2010 Census, the Asian Pacific American population in Illinois numbers approximately 586,934, or 4.6% of the statewide population

Every year a different Asian community takes turn playing host of Lunar New Year. This year it is the Vietnamese American Community, which has thrice before (1989, 1997 and 2005) held the gavel for the Asian Pacific American community's most important event of the year. Nghia Sinh International holds the leadership honors

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the Asian Pacific American population in Illinois numbers approximately 586,934, or 4.6% of the statewide population. Approximately 92,304 Asian Pacific Americans reside in DuPage County, comprising 10.1% of DuPage County's population, with the bulk of the other 322,672 residents of Cook County, comprising 6.2% of Cook County's population. The 2010 Census shows that Asian Pacific Americans reside in Chicago in communities including West Rogers Park, Albany Park, Uptown, Armour Square and Bridgeport; in suburban Cook County in communities including Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Skokie,

Niles and Morton Grove; and in suburban DuPage County in communities like Oak Brook and Naperville.

In 10 years, the Asian population in Illinois jumped 38.6 percent. In the Northwest suburbs, Asians now make up 12.7 percent of the population. They make up 10.1 percent of the population in DuPage County, and 6.3 percent of the population in Lake County. These are the 10 Illinois suburbs with the biggest percentage Asian population: South Barrington: 26.6%; Oak Brook: 23.2%; Hoffman Estates: 22.7%; Glendale Heights: 22.1%; Schaumburg: 19.8%; Vernon Hills: 19.3%; Buffalo Grove: 16.0%; Hanover Park: 15.2%; Streamwood: 15.0% and Naperville: 14.9%. (Source: U.S. 2010 Census).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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