



## Stanford Asian Pacific American Alumni Club

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### 2007

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## Hope Nakamura: 2007 Alumni Award Recipient

On May 17, 2007, the Asian American Activities Center Advisory Board honors Hope Nakamura, '82, with the 2007 Asian American Alumni Award. This distinction goes to a prominent alum who stands out above her peers for her contributions to the Stanford community, as well as to the Asian American community at large, through service and leadership.

Hope Nakamura is currently the Directing Attorney for the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County. She also works as a Legal Aid attorney at the Stanford Community Law Clinic in East Palo Alto. In addition, Hope serves on the Board of Directors for the Asian Law Alliance, and is a member of the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee. Previously, she worked as an attorney for the ACLU in Washington, D.C. Hope

also served on the San Jose Mayor's Committee for Minority Affairs and was a founding member of the National Coalition of Redress and Reparations for Japanese-American World War II internees.

As a Stanford student, Hope was a founding member of the Asian Pacific Student Union, and a leader in AASA, AANSOC, and various other Asian student groups. She served as the OSA Asian American intern. She even tried her hand in acting, appearing as the original female lead in David Henry Hwang's play "FOB".

Since graduating from Stanford, Hope has served as a SAPAAC Board member.

Congratulations to Hope Nakamura! Thank you for your dedicated service.

## New SAPAAC Board for 2007 – New Committees

Following the election of SAPAAC Board members for the 2007 calendar year, the new Board of Directors convened on March 24, 2007. There was much discussion on a variety of topics, including faculty diversity issues, the A3C's recent mental health study, and the need to update the information on our website, among other issues. At the end of the day, Board members had organized themselves into four committees, as follows:

### **Advocacy & Issues:**

Jennifer Fan, Mae Lee, Anu Menon

### **Communications:**

Jennifer Fan, Kathryn Chow Han, Todd Han, Jay Mandal, Ron Nakao

### **Membership:**

Kathryn Chow Han, Ron Nakao, Maria Chow Zajac

### **Events & Programs:**

Fidelia Butt, Mae Lee, David Lieu

## New Space for A3C

The Asian American Activities Center (A3C) is getting ready to move into its newly renovated space in Old Union Clubhouse. Although the square footage is supposedly the same as it was previously, there is some concern that there is less usable space than before.

Furnishings for the new A3C ballroom were funded by a generous gift of over \$130,000, made by individuals who were members of the Chinese Alumni Club (now a part of SAPAAC).

Later this year, during Reunion Homecoming Weekend, the A3C will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor those alums for their donation. So, look for your invitation back to campus.

Thank you to the Chinese Alumni Club members! By giving directly to the A3C, you are directly helping Asian Americans on campus.

### Call to Action: Directing Your Donations to the A3C

SAPAAC encourages Asian American alums to direct their giving to the Asian American Activities Center (A3C).

Why? If you simply give to the general fund, the University has the absolute discretion to determine how to spend your dollars. But if you give to the A3C, or specify that your gift is intended for the A3C, then your generous donation will be used in a way that directly and meaningfully benefits Asian American students and alums, such as funding programs for Stanford APA's and other student services around campus.

So please help the A3C, and direct your donations to the [Asian American Activities Center](#).

For more info about donating directly to the A3C, contact the Advocacy & Issues Committee or email SAPAAC at [sapaac@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:sapaac@stanfordalumni.org). The Asian American Activities Center is online at <http://a3c.stanford.edu>.

## Student Mental Health Survey

Recently, the A3C Advisory Board conducted an Asian American student mental health survey. The goal of the study was to assess the health and well being of Asian American students and to explore the creation of new programs and services to address unmet needs.

Members of the A3C Advisory Board will discuss the results with the University administration, and share their findings with the larger community at a later time.

For more information about any of these stories, visit us online at: [www.SAPAAC.org](http://www.SAPAAC.org)

## Calendar of Events

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| May 17     | A3C Awards Banquet<br>Honoring Hope Nakamura '83<br>at the Arrillaga Alumni Center  |
| June 16    | Senior Graduation Celebration<br>at the Oak Lounge in<br>Tresidder Memorial Union<br>Award applications now available<br>to eligible graduating seniors.                        |
| September  | APA Alumni Dinner<br>(details TBA)  |
| Oct. 11-14 | Reunion Homecoming Events:<br>Town Hall Meeting<br>Family Picnic<br>Cultural Performance<br>A3C Ballroom Dedication<br>Hall of Fame Ceremony<br>A3C Open House<br>(details TBA) |

More events and details to follow in the Summer edition of the SAPAAC Newsletter!

## ***About SAPAAC...***

### **Mission**

To promote and support the educational, professional, and social interest of Stanford Asian Pacific American (APA) alumni and the Stanford Community.

### **Goals**

- To provide avenues for interaction for APA alumni,
- To keep members informed of APA affairs related to Stanford,
- To serve as role models for Stanford APA students,
- To inform the Stanford Administration of APA concerns and issues,
- To encourage hiring, promotion, and retention of APA faculty, and
- To serve the community.

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### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- ❖ Help Plan an Event, or Host one.  
See our Calendar for upcoming events.
- ❖ Join a Committee.  
All SAPAAC Committees could use a helping hand, from advocating for issues important to APA students and alums, to encouraging other alums to join SAPAAC.
- ❖ Become an AIM Mentor.  
Reach out to undergrad APA's, give them support and advice, and be a role model.
- ❖ Become a Panel Speaker.  
Got a knack for public speaking? Or just want to discuss interesting APA issues?

Contact any Board member for more ways you can help, or email [sapaac@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:sapaac@stanfordalumni.org).

### **Submissions for Future Newsletters**

Got an interesting story for the SAPAAC Newsletter? Want to send us some photos of recent SAPAAC events? Planning an event of interest to Stanford APA students or alums? Let us know about it.

Submissions may be sent as plain text or email attachments to Kathryn Chow Han '98 at [katychow@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:katychow@stanfordalumni.org).

### **Membership Drive**

Do you know fellow Stanford APA alums who haven't joined SAPAAC yet? Encourage them to join today!

Send them to [www.SAPAAC.org/join.html](http://www.SAPAAC.org/join.html).