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## Current and upcoming events:

- The new leadership team was installed at a ceremony at the National Press Club on September 5
- NCEPS met at the National Image Conference September 22-26
- A Holiday Event is planned for December
- Planning for the National Training Program for 2015 at the Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville is underway

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## FAPAC News

WASHINGTON—October is here and FAPAC new Leadership Team is ready. The new National Board of Directors will be expanded to include representatives from Regions 1 and 5 for the first time in history and decision making will reach to the regions.

Mark your calendar for more exciting events coming. The Challenge Team Project has started with a new class.



The Mentoring Program continues and improved with feedback from the last class. A Holiday Event is being planned for December. Job listing section continues to provide leads on new employment opportunities for members in GS and SES.

FAPAC is growing and ready to face new challenges with a new generation of leaders. The sign of the horse on left is to signify the hope on the accomplishments of the new leadership team.

With over 130 Lifetime Members, FAPAC represents a diverse population throughout the federal and District of Columbia governments. To serve the expanding membership we are calling on all members to volunteer on new projects and be on the look out for agencies that we can collaborate. Finding new resources will be key as FAPAC changes to meet the needs of its members and stakeholders.

## Installation and Award Ceremony held at the National Press Club

Jenny Yang, the new Chair at EEOC, presented the Keynote at the Installation and Award Ceremony on September 5. Chair Yang became the first Asian American to serve as the Chair at EEOC and she brings forth a diverse background in the private sector as well as public in discrimination and fighting for the rights of the under-represented. She sworn in the new leadership team led by Grace Spence. Other guest speakers include Brian Ronholm, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food and Safety, Francey Youngberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Engagement at HUD and Al Almanza, Administrator for Food Safety and Inspection at USDA. They brought greetings from Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro who affirmed their commitment to support FAPAC in its continued mission to advance diversity and careers of AAPI in their departments. Dr. Kin Wong, the outgoing President, remarked on the accomplishments of the last few years, and thanked his team who was instrumental in moving the agenda during his two terms. He also recognized several former presidents present who had counseled him. He then presented awards to his team and other FAPAC volunteers.

Grace Spence, the incoming President spoke of her vision and asked for support of members and agencies.





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**FAPAC is the only organization representing all AAPI in the federal government no matter what your grade is or whether you are in uniform or a civilian.**

## NCEPS Meets at National Image



**Del. Susan Lee and Mark Keam New Honor Members**

Periodically FAPAC nominates as Honor Members of individuals who have demonstrated strong leadership in public service and serve as strong advocates for FAPAC and its mission. In the past Conrad Lee, Deputy Mayor of Bellevue, WA was inducted for his service on the City Council and contributions to League of Cities on promoting the interest of Asian Americans. Rep. Cindy Ryu in the Washington State House of Representatives is another Honor Member .

This year FAPAC inducted two more Honor Members. One was Del. Mark Keam who has represented the 35th District of the Virginia House of Delegates since 2009. He was active in the Korean American community and a member of FAPAC before he went into politics. He was a former president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Greater Washington. The other is Del. Susan Lee who has represented District 16 in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2002 and has served as Deputy Whip since 2003. She was an Attorney with the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights. She is a co-founder of the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies. Both Del. Keam and Del. Lee have been dedicated legislators for our community and strong advocates for FAPAC and its mission.

## FAPAC Honor Members



## Planning for 2015 NTP Begins

The 30th NTP will be held on May 4-7, 2015 at the Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel to celebrate our 30 years of promoting career advancement and equal opportunity in the federal government. To comply with the new requirement for review by OPM, the conference team is working to get a package ready by the deadline of November 15. In addition to workshops on Leadership, Communications and Diversity by experienced trainers, there will also be events commemorating the 30 years of our history.

FAPAC will also be recognizing outstanding employees and managers through its Military and Civilian Awards. A scholarship will be awarded in honor of former Secretary Elaine Chao by the FAPAC Scholarship Fund. Visit [www.fapac.org](http://www.fapac.org). periodically for information updates.

