



**Events:**

- Installation of 2018 National Board of Directors and Auditor, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., October 5, 2018
- FAPAC Career Development Program (CDP) and Leadership Shadowing Program (LSP) Graduation, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, South Building, the Stadium, Washington, D.C., November 9, 2018
- Civilian and Uniformed Services Award Nominations Due, February 15, 2019
- FAPAC 2019 National Leadership Training Program, Huntsville, Alabama, May 13 to 16

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**President's Message**

Congratulations and welcome to our newly elected National Board of Directors and Auditor: President Olivia Adrian (DOJ); Vice President Kevin Le (FAA); Vice President of Operations, Fahmida Chhipa (USDA); Vice President of Finance and Management, Jane Yang (PBGC); Vice President of Technology and Media Communications, Peter Nguyen (FAA); Executive Secretary Rene Lau (DoD); Treasurer Lily Ho (DoD); and Auditor Chuan-Ming Li (NIH).



FAPAC completed its biennial election on August 30. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the members who voted to have me lead the organization for a second term. I am ready to do my best, and I look forward to your continued support. I wish to also thank the Nomination and Election Committee Chair and Members who ran a smooth and efficient election and worked as a team to swiftly resolve any differences.

The tenure for the new team is from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020. Formal installation of the new officers will take place on October 5, 2018 at the National Press Club with a luncheon and swear-in. FAPAC will also be recognizing outstanding volunteers and partners. The ceremony will serve as networking opportunity for members and guests at a prestigious setting.

The National Leadership Training Program (NLTP) Committee has been working with the National Board of Directors (NBOD) to plan another visit to the NASA facilities and surrounding communities in Huntsville, Alabama. The NLTP Team will ensure that the AAPI community will receive outstanding training and networking opportunities in Alabama during the 2019 NLTP.

Our annual picnic event on Aug 25 at the Potomac Overlook Regional Park was a great success. This wonderful event is a great way to network and gain new members.

Congratulations to the FAPAC-OPM Chapter that was chartered on August 30, 2018. We are also in the process of reviewing the Las Vegas and NASA Chapters, and I hope that they will be chartered by the next issue of the FAPAC Newsletter.

**FAPAC Potluck Picnic**

The FAPAC 2018 Potluck Picnic was held at the Potomac Overlook Regional Park in Arlington, Virginia on August 25, 2018. A crowd of over 200 FAPAC members and their families enjoyed the day's activities, delicious food and the opportunity to mingle and network with their FAPAC friends.



*Future leaders of FAPAC with their parents and other family members.*



*FAPAC President Olivia Adrian views a sumptuous roasted pig at the picnic.*



*Over 200 attendees at the FAPAC 2018 Potluck Picnic had an enjoyable, relaxing opportunity to mingle with friends and family.*



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**Save the Date**

FAPAC's 34th National Leadership Training Program will be held in Huntsville, AL in May 2019. [www.fapac.org/nltp](http://www.fapac.org/nltp)

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**FAPAC-OPM Chapter Inauguration**

Submitted by Katherine Toth, FAPAC Chapter Committee Chair and FAPAC-OPM Chapter President

On Thursday August 30, 2018, the Chartering Ceremony for FAPAC's OPM Chapter was held at OPM's NBIB Ft. Meade location. Lunch and refreshments including a fabulous cake with FAPAC logo was enjoyed by all!

We were honored to have Mr. Jeff Flora (Deputy Assistant Director – Quality NBIB), Mr. Patrick Green (Program Manager-NBIB Investigations Quality Review), FAPAC National President Olivia Adrian and her husband, and Mark Lewack (Emergency Management Specialist OPM/TRB).

Also in attendance were the following FAPAC OPM Chapter members:

- Katherine Toth — Chapter President
- Tuan Le — Chapter Vice-President
- Delon Pinto – Chapter Treasurer
- Connie Williamson Dethridge - Chapter Secretary
- May Cheng — Chapter Auditor
- Dennis Lee — Chapter member



*Delicious cake enjoyed by participants at FAPAC-OPM Chapter Inauguration on August 30th.*



*(Left to right) Back row: Mark Lewack, Delon Pinto; Deputy Assistant Director Jeff Flora; Tuan Le; Mr. Patrick Green; and Dennis Lee.*

*(Left to right) Front row: Connie Williamson Dethridge; FAPAC President Olivia Adrian; Katherine Toth; and May Cheng.*

**CAPAL Summer Closing Ceremony**

The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) held its Summer Closing Ceremony on August 2, 2018 to mark the end of CAPAL's summer programming and highlight the accomplishments of its 2018 Scholars and Interns.

The stories that were presented by this year's scholar and intern cohort, current board members and alumni served to remind us of how organizations like FAPAC and CAPAL can meet their goals and realize their visions to achieve equitable AANHPI representation throughout all levels of public service.

This year's cohort explored public service during the summer through the Washington Leadership Program (WLP), Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Roundtable Series, agency informational sessions and tours, and other professional and social opportunities.



*Left to right: Liz Jung; Keynote Speaker Daphne Kwok; FAPAC President Olivia Adrian; Marina Milton and Nick Tran.*



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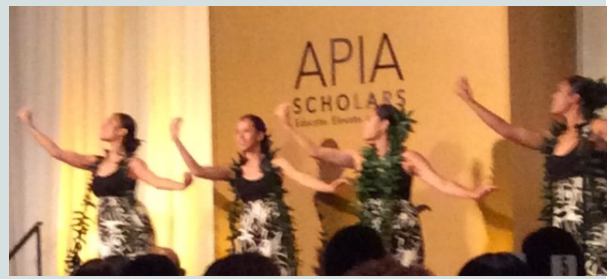
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**2018 APIA Scholars Gala**

FAPAC participated in the 2018 Asian & Pacific Islander American (APIA) Scholars Gala: *Celebrating 15 Years of Strengthening Communities* on September 28, 2018 in Washington, DC.

Since 2006, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund has hosted this annual Scholarship Benefit to celebrate & highlight the achievements of outstanding Scholars. This event also serves as an opportunity to honor individuals and organizations making a difference in the APIA community through their support of education.

The proceeds from the Gala help improve the lives of APIA students by providing them with resources that increase access to higher education and serve as the



*Dance Performance at 2018 APIA Scholars Gala*

foundation for their future success and contributions to a stronger America.

The 2018-2019 APIA Scholarship class represented students from 46 US States and American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and Armed Forces locations across the world.

The Scholars also represented many of the diverse groups within the APIA community including: Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chamorro, Chinese, Chuukese, Fijian, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indo-Guyanese, Indonesian, Japanese, Karen, Karenni, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Marshallese, Mongolian, Montagnard, Native Hawaiian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Palauan, Pohnpeian, Saipanese, Samoan, Taiwanese, Thai, Tongan, Vietnamese, and Yapese.

Additionally, 83 percent of recipients were first-generation American students.



*(Left to right) Back row: Kevin Le; Alan Adrian; FAPAC President Olivia Adrian; and Parveen Setia.*

*(Left to right) Front row: Trinh Le; Annabelle Flores; Peter Nguyen; and Teresa Nguyen.*

**2018 FAPAC Federal Employment Career Fair**

Submitted by Katherine Toth, FAPAC Chapter Committee Chair and FAPAC-OPM Chapter President

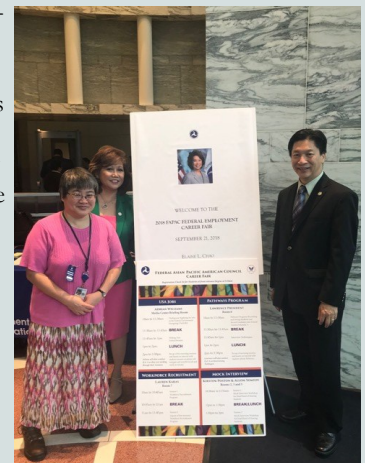
On Friday September 21, 2018, the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) conducted a Federal Career Fair for students. Our host was the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) in Washington, D.C.



*Exhibit booths and participants at the FAPAC Federal Employment Career Fair at US DOT Headquarters.*

The fair was enthusiastically attended by students from colleges and universities in the DC/MD and VA area. Over thirty federal agencies were invited to the fair to connect with students.

The United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM) sent presenters to conduct workshops for the students on Navigating USA-JOBS, Federal Resume Writing, Schedule A, Pathways Program, and Interviewing Techniques. We also had a presenter from the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) give a workshop on the Workforce Recruitment Program.



*Left to right: Katherine Toth; FAPAC President Olivia Adrian and Peter Nguyen at the Career Fair held at US DOT Headquarters on September 21<sup>st</sup>.*