



# Federal Asian Pacific American Council

# FAPAC

Promoting Equal Opportunity and Cultural Diversity of Asian American Pacific Islanders in Government

### Upcoming Events:

- Aug 03 — Constitution & Bylaws Amendment Meeting, Fairfax, VA
- Aug 10 — Annual Summer Picnic, Nottoway Park, Vienna, VA
- Aug 15 — Solicitation for FY2020 Standing Committee Chair
- Aug 24 — FAPAC Open House
- Sep 15-18 — National Civic Leadership Forum, Washington, D.C.
- Sep 21 — Inaugural Open House, Fairfax, VA
- Sep 27 — Student Career Fair, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD
- Oct 01 — FY2020 New Standing Committee Chairs Appointed
- Oct 10 — Student Career Fair, Cal Poly Pomona, CA
- Oct 15 — Solicitation 2019-2020 Leadership Shadowing Program

Find event details on our website: [www.fapac.org](http://www.fapac.org)

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## From our FAPAC President

Dear FAPAC Family and Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer, perhaps reading a good book, staying active, or visiting a new place with your loved ones! The month of June has come and gone and July is nearly over. Here's some exciting news that have occurred over the past couple of months:



⇒ Page 2—After 34 years, FAPAC has been approved as a recognized charity for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #73301). Read more on page two.

⇒ Page 2—FAPAC has formally moved into its first office space and we now have a physical location to conduct official FAPAC business.

⇒ On July 30th, a new chapter, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Chapter, was processed through National Board of Directors (NBOD) for chartering.

- ◇ This totals 17 active FAPAC chapters!
- ◇ The Chapter Committee Chair is currently working with at least seven additional forming chapters.



September 30th marks the end of the fiscal year and FAPAC mirrors this term ending with the re-appointment of our Standing Committee Chairs. In next few months, I will be working with the NBOD towards a seamless transition into the new year, building upon previous successes for continued improvement.

We should always seek to do better; to challenge ourselves at the highest standards and achieve our ambitious goals. Solicitation for volunteers for committee chairperson will be released on the second week of August and due mid-September. If you're seeking to gain leadership skills and give back to the community, I strongly encourage you to join the FAPAC leadership team!



## CFC Approved

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) recently notified FAPAC that we have been approved as an official charity in the 2019 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).



The CFC is one of the largest workplace giving campaigns in the world. Since 1961, federal workers have donated over \$8 billion dollars to charities around the world. This fall, the 2019 CFC will begin September 9, 2019 through January 12, 2020. During this time, FAPAC supporters can visit [cfcgiving.opm.gov](http://cfcgiving.opm.gov) to make a pledge to the "Federal Asian Pacific American Council" or CFC number 73301.

It is an honor and a privilege for FAPAC to participate this year! Special thanks to our Vice President of Financial Management, Jane Yang, as well as the National Board of Directors for accomplishing this milestone!

## Office Space



In June, FAPAC officially signed a lease for an office space at the California University of Management and Science's (CalUMS) Fairfax Campus at 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway in Fairfax, Virginia, 22033.



This new partnership with the university is a strategic step to offer a resource center for FAPAC chapters, members, officers, and the community while promoting federal employment and public service.

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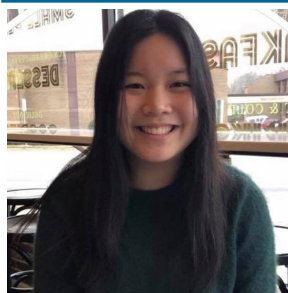
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## New Summer Intern



FAPAC is thrilled to welcome Amy Dai on board as our summer intern. Amy is a rising senior at Oakton High School in Vienna, Virginia.

Earlier this year, Amy reached out to FAPAC to learn about the transformative roles Asian Americans and Asian immigrants play in the American workforce. She is passionate about social justice issues and loves to learn about the

Asian narrative that is often erased and diluted in American society. Amy is interested in international affairs and journalism and will conduct job shadows to gain insight from professionals in these career fields. Amy has been working on a variety of assignments including AAPI federal workforce analysis, FAPAC communications, increasing partner engagement, and other capacity-building work. She is forward to increasing her professional skills through her experience with FAPAC this summer. Welcome, Amy!



## U.S. Coast Guard Exclusive!



*Pictured left to right: LT Angel Kwok, RADM Joseph Vojvodich, LT Angela Alonso, 1st Class Cadet Zoe Riis-Fallica, LT John Santorum, 1st Class Cadet Yuchen Li.*

FAPAC U.S. Coast Guard Chapter (USCG) had the unique opportunity to conduct an interview with Rear Admiral Joseph M. Vojvodich, Deputy Commandant for Missions Support. Born in South Korea, he is one of the first Asian American Admirals in the U.S. Coast Guard.

The interview was conducted by aspiring leaders, First Class Cadets Zoe Riis-Fallica and Yuchen Li, both of

whom were at Coast Guard Headquarters to complete their summer internships. The interview with Admiral Vojvodich can be found on FAPAC—USCG’s Facebook page at “FAPAC USCG”. Individual interviews were also conducted with First Class Cadet Riis-Fallica and Yi, which can also be found on Facebook. Follow FAPAC-USCG on Instagram @fapacuscg for more insights!

### Become a FAPAC Member

FAPAC offers invaluable professional development and networking opportunities. Learn more at [www.fapac.org/membership](http://www.fapac.org/membership).

Contact Membership Chair Selina Lee at [membership@fapac.org](mailto:membership@fapac.org).

### Join a FAPAC Chapter

Connect with fellow FAPAC Members through a Chapter near you. View all active chapters at [www.fapac.org/chapter](http://www.fapac.org/chapter)

FAPAC is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan, nonprofit organization representing the civilian and military Asian Americans and Pacific Islander (AAPI) employees in the Federal and District of Columbia governments.

## Mid-Atlantic University Inaugural Gala

On June 7th, FAPAC officers and several members attended the Mid-Atlantic University Vietnamese Student Association (MAUVSA) Inaugural Gala. MAUVSA is a non-profit alliance of collegiate-based organizations from the northeast U.S. comprised of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington D.C. Students from 11 different universities were recognized for cultural programs and community outreach. FAPAC and co-sponsor, Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) interacted with aspiring young leaders, sharing mission goals and discussing internship opportunities. FAPAC looks forward to building this partnership with MAUVSA.



*Pictured left to right: Kevin Le, Fahmida Chhipa, Paul Truong, Eva Ngai, Tuan Le, Katherine Toth, Peter Nguyen, Teresa Nguyen, Trina Le*

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