Re: 2006 Leadership Conference for Asian Pacifics

If you would like to financially support the follow-up events in our leadership conference series, please get in touch with our student leaders at aasc.online@gmail.com. We will begin organizing our 4th LCAP (tentatively to be scheduled for Spring of 2008) soon! Any financial support is greatly appreciated, and if you would like to get involved in the planning, we need your help!

Thank you for your participation and support of the 2006 Leadership Conference for Asian Pacifics (LCAP). This year’s theme was “REVOLUTION: Experience. Innovate. Alter.” which is in recognition of the need to empower students to become active leaders in their own lives. With the help of multiple grants, local sponsors and community leaders, the Asian American Student Coalition was able to promote awareness of contemporary issues within the growing Asian Pacific American (APA) student community, at both the high school and college levels.

The conference, which was held on Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5, 2006 was a great success. Over 115 attendees participated in the workshops and discussions during the day, and there were 160 present at the banquet dinner. There were a total of 16 workshops presented over the two days, with UA staff/faculty involved in 6 different presentations and 6 others were student-run. The topics included Asian America in Higher Education, Multiracial Issues in a Monoracial World, APA Masculinities, Multiculturalism in Greek Life, Student Activism, Self-Confidence, and Communicating Across Racial and Ethnic Lines. In addition to the involvement from UA students, faculty and staff, there were students from Arizona State University, Mesa Community College, and local Tucson high schools.

As a part of the event, there was a banquet dinner on Saturday evening at Rose Garden Chinese Restaurant (1800 E Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson AZ 85719). This portion was included to provide an opportunity for community professionals, student, parents, friends, and supporters to network and celebrate the conference. The banquet was also the setting for the featured keynote speaker of the event. AASC invited Helen Zia, an award-winning journalist, former editor of Ms. Magazine, outspoken APA activist and advocate for civil rights, as well as a published author (Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People), to speak as our Saturday night closing keynote. For this nine-course dinner celebration, there were 160 attendees.
The host organization for this event is the Asian American Student Coalition (AASC), which is a student-run organization/club at The University of Arizona. AASC worked in association with other groups, such as the Pan Asian Studies Department of the Tucson Unified School District, Pan Asian Community Alliance, and Asian Pacific American Student Affairs (APASA).

The Asian American Student Coalition hopes that you value your involvement in this event, and will consider attending/supporting the follow-up event in 2008. This student leadership conference was the third to be put on by AASC, with the inaugural conference held in 2002.

Thank you!
Asian American Student Coalition

P.S. Congratulations to all our raffle winners for both Saturday and Sunday! Gift certificates to Best Buy and an I-Pod Shuffle were the big prizes.