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Greetings, API KC Family!

Whether you are soaking up the sun or cozying up to your favorite hot beverage (or doing both, perhaps?), we hope this newsletter finds you well.

Although it seemed like the NASPA National Conference in Seattle happened eons ago, we wanted to say that it was so wonderful to meet so many of you who were able to attend! Thank you to those of you who planned and attended the many social events and business meeting. A special thank you goes to our dynamic APPEX Pre-Conference planning committee: Raja Bhattar, JoeAnn Nguyen, Marian Lien, Dr. Jean Kim, and Tasha Yules. We both left the conference so jazzed and inspired by all of you. For those of you who were not able to attend, we missed you and hope to connect with you via email, phone, Facebook, at the 2010 NASPA National Conference in Chicago...the sky is the limit at this point.

In this newsletter, you will find a recap of the 2009 NASPA National Conference in Seattle, along with updates from various committees and leadership team members. Special thanks to our new newsletter coordinators, Gretchenrae Callanta and Jerald Adamos for putting this issue together as part of the Public Relations Committee. We are excited to welcome them, and all of the new members of our leadership team, on board!

One of the biggest themes of this time of year, especially in our rich APIDA culture is gratitude. In that spirit, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for making the API KC the vibrant, supportive, and productive community it is.

Take care & be safe!
Karu and Karlen

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**Call for Submissions!**

Submit articles, announcements, and photos to be put in the API KC newsletter! Send to apikc10@gmail.com. Maybe you'll be featured in the next edition!

Cover photo: API KC members at the 2009 NASPA National Conference in Seattle, Washington
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I currently serve as the Assistant Director for University Housing at NC State University. Previously, I worked at Boston College and Florida State University. In addition to my commitment to the APIK knowledge community, I also serve on the NUFP Advisory Board. Nessa and I are very excited to co-chair the PR committee for the second year together.

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Ted Vanadilok is the Director of Asian/Asian American Student Affairs at Northwestern University. He holds master's degrees in Sports Management from the Ohio State University and one in Higher Education Administration from Northwestern. He worked at Duke University's Multicultural Center and was a previous Executive Director for the Midwest Asian American Students Union. Outside of work, Ted enjoys playing ice hockey, reading cookbooks, and mixing music as well as spending time with his wife and two cats.

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Yvonne Lin Giovanis is the Associate Director for the Alcohol & Drug Education Center at Texas Christian University. Yvonne has been at TCU since July 2005. In addition to serving NASPA through the APIKC, Yvonne is currently working with a group of colleagues to propose a KC for those of multi-racial heritage, and is serving on the Volunteer and Special Projects Committee for the NASPA 2010 National Conference in Chicago.

Yvonne received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Southern Methodist University. She earned her Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance, with an emphasis in Student Affairs & Higher Education, from Texas State University, San Marcos.
Call for Research Participants -
Experiences of multiracial/multiethnic higher ed professionals

Dear APIKC,

Some of us are doing some research on the experiences of multiracial and/or multiethnic higher ed professionals where one of the personal identities is Asian Pacific Islander. Please feel free to take this survey if this pertains to you and/or forward on to colleagues within Student Affairs who may be willing to share their experiences.

We'll be presenting our findings at this year's NASPA Conference! We are the beginning stages of exploring the experiences of higher education administrators and graduate students who identify as multiracial and/or multiethnic, where at least one of the identities is Asian and/or Pacific Islander. As this a very specific group within higher education administrators (also known as student affairs practitioners/personnel), we hope to get as many responses as possible to further extend the research while informing institutions for preparedness.

Given a void in the knowledge base around multiracial/ethnic Asian Pacific Islanders in student affairs, we are conducting research to gather personal stories of those identifying as such in the following areas:

1. Demographics and General Questions (i.e. How is your identity important to you?)
2. Growing Up/Family Life (i.e. What role models did you have growing up?)
3. Undergraduate Experience (i.e. What avenues did you use to further understand your identity/identities?)
4. Graduate Experience (i.e. In what ways was your experience reflected in your graduate program?)
5. Work/Professional Life (i.e. How prepared is your institution to support multiethnic/multiracial students, staff, and faculty?)

We are asking you to write a short answers describing your experiences with your multiracial/multiethnic Asian Pacific Island identity/ies, because we believe that your actual words provide a direct way to respond to the research questions. The narratives will be gathered electronically, and you have the flexibility to structure your writing in a way that is most comfortable for you. Not all questions require an answer.

Below is the link to a survey that includes a demographic questionnaire and the narrative prompts and guidelines. The time to take the survey will depend on your responses to the prompts. The survey will be active until Friday, February 5, 2010.

The first page of the survey contains a consent form that describes the purpose of the study, including any potential risks and benefits. You will have the option of printing a copy of the consent form before proceeding with the survey; we recommend that you print, sign, date, and keep your copy of the consent form. By completing the survey and submitting your narrative response, you are indicating your consent to participate.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7WVPGRK

Questions about this study may be directed to:
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We hope you will consider participating in this research and building on understanding the experiences of this group of higher education professionals.

Sincerely,
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Call for Research Participants -
Ethnic Identity Development of Korean American Adoptees

Dear APIKC,
My name is Joy Hoffman and I am a doctoral student in the Higher Education Leadership Program at California Lutheran University (CLU) in Thousand Oaks. I am in the data collection phase of my dissertation and was wondering if you could help me find individuals who might be interested in participating in my study.

The primary purpose of my study is to understand the ethnic identity development of transracial (raised by White parents) Korean American adoptees and how they in turn experience college. This study will be important to producing knowledge on the experiences of Korean American adoptees and will help college educators to think about ways to improve their services and practices with this group of students. The attention on Korean American adoptees reflects my desire to focus the study. Historically, this is the largest population of adoptees from sending countries in Asia.

Subjects for this study need to be 1.) Korean American adoptees raised by White parents; 2.) college graduates; 3.) no more than ten years out of college; 4.) willing to discuss time periods during college when he or she explored his or her ethnic identity; and 5.) preferably residents on the west coast (to reduce travel expenses), but I am open to other regions. This study is IRB approved.

I will be attending the NASPA national conference in Chicago and could interview participants there. I also have some leads in Oregon, Minnesota, Texas, DC, and Colorado – if there are 2-3 interviewees within the same city/general area, I’d be willing to make it work.

If you could let people know about my study, I would greatly appreciate it. Also, if you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please send them my way and I will give them more information about the study. Thank you so much.

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2009 API KC ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Doris Michiko Ching Shattering the Glass Ceiling Award
Jim Larimore, New York University-Abu Dhabi

This year’s recipient of the Doris Michiko Ching Shattering the Glass Ceiling Award is James Larimore. James Larimore currently serves as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Life and Dean of Students at New York University’s Abu Dhabi Campus. His prior appointments include serving as the Dean of Students at Swarthmore College and Dean of the College at Dartmouth College. Jim is co-author of a chapter on diversity in The Handbook of Student Affairs Administration (in print, 2009) and author of various other documents. His affiliations include the Stanford Associates Board of Governors, National Black Male College Achievement Study Advisory Council, MIT Student Life Advisory Committee, Gates Millennium Scholars Program Advisory Council, Center for Academic Integrity Board of Directors, and others.

Henry Gee Outstanding Mentoring Award
Dr. Anna Gonzalez, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Currently the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Director for Intercultural Relations at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Dr. Anna Gonzalez is this year’s recipient of the Henry Gee Outstanding Mentor Award. Countless individuals have pointed to our recipient as the reason that they chose the profession of student affairs and went on to pursue their graduate degrees. They commented that she spent many hours after work meeting with cohorts editing statements and developing strategies for selecting schools. In addition to working with individual mentees, Dr. Gonzalez currently serves as the National Chairperson for NASPA’s Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP) and has served in the past as the Director of the Summer Leadership Institute.

Very Involved Participant Award
Denise Fung, Boston College

Our first Very Involved Participant (VIP) served on the Planning Committee for the NASPA National Conference in Boston. She has also served as an API KC regional representative for the past 3 years. This involved member is the recent recipient of the Richards F. Stevens Outstanding New Professional Award for Massachusetts. Her most recent NASPA presentations include one at the Joint Meeting in Orlando and two others at Region I conferences. More importantly and most impressively, she was our esteemed NASPA Lobster in Boston!

Very Involved Participant Award
Raja Bhattar, University of Redlands

Our second VIP has been involved with NASPA since he attended his first Region I annual conference as an undergraduate at Boston University. He has presented at several regional and national NASPA conferences as well as at the Joint Conference in Orlando, FL. During graduate school at the University of Vermont, he served on the Region I Advisory Board as the State Director for Vermont. Currently, he is the Southern California Sub-Representative for the APIKC and the Membership Chair for the Southern California Executive Committee. He is also involved in the LGBT KC and Men & Masculinities KC.

Please consider nominating an outstanding mentor for the 2010 Henry Gee Outstanding Mentoring Award! Named for one of the most notable mentors in the higher education community, Henry Gee of Rio Hondo Community College, the award seeks to acknowledge those who have made an extraordinary impact on the student affairs profession through their support of others. To nominate someone, please e-mail Karlen Suga to complete a nomination form. Please submit all nominations to Karlen by 10:00 pm MST on Friday, January 15, 2010. Please direct any questions about the award and/or nomination process to Karlen by sending an e-mail to: Karlen.Suga@ColoState.EDU
Asian American College Student Leadership Involvement
By Melissa Lynn Kwon

Asian Americans are seen as the model minority and not needing any assistance within higher education, given their history of success. Although there is research that indicates that Asian Americans face a glass ceiling and are underrepresented in leadership positions, little research has been conducted on leadership preparation for Asian Americans, especially in college where many of these skills are typically learned. Twenty-four Asian American college students who were current leaders within extracurricular organizations at two highly selective public universities in California were interviewed. Student leaders of Asian American organizations primarily expressed that ethnicity was their primary reason for becoming involved. It was found that students decided to take on leadership positions within their organization because they wanted to give back to their organization or they were passionate about the issues for which their organization advocated. Students cited many benefits that they gained as a result of their participation in extracurricular activities. Students indicated that they gained professionally through networking and experience to put on their resume. Personal growth was another important benefit that included a greater understanding of the world, identity formation, maturation, learning about self, and leadership skills. Students expressed that their extracurricular experiences also supplemented their in-class learning. Lastly, students thought that identity formation and gaining an understanding of their cultural background were benefits of their participation.

Congratulations to Rouel Velasco, Hawai‘i sub-representative, on the completion of his Master of Education degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

Congratulations to Pamela Roy, 2nd year graduate student at Michigan State University for receiving the S.C. Lee Graduate Paper Prize for her paper titled “The role of emotional trauma in self-formation: Experiences of South Asian Queer college students”.

Evette Castillo Clark, Assistant Dean of students, Tulane University was approved as the KC Director-elect. She is a former API KC co-chair, member of the 2005 Task Force, special projects chair for the 2009 NASPA annual conference, and publicity chair for the 2010 NASPA annual conference. Evette’s director-elect term will begin at the close of the NASPA annual business meeting on March 9, 2010. She will serve as director-elect for one year before becoming the KC national director on March 15, 2011. Her two-year term ends March 19, 2013.

Congratulations, Evette!

Congratulations to Faith Kazmi, Region VI API KC Representative, on the completion of her PhD at Stanford University.
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