

# IMPACT A A P I

**Kulia i ka nu'u / Hawaiian Proverb: Strive for the summit.**

*IMPACT AAPI strives toward bringing about new developments and achievements in Year 2 of the AANAPISI Grant!*

## Staff Development Activities

### **OCEANS OF IMPACT: You & Good Pedagogy**

Back by popular demand, De Anza College Staff & Organizational Development and IMPACT's Staff Development Lead, Christine Chai will revive and present Oceans of Impact, a series of three 50-minute workshops to staff and faculty across campus. Come join us as we deconstruct the model minority myth, discuss AAPI student education & student success, and more...

**Questions?** Email [chaichristine@fhda.edu](mailto:chaichristine@fhda.edu).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

for the upcoming Wednesday afternoon Fly-By Workshops: **January 23, March 6 & May 8** from 12:30 – 1:20 pm @ Campus Center, Conference Room B

## Meet the New Faces of the IMPACT AAPI Team!

**Tom Izu** recently joined the IMPACT AAPI team as the new Project Director taking Jim Nguyen's place. Tom has been with De Anza for the past 19 years and currently serves as the Executive Director of the California History Center (CHC). He will split his time between directing IMPACT AAPI and CHC. Tom sums up his feelings about his new assignment by stating, "We have a wonderful and talented staff, and are surrounded by such strong supporters - I am really looking forward to advancing IMPACT's work!" Contact Tom at [izutom@fhda.edu](mailto:izutom@fhda.edu).



**Tom Nguyen** joins De Anza College with five years experience in student development and counseling at the community college level. He

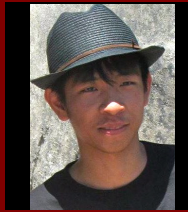


graduated UC Berkeley with a double major in political science and mass communications and later obtained a Master's degree in counseling at St. Mary's College. As a proud APALI alum, he brings his experiences gained through the Civic Leadership Program and Youth Leadership Academy to his current counseling role. Tom considers himself a 1.5 generation Vietnamese immigrant. He is passionate about his work as a mentor and cultural broker for Asian American and Pacific Islander students, an agent committed to empowering students as they seek to maximize their potential through higher education. Contact Tom at [nguyentom@fhda.edu](mailto:nguyentom@fhda.edu).

**Transitions** Jim Nguyen stepped down from his role as Project Director to broaden his teaching career. Jim is taking graduate course work so he can teach English Composition, in addition to Asian American Studies and Politics. He will still be on campus on a part-time basis (cont. pg. 2)

# Student Spotlight:

Tai Nguyen & Civic Engagement



Having taken 3 of the IMPACT AAPI pathway LinC courses at De Anza (LART 211, YLA 2012, EWRT 1A/ICS 24 LinC), how have these courses and experiences benefited you both educationally and personally?

*If there are any AAPI students who just started their college life and didn't know which courses to take, I would highly recommend that they start with the IMPACT AAPI pathways. As a new immigrant, the experience I have had throughout these courses [have] helped me prepare for my new life... [If] a person like me can do well when following the courses offered, everyone can do it too.*

How has IMPACT AAPI helped you learn to become more civically aware and engaged?

*My group project in Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) 2012 was to convince the audience why we had to raise the minimum wage to ten dollars in San Jose. As part of our preparation, we created the webpage and made the video to raise the voters' awareness about this community issue. We also attended the "Time for Ten" Kick-off Campaign and interviewed participant[s] there. As a result, not only did we all receive a good score...we also felt engaged [in] the community by mobilizing people to vote. Later on, I also took the opportunity to become a phone banker. [I] asked the Vietnam[ese] families to participate in the November 6<sup>th</sup> Election. By seeing what I can do for my community I feel happy because I can contribute my little work to make the voices of AAPI and, in particular, the Vietnamese community heard in society.*

# Book Borrowing Program

LinC, CREM & MPS

IMPACT AAPI is continuing the Book Borrowing Program in Year 2 of the grant. We started the program in Year 1's LinC Pathway courses. The grant will now extend the program to the Math courses in our CREM and MPS Pathways. In addition to math books, students will also be able to borrow a calculator for the quarter.



(cont. from pg. 1) and plans to provide his expertise to our program as his schedule allows. We wish to express our gratitude for his dedication and hard work on behalf of IMPACT AAPI staff and our students. We wish him the best of success in the future. Thank you, Jim!

## Casie Wheat Returns!

Casie recently re-joined the IMPACT AAPI staff in October as its Project Assistant.



She worked last year for the grant on a part-time basis, but will now work full-time with us. Contact Casie at [wheatcasie@fhda.edu](mailto:wheatcasie@fhda.edu).

# APIASF Scholarship

The Partnership for Equity in Education through Research (PEER) program is working through the National Commission of Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education (CARE) to partner with the Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) to award 45 Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) students at De Anza College a scholarship of \$2,500. The scholarship recipients will be tracked during their time at De Anza College. The data information collected will allow PEER to study how the scholarship award impacts the students' ability to graduate and/or transfer to a 4-year institution. The award winners will be announced in early December. An award ceremony will be held in their honor (Date: TBA).

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Doli Bambhania \* Angela Caballero de Cordero \* Susanne Chan \* Michael Chang \* Stacy Cook \* Van Dinh \* Christina Espinosa-Pieb \* Mae Lee \* Rob Mieso \* Ron Muriera \* Malory Newell \* Edmundo Norte \* Ronna Phifer-Ritchie \* Thomas Ray \* Jackie Reza \* Jerry Rosenberg

**Fall Steering Committee Meeting:** 12/5/12 from 10 - 11am @ MCC Conference Room