Asian American Women's Coalition

2021 Annual Banquet
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Banquet Program

Welcome Remarks

Elizabeth Featherman, *AAWC President*

Featured Speaker

Introduction by Cecilia Moy Yep, *AAWC Co-Founder*
Wendy Chun Hoon, *Women's Bureau Director*
US Department of Labor

Asian Arts at the Philadelphia Museum of Art (Video)

Hyunsoo Woo, *Associate Curator of Korean Art*
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Scholarship Recognition & Presentation

Four-Year Scholars
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AAWC Supporters, Family & Friends,

Thank you for your support to the Asian American Women's Coalition (AAWC), especially during this time when we continue to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the racial equity concerns of the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

This year is AAWC's 34th Annual Fundraising and Scholarship Banquet. While we are holding this banquet virtually, like we did in 2020, AAWC members and volunteers have worked diligently to make this an enjoyable and worthwhile event for all our attendees. We are honored and delighted that you have joined us in this virtual space to support AAWC's commitment to promote the advancement of Asian American women.

At this 2021 Banquet, AAWC will provide scholarship support to 33 high school graduates. These young Asian American women, some of whom are the first in their family to pursue a college education, represent our hope for the future.

The scholarships awarded today would not have been possible without the generous contributions from friends, corporate sponsors, foundations, and community organizations in the greater Philadelphia area and beyond. It is with a sincere heart that we thank our donors, including the Powell Family Foundation and PECO, with whom we have developed lasting partnerships. I would also like to acknowledge AAWC members, our Board officers, as well as members of our Advisory Board and Board of Directors for their contributions. I remain exceedingly grateful to our co-founders, Cecilia Moy Yep and the Honorable Judge Ida K. Chen, for their invaluable guidance.

Thank you for joining AAWC in honoring our 2021 scholars.

Elizabeth (Liz) Lai Featherman 黎嘉欣

ASIAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S COALITION

The **Asian American Women's Coalition (AAWC)** is a multicultural organization with a mission to advance the interests of Asian American women through leadership and mutual support. AAWC was founded in 1987 by the Honorable Ida Chen, first female Asian American Judge in Pennsylvania, and Cecilia Moy Yep, founder of the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation. AAWC's members include women from all professions and walks of life. AAWC has spearheaded numerous activities for the Asian community and collaborated with other organizations to raise awareness and provide support on issues of interest to the Asian American community. It also provides scholarship support to graduating Asian American female high school seniors interested in pursuing a college degree.

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AAWC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Asian American Women's Coalition (AAWC) established its scholarship program in 1996 to provide financial support to female Asian American high school seniors who are preparing to go to college. Scholarship recipients are selected by AAWC's Scholarship Selection Committee based on academic achievement, financial need, and community service.

Initially funded by member contributions, the scholarship program has gained support from various donors and allowed AAWC to increase the number of scholarship recipients through the years. Since 1996, AAWC has awarded over $750,000 in scholarship assistance to 300 Asian American female high school graduates.

To support its Scholarship program, AAWC established a Scholar Development Committee to monitor the progress of AAWC scholars, provide mentoring, and initiate networking opportunities among the scholars.

In 2021, the AAWC Board approved the recommendation of Scholarship Committee to award scholarships to 33 applicants. AAWC considered that this would be an appropriate response to provide support to Asian American families who continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and racial equity issues. Of the 33 scholarship recipients, five will be awarded 4-year scholarships and 28 will receive a one-time merit award.

The 2021 scholarship committee consists of Katherine Ngee (Chair) and Gloria Yu.

2021 AAWC Scholarship Recipients

Four-Year Scholars

Annie Chen

Chenling Huang

Monique Huynh

Annie Jiang

Monica Madya

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2021 Cecilia Moy Yep Scholar

Monica graduated valedictorian from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School. Aside from her many academic achievements, Monica participated in activities of the Sewing Club and Science Club, and led her team in Mathletes competitions.

She also volunteers at Holy Redeemer, her elementary school, and at her church. During the pandemic, she taught Algebra to an 8th grade student with a learning disability, and planned a virtual sew-along that created pockets for patients undergoing chemotherapy.

She attributes her work ethic to the lessons she has learned from her hardworking parents, who immigrated from Indonesia, as well as her elementary teachers at Holy Redeemer.

Monica will be attending the University of Pennsylvania as a biology major.

Chenling Huang

2021 PECO Scholar

Chenling arrived in the United States when she was eight years old to reunite with her parents, who then moved from one state to another in search of restaurant work until they eventually opened their own. At a young age, Chenling was responsible for running the front end of her parent's restaurant and dealing with customers.

She graduated from Northeast High School, with an AP Capstone Diploma. A technology buff, Chenling built her first computer in 6th grade, and served as manager of her school's Engineering Club. She

led her team at the National Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Competition, and enrolled in a Quantum Computing course taught by MIT and Oxford scientists.

In her spare time, she creates digital paintings and volunteers in the community.

Chenling will study Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell University.

Annie Chen

2021 Powell Family Foundation Scholar

Annie immigrated to Philadelphia after living in Toronto, Ontario for much of her childhood.

She attended the Science Leadership Academy, a project-based high school, where she was an outstanding student. She was involved in many school activities, and co-founded the Green Environmental Club, where she led and partnered with other schools in activities toward a more sustainable community. She served as vice president of the Student Action Board, and was a member of the lacrosse team. She also volunteered at the South Philadelphia Library's Kids Tutor Club.

Annie plans to attend New York University, where she will be studying psychology and environmental science.

Annie Jiang

2021 Powell Family Foundation Scholar

Annie graduated from Central High School. Aside from diligently working on her academics, she took pride in participating in cultural activities as a member of the American Students of Asian Origin, the Apsara Khmer Association, and the Chinese

American Organization. She was also a member of the tennis team for three years, despite not playing actively, since she cherished the community she has built with her teammates.

She is currently involved in public relations work for Art with Heart, a charity club that empowers artists to use their talents to give back to the community. Annie learned the meaning of taking responsibility and giving back to the community at a young age as she and her older sisters helped their immigrant parents run their Chinese restaurant.

Annie plans to enroll at Drexel University to pursue a degree in Business, with a minor in product design.

Monique Huynh

2021 PNC Scholar

Monique is a graduate of Central High School.

In her senior year, she served as president of the Traditional East Asian Club, where she led and participated in activities with other Asian American students. Her involvement in this organization was an opportunity for Monique to better appreciate her Chinese-Vietnamese heritage. This has also allowed her to embrace the various traditions she has grown up with, and find harmony in melding her Asian American culture.

Monique was also active in various extracurricular activities, including the badminton club, robotics club, and yearbook committee.

Monique intends to pursue Computer Science at Drexel University.

2021 AAWC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

One-Year Merit Scholars

Angelique Casem
Claire Chen
Joyce Chen
Linda Chen
Michelle Chi
Tianne Fitzmaurice
Elizabeth Hudak
Grace Kim
Julia Yong LaFrance
Joanne Li
Tiffany Lim
Angela Liu
Wendy Liu
Mishelley Low
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Shirley Zhang
May Zheng
Ziyi Zhong

ANGELIQUE CASEM

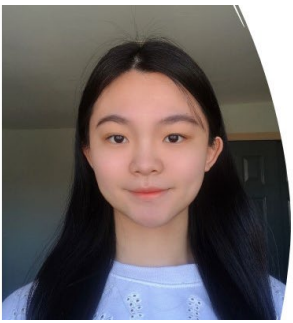
Sabrina Soong Memorial Scholar

Archbishop Ryan High School
Northeastern University –
Music Industry

CLAIRE CHEN

AAWC Board Scholar

Methacton High School
Johns Hopkins University –
NeuroScience



JOYCE CHEN

Christina Kong Merit Scholar

Central High School
Temple University –
Biology or Pre-Dental

LINDA CHEN

Margaret Chin Academic Scholar

Academy at Palumbo
University of Pennsylvania –
Biology

Michelle Chi

Scholar In Honor of

Dr. Chak Cheung Yeung

Saints John Neumann and
Maria Goretti High School
Columbia University –
Communications/Linguistics

Tianne Fitzmaurice

Hee Lae Lee Merit Scholar

Central High School
University of Pennsylvania –
Psychology

Elizabeth Hudak

WSFS Bank Merit Scholar

The Hill School
University of Pittsburgh

Grace Kim

Penn Asian Senior Services Inc (PASSi) Scholar

Marple Newtown High School
Temple University –
Nursing

Julia Yong LaFrance

Hee Lae Lee Merit Scholar

Strath Haven High School
Temple University –
English

Joanne Li

Calla Lily Scholar –
Alpha Sigma Rho of Temple University

Central High School
Temple University –
Actuarial Science

Tiffany Lim

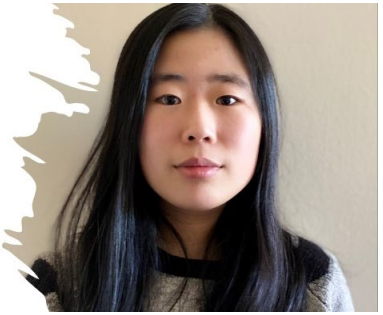
Sandra Featherman and
Richard C. Lai
Memorial Scholar

John W. Hallahan Catholic
Girls' High School
University of Pennsylvania –
Biology

Angela Liu

Wells Fargo Scholar

Northeast High School
Temple University –
Nursing



Wendy Liu

National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Scholar

Central High School
Temple University –
Political Science/Pre-Law

Mishelley Low

Hee Lae Lee Merit Scholar

Julia Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School
Haverford College - Geology

Emily Mirabelli

AAWC Board Scholar

Bishop McDevitt High School
Penn State University –
Biomedical Engineering

Brooklyn Phang

George Yep Memorial Scholar

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School
Villanova University –
Computer Engineering

Sarah Philip

Keystone First Scholar

St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls

University of the Sciences – Occupational Therapy

Sophia Castillo Rosser

Filipino Intercultural Society of Drexel University (FISDU) Scholar

Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School

University of Pennsylvania – Cognitive Science

Emily Quan

Sandra Featherman and Richard C. Lai Memorial Scholar

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

Drexel University – Accounting

Mary Santoso

Hee Lae Lee Merit Scholar

Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP)

Immaculata University – Music Therapy

KINTAN SILVANY

Parke Bank Scholar

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

Case Western Reserve University – International Studies

SAMANTHA SURNITSKY

AAWC Scholarship in Recognition of the Arts

Pottsgrove High School

Savannah College of Art & Design – Graphic Design

VICTORIA TRAN

Susanna Foo Scholar

Bishop McDevitt High School

St Joseph's University – Business

CINDY TRUONG

Scholar In Honor of Dr. Chak Cheung Yeung

West Catholic Preparatory High School

Drexel University – Engineering

Quynh Vo

Susanna Foo Scholar

Girard Academic Music Program (GAMP)
Haverford College – Biology

Shirley Zhang

National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Scholar

Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School
Drexel University – Health Sciences

May Zheng

AAWC Scholarship in Recognition of the Arts

Mastery Charter (Thomas Campus)
La Salle University – Graphic Design

Ziyi Zhong

Hee Lae Lee Merit Scholar

West Catholic Preparatory High School
Arizona State University – Piano Performance

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Our Past Scholars

2020: Four-Year Scholars: Winnie Wong, Xuemi Zhang, Yang Zheng
Merit Scholars: Ainsley Arquitola, Samera Baksh, Wendy Foley, Jialin Huang, Jenny Huyhn, Joyce Li, Ivy Li, Senmi Li, Emily Lim, Anna Nguyen, Casandra Nguyen, Cindy Nguyen, Lucy Vo Nguyen, Lena Oeun, Sarah Rivera, Katherine Russell, Jamey Schultz, My Thdar, Julia Tran, Kely Vu, Brianna Wahyudi, Grace Welsh, Michelle Wu, Xiyuan Zhang

2019: Four-Year Scholars: Linda Jiang, Jennifer Liang, Brenda Shou
Merit Scholars: Khin Aye, Cindy Chau, Cindy Chen, Niang Sian Dieh, Michelle Hu, Morgan Hural, Jessica Jiang, Karissa Wai Jung, Helen Li, Michelle Lieu, Kenix Lin, Quynh Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen, Meymey Seng, Megan Shelton, Jennie Wang, Michelle Wu, Angela Zhi, Jessica Zou

2018: Four-Year Scholars: Angela Dong; Jaquelyn Chow; Anna Vien Nguyen; Sarenna Roeung;
Merit Scholars: Linda Young; Sameet Mann; Thao Nhu Truong; Eva Silvie Low; Jingwen Lin; Alexa Baldon; Tiffany Huynh Nguyen; Anna Quan; Pauline Zheng; Siqi Zheng; Sharon Yun; Jingru Lin; Michelle Chan; Julie Ho; Nang Wunn Noon Naw; Amy Huang

2017: Samantha Chiu, Villanova; Helen Ly, UPenn; Than Than Nain, Millersville University; Ngan Tran, Lehigh; Xinmeng Wang, Drexel
Merit Scholars: Lin Jia Chen, Michelle Do, Sha Eh, Alyssa Noelle Geniza, Jessica Ha, Tina Hang, Katharine Keo, Dana Ly, An Nguyen, Kathleen Nguyen, Jenny Ni, Mi Phong, Thank Song, Julie Tan, Xinyi Xie

2016: Yan (Amy) Chen, Temple**;** Helen Luong, Temple; Ellen Wirawan, Philadelphia University; Shu Lin Zhao, Drexel
Merit Scholars: Bernice Chen, Penn State; Olive Hernandez, Penn State; Ada Huang, Drexel; Arleen Lee, Arts Institute of Philadelphia; Na Lin, Temple; Amber Liu, Drexel; Yia Lu Liu, Drexel; Tristy Paulose, University of Texas; Chutong Tan, La Salle; Ashley Truong, Temple; Cynthia Vo, West Chester University; Yingying (Iris) Xue,Temple; Anni Zhang, UPenn

2015: Joann Wong, Drexel; Savana Mai, University of Virginia; Huidan Mei, Temple;
Merit Scholars: Sydney Chin, Kelly Chu, Kathy Lam, Queenie Lam, Lauren Louie, Hua Lin, Jennifer Pachucki, Kim Tang, Lisa Zhang, Miaojing Zeng, Xinqian Zheng

2014: Jenny Mak, Drexel; Meiling Rong, University of the Sciences; Amy Liang, University of the Sciences
Merit Scholars: Jennifer Eap, Jenny Hoang, Megan Mo, Jiaqi Liu, Winly Mai, Anna Pham, Alicia Reyes

2013: Trinh Nguyen, Temple; Sherry Yao, UPenn; Sefy Paulose, Drexel; Guia Longasa, University of the Arts
Merit Scholars: Thy Hong Vu, Xinwei Li, Go Khawm (Christina) Vung, Emily Zanker, Xiaou Huang, Time Nguyen

2012: Tsz Ting (Maggie) Cheung, Temple; Sandy Wang, Drexel; Kane Lee, University of Maryland; Yongyu (Vinnie) Feng, University of the Sciences; Trang Dang, Penn State; Peiying Lin, Temple
Art Scholars: Hee Hyun (Joyce) Jo, Wheaton College Conservatory of Music; Julianna Melissa Bautista, London's Central School of Speech & Drama

Our Past Scholars

2012: Merit Scholars: Carmen Chan, Cassandra Chen, Connie Chen, Karen Cheung, Lisa Cheung, Anita Ching, Kathleen Escarcha, Gisela Giolafina, Shuru Huang, Shi Qing Kuang, Eugena Lee, Shelley Leung, Amy Ng, Duyen Quach, Christine Tang, Minh Thu Truong, Kelly Yao, Jenny Zhang, Xue Yan Zhang, Ling Feng Zhou

2011: Jennie Li, Tyler School of Arts; Si Li, University of the Sciences; Ting Lu, New York University; Pear Mok, Temple; Kelly Tran, Temple;
Merit Scholars: Kelly Ca, Tiffany Lee, Felly Velicia, Xiufen Wang

2010: Jeong Hwa Kim, Emory; Weena Doyle, Drexel; Connie Liao, UPenn: Johanna Djuhadi, La Salle; Je Un Park, University of Delaware
Merit Scholars: Hanh Nguyen, Huong Nguyen, Tenzin Youten

2009: Tanzin Fatima, Drexel; Thi Ho, UPenn; Sarah Lee, Rutgers; Dung Nguyen, Temple; Belinda Pang, Harvard; Christine Rhee, Harvey Mudd; Bachnhan Tram, Temple
Merit Scholar: Thu Ngan Han;
Methodist Hospital Nursing Scholar: Heana Yi

2008: Xuxu Chen, Penn State; Sisi Liu, Penn State; Chan Mao, Penn State; Jennifer Wong, UPenn
Merit Scholars: Eva Jiang, Grace Kim, Jennifer Liu

2007: Angela Nguyen, UPenn; Julie Son, UPenn; Chanranchna Thai, Penn State; Merit Scholars: Ansu Jacob, Tsz Ling Kwok, Claudia Leung, Shannon Yu; Methodist Hospital Nursing Scholar: Christina Maria Kong

2006: Heeae Kim, University of the Sciences; Sharon Lee, Penn State; Bingqing Wu, Cedar Crest
Merit Scholars: Dimple Ceasar, Xiufen Chen, Fei Luo, Tina Nguyen, Qing Ying Wang

2005: Linh Chia, Temple; Lilly Yue Deng, Harvard; Tri-hieu Ho, Penn State;
Merit Scholar: Nhung Ho

2004: Varsha Abraham, Villanova; Danielle Bowes, American University; Morie Chen, Penn State; Ly Chou Kouai, Temple; Jia Kuang, University of Scranton; Win Chin Lee, La Salle; Lirui Li, Harvard; Hannah Park, Brown; Chanda Roeung, Temple; Hoang "Jessica" Tang, Columbia
Merit Scholars: Alice Huang, Jietang Mai, Mi Phung

2003: Nancy Chhum, Penn State; Yu Na Kim, Wellesley; Wendy Kim Le, Drexel; Adrienne Lin, Stanford; Khushbu Patel, Penn State; Betty P. Tsang, Haverford; Nina Wong, UPenn
Merit Scholars: Tuong-vi Pham, Nhung Hoang

2002: Gena Heng, Temple; Lily Mak, Drexel; Irene Woo, UPenn
Merit Scholars: Trang Do, Tu Quyen Nguyen, Emily Roh, Soeuth Sovann

2001: Lily Lo, Yale; Sabrina Pang, Temple
Merit Scholar: Sharon Zheng

2000: Betty Tsang, UPenn

1999: Minnie Quach, Harvard; Hai Yen Nguyen, Swarthmore

1998: Hyun Seung Kim, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Merit Scholars: Yunha Koh, Vivian Tran

1997: Jessica Nguyen, Haverford
Merit Scholar: Linh Lam

1996: Thoy Soeun

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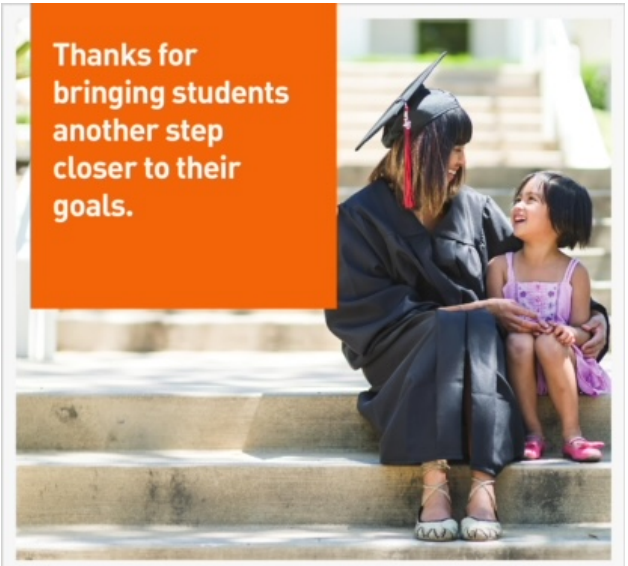

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