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CAPA Community Education Fund Chair's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen, political officeholders, parents, interns and distinguished guests,

It is my honor and privilege to once again welcome you to our CAPA-CEF Intern Graduation. This year, we celebrate the 26th year of our internship program, which had its inception in 1990. We are very proud and pleased to have 20 wonderful CAPA-CEF Interns graduating today, the 3rd largest intern class in CAPA-CEF's history, spanning more than a quarter century.

This is a Presidential election year. It has been a controversial and tumultuous election cycle. Both major parties have now chosen their nominee, and for the first time in history, a woman has been chosen as the Presidential nominee of a major political party.

No matter how much controversy this cycle engenders, we must remember that one thing remains constant, about our political system, and that is that *it works*, and it *reflects the will of the people*. What began as an experiment in the capacity of a nation to truly be governed "Of the people, by the people and for the people" 240 years ago, is now the most successful, the greatest, and the most enduring democracy on Earth.

Our leaders, including our American President, steer the direction of the nation, and make policy decisions that affect the lives of all our citizens. However, it is the work of every citizen, from every walk of life, from every race and creed, that comprises our collective strength. We work to support ourselves and our families, but more significantly, we work to contribute to our communities, and for the principles we believe in.

This community work is often under appreciated, but it is vital to our ongoing democracy. Elections choose leaders, but the quiet work of citizens shape our communities.

Today, we will recognize and honor our political leaders, those present at the local, state and federal levels of our government, and we will also honor our community volunteers, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, to maintain the momentum of CAPA-CEF, and carry forward its vital mission of promoting leadership, civic engagement, cultural diversity, and understanding within the Asian American community in the Bay Area and beyond. And perhaps most promisingly, we honor our CAPA-CEF interns, who have each begun a long and fruitful path of self-discovery, community service and meaningful citizenship.

Have a wonderful afternoon, and thank you once again, for joining us in this joyous occasion.

Very truly yours,

Stephen P. Lin, Esq. Chair, CAPA Community Education Fund



CAPA CEF Summer Internship Program Chair

Dear Interns, parents and political officeholders,

Thank you for coming today, I'd like to extend my warmest welcome to each of you, to be here to witness this moment with us, when our 20 hardworking interns are finishing up their fantastic internships.

In the 26 years since the beginning of our CAPA-CEF Internship program, CAPA-CEF has gone from being able to place a few interns in a few local political offices to being able to expand to municipal, state assembly, state senate, congressional and

U.S. Senate offices throughout the Bay Area.

With the support of over 20 political offices this year, we are staying true to the mission of educating our youth about the American political system, as well as improving the civic education of Asian American youths and their families.

We continue to process an ever-increasing number of applications from local high schools. Through the rapid growth of Asian American residents in our East Bay area, we are pleased to see how well-received our program continues to be at local high schools, with Asian American families, and local government, including local school board members , whom we have the pleasure of having amongst us today.

CAPA-CEF is an all-volunteer organization. Our board and internship committee has worked tirelessly to support our mission, and to ensure that we give our interns the best experience possible. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work, your precious time, your energy, and financial support of the organization.

I'd also like to thank all our political office holders. Our internship program provides one of the most unique life learning experiences, thanks to our hosting political offices...you have not just given them a chance to see the real world, but you've opened their eyes to personal devotion, passion and leadership. You, with all the support of our community, are bringing up another class of future leaders, to support social causes and advocate for community contributions, and in the process, create our most critical resource--responsible citizens for our society.

To our CAPA-CEF interns...I believe and I know this summer has made an impact on your lives. It is my wish that you will walk away from this program armed with the knowledge that life can be full of challenges and opportunity, and that you can respond to that with flexibility, integrity and responsibility. We have all been given the power to better ourselves and the world around us. When we use that power, we transform the world that we all live in into a better place than we found it. I challenge you become the best you can be, and to love, laugh and thrive.

Sincerely Yours,

U Evelyn Lin

CAPA-CEF Internship Chair

2016 Graduation Program

2:15 pm

Welcome Remarks

Victoria Hou, CAPA Intern '15 and Taylor Lee, CAPA Intern '12

Introduction of CAPA Community Education Fund Board and Internship Committee

Stephen P. Lin, Chair of CAPA Community Education Fund

Introduction of VIPs and Special Guests

Stephen Lin

Intern Program – Mock Debate and Skit

Evelyn Lin, Chair of the Summer Internship Program

Intern Reflections

Michael Chou and Abraham Lin

Keynote Speaker

United States Congressman Mark DeSaulnier

Public Officials and the CAPA-CEF Experience

Graduation Ceremony

Evelyn Lin

Concluding Remarks

Victoria Hou and Taylor Lee

4:00 pm

Reception

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August 10, 2016

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Dear Friends:

I send my warmest greetings as you gather to celebrate the graduation of CAPA Community Education Fund's internship class of 2016. Although I am unable to join you, please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

For nearly 20 years, the CAPA Community Education Fund has worked to increase civic participation and create leadership opportunities for young people within the Asian American community. It is my hope that the members of the 2016 graduating class have gained valuable insights from your experiences working in government, and that you are all motivated to be effective advocates in the future. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Once again, I send my warmest greetings on a memorable event. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer

United States Senator

MARK DESAULNIER

11th District, California

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August 14, 2016

Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome the 2016 Intern Class of the Chinese American Public Affairs Community Education Fund. I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate the dedication and hard work that each of these students have put forth, as well as recognize CAPA-CEF's contributions to our community.

CAPA-CEF provides a crucial service to help raise political awareness and participation within the Asian-American community. Through their commitment to our next generation, they have inspired these young leaders to give back to their communities through public service.

I thank CAPA-CEF and the Intern Class of 2016 for their tireless work and dedication. I wish each student the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress



BARBARA LEE
13th District
California



August 14, 2016

Greetings from Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome you all to the 2016 Chinese American Political Association Community Education Fund (CAPA-CEF) Graduation Ceremony. On this day, we celebrate the graduating 2016 CAPA Intern Class and celebrate their journey as they become future leaders of our community.

Since its founding in 1984, CAPA has provided young men and women in the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community with education, opportunity, and insight into the political process. Further, in 1997, CAPA formed the Community Education Fund (CEF), which provides support for educational programs aimed at encouraging active participation in leadership, public, and community service by members of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I send my sincere appreciation to CAPA-CEF for its dedication and service to the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, and its tireless work promoting participation in the political process.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee

Member of Congress

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August 14, 2016

Dear Friends:

I send my sincere congratulations to the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA), Community Education Fund, as you celebrate the 2016 CAPA Summer Internship Program Graduates.

I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the participants for their hard work and dedication, especially our CAPA interns in my district office Eric Chen and Jaclyn Thach. It has been an honor hosting some of the brightest and most enthusiastic young adults this summer.

For more than two decades, CAPA staff and members have worked to promote civic engagement in the Asian American community. I commend CAPA members, supporters, and interns for their tireless efforts encouraging participation in our governmental process.

Congratulations to the 2016 graduates and best wishes for your continued success!

Sincerely,

Steven M. Glazer

Senator

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Dear Friends,

I am honored to welcome you to the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) Community Education Fund Summer Internship Program and the graduating class of 2016. Since the founding of CAPA in 1984, the organization has been a vital resource to students and families within the San Francisco Bay Area.

I applaud the public service, leadership and advocacy that CAPA has consistently contributed to our community. I have witnessed their exceptional core values as former Mayor of Concord, Contra Costa County Supervisor, and over the last 6 years as your California Assemblywoman. The students in the CAPA internship program that have worked in my office truly reflect these core commitments as they devote time to working alongside their community and engage in the legislative process.

I congratulate the Chinese American Political Association Community Education Fund for their ongoing service to our communities.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt support and gratitude for all that you do in service to our community. I extend my best wishes to you for a memorable event and another sucessful year!

Sincerely,

Susan A Bonilla

Assemblywoman, 14th District

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Dear CAPA Community Education Fund,

Congratulations to the Chinese and Asian Pacific American (CAPA) Community Education Fund's (CEF) Summer Internship Program Class of 2016!

CAPA is transforming the representation of Asian Pacific Islander (API) Americans and developing future leaders in our community. California is home to over five million API Americans, who help our state thrive. As the API population continues to grow in the East Bay, the continuation of CAPA Community Education Fund's Summer Internship Program will be truly instrumental in promoting active civic participation throughout the Bay Area.

This summer I have the distinct privilege again of having a CAPA CEF intern in our District Office. I know first-hand the tremendous impact CAPA CEF has had on our region's youth, especially young API Americans who receive hands-on experience in public policy and civic engagement in the Summer Internship Program.

I wish CAPA CEF many more years of success as it works diligently in voter education, civic participation, and leadership development. As your representative in the State Assembly, I look forward to working to support your efforts and the internship program for years to come. Again, congratulations to the CAPA CEF Summer Internship Program's Class of 2016, and best wishes for the future!

CATHARINE B. BAKER

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August 14, 2016

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of California, I am pleased to welcome you to CAPA Community Education Fund's (CAPA-CEF) 2016 Summer Internship Graduation!

CAPA-CEF's mission is to empower Asian American communities by providing leadership opportunities and promoting civic engagement and voter education. They encourage younger generations to participate in their internship program, providing youth with firsthand experience, and engagement with local, state, and federal government. I commend CAPA-CEF for their critical role in strengthening the political voice of the Asian American community. I appreciate the contributions made by my CAPA-CEF interns, Niru Ghoshal-Datta and Vincent Ho, at my district office this year.



As the first Filipino American elected to the California State Legislature, I am proud to congratulate the CAPA Community Education Fund for its years of demonstrated commitment to strengthen, educate, and support the Asian American community, and I offer my best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

Rob Bonta

Assemblymember, 18th District

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Greetings

CAPA Community Education Fund 2016 Summer Internship Graduation

August 14th, 2016

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the California State Assembly, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to CAPA Community Education Fund's 2016 Summer Internship Program Graduation.

For over twenty-five years CAPA Community Education Fund has been dedicated to advancing Chinese and Asian Pacific American leadership and participation in public affairs throughout the Bay Area. To date, over 300 students have had the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of the political process and understand the importance of civic participation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for CAPA Community Education Fund's significant contributions to the Bay Area's public affairs sector over the years and for guiding and shaping the next generation of leaders.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2016!

Sincerely,

DAVID CHIU

Assemblymember, 17th District

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August 14, 2016

Dear CAPA Graduates;

My office has had the great opportunity of working with CAPA Interns for the past four summers. I can't begin to express how impressed we have been with the professionalism, intelligence and eagerness of the students.

Their research, drafting of memorandums, helping with constituent issues, and general office assistance has been of exceptional quality and a tremendous help as we've worked together to serve the people of District 2.

As each each of you continue to strive to do your best academically, combined with your commitment to community service, I am certain that you will be successful in whatever you choose to do.

Please accept my congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your success in the future.

Best regards,

Candace K. Andersen, Ghan

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August 14, 2016

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Chinese American Political Association Community (CAPA) on another successful year! Your commitment to political engagement and activism is admirable and I am grateful for your contribution to increased civic participation and leadership.

I am delighted to join you today to recognize the CAPA 2016 internship class and to express my appreciation for their hard work and dedication. The CAPA internship provides students with the opportunity to expand their learning beyond the classroom. It is encouraging to see students gain a first-hand understanding of the role government plays in our society. This vibrant program helps to motivate young people toward public service and encourages them to be active members of their communities.

Congratulations again to an exemplary organization and best wishes for a successful celebration!

Sincerely,

Karen Mitchoff



August 14, 2016

Dear Friends,



It is an honor to welcome you to the celebration of the Chinese American Political Association Community Education Fund (CAPACEF) Summer Internship Program, and congratulations to all the 2016 CAPA-CEF Summer Internship Program graduates. I would especially like to recognize Eric Zhou for his outstanding service and dedication.

CAPA-CEF continues to provide an invaluable service to help raise political awareness and participation in the Asian community, and I commend CAPA members, supporters, and interns for their efforts.

Congratulations to the 2016 CAPA-CEF Summer Internship graduates and thank you to CAPA for their continued contributions to the Dublin community!

Sincerely,

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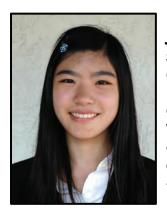
Eric Chen
School: Monte Vista
Office: State Senator
Steve Glazer
Career Goal: Biochemist
Words I live by: "We are
judged by what we finish,
not by what we start"



Augustin Chen
School: Monte Vista
Office: Contra Costa District
Attorney Mark Peterson
Career Goal: President of the
United States
Words I live by: "I figure life's
a gift and I don't intend on
wasting it."- Jack Dawson



Michael Chou
School: Monte Vista
Office: Congressman
Mark DeSaulnier
Career Goal: Business
/Politics Field
Words I live by: "Push
yourself, because no one
else is going to do it for
you."



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Career Goal: Criminologist
Words I live by: "Keep your
eyes on the stars and your feet
on the ground."
- Theodore Roosevelt



Julie Deng School: Dougherty Valley Office: Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan Career Goal: Business Words I live by: "Be happy and smile"



Niru Ghosal-Datta
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Career Goal: Lawyer
Words I live by: "Don't count
the days, make the days count."

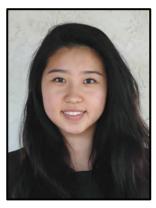


Vincent Ho
School: Campolindo
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Rob Bonta
Career Goal: Millionaire
Entrepreneur
Words I live by: "The
leading rule for the lawyer,
as for the man of every
calling, is diligence." Abraham Lincoln



Xuenan Lily Hu
School: Dublin
Office: Assemblymember
Catharine Baker
Career Goal: World Traveller
Words I live by: "Wait, it's legit
National Snake Day?!?! They
have holidays for everybody, I
mean everything these days!"
-Kim Kardashian West

Introducing our Class of 2016 Interns



Annie Jeong
School: Dougherty Valley
Office: Contra Costa
Supervisor Candace
Andersen
Career Goal: Foreign
Service Officer
Words I live by: "We
can't help everyone,
but everyone can help
someone."
- Ronald Reagan



Ashley Leong
School: Monte Vista
Office: Contra Costa
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Career Goal: Optometrist
Words I live by: "You are the
only one who gets to decide
what you will be remembered
for."



Abraham Lin
School: Acalanes
Office: U.S. Senator
Barbara Boxer
Career Goal:
Actor/Politician
Words I live by: "Leaders
are not born, they are
made." -Vincent Lombardi



Anissa Rashid
School: Dublin
Office: Assemblymember
David Chiu
Career Goal: Making a
positive global impact
Words I live by: "You must be
the change you wish to see in
the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

Christian Luke



Jaclyn Thach
School: Dougherty Valley
Office: State Senator
Steve Glazer
Career Goal: Business
and politics, with a major
in International Relations
Words I live by: "Success
is not final, failure is not
fatal: it is the courage to
continue that counts"
-Winston Churchill



Velasquez
School: Las Lomas
Office: Contra Costa District
Attorney Mark Peterson
Career Goal: Business
Words I live by: "The superior
man perseveres in his course,
adapts to the times, but remains
firm in his direction and correct
in his goals." - I, Ching



Jacqueline Wu
School: Northgate
Office: Assemblywoman
Susan Bonilla
Career Goal: Business
woman
Words I live by: "Difficult
roads often leads to
beautiful destinations."

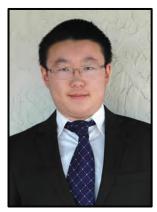


Josiah James Young
School: Miramonte
Office: Assemblymember
Phil Ting
Career Goal: Understand our
political system
Words I live by: "It always seems
impossible until it's done."
Nelson Mandela

Introducing our Class of 2016 Interns



Ningxin Zheng
School: Amador Valley
Office: Pleasanton Mayor
Jerry Thorne
Career Goal: Doctor
Words I live by: "The only
person you are destined to
become is the person you
decide to be."



Eric Zhou
School: Monte Vista
Office: Dublin Mayor
David Haubert
Career Goal: Doctor and
Social Activist
Words I live by: "It can
always be worse; seize the
moment."



School: Campolindo
Office: Assemblywoman
Susan Bonilla
Career Goal: Orthopedic
Surgeon
Words I live by: "There
are no facts, only
interpretations."

-Friedrich Nietzsche

Goldie Zhu



Jeffrey Zhu
School: Campolindo
Office: Assemblymember
Phil Ting
Career Goal: Medical Field
Words I live by: "Success
is not final, failure is not
fatal; it is the courage to
continue that counts."
-Winston Churchill

2016 CAPA CEF Internship Program Chair



Evelyn Wei Wu Lin holds a Master of Science (M.S.) in Financial Accounting. After working several years for international corporations, she discovered her true passion was human relationships, with a focus on helping others to achieve happiness and success. Evelyn is a certified professional Life Coach and Trainer.

As the Intern Chair for CAPA, Evelyn's goal is to teach life strategies in a real work environment, helping students discover their true passion and unique identities in the course of completing their CAPA student internships.



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Intern Training Day























Interns and CAPA CEF in the Community



















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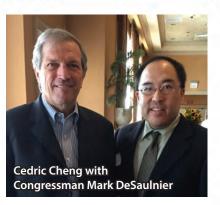
Annie Jeong is 16 years old and an incoming junior at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon. As a varsity member of the Dougherty Valley Speech and Debate team and a volunteer at the Tri-Valley Pyouth Court, her strong interests in politics and public service led her to become a part of the CAPA Internship program, which encourages Asian Americans to participate in the political process. Her other activities include volunteering at the Lawrence Hall of Science and the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue. As an intern in Supervisor Andersen's office, she ending the meetings of the Board of

has had the privilege of attending the meetings of the Board of Supervisors, Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, and the Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury. She is excited to learn more about how to serve her community as her internship progresses and hopes to pursue a career in civil service in the future.

















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CAPA Community Education Fund

Advancing Chinese and Asian American Leadership and Participation in Public Affairs

The CAPA Community Education Fund (CAPA Ed Fund) is a non-profit organization. The goal of CAPA Ed Fund is to strengthen and empower the Chinese and other Asian American communities by promoting leadership, civic engagement, cultural diversity and understanding.

Programs include voter registration and education, community forums, a summer student internship program and leadership development. We invite you to join us in our mission to encourage broader civic participation and promote a better understanding and appreciation of the diversity that makes the San Francisco Bay Area a most unique and vibrant community.

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