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Best wishes for a successful event!



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CAPA COMMUNITY EDUCATION FUND CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Dear Guests,

It is my privilege and honor to welcome you to CAPA CEF's Annual Gala. In this historic yet challenging era for our country and for the fabric of our great political tradition, we are all, in the words of the old Chinese saying, "living in interesting times". It is our challenge to make certain that we ride the waves of history in a manner that will benefit our nation, and our communities. From the inauguration of President Obama, to the divisive and difficult issues of healthcare reform, wars abroad and economic uncertainty, it is more vital today than ever to ensure that all members of society, including Asian Americans and all minorities, participate fully in what remains the most robust democracy on Earth.

I am proud as the chairman of CAPA CEF to be able to make a contribution to that effort. CAPA CEF's Annual Summer Intern Program has been another great success this year, and we are proud to welcome the CAPA student interns this evening to show off the newest class of our best and brightest and to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the intern program.

May you enjoy this Gala evening as much as I will, and may you be enlightened and invigorated by the evening's festivities and the great company sharing it with you all.

Blessings and sincerity,



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

CAPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Supporters of CAPA,

Welcome. This year we celebrate a milestone year of the Summer Internship program. What a significant achievement it is for the program's longevity and effectiveness. I can't help but look with pride upon the current interns and the intern alumni for their personal growth and accomplishments. This milestone is certainly just as much a tribute to the vision and dedication of the CAPA organizers who forged ahead without hesitation, even at times when difficulties were at every turn. To date, several other internship programs in the Bay Area and beyond have evolved with the collaboration of CAPA since those pioneering days; in a short time, these programs have also grown and established themselves by also providing a viable platform and a portal into the world of public service.

Tonight's Gala is a celebration of the enthusiasm, energy and commitment of our interns, past and present. Without their eager participation and involvement with their respective political offices, the program would surely not have generated such a positive response over time. It is precisely through the favorable feedback that the program is able to keep its momentum moving forward.

On a personal note, I have spoken to numerous interns over the years. I have found that they all appreciate the opportunity to have spent time with their summer intern sponsors, even if it was just a quick blink of a summer season. Their experiences during that short summer will be looked back upon as one of fun, hard work and long-lasting memories. Without such outstanding interns, our program would not have the longevity and success that it enjoys.



Eric Golangco
President, CAPA



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Timothy Chen	1988 - 89
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Edwin Kung	1990 - 91
Frank Kung	1992
Hyman Wong	1993
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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

6 pm

Registration and Networking

Emily Chang

Mistress of Ceremonies

7:00

Dinner and Program

Welcome

Mary Nejedly Piepho

Contra Costa County Supervisor

Eric Golangco

President, CAPA

Stephen P. Lin

Chair, CAPA Community Education Fund

Presentation of Award

Mr. C.C. Yin, Founder

Asian Pacific-Islander American Public Affairs Association

Introduction of Intern Class of 2010

and Graduation Ceremony

presented by Cedric C. Cheng, Internship Program Chair

Entertainment

Raffle Drawing

Dancing

Gala Committee Co-Chairs

Marsha Cheung Golangco and Robert Chen

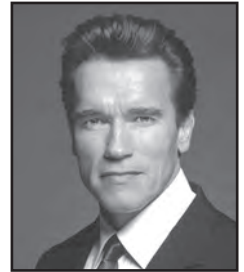
Gala Committee Members

***Grace Chen, Cheng Liao, Cathy Liao, Susan Hsu, Monica Xu, Eric Golangco, Yuet Lee,
Evelyn Lin, Stephen Lin, Bettina Uno, Sundong Kwong, Marianne Clark***



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

August 28, 2010



***Chinese American Political Association
Community Education Fund***

I am pleased to send my greetings to everyone gathered for the Chinese American Political Association Education Fund's annual gala.

Our state strives to represent everyone and I salute your commitment to encouraging the political participation of Asian-Americans in the San Francisco Bay Area. Through your voter information campaigns and internship programs, you have inspired many individuals to get involved. I commend your organization for its valuable work strengthening our state. Thank you for your dedication to fostering tomorrow's leaders.

I would like to send special congratulations to this year's internship class. I commend you on the beginning of your civic education and on taking the initiative to gain experience and insight into the political process. The interns have already fulfilled over 100 hours with local officials and agencies, as well as completed twenty hours of community service. I am sure the future holds many more bright things for you.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and all future successes.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger



GEORGE MILLER
7TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

CHAIRMAN
DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE

August 28, 2010

Dear Friends:

While I regret that I cannot be with you in person as you recognize your Community Education Fund's 2010 Internship Class this evening, I am pleased to have this opportunity to applaud the students' initiative as well as CAPA's civic participation and leadership in our community. This celebration is a very special tribute to all of your hard work. Your efforts have truly made a difference in the lives of so many.

Through your dedication to our next generation, you help prepare and mold these young minds for service beyond the classroom. Providing young leaders with valuable exposure to the process that brings our government and communities together will encourage their civic participation in the Asian Pacific American Community and throughout the entire region.

In closing, I am proud to join with CAPA parents, teachers, and administrators in welcoming the Intern Class of 2010 and wishing them each great success in their future summer endeavors.

Sincerely,

George Miller

Member of Congress
7th District, California



THE HONORABLE MICHAEL M. HONDA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

**Congratulations from Congressman Michael M. Honda
to the Chinese American Political Association
Community Education Fund for their Internship
Program**

August 28, 2010

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the CAPA Community Education Fund 2010 Gala, which celebrates 20 years of the organization's Internship Program. I would like to recognize CAPA's dedication to providing our youth with valuable political and public policy experiences.

Established in 1984, CAPA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan political association which is concerned with political education. The organization works to increase political awareness among the Chinese-American community and promote leadership opportunities for Asian Pacific-Islander Americans. Additionally, the CAPA Community Education Fund advances values of civic engagement, cultural diversity, and understanding. They offer programs related to voter education and civic participation, the student internship program, and leadership development. Today's gala honors the hard work of CAPA members and their continued success in providing crucial political experience for APIA youth.

I would like to extend my support for the efforts of the CAPA Community Education Fund and congratulate them for their commitment to engaging the Bay Area's APIA community in the political process. I offer my best wishes for the success of today's celebration.

With warm regards,

Michael M. Honda
Member of Congress



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0532

August 28, 2010

Chinese American Political Association Community Education Fund
PO Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Chinese American Political Association for the wonderful work they do in our great state's Asian American community, particularly through the CAPA Community Education Fund. I am happy to congratulate this organization on two decades of providing wonderful internship opportunities to students and others throughout the state, helping members of our communities begin fruitful career paths in politics and government.



It is also my honor to join CAPA in bestowing upon a true American hero, Mr. CC Yin, the CAPA Community Education Fund's Community Service Award. Since coming from Taiwan to complete his graduate degree here in the U.S. in 1966, Mr. Yin has blazed a trail of entrepreneurship and service to his community which will serve as a model for young Asian Americans for generations to come.

As a McDonald's franchisee for the past 25 years, Mr. Yin has contributed to the betterment of his community in so many ways, from helping other minority-owned businesses succeed in the competitive American economy, to his virtuous efforts to combat illiteracy, to his contributions in promoting health education for our seniors. In addition to all of his private efforts and accomplishments, Mr. Yin's civic leadership and involvement over the years has been invaluable in relaying the many needs facing the Asian American business and education communities to those in government. For these reasons, I am proud to join a long list of public figures and institutions throughout various levels of government, from the mayor of Vacaville to Solano County Board to the California State Assembly, in commending Mr. Yin for his decades of service to his community and beyond.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 32nd Congressional District, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of Mr. Yin, his wife Regina and their two daughters, and the Chinese American Political Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Chu".

JUDY CHU, Ph.D.
Congressmember, 32nd District



BETTY T. YEE - 余淑婷

CHAIRWOMAN
STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

August 28, 2010

CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 14314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596



Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) Community Education Fund on your 2010 Gala, celebrating 20 years of the Student Internship Program.

I commend CAPA for its commitment to enhancing the civic engagement of the Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) communities. Through your Voter Education and Civic Participation, Student Internship, and Leadership Development programs, CAPA promotes civic participation and political involvement while fostering the next generation of APIA leaders.

Congratulations on your hard work and dedication to strengthening the APIA communities in the San Francisco Bay Area. I extend my warmest wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty Yee".

BETTY T. YEE
Chairwoman



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August 17, 2010

Mr. Stephen P. Lin, Esq.
CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 4314
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Dear CAPA Friends,

I am writing to congratulate you on the 2010 CAPA Community Education Fund event "Celebrating 20 Years of the Internship Program." For many years the CAPA Community Education Fund has been extremely successful and a beneficial event. I am proud to show my continued support.

I would also like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to Contra Costa County. Since 1984, CAPA's work serving the Asian American community in the San Francisco East Bay area is to be commended, recognized and deeply appreciated. My office has both observed and received the benefits of your wonderful organization through the Student Internship Program.

Thank you again and I look forward to celebrating your continued success politically empowering Asian American students.

As always, it is an honor to serve you on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

MARY NEJEDLY PIEPHO
County Supervisor, District III

MNP:lc





Mayor Ken Chew
Town of Moraga, California

August 28, 2010

Chinese American Political Association (CAPA)
P.O. Box 4314
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Dear Friends:

My warmest regards and congratulations to CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund on the occasion of celebrating 20 Years of the Summer Student Internship Program.

As an elected official, I applaud CAPA's exemplary program to educate and encourage the younger generation to be involved in the political process. The role of CAPA is vital as we continue to work on raising the political awareness and participation of the Chinese American and Asian and Pacific Islander American across the nation.

I wish the Intern Class of 2010 best wishes and much success in the future. Best wishes to CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund for your continued work in the community!

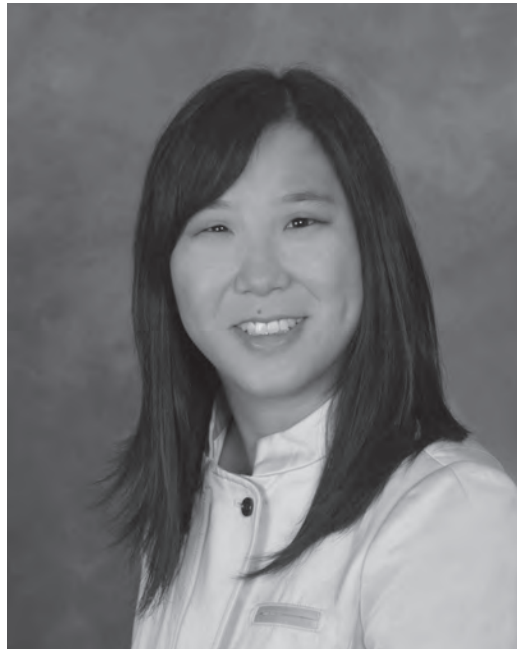
Sincerely,

Ken

Ken Chew
Mayor, Town of Moraga



**Congratulations on Celebrating 20 Years
of the Internship Program and Continued Success
of this Important Program**



Ann Cheng
Mayor Pro Tem
City of El Cerrito

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City of Pleasant Hill



August 28, 2010

Dear Friends:

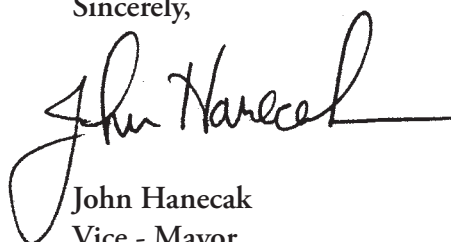
I would like to congratulate all of the members of CAPA, as well as the dedicated Board of Directors, for all you have done to improve our quality of life through your active involvement in the political process.

From CAPA's exemplary internship program, which is celebrating 20 years, to the "cannot-miss" political debates, you have assured that all voices are heard and considered during our Democracy's important policy and budget-making processes, as well as enforcement efforts.

I am very proud of all of CAPA's younger members who have all done so much to help strengthen and improve our communities.

As a lifetime member of CAPA, I am proud to be affiliated with this organization and look forward to continuing to work closely on future issues as well as celebrating with you!

Sincerely,



John Hanecak
Vice - Mayor
Pleasant Hill

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Our Honoree

Mr. C.C. Yin

Founder of the Asian Pacific-Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA)



C.C. Yin owns and operates 25 McDonald's restaurants in Northern California's Solano and Lake Counties. He has been a franchisee for over 25 years and has received numerous awards for his entrepreneurship.

An active member of the community, Yin is a founding member and the chairman of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA). Additionally he founded the Chinese American Association of Solano County and the Solano County Chinese Language School. He was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to serve as the California State Lottery Commissioner. He served as the Scholarship Finance Chair for the NAACP and as a member of the California Highway Patrol's Citizens Oversight Committee.

Prior to entering into the restaurant industry, he worked as a structural engineer at Fluor Corporation from 1971 to 1984, Bechtel Corporation from 1969 to 1971 and Austin Company from 1966 to 1969.

Yin earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Cheng Kung University in Taiwan and his master's degree in structural engineering from the University of Washington.

He enjoys skiing, basketball and running. He and his wife Regina have three daughters.

Mistress of Ceremonies

Emily Chang

Emily Chang started with CAPA as an intern in 1992 working for Contra Costa County Supervisor Sunne McPeak. She returned to CAPA the following summer to complete a research project on Proposition 187, which she presented before the CAPA membership at its fall forum. In the fall of 1996, with the support of CAPA, Emily completed an internship with the White House Domestic Policy Council.

The opportunities offered by CAPA reinforced her desire to enter public service. Emily studied Public Policy at Stanford University, where she graduated with honors in 1997. A few years later she received her Masters in Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley.

Emily has worked as a public finance consultant, a committee consultant on the California State Assembly Transportation Committee for then State Assemblymember Tom Torlakson. Emily serves on the City of Walnut Creek's Transportation Commission. Emily is currently the Executive Director of the Walnut Creek Downtown Business Association. Emily and her husband Dave Brown are proud parents of their daughter, Siena, with their second child on the way.



INTRODUCING OUR 2010 INTERNS



Alex Bau

Castro Valley High School

Career: Undecided

Office: Assemblymember Joan Buchanan

Words I live by: *He who eats will not be hungry.*



Andrew Fung

Miramonte High School

Office: Assoc. of Bay Area Governments

Career Goal: Economics

"Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on yesterdays." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Michelle Fung

UC Davis

Career Goal: Law

Office: Congresswoman Barbara Lee

Words I live by: *If someone can do it, I can do it too!*



Tiffany Lei

Northgate High School

Career Goal: Medicine

Office: Sustainable Contra Costa

(Non-profit Enviromental Org.)

Words I live by: *Learn from yesterday, live for today, dream for tomorrow.*



Christopher Liu

College Park High School

Office: Contra Costa Co. Supervisor

Susan A. Bonilla

Career Goal: Engineering

Words I live by: *No one can know what he can do until he tries.*



Molly Montgomery

Bishop O'Dowd High School

College: UCLA Fall 2010

Office: Alameda Co. Supervisor

Alice Lai-Bitker

Career Goal: Journalism & Teaching.

Words I live by: *"Be the change you want to see in the world."* - Ghandi



Gloria Ng

San Ramon Valley High School

Office: Contra Costa Dist. III Supervisor,
Supervisor Mary Piepho

Career Goal: Public Health, Business

Words I live by: *"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."*



Jessica Ng

College Park High School

Office: Contra Costa County

Assessor's Office

Career Goal: Sciences.

Words I live by: *Everything in moderation.*



Alvin Wu

Dougherty Valley High School

Office: State Senator Mark DeSaulnier

Career Goal: Political Science & Economics

Words I live by: *"No regrets."*



Jason Yu

Northgate High School

Office: Congressman George Miller

Career Goal: Business

"You can't let praise or criticism get to you. It's a weakness to get caught up in either one."
- John Wooden



Yingsi Zhang

Brown University

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

Office: International Relations/Economics

Words I live by: *You gotta keep keep keep trying!*



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Bettina Uno

Special thank you to Mike Chong for speaking at our training session on public speaking.



.....Echo Wall回音壁..... Voices from our former interns

Catherine Chen

Intern Class: 1993 and 1994

Intern Office: Alameda Co. Supervisor Wilma Chan, Washington, DC White House intern

College Attended: Stanford University, BA, Columbia University, MA

Current Work: Consultant at the U.S. Department of Justice

My experience as a CAPA intern was instrumental in shaping my interest in government and my desire to give back to my community. Nearly two decades later I am still involved in politics and government. These days I am a consultant at the U.S. Department of Justice, developing programs to combat human trafficking.

Although it was 17 years ago, I still remember being yelled at by an angry constituent who was upset about a road-widening project that was going to remove century-old oak trees, and hearing the Supervisor explain that this was the nature of politics -- to balance public safety, environmental preservation, and constituent interests for the greater good of a community.

In the years that followed, I interned for an Alameda County Supervisor, worked for a summer with a CA state representative, and eventually made my way to Washington, DC as a White House intern.

Thanks for all that you have done to support such an important program. Congratulations on your 20th anniversary!



Christine Ching

Intern Class: 1998

Intern Office: Sen. Barbara Boxer

College Attended: MBA, Rady School of Management, UCSD

Current Work: Business Development Associate, Receptos, Inc.

CAPA provided me with an incredible internship opportunity during the summer of 1998. As an intern in Senator Barbara Boxer's San Francisco office, I was exposed to my first experiences in public service and team building. The most important thing that I learned through this program is to always be a self-starter. This position has helped me develop leadership skills that have become a fundamental part of my career today in business development in the biotech/pharmacy industry.

Elaine Golangco

Intern Class: 2000

Intern Office: (former) County Supervisor Mark Desaulnier

College Attended: UC Irvine, Class of 2005

Current Work: Credit Representative, Allergan USA, Inc.

To this day almost a decade after my internship with now Senator Mark Desaulnier, I still carry significant memories of my summer there, as the Supervisor's office was my first experience being immersed in an office environment and set the stage for the valuable skills that I utilize in my career. I will never forget his friendly staff who I learned from what hard but rewarding work it takes to run a politician's office.

Jeff Chen

Intern Class: 2007

Intern Office: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

Current: Stanford University, Class of 2013

The most important skill that I developed in my internship with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was how to effectively communicate and work with adults in a professional environment. I learned how to collaborate effectively with staff members who were many years my senior and accomplish our tasks in a timely, efficient manner. Interestingly enough, my experience with using multi-line office phones has served me well in my current summer job as a student supervisor for Stanford Conference Services.





.....Echo Wall回音壁..... Voices from our former interns

Madeline Golangco

Intern Class: 1996

Intern Office: Senator Dianne Feinstein

College Attended: UC Davis, Class of 2001

Current Work: Adviser Capability Development Consultant, Genesys Wealth Advisers (subsidiary of AXA Financial Services, Australia)

I had the wonderful opportunity to intern for Senator Dianne Feinstein. The office was buzzing with energy and the staff were all very nice. There was a lot of humor and goodwill in the office, because we were all striving towards the same goal. I also remembered using her automated signing machine. It looked like an architect's table with half a robot attached to it, all to sign her name in pen! It was pretty impressive.

The most memorable moment of the internship was when all the staff attended a function where the Senator gave a speech. Walking into the room, she commanded such a presence without saying a word. She was memorizing to watch, and radiated with energy and power. I wondered how such a small lady had such an influential presence; this inspired me to not be powerful with forced bravado on the outside, but more so have a powerful, quiet strength on the inside.

What I learned from my experience was to get along with many different backgrounds and walks of life, in a dynamic work environment. Flexibility, multi-tasking and communication were all essential skills, but also understanding and compassion, all which carried me through different jobs.

I am grateful for this experience and to CAPA for providing this program for its young participants.



Lynn Liao

Internship Class: 1992

Intern Office: California State Assembly Member Bob Campbell

College attended: UC Berkeley, BA, Stanford University, MBA

Current work: Managing Director at The Broad Residency of Broad Foundation

The most memorable moment of my CAPA internship came through a research assignment on an education issue. I was stunned by the detail, complexity, and sheer length of the California education code. It made me appreciate that the assemblyman had developed a depth of expertise in education policy that enabled him to be a more effective legislator. This experience was especially applicable since I've focused my career on urban education, though I had no idea that would be the case at the time.

Michael Chen

Intern Class: 1991

Intern Office: US Rep. George Miller

College Attended: UC Berkeley, BS, Columbia University, MS

Current Work: Architect, practicing in New York City

Part-time architecture faculty at Pratt Institute, Visiting professor at UC Berkeley (2010)

What is my most memorable thing during CAPA Internship? Well, I have a lot, and one of them involved helping to put a veteran in touch with the appropriate staff at the VA and the local VA hospital to resolve an issue he had with his benefits. It was a small act that involved an hour of phone calls, but it was also a chance to turn empathy into action for someone who needed help, and an eye opening education into the relationship between governing and public service.

I became increasingly involved in my student government after my internship, served as a board member of an East Bay youth run environmental group, and was active in organizing of the first Earth Day celebration in Walnut Creek.

The confidence that I gained as a CAPA intern have been extraordinarily valuable to my academic research and professionalism. I hope that many generations of students will be able to have the kind of experience that I did as an intern.

Thank you, and Congratulations on your 20 years!



.....Echo Wall回音壁.....

Voices from our former interns

Jason Lai

Intern Class: 2005

Intern Office: Fmr. Congressperson Ellen Tauscher

Current: UC Davis, Class of 2010

My name is Jason James Lai and I was part of the 2005 CAPA intern class. I was an intern for Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher in the Walnut Creek Office. I was born and raised in Walnut Creek, so working as a legislative intern was a great way help out the community I am apart of. As an intern I learned and observed how to serve the constituents; it was a great experience to give back to my community. Many skills I learned and cultivated during my internship have carried over into the character I have developed today.

I recently graduated from the University of California, Davis where I studied Managerial Economics. I am aspiring to work in Human Resources in the training and development sector. CAPA has been a great part of my life so I hope to give back in any way I can. I thank everyone who put their trust and support into CAPA. It makes a difference in the lives of the interns.



Bryan Wong

Intern Class: 2001

Intern Office: Senator Feinstein

College Attended: Yale University, Class of 2005

Current Work: Associate (Investments), Packard Foundation. Helping to manage and invest the Foundation's endowment.

What I remember most about my CAPA internship with Senator Feinstein are the lifelong friendships I formed over the summer, including my friend Peter who is currently running for City Council in Gilroy. I still am very close with several people from my internship, and I continue to be involved in the local Asian American community today, mentoring youth at the San Francisco Chinatown YMCA.

Tiffany Su

Intern Class: 2005

Intern Office: Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker

College Attended: UC San Diego, 2010

Current Work: Research Associate in the Oegema and Desai Labs, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research

The most important thing I learned during my CAPA Internship was discovering all the aspects of holding a position in Government. My most memorable memory was going to community outreach fairs and providing information to those in the community on how to keep healthy. I really enjoyed these opportunities to network with the community. Through these events, I learned the importance of connecting with the people in one's community. This internship was a great experience and I highly recommend it.



Emily Chin

Intern Class: 2002

Intern Office: Alameda County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker

College Attended: University of Southern California

Current: University of Southern California pursuing MA in Public Diplomacy

As a CAPA intern class of 2002, I have enjoyed a wide variety of experiences, thanks in large part to the unique launching platform of the CAPA Ed Fund. After graduating from high school in 2003, I moved to Los Angeles where I pursued my BA in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing and a minor in French. Upon completing my undergraduate studies, I entered the world of non-traditional marketing via Nike's go-to agency in Southern California, On Board Entertainment, where for 3 years I managed accounts great and small, events and mobile tours, and even the occasional live concert or college program. I am now in my first year of the Master in Public Diplomacy at USC, and thrilled at the opportunity to continue supporting and revisiting CAPA, which started it all.



.....Echo Wall回音壁..... **Voices from our former interns**



Meghan Uno

Intern Class: 2008

Intern Office: Mayor of Moraga

Current: Yale University, Class of 2013

My internship with the mayor of Moraga allowed me to witness the inner workings of municipal administration and really opened my eyes to the diversity of issues faced by city governments. I would definitely recommend CAPA to anyone who wants to broaden his or her range of experience in governing and politics or just learn about an engaging and relevant career.

Jonathan Clark

Intern Class: 2006

Intern Office: Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Piepho

College Attended: UC Santa Cruz BA in Film and Digital Media, 2010

The CAPA Ed Fund internship was a terrific learning experience. It opened my eyes to the political process and has influenced the way in which I view my community. It was my first experience in an office environment and good exposure to the world of work. Since my time as a CAPA intern was during the summer between high school and college, it acted as a sort of bridge for me between adolescence and adulthood.

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