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CAPA COMMUNITY EDUCATION FUND CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the elegant Roundhill Club and the annual Gala of CAPA Community Education Fund. I wish to sincerely thank all of you who so generously support our wonderful programs and activities throughout the year. Your commitment to our organization is greatly appreciated.

With the passing of every year, we add to the ever-growing number of CAPA CEF interns who have spent an eye-opening experience working at a public office for a few short months. Quite frequently, this internship is their first time to be in a formal working environment, which at times can be rather challenging while fulfilling at the same time. For those of us who have been in the work force for a number of years, we wish we had this kind of first opportunity to work in the “real world.” I am certain that this experience will be always remembered by our interns.

This year, our interns are even more at the forefront of our Gala, as our theme is “Celebrating a New Generation.” I see them as the generation full of youthful energy, with eyes full of excitement as they explore and experience a world that we, as their parents, would never have imagined. Our celebration of the new generation is an acknowledgement that it is their world to mold and shape to their vision, while we, the elder generation, gently and sometimes reluctantly step aside to let them take the lead. I feel confident that with the experience and insights that our interns will gain through this summer program, they will emerge with a more balanced, sensible and fair perspective of precisely what it means to be a New Generation.

We hope that you will enjoy tonight’s event, and that we will see you again next year. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,



Eric Golanco

Chair, CAPA Community Education Fund

CAPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished guests, and CAPA Interns, past and present:

It is my great honor to once again welcome you all to the annual CAPA Gala. As it has been for years, we continue to live in “interesting times.”

With the most recent case of Trayvon Martin, and the final verdict in the George Zimmerman trial, this nation continues to be embroiled in controversy, on both sides of the aisle.

But let us not forget, whether we feel strongly for or against the final verdict in that very controversial trial, and the principles we feel it upholds or betrays, that we are, above all, a nation of laws, and that the administration of justice within that system of laws, however imperfect, remains the envy of the world.

After the verdict, President Obama gave a speech, in which he aptly used the term “post-racial” society, in emphasizing that we had not yet evolved to that point.

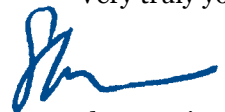
Tonight, I challenge all of us to help our nation move toward that elusive, but attainable goal—a world in which we, our children, and our children’s children, no longer need worry that the color of their skin might incite violence, attract harm or invoke discrimination.

In so doing, we must not shy away from vigorous debate, from civil and non-violent protests, from the healthy national dialogue that has engendered positive social change in this great nation since its inception over 237 years ago. The Civil Rights Movement is not yet a part of our history—it is ongoing, and my hope and expectation is that it will be completed in our lifetimes, through the work of tireless individuals, courageous leaders, and organized non-profit groups like CAPA, whose mission is wholly consistent with the construction, one day, of a truly “post-racial” nation.

We have much to be proud of tonight, but we must not grow complacent. Our work is not yet done, and we must stay on course, in the hope that it will be done soon.

Have a wonderful evening, and may you all carry on with us, in the march toward a more perfect Union.

Very truly yours,



Stephen P. Lin, Esq.

President, Chinese American Political Association



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Starting in 2005, separate
individuals served as CAPA Presi-
dent and CAPA CEF Chair

Jonathan Wen Hsu, <i>Chair</i>	2005
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Or email: EdFund@CAPAcommunity.org.

Tonight's Program

5:30 pm

Registration and Networking

6:45 pm

Dinner and Program

Emily Chang, Mistress of Ceremonies

Welcome

Eric Golangco, Chair, CAPA Community Education Fund

Stephen P. Lin, President, CAPA

Public Officials and the CAPA CEF Internship Experience

Introduction of Intern Class of 2013 and Program

presented by Evelyn Lin, Internship Program Chair

Entertainment

featuring Alice and The Wave Band

Dancing

Mistress of Ceremonies



Emily Chang

Emily Chang started with CAPA as an intern in 1992 working for then Contra Costa County Supervisor and longtime CAPA friend 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 and CAPA member Tom Torlakson, and Executive Director of the Walnut Creek Downtown Business Association.

Her volunteer commitments over the past 15 years have included the Contra Costa County Human Relations Commission, the City of Walnut Creek's Transportation Commission, the Asian Pacific American Leadership Project (APALP), the East Bay Asian Voter Education Consortium (EBAVEC), and the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR).

Her husband, Dave Brown, also a CAPA member, served on the Board of the West Contra Costa Unified School District and is currently senior policy aide to Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan. They are the proud parents of two daughters.

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Introducing our Class of 2013 Interns



Jonathan Chan

School: California High School
Office: State Senator Leland Yee
Career Goal: To discover something worth remembering.

Words to live by: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."
- Abraham Lincoln



Nichole Gan

School: Las Lomas High School
Office: Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla
Career Goal: Pediatrician

Words to live by: "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new" - Socrates



Sharon Ha

School: Pomona College
Office: Senator Yee in San Francisco
Career Goal: Business Executive

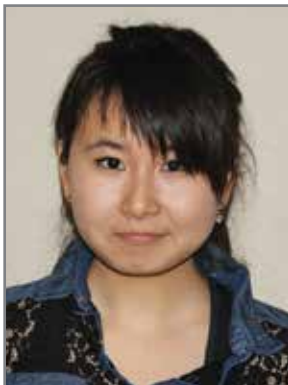
Words to live by: "It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and erase all doubt"
- Mark Twain



Melody Huang

School: Amador Valley High School
Office: Assemblymember Joan Buchanan
Career Goal: Business entrepreneur

Words to live by: "Have faith that things will work out, maybe not how you planned but how it's meant to be."



Tiffany Jiang

School: Dougherty Valley High School
Office: Congressman George Miller
Career Goal: Become a Successful Lawyer

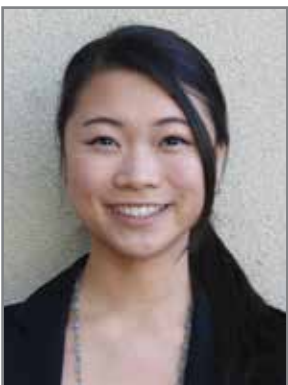
Words to live by: "For a gallant spirit, there is no defeat." - Wallis Simpson



Caie Kelley

School: Miramonte High School
Office: District II Supervisor Candace Andersen
Career Goal: Something relating to cognitive science!

Words to live by: "Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."



Joyce Liang

School: Castro Valley High School
Office: Congresswoman Barbara Lee
Career Goal: Business

Words to live by: "I've come to believe that all my past failure and frustration were actually laying the foundation for the understandings that have created the new level of living I now enjoy"
--Anthony Robbins

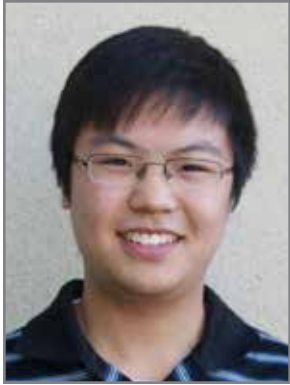


Colin Liu

School: MSJHS
Office: State Senator Leland Yee
Career Goal: Economist? (undecided)

Words to live by: "Laughing at your problems is much easier than brooding over them."

Introducing our Class of 2013 Interns



Kelmen Low

School: Monte Vista High School
Office: Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Career Goal: Chemistry

Words to live by: "What makes our community a community, is the community."



Justin Lu

School: Dublin High
Office: Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti
Career Goal: Investment Banking

Words to live by: "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"
- Wayne Gretzky



Allison Pei

School: Dougherty Valley High School
Office: State Senator Mark DeSaulnier
Career Goal: International Relations or Medical School

Words to live by: "Happiness does not depend on what you have or who you are, it solely relies on what you think." -Buddha



Chuhan Shen

School: Dougherty Valley High School
Office: Assemblymember Phil Ting
Career Goal: Business/Law

Words to live by: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." - Ephesians 4:2



Ryan Tsao

School: College Park High School
Office: Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla
Career Goal: Engineer of some kind
Words to live by: "Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't."
- Bill Nye



Vincent Tsui

School: Dougherty Valley High School
Office: Assemblymember Phil Ting
Career Goal: Engineer

Words to live by: "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." -Confucius



Eric Suyuan Wang

School: Yale University
Office: Senator Barbara Boxer
Career Goal: Undecided

Words to live by: "I don't want to achieve immortality through my work... I want to achieve it through not dying."
- Woody Allen



Brandon Ye

School: Dougherty Valley High School
Office: San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson
Career Goal: Attend law school

Words to live by: "Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records." - William Arthur Ward

2013 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.

The new class of 2013 in attendance at one of the meetings held in July to discuss updates to the assignments as well as prepare for the gala event.





Gala 2012

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Gala 2012 was held in August at the Roundhill Country Club. We had the largest class of interns in our history with 26 students. We had a lot of fun with a lot of activity, performances and entertainment and dancing into the night. Our gala events continue the tradition of supporting the programs of CAPA CEF while enjoying the festivities and camaraderie!





After the selection of our 2013 Summer Interns, we host the orientation to provide information and guidelines of what our program entails. Held this year at the Roundhill Country Club in Alamo, we are thankful for our committee for coordinating this important event as well as our special guest speakers, CA State Senator, Mark DeSaulnier and Contra Costa Co. Supervisor, Candace Andersen.





As part of our continuing commitment to voter education, our popular Fall Forum event has attracted our local and most popular candidates to debate and discuss their issues. They say that politics are always local and so our emphasis has been on our most popular local races and state level candidates as well as select propositions and measures. We hope that the audience takes away a measure of information when they go to the polls.





with 2012 Intern Laura de Crescenzo



with 2012 Intern Stephanie Lin

2012 CAPA CEF Intern Graduation

During our Fall Forum event, at the conclusion, we have our graduation event. During the summer, our interns completed their assignments at their assigned offices plus completion community service hours. Those in attendance receive a certificate of accomplishment aka "the CAPA diploma" and a stipend. Some of our interns couldn't attend graduation because they were in college out of the area so their's will be mailed to them. We appreciate our young people's involvement and encourage them to continue their involvement in the community as well as with CAPA CEF.



Our 2012 Interns with Stephen Lin, Evelyn Lin and Eric Golangco

APAPA Internship Graduation Dinner

Our friends and community partner, APAPA and their SF Chapter had their first graduating class of interns. The program, modeled after ours was a success. With partnerships with other APA organizations like APAPA, we can encourage each other to offer opportunities for our young people to learn about how our system of governance works.



City of San Ramon 30th Anniversary

We had the opportunity to help celebrate the 30th birthday of the City of San Ramon. Hosted by the Dougherty Valley / San Ramon Rotary Club. Boardmembers Eric and Marsha Golangco, Cheng Liao, his wife Cathy and Kay Wang joined in the festivities.



APAPA membership drive event with APAPA Founder CC Yin, Marsha Golangco, Dublin Mayor, Tim Sbranti and company



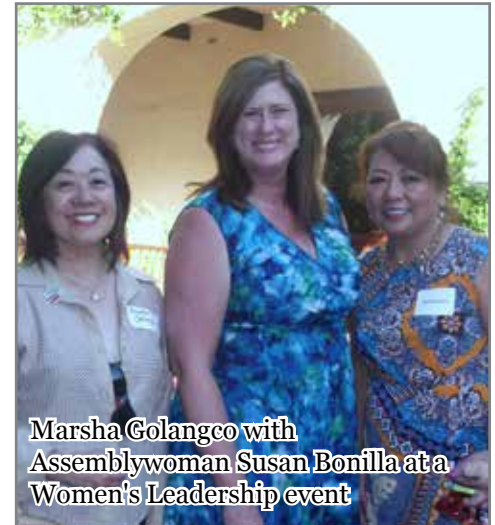
Eric and Marsha Golangco with Assemblywoman Fiona Ma



Cedric Cheng with State Senator Mark DeSaulnier during his holiday open house at his Walnut Creek office



Celebrating the holidays at one of the many events and happenings



Marsha Golangco with Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla at a Women's Leadership event



Congressman George Miller's Birthday Event

2013 Intern Tiffany Jiang with Eric Golangco (CAPA CEF Chair) and Marsha Golangco (CAPA CEF Boardmember) at George Miller's birthday celebration. Tiffany's assignment at Congressman George Miller's office in Concord has some interesting moments. Those in attendance including Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, CA State Superintendent of Schools, Tom Torlakson and his wife Mae and the special guest of honor, Congressman George Miller.





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CAPA Community Education Fund

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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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