



## **40TH BUSINESS AND EDUCATION FORUM & ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**

- Date: Feb. 18, 2023
- Time: 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Location: Hyatt Regency O'Hare (9300 Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, IL 60018)

### **FOR PROGRAMS AND TICKETS**

- Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aacc-business-and-education-forums-and-lunar-new-year-celebration-tickets-475341026807> or Call: (312) 607-2019

### **2023 AACC FORMS**

Website: [www.aaccchicago.org](http://www.aaccchicago.org)

### **2023 AACC PROGRAM (DRAFT)**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 2023 AACC Business and Education Forum – Two parallel tracks:

#### **Track I – Education Forum**

1:00 – 2:20 pm

#### **Session 1 - Current Trends on Asian American Students: How college campuses are supporting students**

Moderator: Thy Nguyen, Associate Vice Provost, Career Services, Illinois Tech

Speakers:

- Krystal Ka'ai (White House Initiative on AANHPIs, Exec. Director)
- Dr. Robert L. Manuel, President, DePaul University
- Dr. Javier Reyes, Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago

2:20 – 2:40 pm Break

2:40 – 4:00pm

#### **Session 2 - The Teaching of Asian American History in Illinois Schools**

Moderator: Doug Nguyen, AACC Chairperson

Speakers:

- Krystal Ka'ai (White House Initiative on AANHPIs, Exec. Director)
- State Senator Ram Villivalam and Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz
- Adele Rapport, Director, Office of Civil Right, US Dept. of Education
- Ginger Leopoldo, M.A., Executive Director, [www.circapintig.org](http://www.circapintig.org)

#### **Track II – Business Forum**

1:00 – 2:20pm

#### **Session 1 - Expanding Economic Opportunities for AAPI Small Businesses – Government Service**

Moderator – George Mui – Founder, Asian American Executive Network (Confirmed)

Speakers:

- Small Business Administration (SBA) – Geri Sanchez Aglipay, SBA Regional Administrator (Pending)
- U.S. Department of Commerce – International Trade Administration – Dan Kim – Global Asia Team Leader & Sr. International Trade Specialist
- U.S. Department of Commerce – Minority Business Development Agency - Joann Hill – Chief, Office of Business Development, MBDA

- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DECO) - Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE) - Michelle Lura White, Women's Business Development Manager

2:20 – 2:40 pm Break

2:40 – 4:00 pm

## **Session 2 - Expanding Economic Opportunities for AAPI Small Businesses – Advocacy Organizations**

Moderator – George Mui – Founder, Asian American Executive Network

Speakers:

- National ACE – Janet Alikpala – Senior Director Corporate Affairs
- Illinois Asian American Chamber of Commerce - Megan Nakano, Executive Director
- Small Business Development Center at Chinese Mutual Aid Association – Chettha Saetia, SBDC Director
- International Trade Center, Colleague of DuPage - Jean Lin, Center Director

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Mass & Interfaith Prayers for Peace and Prosperity  
*Co-Chairs: Dr. Nguyen Trung Hieu and Mr. Rajinder Mago*

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- Exhibits & Reception

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual AACC Lunar New Year Gala

## **COSTS**

- Forum & Banquet: \$110/guest and \$1100/table of 10 guests
- Hotel: \$119 for Saturday night ([www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRO/G-CAAA](http://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/CHIRO/G-CAAA) )  
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