21st Anniversary Celebration
Fresh Perspectives on Moving Our Community Forward

2022

OUR GROWTH

2000+ VOTERS REGISTERED EACH YEAR

42 VOLUNTEER-RUN APAPA CHAPTERS NATIONWIDE

12X INCREASE IN SOCIAL MEDIA REACH OVER THE PAST YEAR

6X INCREASE IN WEBSITE TRAFFIC SINCE 1/2022

236+ DIVERSE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

250+ STUDENT INTERNS PER YEAR

100+ TOWNHALLS/FORUMS/EVENTS PER YEAR
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As anti-Asian hate crimes started escalating in 2020, APAPA mobilized to bring attention to the crisis through our Unity Against Hate rallies across the country. Due to our 20 years of civic engagement work, elected officials, community partners and members of the public stood with us in solidarity. Along with most of the country, we asked ourselves…is there more we could and should be doing?

Starting in August 2021 under the new leadership of Henry Chang as National Executive Director, APAPA developed fresh perspectives on moving our community forward. First, we’re targeting anti-Asian hate at its roots. Second, we’re expanding the breadth and scope of our leadership development programs.

First, to target anti-Asian hate at its roots, we started the K-12 AAPI History Initiative to change the K-12 curriculum throughout the US to include the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals and communities to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States.

Second, we expanded the breadth and scope of our leadership development programs as follows:

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CHRISTINE MIYASHIRO
FORMER APAPA INTERN

EVAN YUAN
APAPA YOUTH AMBASSADOR
APAPA’s National Internship Program was established in 2004. This program places college students at local, state, and federal legislatures throughout the country for the summer at locations where we have APAPA chapters. In 2021, we expanded our programs to include Fall, Winter and Spring program options as well with our Winter Internship Program being 100% virtual. We served 250 students from September 2021 to August 2022. We are expanding our program to 300 students in 2023!

- APAPA teaches leadership by having our interns actively engage in leadership. APAPA Interns have played key roles in voter registration campaigns, Unity Against Hate rallies, and our K-12 AAPI History Initiative.

- APAPA’S internship program includes professional development and leadership development workshops, case competitions and research projects in support of the AAPI community.
FREE NON-PARTISAN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO CONNECT OUR COMMUNITIES WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AT THE CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL
The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association - APAPA - has mobilized nationwide to get K-12 Asian American & Pacific Islander history legislation introduced and passed in state legislatures across the country. We believe this is vital to eradicating Asian Hate at its roots and empowering the AAPI community. Over 65+ organizations have signed on to support this initiative.

**Over 3,200 letters** have been sent by constituents to legislators across the US in 2022. The map below shows which states we have gained momentum in so far. The more letters that are sent to legislators via the advocacy tool on our website at [apapa.org/k12](http://apapa.org/k12) the darker the blue color becomes.
Beginning in 2021, APAPA mobilized a nationwide “Unity Against Hate” movement in response to the alarming rise in hate crimes against AAPIs taking place across the country. We organized a collaboration of over 185 diverse organizations nationwide.

To date, we've held 21 rallies across the country, procured over 190 letters of support from elected officials, helped pass city resolutions condemning anti-Asian hate, and sent 1200 Unity Against Hate PSAs to API student groups.
Through our **Youth Ambassador Program**, high school students gain hands-on organization leadership experience. Our Youth Ambassadors participate as non-voting members of our chapter boards throughout the country. They work hand-in-hand with our chapter board members to lead the chapters and organize chapter events.

APAPA's "**AANHPI Youth Leadership Academy**" for high school students includes 1-2 day leadership training that includes topics such as:

- Public Speaking
- Professional Writing
- Finding Your Authentic Voice
- Networking Skills
- Resume Writing & Interviewing Skills
- Civic Engagement
- History of AAPI Leadership & Advocacy
- Mental Health & Stress Management
TECH INITIATIVE

- Changing the Narrative: Highlighting the Critical Role Asian Americans Have Played in the Development of Tech and Innovation in the United States

- Developing the Next Generation of AANHPI Tech Innovation Leaders

A NATIONALWIDE APAPA EVENT SERIES

AAPI WOMEN LEADERS
SHATTERING THE GLASS CEILING
OUR HEADQUARTERS TEAM

HENRY CHANG, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Henry assumed the role of National Executive Director in August 2021 and is responsible for shepherding in this exciting new era of growth and impact for APAPA. His history with APAPA dates back to early 2010 when he became an active volunteer and board member; he later served as APAPA Greater Sacramento President from 4/2013-1/2017. Prior to joining APAPA full-time, Henry had a distinguished 25-year career in technology.

CHARLOTTE DANIELSSON, ESQ
NATIONAL OPERATIONS & ADVOCACY DIRECTOR

Charlotte received her JD from Stanford Law School and her Bachelors’ degree in Economics & Political Science from Berkeley. Prior to joining APAPA in her current role, Charlotte practiced business and immigration law for 23 years, served for 5 years as CEO of an international tech nonprofit with a 45,000+ network, served as a Commissioner for the Alameda County Human Relations Commission and was a dedicated volunteer, board member and event chair with APAPA since 2011.

ANDREW KIM, NATIONAL INTERNSHIP CHAIR

Andrew Truman Kim runs APAPA’s National Internship Program APINext. Andrew is an award-winning consultant, growth-strategist, commercial real estate broker and angel investor. Andrew also served as a senior U.S. congressional staffer and senior campaign manager specializing in battleground campaigns and economic development programs. Currently, Andrew is a City Commissioner for the City of West Sacramento's Economic Development & Housing Commission and is a County Commissioner for the County of Yolo's Climate Action Commission. Andrew is a Certified Project Manager from Stanford University, and a proud UC Davis alumnus.
MARILYN NIELSEN, NATIONAL DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Marilyn Nielsen was a government executive for more than 30 years serving in the Administration of every California Governor since Governor George Deukmejian. For more than twelve years, she also served as a Director of two County Fair Boards for Yolo and Tehama. Marilyn and her husband, Senator Jim Nielsen, are founding members of APAPA. Since 2014 she is the National Deputy Executive Director of APAPA, working with corporate sponsors and elected officials.

JACQUI NGUYEN, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Jacqui currently works at the California State Legislature as a Press Secretary and is a former television reporter and anchor. She is the first Asian American to serve on the Solano County Commission on Women and Girls. She also serves on the board of the Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA) and the Greater Sacramento chapter of APAPA. In addition to handling public relations for APAPA, she is also responsible for our Government Appointments Committee.

IMELDA MARTINEZ, EXTERNAL RELATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Imelda is responsible for donor, legislator, and partner relations for APAPA. Prior to joining APAPA, Imelda spent 10 years in the Behavioral Health Industry. She is a graduate of UC Davis.

JELENA LAPUZ, SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING SPECIALIST

Jelena is responsible for all of APAPA’s social media, along with our podcast. Her experience prior to APAPA included social media, communications, and journalism. Jelena has a bachelor's in English with a minor in Professional Writing from UC Davis.

ALMA STEVENS, OFFICE MANAGER

Alma has been with APAPA since 2017 and she keeps the APAPA office running smoothly. She is a vital member of the team who steps in to do anything and everything! Her most important contribution...making us all feel like a big family.
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