



Message from Interim-President, NAAAP Boston!!

Happy holidays! Thank you for your support and contributions to build leaders and shape our community to connect, cultivate and empower AAPI leaders!

NAAAP Boston is thankful for our members, volunteers, sponsors and our community partners as we continue to drive forward to build leaders, build community and raise our AAPI visibility and voices.

It's been a remarkable year for NAAAP Boston and we're excited for what 2022 brings!

This year we've seen remarkable growth, continuously engaging with, empowering and contributing to our AAPI community! Looking back this year, I'm proud of us ...

- Creating ways to connect our AAPI community partners, sponsors, networks and our members, volunteers and leaders - encouraging each other to be heard and seen!
- Offering innovative, engaging and community building events for our volunteers/members, sponsors and leaders
- Awarding 6 Future Leaders with a generous scholarship totaling \$25,000; including launching our first Pride Scholarship
- Giving back and contributing to our community, offering global focused events to address some of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Starting and offering a growing and fun Slack community, allowing us to connect with one another, being clicks away!
- Sharing career development tips and learnings - being quoted in a Boston Globe Magazine article (Aug 2021), "A former career isn't a waste of time and money. It's learning" - [click here](#)

Proud for our AAPI community to see historical, FIRST moments too! AAPI can be seen and heard in various aspects of life! Simu Liu being Marvel's first Asian superhero, starring in the movie, Shang-Chi ([click here](#) to view an interview); Michelle Wu as Boston's first

female Asian American mayor-elect - 56th mayor of Boston ([click here](#) for a Boston Globe article), and recently Sesame Street adding its first Korean American puppet, Ji-Young to the crew (view Sesame Street's The Making of Ji-Young character - [click here](#))!

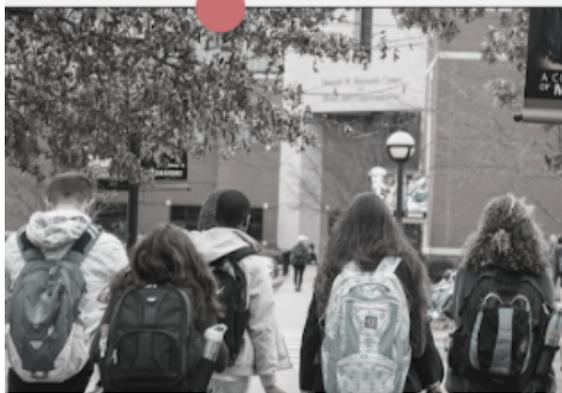
Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Chien-Mei Chang

(Interim President and Board Member)

Talk of the Town...



Scholarship
Committee
Open
Recruitment

Scholarship Open Recruitment Event

We are looking for active volunteers to help support our 2022 Future Scholarship activities. Consider joining us in this open call to learn more about our committee's mission and how our scholarship cycle works.

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for administering the Future Leader Award, an Asian American leadership scholarship recognizing high school students who are aspiring leaders in their communities. In the past, our main events included scholarship applications review, Scholarship Awards Virtual Ceremony, and fundraising events. In 2020, NAAAP Boston awarded a total of \$25,000 scholarships to 6 well-deserving students. Generous Donors included TJX, Edwin K. and Mary G. Chin Scholarship Foundation, Richard and Chou Lee Foundation and individual donors, including Mr. Edward Saltzman. We also launched the NAAAP PRIDE Scholarship in partnership with NAAAP PRIDE. Our upcoming events will include a Roundtable on Asian-Americans in Higher Education and Virtual Trivia Night. If you are interested in volunteering or joining our mailing list, please email us at scholarship@naaapboston.org!

Date: Dec 8, 2021

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm EST

RSVP [here](#)

What's happening in NAAAP Boston...



Dec 8 / 7 - 8:30 PM CST

NAAAP Wellness Wednesday: Winter Wellness

Each month NAAAP Chicago's Wellness program hosts a free session of self-care called Wellness Wednesday!

Wellness impacts so many facets of our professional and personal life. Small things can make a big difference, from music to taking a walk. So we've planned an interactive activity each month to help prepare for and deal with growing stressors! Lets share ways we can foster our own wellness and the wellness of our workplaces, community, etc!

[Register here!!](#)



Dec 15 / 7 - 8 PM EST

WIN&WINE Annual Holiday Women's Networking Social

Come Join WIN for the **Annual** Women's Networking Event, that's right this year marks one year of WIN&WINE. Ohh how the time fly's when you are having fun! So come join the wonderful AAPI Women's Community of Boston and feel festive as well as chat and play a fun game at our Holiday Networking Social!

Feel free to wear festive holiday attire and bring a drink of choice.

[Register here!!](#)

60 seconds with a Change Agent

Meet **Chris Yang**, one of NAAAP Boston Superheroes!!



I am currently one of the directors for the PRIDE committee at NAAAP Boston as well as a volunteer for NAAAP NY (where I am currently geographically located).

Currently, the PRIDE committee is focusing on preparing for 2 initiatives that we plan to launch in 2022. The first is a mentorship program for the AAPI X LGBTQ+ community where we want to focus on the topic of professionalism and navigating the workplace as someone who holds those two identities. The second is where we are looking to propose to NAAAP Boston that the PRIDE committee should hold an advisory function where other

groups within NAAAP can consult us on how to be more inclusive and mindful of members of the LGBTQ+ community. Hopefully we can extend this advisory function to our corporate sponsors as well!

I lead growth operations for a B2B SaaS tech startup called Pyxai - where we utilize AI to administer video assessments to look for soft skills proficiencies in job candidates. Generally, my work has me focusing on creating external strategic partnerships, formulating business design, and optimizing internal processes. Presently I am working on a sourcing initiative where our company helps to source for talent and showcase their soft skills (e.g. communication, collaboration, stress-management, etc..) to potential employers within our partner network - shameless ask, but please connect with me if you or your company is hiring - perhaps we may have some synergies!

Outside of work, I am really enjoying my newfound pandemic hobby of brewing homemade Korean rice wine (Makgeolli), practicing kendo, and singing (albeit not well, but having lots of fun) at karaoke!

I will be visiting my family and friends down in Washington DC and hopefully catching a performance at the Kennedy Center!

So... when I first moved to Boston (before my transition to NYC), I actually worked - after my day job - at a ramen shop in Porter Square part-time called Yume Wo Katara. They have only one thing on their menu and that is the Jiro style pork ramen. Jiro style ramen is hybrid ramen that mixes Shoyu (soy-sauce) and Tonkotsu (pork broth) styles of ramen. It is super-rich and delicious, and they give huge portions. Biting into the chashu there will give you a umami flavor flood of an experience. Be warned though... once you eat the ramen there, you may be out of commission for the rest of the day as the food is super rich and heavy! As an alternative, they have a sister restaurant that sells udon called Yume Ga Arukara in the Lesley business center. I highly recommend their spicy cold udon! (It's not as heavy, and their noodles are probably the best that I've ever had)

I really wish I had the ability to warp time-space and create teleportation portals! I would absolutely love to be able to instantaneously move my location locally or internationally at will, to not only easily travel but to also maximize my time spent on focusing on the things that I want to do. I imagine it would be great for furniture moving purposes as well^^ (thoughts as someone who has moved very recently haha).

Who is hiring? Spread the word...

Our Corporate partners choose to sponsor NAAAP Boston to reflect their commitment to Diversity & Inclusion in the workplace. Our sponsors would like to highlight these new job opportunities on our Diversity Job Board - [click here](#)

Come and Join the NAAAP family...

Do you have a strong skill set and looking for the right opportunity to serve in a mission-driven non-profit organization? Are you interested in building your leadership skills and expand your professional network? NAAAP Boston could be the right fit for you! For more information about volunteering, please contact hr@naaapboston.org.

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