



LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Celebrating 10 years of  
developing emerging leaders!

**1998 - 2007**



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**Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. (LEAP)** upholds its mission to achieve full participation and equality for Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) through leadership, empowerment, and policy.

Since its founding in 1982, LEAP has been intent on “growing leaders” within the AAPI communities across the country. When LEAP opened its doors 24 years ago, it had a simple yet powerful idea: that in order for APIA communities to realize their full potential and to foster robust participation in the larger democratic process, those communities would have to begin producing leaders who could advocate and speak on their behalf.

A national, nonprofit organization, LEAP works to achieve its mission by: Developing People, because leaders are made, not born; Informing Society, because leaders know the issues; and Empowering Communities, because leaders are grounded in strong, vibrant communities.



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**Leadership in Action (LIA)** is a summer internship program designed to develop emerging leaders by providing college students with practical leadership skills and the opportunity to gain hands-on experience working in Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community organizations. The program takes learning beyond the classroom, giving students opportunities to gain real-life experience working with prominent members of the AAPI community.

The intern's weekly schedule is comprised of 4 days at their assigned community based organization (CBO) and 1 day at LEAP. At the CBO, the intern works with their assigned supervisor on a meaningful project. At LEAP, the intern's day is devoted to leadership development training, issue discussions, CBO site visits and a community impact project. Nationally recognized trainers deliver workshops in critical skill areas. Issue discussions are on local or timely topics of interest and are facilitated by local community leaders/activists and LEAP trainers.

The community impact project provides the interns an opportunity to flex their leadership skills in a safe setting, as well as allow them to contribute a service that has lasting impact on the AAPI community.

## 1998

James Fabionar  
University of California, San Diego  
\*Search to Involve Pilipino Americans

Emily Fan  
Bryn Mawr College  
\*Korean American Museum

Victoria Fang  
Williams College  
\*East West Players

Minh La  
University of Southern California  
\*LEAP

Isamu Lee  
University of California, San Diego  
\*Asian Pacific American Legal Center of  
Southern California

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**  
Became a lawyer practicing intellectual property  
law.

**What did you gain from LIA?**  
A greater perspective of the various issues  
affecting Asian Americans today, and an appre-  
ciation of the different ways different individuals  
address these issues.



Sengthiene Bosavanh  
University of Southern California  
\*LEAP

Lina Chai  
Pasadena City College  
\*Visual Communications

Soudchai Chanthaphone  
Western Washington Univeristy  
\*Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern  
\*Community-Based Organizations

Yvonne Liu  
Scripps College  
\*Visual Communications

Christina Nagao  
University of California, Berkeley  
\*Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

Pa Xiong  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*Asian for Miracle Marrow Matches

Matthew Yuguchi  
The Otis School of Art & Design  
\*Japanese American National Museum



## 1999

Arlene Daus  
University of California, Riverside  
\*Japanese American National Museum

Noemi Garcia  
Princeton University  
\*Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates

Janette Kim  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*National Korean American Service & Education  
Consortium

Erin Oshiro  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*Little Tokyo Service Center

Jayne Sohn  
Occidental College  
\*Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

## 2000

Jose Caire  
Pacific Oaks College,  
Pasadena City College  
\*Teen Post, Inc.

Lawrence Joe  
University of California Berkeley  
\*LEAP

### **What have you done since LIA up until now?**

Served as Program Coordinator at LEAP, graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, worked as the Youth Coordinator at the Chinese Progressive Association, and currently pursuing a law degree at UCLA School of Law in their Public Interest and Policy Program.

### **What advice can you give to potential LIA interns?**

"LIA is not simply about skill-building... it's about skill-building for a purpose. Pursue the dreams and goals that you have for yourself and your community, and keep practicing and honing your skills. Continue to challenge yourself to take on important positions of service and leadership for your community."

Benson Kim  
Washington State University  
\*Korean Youth and Community Center



Neel Garlapati  
Pomona College  
\*LEAP

Jennifer W. Hsu  
Stanford University  
\*Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

Noelle Ito  
George Washington University  
\*Asian for Miracle Marrow Matches

Sophia Kong  
San Francisco State University  
\*Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

Christen Sasaki  
Claremont McKenna College  
\*Japanese American National Museum

Gina Singh  
Loyola Marymount University  
\*Asian and Pacific Islanders for Reproductive Health

Ekkarath Sisavatdy  
Western Washington University  
\*National Korean American Service & Education Consortium

Erica Yamamura  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*Little Tokyo Service Center



Sherwin Dale Vidamo Jocosong  
University of California, Riverside  
\*Visual Communications

Rosalyn Kawahira  
Scripps College  
\*Japanese American National Museum

Christibelle L. Villena  
University of California, Riverside  
\*Association for the Advancement of Filipino Arts & Culture (FilAm ARTS)

Thomas Tsun Hung Yee  
University of Southern California  
\*Korean Immigrants Workers Advocates

Diane H. Yoon  
University of Southern California  
\*Korean Youth Community Center

## 2001

2002

Tina R. Bhaga  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

Tami Bui  
University of California, Irvine  
\*LEAP

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

I became a California State Senate Fellow in 2002. As a Fellow, I worked for a Senator at the State Capitol in Sacramento. I have been in the Legislature now for 4 years, currently working in the area of Communications for the Senate President Pro Tempore and Majority Caucus. I also Chair the Asian Pacific Islander Capitol Association. I am still active with LEAP because I had the fortunate opportunity to become a Board Member for LEAP in 2002.

Carly Hamaguchi  
Smith College  
\*Japanese American National Museum

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

I graduated Smith and moved to Washington D.C. to pursue a legislative fellowship as a Japanese American Citizens League Mike Masaoka Fellow, where I worked in the office of Senator Daniel Inouye. I began graduate school at Cornell University in Fall 2005. I will graduate in Spring 2007 with a Masters in Public Administration.



Daisy Belle Morales  
University of California, Riverside  
\*Association for the Advancement of  
Filipino American Arts & Culture (FilAm ARTS)

Mari Nakano  
University of California, San Diego  
\*Little Tokyo Service Center

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

I became the Youth Services Coordinator at LTSC-CDC... I worked there from 2002 - 2004... Now I will be attending Art Center College of Design starting in Fall 2006 to study Graphic Design. I am still involved with LTSC-CDC and the broader Little Tokyo Community.

**What did you gain from LIA?**

I learned to be more assertive. I learned a lot of professional skills that were necessary for procuring jobs and working with community members. I learned a lot about the strength of networking and communicating efficiently.

**What advice can you give to potential LIA interns?**

Take advantage of what the internship offers. Especially make an effort to get to know the people you meet through your time as an intern. You're bound to run into a few faces down the road and those faces will be good assets in your career search and personal development in the community.

Victoria Tung  
University of Pennsylvania  
\*Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern  
California

Pauline Chow  
University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign  
\*East West Players

2003

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

- Working, Traveling, Community Work
- Worked in Business Sector in Strategy Consulting (Accenture) and Financial Risk Management (Bank of Montreal / Harris Bank)
  - Spearheaded a local chapter in Chicago of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) and Director of Communications for the University of Illinois Asian American Alumni Network

**How did the LIA impact your Career Choice?**

LIA has a great network of people and through one of the speakers I was given an opportunity to work at a think tank in Hong Kong. It was a great experience too and solidified my career goals in international policy.

Young Kwang Joo  
University of California, Irvine  
\*Orange County Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)

Bryan Jung  
Brandeis University  
\*Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California



Sherry Jung  
University of California, Irvine  
\*People's Community Organization for Reform and Empowerment (PCORE)

Lauren Paige Kim  
University of California, Irvine  
\*Japanese American National Museum

Nancy Lee  
Duke University  
\*Little Tokyo Service Center

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

- Worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Assessment and Accountability
- Currently working at an educational consulting company called Performance Fact, Inc. We focus work on leadership development and strategic planning.
- Will be attending Georgetown Public Policy Institute in Fall 2007.

**How did the LIA impact your Career Choice?**

LIA helped me realize that I have a true interest in how leadership can affect change within an organization or a policy area.



2004

Julie Carl  
University of California, Berkeley  
\*Korean Resource Center

Alexander Guevara  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
\*Association for the Advancement of  
Filipino American Arts & Culture  
(FilAm ARTS)

Daniel Han  
University of Pennsylvania  
\*Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern  
California

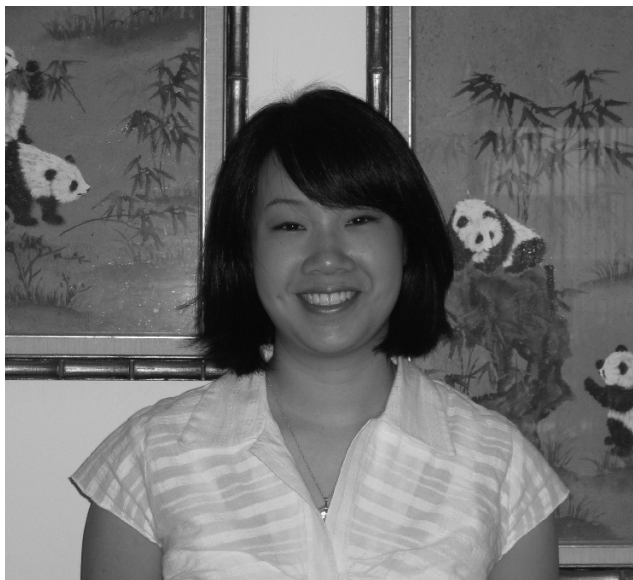
Tristan Hurlburt  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*Association for the Advancement of  
Filipino American Arts & Culture  
(FilAm Arts)

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

I studied abroad at University of Philippines Diliman, graduated from UCLA. Now I'm in the process of applying to a teaching credential/masters program.

**What advice can you give to potential LIA interns?**

My advice to current LIA interns would be to not be discouraged by the enormous amount of time and energy it takes to work for the CBOs and LEAP. While the hours can be long, and the responsibilities can be overwhelming, the payoff that your work has in terms of benefit to the community and your organization makes this internship special.



Mi Hee Jang  
Kyungpook National University  
\*Korean Resource Center

Amanda Martin  
University of California, Berkeley  
\*Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA)

Kevin Staub  
University of Southern California  
\*Japanese American National Museum

Beverly Wong  
Seattle University  
\*Little Tokyo Service Center

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**  
Following LIA, I worked one year as an anti-racism community organizer at the Seattle Human Services Department, through the AmeriCorps\*VISTA program. In fall 2005, I entered the Columbia University School of Social Work and graduated this past spring with my Master of Social Work (MSW). I have now just accepted a position as a domestic violence legal advocate with Asian Americans for Community Involvement in San Jose, CA.

Joseph Gravina  
California State University, Northridge  
\*LEAP

Amirah May Limayo  
California State University, Northridge  
\*Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA)

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

I was hired at SIPA as the part-time Community Educator. Primarily, I deal with the Communities for Telecon Rights project. Also, I provided program support for the Health and Human Services & Communications and Economic Development departments.

**What did you gain from LIA? How did the LIA impact your Career Choice?**

I have gained a better understanding of my role as an advocate and supporter for the Filipino American community through the passion and dedication of the LIA 2005 interns and LEAP staff. My internship with LIA has motivated me to continue working at community-based organizations and going to graduate school.

**What advice can you give to potential LIA interns?**

At the beginning of my internship, I started to doubt myself in how I would approach the work that I was going to enter. But this internship was a wonderful opportunity to see myself grow and learn from my experiences. Stay motivated and passionate with all the work you do!

Diana Thu Nguyen  
University of California, Irvine  
\*Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA)



# 2005



Diana Ngo-Vuong  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*Chinatown Service Center

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

- Americorps Public Allies fellowship at Women Organizing Resources, Knowledge and Services (WORKS)
- UCLA SEA CLEAR (South East Asian Campus Learning Education and Retention) Director

**How did the LIA impact your Career Choice?**

It helped foster my passion and love for working in the community and working in CBOs or the non-profit sector. Additionally it made me think of coaching and consulting as a career option and continuing my work in the APIA community and in education and leadership development.

Melanie Vanderlipe Ramil  
University of California, Berkeley  
\*Association for the Advancement of Filipino American Arts & Culture (FilAm Arts)

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

I interned with the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus. I am currently working for Assembly member Dave Jones as a field representative in his district office.

**How did the LIA impact your Career Choice?**

It made me realize that I wanted to advocate for APIA issues and get involved with the community.

Megumi Sara Tomatsu  
University of California, Los Angeles  
\*Little Tokyo Service Center

2006

Camilla Benedicto

Brown University

\*Search to Involve Pilipino Americans (SIPA)

**What did you gain from LIA?**

I gained from this internship experience much more than anyone might expect from eight very short weeks; including insight into fund and program development and direct services in community-based settings. This internship is so much more than immersion in the community, however- it's an opportunity to really develop self-confidence, self-reliance, and a stronger voice.

Chalsea (Chaoqun) Chen

University of Southern California

\*LEAP

**What did you gain from LIA?**

LEAP provided me with real hands-on practice in the public relations field, which is a tremendous advantage for me as I want to pursue a career in public relations.

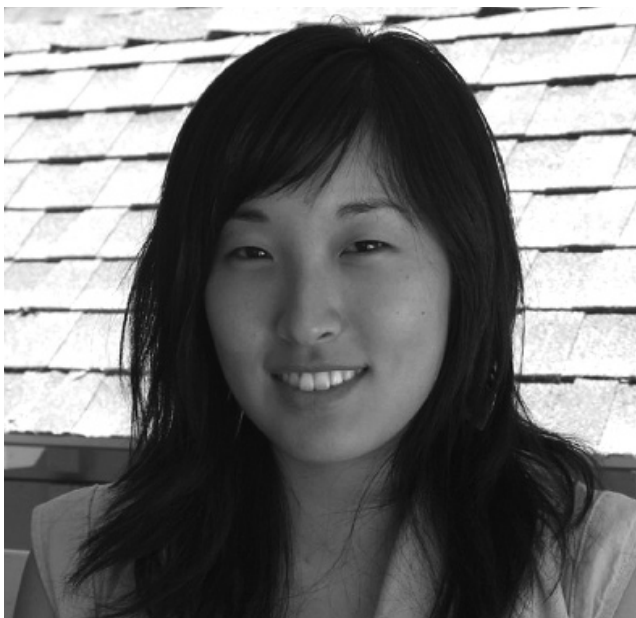
Miyoung Cho

Kyungpook University

\*LEAP

**What advice can you give to potential LIA interns?**

"Leaders are not born, but made!", and this internship will give you a chance to be a leader.



Sarah Koo

Wellesley College

\*Association for the Advancement of Filipino American Arts & Culture (FilAm Arts)

**What advice can you give to potential LIA interns?**

Don't be afraid to ask questions or to be challenged by your supervisors. Even in the short 8 weeks, you can invest yourself as much as possible. That's the best way to make the most of it and to understand what it means to serve and be served by the community.

Phoebe Lin

University of Texas at Austin

\*Asian Pacific Family Center

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

I got a job offer! I'll be starting orientation for it next week. It's an Americorps position at SEARCH, a non-profit organization in downtown Houston that provides social services to Houston's homeless. The position is something along the lines of an outreach caseworker - building relationships with people on the streets, assessing needs/making referrals, and helping them transition into various services/shelters/programs that they're eligible for. It's just what I was looking for - direct social services...I'm really excited!

Jocelyn Wong

University of California, Riverside

\*Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team

**What have you done since LIA up until now?**

As the newest and youngest member of its staff, I am currently employed full-time at APAIT. I still work in the PEV Unit, overseeing the Women's Prevention Program and the Volunteer Program. Without the LEAP internship, I would have never made it to this point in my life.

# LEADERSHIP IN ACTION 2007

## Application Form

### 1) PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you will be 21 years of age by June 18, 2007

Current Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you would like final notification of your application to be sent to your permanent address

Permanent Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity\* \_\_\_\_\_ Generation\* (Immigrant=1st) \_\_\_\_\_  
(\* for demographic purposes only)

### 2) EDUCATION

Schools Attended (include location)	From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)
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High School	_____	_____
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Undergraduate	_____	_____
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Graduate	_____	_____
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Field/Major	_____	Graduation Date _____
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### 3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants are requested to submit, with their application, two letters of recommendation written by people (e.g. professor, employer, student advisor, etc.) who can comment on your leadership skills as well as the extent of your community service. Recommendations should not be written by friends or family members. When feasible, at least one letter should be written by a representative of a community-based organization who is familiar with your community work. Please include the recommendation letters and forms in sealed envelopes along with your application postmarked by March 2, 2007. Please list below the persons who will submit recommendations:

Name _____	Title _____
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School/Org. _____	Telephone _____
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Name _____	Title _____
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School/Org. _____	Telephone _____
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please tear and submit this application together with other requested materials

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## Application Form (continued)

### 4) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Enclose a current official transcript of all coursework
- Enclose a detailed resume including:
  - 1) Relevant work experience
  - 2) Community activities / Extracurricular activities
  - 3) Honors, Awards, Scholarships
  - 4) Special Interests / Skills (e.g. computer skills, language fluency)

### 5) PERSONAL STATEMENT

In a one-page, single spaced, typed statement please include responses to the following questions:

- What types of experience have you had in leadership and community involvement?
- How has your experience contributed to your role in the Asian Pacific American community?
- What do you hope to gain from your Leadership in Action internship experience?
- How did you hear about the program (e.g. counselor, advisor, campus or community organization, friend, brochure, email, etc.)?

I certify that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to LEAP, Leadership in Action and the sponsoring organizations to share this information for the purposes of recruitment and public relations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2007  
Application, letters and supporting documents must be postmarked  
by this date for consideration.

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