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Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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Washington, DC 20001

(202) 727-3120

oapia@dc.gov

The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hopes to create a more cohesive Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in the District of Columbia.

To submit events or job announcements, please contact oapia@dc.gov.

All entries will be listed for two months or until the end date of the program/submission deadline. A listing may be resubmitted if it has been removed.



The [Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs of the District of Columbia](#) seeks your help in submitting nominees for the annual Mayor's Community Service Award. Every May, during Asian American and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, the Commission solicits nominations for the unsung heroes who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to serving Washington DC's Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

The Commission is currently seeking nominations for 1) individuals or organizations, and 2) employees from DC government agencies that make significant contributions to the AAPI community.

This contribution can be expressed through a variety of ways: serving AAPI residents, volunteering in the community, promoting awareness of AAPI issues, or organizing projects that strive for the advancement of District AAPIs. While the organizations or individuals need not live in DC, their work must focus on the District's AAPI community.

The Mayor's Community Service Awards will be presented by Mayor Vincent C. Gray at the Asian American and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Celebration in May.

Click [here](#) for the [Community Service Award Nomination Form](#).

Please submit all nominations by fax, mail, or email by 5pm Wednesday, April 10, 2013, to the following address:

D.C. Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
Attn: May 2013 Award Nominations
441 4th St. NW, Suite 721 North
Washington, DC 20001
Fax: (202) 727-9655
Email: andrew.chang@dc.gov

Click [here](#) to view [past award recipients](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrew Chang at (202) 727-3120 or andrew.chang@dc.gov.

District News and Updates

3/16 - Mayor Gray's Youth Town Hall Public Safety Meeting

DC youth, we want to hear from you! If you are 21 years old or younger and want to share your opinions on what's happening in your city, then come out and be heard!

When: Saturday, March 16, 2013
12:00pm - 2:00pm



Where: Jackson Graham Building
600 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

For information about the District of Columbia Youth Advisory Council (DCYAC), please visit [here](#).



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Jackson Graham Building

600 5th Street, NW | Washington, DC | 20001



Questions? Ideas? Want to reserve a table for your organization?

Contact the DC Youth Advisory Council at (202) 727-7968 or dcyac@dc.gov

DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Needs Assessment Hearings

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), announces a series of public hearings on "Housing and Community Development Needs in the District of Columbia." The hearings will help form a basis for developing the District's draft "*Consolidated Plan for the District of Columbia Fiscal Year 2014 Action Plan*" and the spending priorities utilizing federal entitlement funds.



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Hosts a Series of Community Needs Assessment Hearings

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Residents and stakeholders are strongly encouraged to come out and participate in the development of policies and programs in the following areas: 1) affordable housing; 2) special needs housing; 3) homelessness; 4) homeownership; and, 5) community development and public service activities. The Department is also interested in receiving community feedback on innovative strategies to enhance community participation during this planning process.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Wednesday, March 13, 2013 ~ 6:30 pm

1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, 1st Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 ~ 6:30 pm

Frank D. Reeves Municipal Building
2000 14th Street, NW, 2nd Floor Community Room

Wednesday, March 27, 2013 ~ 1:00 pm

Focus: Special Needs Housing

(includes housing needs for the homeless, persons with disabilities and persons living with AIDS)

1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE, 1st Floor Conference Room

Thursday, March 28, 2013 ~ 6:30 pm

The Bishop Alfred A. Owens Jr. Family Life Community Center
605 Rhode Island Avenue, NE

District of Columbia residents who would like to present oral testimony are encouraged to register in advance either by e-mail at DHCD.EVENTS@dc.gov or by calling 202.442.7200. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and organization affiliation, if any.

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) relay service is available by calling (800) 201-7165. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon request by calling (202) 442-7251 five days prior to the hearing date.

Residents who require language interpretation should specify which language (Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese-Mandarin/Cantonese, Amharic, or French). Interpretation services will be provided to pre-registered persons only. Deadline for requesting services of an interpreter is five days prior to the hearing date. Bilingual staff will provide services on an availability basis to walk-ins without registration.

Written statements may be submitted for the record at the hearing, or until close of business, Friday, April 12, 2013. Mail written statements to: Michael P. Kelly, Director, DHCD, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20020.

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Department of Housing and Community Development | 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE | Washington, DC 20020 | (202) 442-7200
www.dhcd.dc.gov | @dcdhcd

DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Opens Registration for Spring Break Camp 2013



The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will offer a Spring Break Camp for District youth ages 3 - 12 years old from Monday, April 1 - Friday, April 5, 2013, from 9 am to 5 pm. Before care will be provided from 8 am to 9 am and after care will be provided from 5 pm to 6 pm. Registration is currently open for both District and non-District residents. Spring Break camp registration fee is \$50 per child, with an additional \$10 for before care and after care. All fees are due at time of registration.

DPR Spring Break Camp will operate in conjunction with the DC Public Schools (DCPS) spring break schedule. Camp activities will include sports, games, character education exercises, art and crafts, swimming and field trip activities. DPR's goal is to plant the seeds of personal development and environmental responsibility in a fun, engaging recreation setting.

Breakfast and lunch will not be provided during Spring Break camp. Parents are reminded to send their child(ren) with a lunch and an afternoon snack every day. Parents are also reminded of DPR's policy on food and snacks. In an effort to be mindful of allergies, food items containing peanut or other nut products are not permitted at camp. Campers should wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and bring a reusable water bottle to camp. Participants in the 3 - 5 year old camp are asked to bring a blanket.

DPR Spring Break Camp offerings are divided by age groups:

- 3-5 year olds: Guy Mason Recreation Center and Deanwood Recreation Center
- 6-12 year olds: Columbia Heights Community Center, Volta Park Recreation Center, Jelleff Recreation Center, Chevy Chase Community Center, Lamond Recreation Center, Turkey Thicket Recreation Center, Kennedy Recreation Center, Sherwood Recreation Center, Deanwood Recreation Center and Bald Eagle Recreation Center

For more information about the Spring Break Camp or to register, please visit [here](#).

DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH) Call For Submissions: 2013 Larry Neal Writers' Competition



The D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH) is proud to announce the 30th Annual Larry Neal Writers' Competition, which commemorates the artistic legacy and vision of cultural understanding of Larry Neal - a renowned author, academic and former Executive Director of the DCCAH.

The competition recognizes the artistic excellence of emerging and established D.C. writers with monetary awards for submissions in poetry, essays, dramatic writing and short story. Adult, teen and youth writers residing in the District of Columbia receive awards for their artistic excellence. Adult winners are eligible for awards of \$1,500 and teen and youth winners are eligible for awards of \$500. The winners will be announced at the Larry Neal Writers' Awards Ceremony on the afternoon of Saturday, May 4, 2013, presented in partnership with the PEN/Faulkner Foundation.

All winners and finalists will also receive invitations to the PEN/Faulkner Reading Series. The PEN/Faulkner Reading Series brings noted American and international writers to the District of Columbia to present readings in the Elizabethan Theater of the Folger Shakespeare Library.

"From our filmmakers, to journalists, poets and novelists, D.C. has been the home to some of the most important writers in the world," said Lionell Thomas, Executive Director of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. "The Larry Neal Writers' Competition gives us a unique opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contributions of literature from writers in various stages of their careers."

The DCCAH will be hosting literary workshops and panels leading up to the Larry Neal Writers' Awards ceremony. Workshop and panel times and locations will be released next week.

Submission Guidelines

Entries must be submitted online through the [ZoomGrants application system](#). No hand-delivered submissions will be accepted. The deadline for all applications is Thursday, April 4th, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

Please review the **30th Annual Larry Neal Writers' Competition Program Guidelines PDF** [here](#) and access the [application portal](#).

Please note: All applications must strictly adhere to the posted guidelines and criteria. Failure to follow submission guidelines and application instructions may result in automatic disqualification.

DC Housing Authority (DCHA) Suspending New Applications to Waiting List

The DC Housing Authority (DCHA) has used its waiting list for many years to record applications for its housing assistance programs. People are housed from the waiting list based on the date and time they apply and their

selected preferences. As of January 2013, there are almost 70,000 families and individuals on the list requesting housing.

Effective April 12, 2013, DCHA is suspending new enrollment to the waiting list in order to:

- Update the waiting list to make sure people already on the list still want and need housing;
- Give people on the public housing waiting list a chance to list which properties they want to live in;
- Make the waiting list process easier to understand and manage.

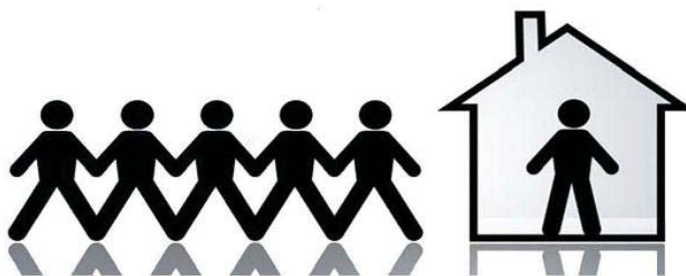
For more information about the suspensions of new applications in English, please visit [here](#). For more information in Chinese, Korean, or Vietnamese, please see the flyers below, or email oapia@dc.gov. For general information about DCHA, please visit www.dchousing.org.



重要通知

哥伦比亚区房屋管理局现在接受加入
“享受住房补贴等候列表”的新申请

截止 至2013年4月12日 (星期五)



申请网址是 www.dchousing.org.

您可以申请公共住房，住房选择券计划和房屋适当修复计划。

如需了解更多信息，请访问www.dchousing.org。或致电 (202) 535-1000

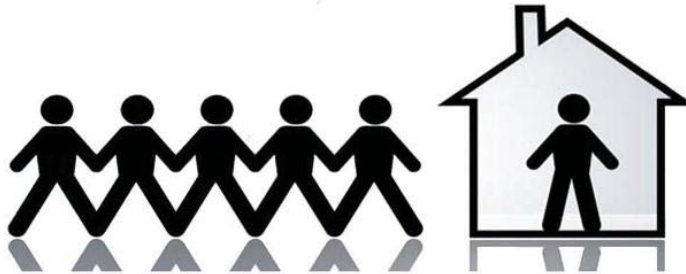
Chinese Flyer



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đang nhận đơn mới cho
Danh Sách Chờ để được hỗ trợ gia cư

cho đến **THỨ SÁU, NGÀY 12 THÁNG TƯ, 2013**



Đơn xin có thể lấy tại www.dchousing.org.

Quý vị có thể nộp đơn xin Gia Cư Công Cộng (Public Housing), Chương Trình Phiếu Chọn Gia Cư
(Housing Choice Voucher Program) và Chương Trình Phục Hồi cho Gia Đình có Lợi Tức Thấp (Moderate Rehab Program).

Để Biết Thêm Thông Tin, Xin Viếng www.dchousing.org. hoặc Gọi (202) 535-1000

Vietnamese Flyer

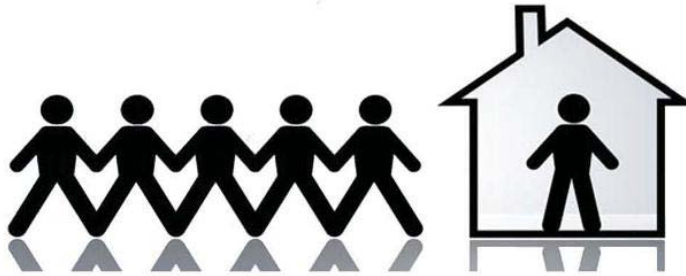


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보조금 대기자 신청을 받고 있습니다

신청 마감일

2013년 4월 12일 금요일



신청서 다운로드: www.dchousing.org.

공영주택(Public Housing), 주택 선택 바우처 프로그램(Housing Choice Voucher Program),

적정 재건 프로그램(Moderate Rehab Program) 신청 가능

자세한 정보는 www.dchousing.org를 참조하거나 (202) 535-1000으로 전화하시기 바랍니다.

Korean Flyer

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is Looking for Bilingual Staff to Fill Position in Chinatown

MPD is looking for a Community Outreach Coordinator (Bilingual). The position is open to the public and is open until filled.

Agency: Metropolitan Police Department, Patrol Services and School Security Bureau, Special Liaison Unit

Number of Vacancies: One (1)

Promotion Potential: No known promotion potential

"Pay Plan, Series & Grade: CS-0301-11

Salary Range: \$54,633 - \$70,437 Opening date: January 10, 2013

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

First Screening Date: January 31, 2013, and every two weeks thereafter.

Tour of Duty: 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Brief Description of Duties: Responsible for providing community services and translation of information and

documents from English to Chinese. Promotes positive relationships between the officers of the Metropolitan Police Department and the members of the Chinese community by arranging community-related projects for the officers to leave position impacts; develops a comprehensive and collaborative approach to problem solving work; identifies assess, and map neighborhood assets, crime patterns and trends, indicators of community health that support final analysis of the community's overall condition; develops flyers, government services contacts, database of community contacts, assist with press releases and success stories that strengthen community relations and allows for ongoing correspondence; assists Chinese residents and business owners by interpreting documents and information concerning public safety; issues Business Emergency Notification Cards to Chinese community business owners and explain how to utilize various public safety services; advises and encourage youth and adults to utilize a variety of public safety and other District community services, recreational activities, health care, domestic violence, counseling, drug intervention programs, etc. ; receives complaints from the Chinese community, via telephone and in person visits; identifies the nature of the issue(s) and either personally resolves or forwards to the appropriate person; and assists detectives and officers by translating information to Chinese to complainants, suspects and/or witnesses who may be traumatized, hostile and/or reluctant to cooperate with the police. Determines the best approach to calm, reduce anxiety and acknowledge customs, etc., based on the circumstances of each encounter; translates various routine Departmental documents from English to Chinese, such as, legal notices, public safety notices, career expo campaigns, news release and community meeting notices; assists victims of violent crimes by translating information relative to filing victim claims with the District's Crime Victim's Assistance and Compensation Program; serves as the Departments liaison to the Office of Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs and assist in coordinating efforts between Metropolitan Police Department, Federal agencies and local jurisdictions, such as , the Justice Department, FBI, Secret Service, P.G. and Montgomery County, etc., and representatives of professional, civic and state organizations.

Qualifications

Specialized Experience: Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, at least one (1) year of specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the normal line of progression for the occupation in the organization.

Substitution of Education: A substitution of education for required experience will be allowed as defined in OPM's Qualification Standards. However, in order to receive credit, applicants must submit official proof of educational attainment at the time of application.

Contact Information: All inquiries related to employment and job applications should be directed to Ms. Marie A. Dawkins, Human Resource Management Division at **(202) 727-4261**.

To apply online, [click here](#).

General Announcements

Metro to Pause Rebuilding Efforts for Cherry Blossom Season

Metro announced on March 4, 2013 that it will take a break from its aggressive rebuilding efforts to accommodate customers traveling during Cherry Blossom season.

This year's break will take place over four consecutive weekends, beginning Saturday, March 23, and continuing through Sunday, April 14. The only planned weekend work during that time will take place late Sunday evenings, when ridership is light.

"While the work we do almost every weekend is necessary to get the system back to a steady state of safety and reliability, we are in a position where we can take a short break to let everyone enjoy the season," said Metro General Manager and CEO Richard Sarles. "The spring break will give people an opportunity to experience the type of system we are working toward."

On average, Metro ridership increases by more than 15 percent during Cherry Blossom season, and weekend ridership can double to near-weekday levels if the weather is nice.

Customer Travel Tips

During Cherry Blossom season, customers can do their part to help ensure that their trip is pleasant by remembering the following travel tips:

- Metro customers should expect more crowded trains and stations during Cherry Blossom season.
- To avoid crowds, visitors are encouraged to travel during non-rush hour times and if possible, avoid traveling at the height of the afternoon peak period, from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Customers who regularly use Smithsonian Station, which is the most frequently used station for tourists arriving at the National Mall, are urged to stagger their arrival and departure times for work or use

L'Enfant Plaza, Archives, Federal Triangle or Union Station as alternate stations during Cherry Blossom season.

- Visitors can purchase a \$14 Metrorail One-Day Pass for multiple trips. The One-Day Pass can be used for unlimited travel on the day it is first used.
- For your safety, always stand back from the platform edge.
- When boarding the train, please move into the car and away from the doors to allow other customers to board.
- When riding on escalators, please stand on the right.

Community Updates and Events

3/14 - Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) New Board Installation Dinner

The AAGEN new board installation dinner will be on March 14, 2013 at China Garden. The cost for members is \$25, for non-members it is \$30, and registration at the door is \$35.

Location: China Garden
1100 Wilson Blvd, Rosslyn, VA 22209

VIPs and Guests:
Ms. Carol Bonosaro (SEA)
Hon. Sam Mok (DOL Retired)
Dr. Kin Wong/Mr. Peter Nguyen (FAPAC)
Honored guests and senior advisors of AAGEN

Program Highlights:
State of AAGEN
Introduction of AAGEN 2011-2012 Officers & Board
Passing of the Gavel
Introduction of AAGEN 2013-2014 Officers & Board
20 Years of AAGEN Service
Status of AAGEN SES Development Program

Register [here](#) by March 13, 2013. For questions, please contact programs@aagen.org.

3/17 - Chinatown Talk Story: Meet the Author Scott D. Seligman of *Three Tough Chinamen*

Three Tough Chinamen chronicles the lives and activities of three Moy brothers. They were community leaders who refused to accept passively the restrictions and racism of the Chinese Exclusion laws. Join us in conversations with Scott Seligman as he tells about tough men who gave as good as they got.

When: Sunday, March 17, 2013
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Where: Chinese Community Church
500 I (eye) Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

For information and to RSVP: Shirley at chinatownscdc@gmail.com, Stan at stangoblue@yahoo.com, or Ted at tkgong@aol.com.

Talk Story Event

Meet the Author Scott D. Seligman

Three Tough Chinamen

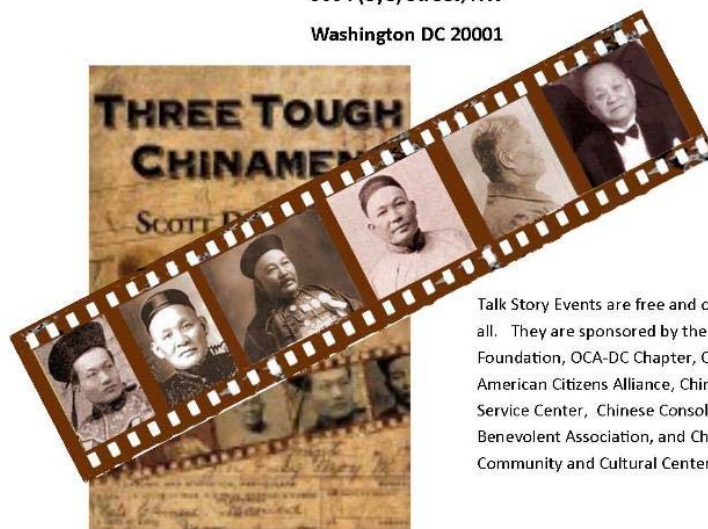
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500 I (eye) Street, NW

Washington DC 20001



Talk Story Events are free and open to all. They are sponsored by the 1882 Foundation, OCA-DC Chapter, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Chinatown Service Center, Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, and Chinatown Community and Cultural Center.

For Information and to RSVP: Shirley at chinatownscdc@gmail.com, Stan at stangoblue@yahoo.com, or Ted at tkgong@aol.com

"We join together to tell stories because the life of our community lies in the power of our stories remembered and shared."

3/25 - The Performance Series of Legends 2013 Featuring Patti LaBelle

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts Kicks Off its 40th Anniversary Celebrations with the 6th Annual Performance Series of Legends, featuring the legendary Patti LaBelle on March 25, 2013 at 7:30pm in the concert hall of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Singer, author, and actress Patti LaBelle is one of the most prolific artists in modern music with an illustrious career that spans over 50 years. As the melodic doyen of the legendary 60s quartet, Patti LaBelle & The Bluebelles, and the retro 70s trio, LaBelle-Patti's kinetic performances and signature four-octave instrument served as the group's torch. The multiple Grammy and American Music Award winning legend continues to savor one of the longest sustained recording and touring careers in contemporary music.

Performance only tickets priced \$50-\$175 are on sale at the Kennedy Center Box Office at 202-467-4600 or www.kennedy-center.org. VIP tickets at \$500 each, and sponsorship opportunities of \$2,500-\$100,000, are available through The Ellington Fund at 202-333-2555 or info@ellingtonarts.org. Please visit www.ellingtonschool.org for further details or to learn more about the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.



4/2 - Fourth Annual Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GWHCC) Business Expo

The Annual Business Expo is the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's (GWHCC) premier event for showcasing businesses and building connections. This event will bring you and your business unparalleled opportunities!

April 2, 2013

9:00am - 7:00pm

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt Vernon PI NW, Washington, DC 20001

Interested in exhibiting, sponsoring, or attending? Visit gwhcc.org/expo.



Fourth Annual GWHCC Business Expo

Connections, Opportunities and Growth

April 2, 2013 • 9:00am - 7:00pm - Walter E. Washington Convention Center

Free Admission!

The Annual Business Expo is the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's (GWHCC) premier event for showcasing businesses and building connections. **This event will bring you and your business unparalleled opportunities!**

What to do at the Expo?

- Connect with the Local Hispanic Business Community
- Meet Buyers and Decision Makers
- Attend Business Workshops
- Explore International Business Opportunities
- **Network, Network, and Network** – Join us for the Business Expo Closing Reception from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Interested in exhibiting, sponsoring or attending?

Visit gwhcc.org/expo



Presenting Sponsors:



801 Mt. Vernon Place NW, Washington, DC 20001

5/9 - The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) 2013 Asian Pacific American Heritage Ball

Celebrate the achievements of Asian Pacific Americans at the **CAPAL APA Heritage Ball!** In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, CAPAL is hosting its second annual APA Heritage Ball featuring a number of prominent leaders and advocates of the APA community. Participants will have the opportunity to mingle with peers and APA leaders in public service to commemorate the role of APAs in our society.

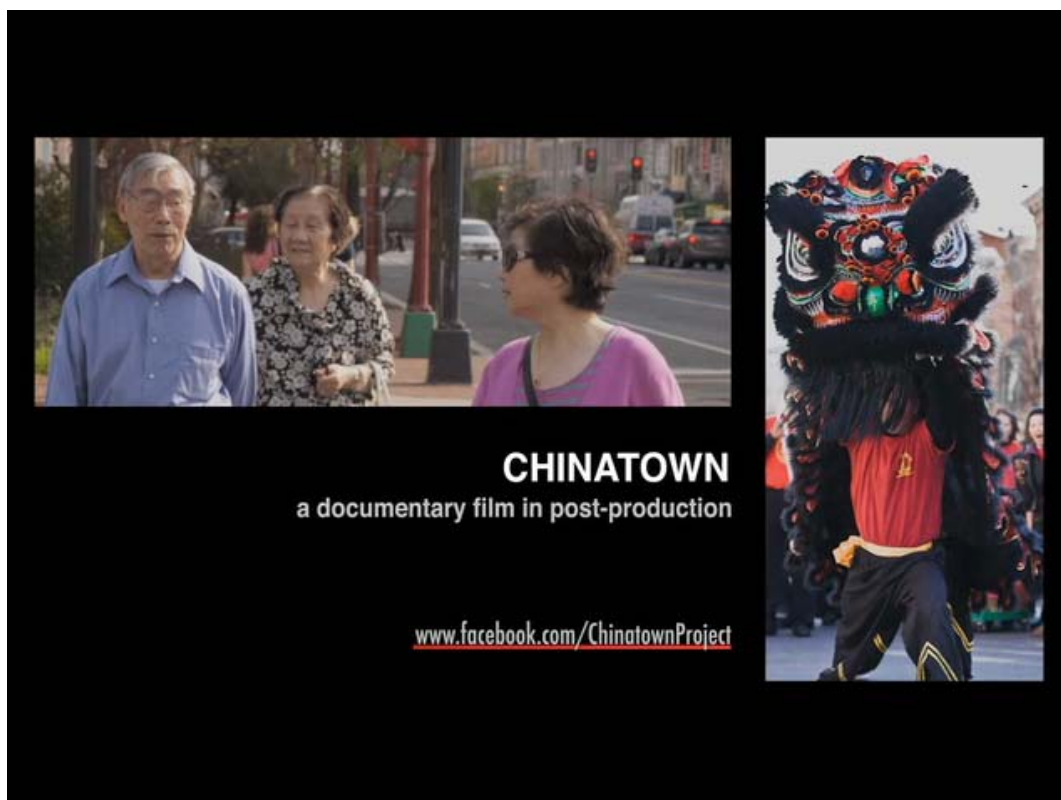
The ball will be hosted at the Omni Shoreham Hotel on **May 9, 2013** from **6:30 pm** to **9:00 pm**. More details, speakers, and registration information will be released shortly [here](#).



CHINATOWN, a Portrait of Contemporary Life in D.C. Chinatown

CHINATOWN is a half-hour vérité style documentary profiling the oldest ethnic community in Washington, D.C. through the untold stories of three Chinese immigrants. It will be the first documentary to look at contemporary D.C. Chinatown. After a year of filming and six months of editing, the project has completed shooting and rough cut editing. It has launched a [Kickstarter](#) campaign to raise completion funds to finish the film and bring it to audiences around the world. [Kickstarter](#) is a funding platform for creative projects.

Since its launch on April 28, 2009, over \$350 million has been pledged by more than 2.5 million people, funding more than 30,000 creative projects. Funding on Kickstarter is all-or-nothing. Pledges made to CHINATOWN documentary will get exclusive rewards from DVD copies, postcards, T-shirts, framed artworks, to guided tours of Chinatown. To see the project video and learn more visit [Kickstarter](#). For press inquiries, please contact Yi Chen at madtownproduction@gmail.com.



Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) 2013 Higher Education Summit Call for Proposals

On June 25, 2013, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) will host its annual Higher Education Summit around the theme, *Moving Forward: Engaging the Changing Face of America*, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. This forum brings together a group of multicultural political leaders, higher education researchers and administrators, representatives from the private and government sectors, community organizations, foundations, and students, to generate an active dialogue on the most significant issues impacting the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. [Click here](#) for more information about the 2013 APIASF Higher Education Summit or to RSVP.

This year, APIASF seeks proposals for concurrent sessions framed around the following:

- Mobilizing resources and advancing institutional capacity to increase higher education access for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders
- Policy, program, or practice facilitating student access and success in higher education for Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders

For individuals interested in submitting a proposal, please [click here](#) for additional information and submit this form with any attachments as one PDF document to summit@apiasf.org by **Friday, March 22, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. PST**.

2013 DC Chamber of Commerce's Champions Small Business Awards and Expo



Nominations are now being accepted for Washington's premiere small business honor. Each year, the DC Chamber of Commerce recognizes the region's most innovative and successful small businesses--and the people that support them-- through the Chamber's Champions Awards.

Awards will be presented to companies or individuals who embody the entrepreneurial spirit, demonstrating characteristics such as civic community leadership, innovation in customer service, entrepreneurship, outstanding contributions to the community, social responsibility or who have made a significant social and/or economic impact in the District of Columbia's business community.

Award categories include:

- Small Business Person of the Year
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- Non-Profit Organization of the Year
- Small Business Champion of the Year
- Women in Business Champion of the Year

Anyone may nominate an individual, small business, agency, or trade association. Nominees must be DC Chamber members in good standing, and applications will be accepted no later than **Friday, April 19**.

Award winners will be announced at the Chamber's Champions Small Business Awards and Expo:

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 23, 3-7:30 pm

Location: Mayflower Renaissance Hotel
1127 Connecticut Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

For more information on award qualifications and to submit nominations please visit www.chamberschampions.org.

If you are interested in supporting the 2013 Chamber's Champions Awards through corporate sponsorship, please contact **Karen Purifoy** at (202)-638-7338 or via email at kpurifoy@dccchamber.org.

*Nominations will not be considered without an official entry form for each submission.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 19, 2013

***Please note there will be no extensions to the deadline.**

Employment/Internship/Scholarship Opportunities

The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) Internships and Scholarships



The Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan educational organization dedicated to building leadership and public policy knowledge within the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. Its mission is to promote APA interests and success in public service careers, to provide information and education on policy issues affecting the APA community, and to serve the APA community at large.

Internship Program

For the Internship Program, CAPAL will help place students in internships within the federal government in DC. Opportunities in regional offices, including California and Texas, may be possible. Last year, 13 interns were placed in program management, legal and finance positions. These internship positions are open to ALL MAJORS, and are suited for individuals looking to gain real-world federal government experience. CAPAL has partnerships with federal agencies including the Agricultural Research Services and Forest Service.

Each CAPAL intern will be awarded a \$3,000 stipend to support the successful completion of their internship plus \$500 for travel reimbursement. Depending on your interests and placement, your duties could vary from

policy or scientific research, project coordination and management, business, law, communication, and more. Applicants are asked to specify their preferences on the application, and those selected will be placed based on their interests and skills. Agricultural knowledge is not required. These internships are suitable for all students interested in government and public policy.

For more information, or to apply for the internship program, please visit [here](#).

Scholarship Program

For the Scholarship Program, CAPAL is offering scholarships from \$2,000-\$3,000 plus a \$500 travel stipend for individuals working in unpaid public service internships (nonprofit/government) this summer in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. Students will be considered based on financial need and will be required to disclose any other funding sources received.

For more information, or to apply for the scholarship program, please visit [here](#).

Qualifications

Demonstrated commitment to public service, including service to the Asian Pacific American community; GPA of 3.0 or higher. All current students and all majors are welcome to apply.
Additional Information

Regular Decision Deadline Extended to Friday, March 15, 2013.

Only COMPLETE applications will be considered.

Please send any questions to applications@capal.org.

Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN) Fifth Annual Scholarship Opportunity



The mission of AAGEN is to promote, expand and support Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) leadership in Government. For the fifth consecutive year, the Asian American Government Executives Network is proud to announce its scholarship program for students in their continuing education to better prepare themselves for positions of leadership and trust in the federal, state and local governments.

Two (2) scholarships for \$1,500 and two (2) scholarships for \$1,000 will be awarded in 2013. The AAGEN scholarship is a one-time award; former AAGEN scholarship winners are not eligible.

Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2013.

For more information or to apply, please visit [here](#).

Global Kids-DC Spring 2013 Internship

Summary/Purpose of the Position:

Global Kids, Inc. Washington, DC seeks a dynamic, hard-working, and creative individual(s) for a unique and rewarding internship opportunity. Global Kids typically seeks interns that are able to dedicate 10-30 hours per week for a minimum of three months, and are interested in gaining experience at an educational nonprofit in fundraising, communications, program development or administrative assistance. Our interns gain access to diverse settings - including DCPS schools, government offices and international NGOs as they help us to plan programs for our students. All of our internship positions are unpaid.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Works on projects as assigned by the Director, Global Kids Washington DC
- Collaborates with staff and students to implement field trips, special events and action projects with

Washington-area community groups and NGOs

- Collects, inputs and reviews data for evaluation related to student progress
- Maintains documentation and provides periodic progress reports
- Conducts outreach services related to conferences, program participation, parent community-building, travel planning, and social media
- Coordinates, develops, and co-facilitates experiential workshops for GK's global education academic enrichment programs and after school leadership groups

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a local undergraduate or graduate program, or a recent graduate thereof
- Understands DC public schools, community-based organizations youth-based programs
- Can demonstrate knowledge of global issues, political science, history, and social activism
- Possesses initiative, creativity, willingness to learn, and an ability to juggle multiple tasks independently
- Has strong communication, writing, organizational, and computer skills
- Candidates with international experience and foreign language background preferred

How to Apply:

Please email your resume and cover letter to internship@globalkids.org with the subject line: DC-Internship.

Veritiss Job Opportunities

Veritiss LLC is a woman-owned, service disabled veteran-owned, 8(a) certified small business based in Reston, VA. Veritiss specializes in intelligence analysis, security management and law enforcement, human resource management and administration, logistics management, language services, and information technology services-and provides rapid response recruiting as a core capability.

For job listings, please visit [here](#).

Housing Counseling Services Job Opportunities

Foreclosure Prevention Counselor: Salary Range \$36,000 - \$45,000

Tenant Services Specialist: Salary Range \$36,000 - \$45,000

Housing Outreach Specialist: Salary Range \$36,000 - \$45,000

Housing Counseling Services is looking for high energy, committed and quick learners to serve low and moderate income tenants, homeowners and home buyers in the DC metro area. For detailed job descriptions, please contact ronaldclarkson@housingetc.org.

Resumes and cover letters should be sent to employment@housingetc.org.

Association of Vietnamese Americans (AVA) Program Manager Job Announcement

The Association of Vietnamese Americans (AVA, formerly known as Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association/MVMA) is seeking an energetic and community oriented professional to serve as Program Manager for its programs serving Vietnamese American senior citizens and youth.

Duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Implement and manage AVA programs and services to achieve AVA's mission;
- Establish sound working relationships and collaborative arrangements with clients and community groups in order to deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate services;
- Provide monthly budget and activity reports to the Executive Director;
- Develop the annual work plan and program budget in conjunction with the Executive Director;
- Help prepare grant proposals and develop additional financial and non-financial resources;
- Recruit and train program staff and volunteers;
- Maintain a working knowledge of significant developments, needs, and trends in the community as well as the nonprofit sector;

Minimum Qualifications and Preferred Skills:

- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Bachelor degree plus relevant experience
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong organizational and leadership skills

- Shares a passion for community service and civic engagement

Salary and Benefits: Commensurate with experience

How to Apply: Send your resume and cover letter to Mr. Thomas Tran, Executive Director, at thomas.tran@mdvietmutual.org. Please do not call the office. Qualified applicants will be interviewed on a rolling basis. This position will be "open until filled."

About Us: AVA (formerly known as MVMA) is the oldest Vietnamese American nonprofit organization in the Washington DC metropolitan area. Since 1979, we have been serving, advancing and advocating for the community. The key to AVA's success is our ability to meet the changing and complex needs of the Vietnamese American community. Currently, we provide much needed services to senior citizens, parents, immigrants, and youth---services such as healthcare access, housing, translation and interpretation, advocacy, and youth development. AVA also hosts an annual Lunar New Year "Tet" Festival to celebrate the cultural heritage of Vietnamese Americans and an annual Academic Awards Picnic to honor students, teachers, and parents. Please visit us at www.mdvietmutual.org to learn more.

Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF) Job Announcement

SALDEF is seeking a Communications Director to lead media related efforts for the nation's oldest Sikh American civil rights organization. Apply today for this exciting career opportunity!

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage media relations, maintain the media contacts database, prepare press releases and conduct news conferences. Develop media strategies, pitch stories and draft op-ed pieces
- Establish a community-wide crisis communication plan
- Identify, train, and support community spokespersons to effectively engage with media
- Respond to press calls and develop talking points or quotes
- Manage content for SALDEF's social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Produce and coordinate the scheduling of advertising for media and event programs
- Write, produce and edit newsletters and community advisories
- Write, produce and edit SALDEF publications, resources, and annual report

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree and a minimum of three years of relevant experience
- Demonstrated experience in public relations, journalism, civil liberties law, or a related field requiring significant writing and public relations duties
- Demonstrated experience working in a multi-disciplinary team setting to develop communications strategy
- Demonstrated ability to communicate complex and controversial issues and to convey information about the issues to both narrow and broad audiences
- Experience working in Sikh American or South Asian communities is preferred
- Must work well in a team environment
- Strong verbal and written, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Must demonstrate tact and grace under pressure
- Exceptional research, analytical, writing and editing skills with working knowledge of the production of printed publications, including layout and graphic design
- Outstanding skills in cultivating contacts in the news media and overseeing the press contact database, as well as responding to press inquiries
- Ability to multitask and work under tight deadlines
- Willingness to travel
- Location: SALDEF's National Office in Washington, DC

COMPENSATION

SALDEF offers a comprehensive compensation and benefits package, commensurate with experience

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should send a cover letter (include salary requirements), resume, a list of three references, and a writing sample by email to careers@saldef.org or fax to 202-318-3344.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

NOTE: This job description provides a general but not comprehensive list of the essential responsibilities and

qualifications required. It does not represent a contract of employment. SALDEF reserves the right to change the job description and/or posting at any time without advance notice.

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