

Asian American Heritage Council awarded more than thirty-five Asian American students for their outstanding achievement

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AAHC 2010-11 Officers: Mario Ordone, Agnes Chau, Pauline Ho and Richard Shen

This year I was an applicant for the AAHC Student Scholarship, and was honored to win 1st place for the 7th grade category. Currently, I am an 8th grader at Stonewall Jackson Middle School. It was a great experience, especially the award ceremony at Sonesta Hotel. Applying for this scholarship gave me an opportunity to reflect on my local and Asian community involvement. This award is a checkpoint for me to see if I am on a path for a future that I want: to excel academically and become an architect or engineer; contribute to the community; and to be proud of my heritage.

Wendy Ng,
Stonewall Jackson Middle School

Founded in 1980, Asian American Heritage Council's mission is to recognize and reward Asian American students for their academic excellence, community service and leadership. AAHC consists of many Asian American organizations who works together to preserve the Asian culture and heritage through informative programs. The scholarship is mainly sponsored by Corporations such as Darden Restaurants, Hewitt' Asian Diversity Network, Siemens, Universal Orlando, SunTrust Bank and Orlando Health. If you would like to know more about how to join the organization or how to apply the next year scholarship, please visit www.aahc-cf.org.

See some of the recipients would like to say about the scholarship awards:

I first applied for the AAHC scholarship as a sophomore, not fully realizing what would make me truly eligible for an award. Now, I'm a junior and I've realized the true purpose of the AAHC – it's not to make us show how brilliant and talented we are as individuals, but how we use our gifts to help the community and make a name for Asians in society. I realized that maybe, compared to others, I haven't done enough of this and it was an excellent source of motivation for me to continue to try harder in the future. I want to follow the examples of my peers and the winners, and become a better person along the way and finally achieve my dream of becoming both a graphic designer and computer programmer. Thank you AAHC, for giving me the opportunity to realize all of this in one night

Angela Yang,
Junior of Cypress Creek High School

This year, I applied for the AAHC Scholarship. I am very glad and honored to receive the 1st place scholarship for the 8th grade category. Now, I am a freshman and I have a better understanding of the AAHC program. I feel that the AAHC program encourages Asian American students to work hard in academic but also encourages us to balance our studies with community involvement and the development of leadership skills. AAHC has motivated many students, including me to strive and do our best to reach our goals. Also, I had the honor to perform with my brother Hans a music ensemble while Tiffany and Celeste performed a Chinese ribbon dance. Performing at the Award Ceremony was a great experience. AAHC has helped me by observing my peers and striving to achieve my goal to become a business man in the future.

Frank Lau,
Freshman of Winter Park High School





Representatives of the participating organizations and Community Leaders

Participating Partners include Asian American Pacific Women's Association, Asian Student Association of UCF, Bayanihan at Wedgfield, Buddhist Light International Association, Chinese American Association of Central Florida, Council For Filipino American Organizations, Darden Asian American Network, Filipino American Association of Brevard County, Indian Horizon Association, Orlando Chinese Professionals Association, REACH of Central Florida, Saigon Radio, Vietnamese Association of Central Florida, Vietnamese Student Association of UCF



Council For Filipino American Organizations



Darden Restaurants – a long time sponsor of the student achievers awards

Rachael Tobillo's vocal performance



Tiffany Tang's aerial silk



Frank Lau and Hans Lau, Reach of Central Florida



Karen Nguyen, AAHC Advisor receives recognition from The U.S. Census Bureau



Indian Dance

Parade of Nations



Celeste Hoeh and Tiffany Tang, Reach of Central Florida

