9th & 10th Grades Presenter - Jenjen Han, FL. College of Integrative Medicine

8th Grades Presenter - Deborah Rios-Barnes, Orlando Magic

Lita Martija - the founder of AAHC

11th & 12th Grades Presenter - Adam Hing, Darden Restaurant

Pauline Ho, Lita Martija and the Best Essay Award Winner - Jessica Chen

AAHC Asian American Heritage Council Asian American Student Achievers' Awards

■ *By Pauline Ho* *By C.K. Lau*

Founded in 1980, Asian American Heritage Council's (AAHC) 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. On Nov 27th 2011, AAHC presented its annual " Asian American Student Achievers' Awards" at the Double Tree Hotel. During the night, 45 students ranged from elementary to high schools were recognized. From third grade on-

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Representatives of all the participating organizations

Chinese Folk Dance by CAACF Dance Troupe

Thai Dance - Phu Thai by Wat Florida Dhammaram

Filipino Dance by Bayanihan Wedgefield Dance Troupe

Aerial Acrobats by REACH of Central Florida

wards, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places students were recognized with monetary awards. This year, we were able to give out monetary award to the Best Essay winner as well. AAHC scholarship is made possible by the money raised through the May 2011 Gala and by our generous sponsors - Gold sponsors: Darden Restaurant and Florida College of Integrative Medicine; Silver sponsors: Bright house Networks and Orlando Magic and our Media sponsor: Asia Trend Magazine, and other supporters.

It was an inspirational night to meet these young men and ladies who take pride of their Asian Heritage and strive for excellence. I am truly honored to be able to work with the diligent Judging Committee and the hardworking AAHC Board and its participating organizations to make this event a successful one. Please continue to support AAHC coming May Gala and November Student Achievers' Awards events and visit our website: http://aahc-cf.org for a list of awarding students.

Pauline Ho
Event Chair
AAHC Student Achievers Awards Committees

Indian Vocal performance by Muthamizh Sangam of Central Florida

The Youth Dance by OCPA

Kalena's Polynesian Ohana