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Upcoming events

- **Member Appreciation Celebration on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.** — See www.fapac.org for details and registration.
- **Career Development and Mentoring Program for High Performers application period opens in January:** Learn more at www.fapac.org/CDP.
- **One-day congressional Seminar in February:** Exact date coming soon.

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FAPAC welcomes new board in October ceremony

Members of the FAPAC community gathered at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., to welcome the newly elected board of directors and recognize committee chairs and outgoing board members for their hard work and accomplishments on October 14. CNN Political Research Director **Robert Yoon** (pictured right) served as master of ceremonies, and several senior executives spoke in support of FAPAC.



The new board members are:

- **Olivia Adrian**, U.S. Department of the Interior, President
- **Mariana Milton**, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Vice President
- **Peter Nguyen**, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Vice President of Operations
- **Fahmida Chhipa**, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Executive Secretary
- **Kevin Le**, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Treasurer
- **Rene Lau**, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), Region 4 (West) Director
- **Annabelle Flores**, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Region 5 (Capital Region) Director
- **Tat Shum**, U.S. Department of Justice, Auditor
- **Grace Spence**, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Immediate Past President



The new team took office on October 1, 2016, and its term will end on September 30, 2018.

Notable speakers included:

- Keynote speaker **Victoria B. Wassmer**, FAA, Acting Deputy Administrator (pictured left)
- **Alfred V. Almanza**, USDA, Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety
- **Leonard Jordan**, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Associate Chief for Conservation
- **F. Michael Sena**, DoD, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity Deputy Director

Ravi Chaudhary, FAA Executive Director for Regions and Center Operations, was the ceremony official. Attendees were also treated to several dance performances celebrating AAPI culture.

In her acceptance speech, newly elected President **Olivia Adrian** shared her goals and vision for FAPAC. "Over the next two years, my leadership will focus on an action plan," she stated. She also added, "We will identify significant improvements to our communications, leader development and high-performance mentoring program, and provide support to members and leaders at all levels." In her speech, she also said she wants FAPAC to charter more chapters nationwide and continue to collaborate with the White House and agencies to promote overall awareness of the contributions of AAPIs to the federal government.



Congratulations to all new board members, and thanks all those who made this event one to remember.

Notes and quotes

If you have accomplishments, promotions or other notable items to share with the FAPAC community, please send them along with a photo, if applicable, to newsletter@fapac.org. We may include your information in a future newsletter. Thank you!



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Career fair attracts agencies and job seekers



Thirty-one federal agencies participated in FAPAC's job fair at Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, Md., on November 17. FAPAC deeply appreciates the support and leadership of all who helped make this event another success for the organization! Visit www.fapac.org/careerfairs for more information.

Newsletter news

We are now publishing our newsletters every other month. If you have questions or comments about the newsletter, please email **Claire Huber**, the new newsletter editor, at claire.huber@fapac.org.

Thank you to **Thong Vu** for providing the photos featured in this issue.

We also thank **Dr. Kin Wong** for his past contributions as editor. To read all issues, visit www.fapac.org/newsletters.

National Leadership Training Program planning begins

FAPAC officially began planning for the May National Leadership Training Program on November 18 at a kickoff meeting in Rockville, Md. This year's planning committee hopes to exceed all expectations for next year's event.

The NLTP is a weeklong conference, which takes place May 15-19, 2017, that provides training to aspiring and current leaders. Past sessions have included:

- Building a secure future for federal employees
- Disruptive innovation
- Executive coaching
- Transformational leadership
- Understanding individual personality types using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

If you are interested in presenting or speaking at this year's NLTP, email conference@fapac.org. For the latest information, visit www.fapac.org/nltp2017.

FAPAC congratulates newly elected officials

FAPAC congratulates the following AAPI candidates on their victories in their respective congressional races on November 8, 2016. Two new AAPIs were elected to serve in the U.S. Senate and five in the U.S. House of Representatives. Four other AAPI representatives were re-elected as well.

- Senator-Elect **Tammy Duckworth** (D) (Illinois): the first Thai-American elected to the Senate and previous FAPAC Military Award winner in 2005
- Senator-Elect **Kamala Harris** (D) (California): the first Indian (Tamil)-American elected to the Senate
- Representative **Ami Bera** (D) (California-7th): re-elected Indian (Gujarati)-American member and long time FAPAC supporter
- Representative **Judy Chu** (D) (California-27th): re-elected Chinese-American member and long time FAPAC supporter
- Representative **Ted Lieu** (D) (California-33rd): re-elected Chinese-American member and long time FAPAC supporter
- Representative **Colleen Hanabusa** (D) (Hawaii-1st): re-elected Asian-American member from Hawaii
- Representative-Elect **Pramila Jayapal** (D) (Washington-7th): the first Indian-American woman to serve in the House
- Representative-Elect **Raja Krishnamoorthi** (D) (Illinois-8th): the first Hindu Indian-American member of Congress
- Representative-Elect **Ro Khanna** (D) (California-17th): new Indian-American member of Congress
- Representative-Elect **Stephanie Murphy** (D) (Florida-7th): the first Vietnamese American woman elected to the House

This brings the total of AAPI representatives and senators in Congress to 18, a new high. We look forward to working with these and other members of Congress on issues affecting not only AAPI federal employees and military members, but all Americans.