



APAICS 27th Annual
Awards Gala



*AA NHPIs Rising
to the Challenge*

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Message from Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke



The APAICS' 27th Annual Gala —AA NHPIs Rising to the Challenge is finally here! Tonight, we celebrate leaders, recognize their accomplishments in advocating for AA NHPI communities, and have a little fun.

We are in the midst of a major awakening of our AA NHPI community and our honorees showcase exceptional displays of commitment, courage, and community engagement.

The Philippine Nurses Association of America serve as a prime example of our community rising to the challenge. Philippine nurses served in the frontlines of the COVID-19 saving livings, and they continue to serve the public with the utmost care. We are so proud to honor PNAA with the Community Engagement Award.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Atlanta. From voter registration drives to election protection, Advancing Justice – Atlanta has changed the political landscape of Georgia and demonstrated to the nation that the Asian American vote matters. APAICS is pleased to recognize them with our Civic Engagement Award.

Last but certainly not least, Dale Minami, an Asian American who redefined the term trailblazer. As lead counsel for the Korematsu Coram Nobis team that successfully challenged the constitutionality of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII to co-founding Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus, one of the most revered legal organizations working on behalf of AA NHPI communities, APAICS and its founder The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, honor Mr. Minami with the inaugural Norman Y. Mineta Award.

This past year has been tough for all of us, but we've adapted and overcome due to the remarkable team of supporters uplifting us. I would like to personally thank the Executive Directors and staff of the many organizations that have worked with APAICS in helping us achieve our goals. You have been great colleagues to me and to the APAICS staff. Helen, Dian, Anthony, Heejin, and Medha, you make APAICS run, and I could not have done it without you. Lastly, the APAICS Board has provided a stable foundation that has allowed me and the staff to succeed. It has been a great honor to lead APAICS over the past three years.

As the “wrap it up – too long” stage music plays, APAICS could not have achieved success without our donors and supporters. Thank you. As we head into a brighter tomorrow, we look forward to seeing you outside of just our zoom screens, and in-person. But until then, enjoy the Gala and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke

Message from APAICS Board Chair Susan Jin Davis



Welcome to the 27th APAICS Annual Awards Gala—AA NHPIs Rising to the Challenge. As AA NHPIs continue to be the fastest-growing demographic, we are committed to building a pipeline to ensure a community that is active, engaged, and adequately represented at all levels of the political process, from community service to elected office. Today, we are at a critical moment in history where APAICS’ mission to elevate AA NHPI leaders will help shape and influence our nation for years to come.

Each year we acknowledge members of our community who have made profound contributions for the betterment of AA NHPIs. Tonight, we have the pleasure of honoring Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta with the Civic Engagement Award, the Philippine Nurses Association of America with the Community Engagement Award, and Dale Minami with the inaugural Norman Y. Mineta Lifetime Achievement Award. All three recipients have distinguished themselves in ensuring our voices are heard.

I would like to thank my fellow APAICS board member, Congresswoman Judy Chu, who serves as Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. Congresswoman Chu is a role model, leader, and inspiration for our community and all Americans. I would also like to give my utmost thanks to our honorary co-chairs of the APAICS Gala, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal and Congressman Mark Takano for their support of this event.

I am continually humbled by the tremendous generosity of our supporters and would like to thank them for their continued support and for uplifting the AA NHPI community by funding APAICS’ essential programming—particularly in the virtual environment for the past year. APAICS was able to deliver more programming than ever before and has expanded our audience across our country with this support.

I would also like to thank our dedicated Board of Directors and APAICS staff—Madalene Mielke, Helen Ruggiero, Dian Herrman, Anthony Maglaqui, Heejin Hahn, and Medha Krishen—without whom this evening would not have been possible.

Lastly and importantly, I implore everyone to participate and experience all what APAICS has to offer.

Sincerely,

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Susan Jin Davis



APAICS Welcome Remarks

Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke
APAICS President & CEO

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Special Remarks

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi

Performance

Kiana V

**Congressional Asian Pacific American
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Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27)

Co-Chair Remarks

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**Norman Y. Mineta Lifetime
Achievement Award**

Dale Minami

Performance

Run River North

Co-Chair Remarks

Congressman Mark Takano (CA-41)

In Memoriam

Community Award

Philippine Nurses Association of America
(PNAA)

Special Remarks

President Joe Biden

Closing Remarks

Madalene Xuan-Trang Mielke
APAICS President & CEO



APAICS Programs

National Leadership Academy

The APAICS National Leadership Academy provides AANHPI elected officials and those looking to run for office with the training and network to help them excel in their current office, prepare them for opportunities to advance into higher office, or to run a campaign for the first time. The National Leadership Academy brings together a bipartisan group of promising AANHPI political leaders from state legislatures, city councils, and local governing bodies from all across the country. The Leadership Academy has grown from 13 participants in 1999 to more than 50 participants now.

Regional Leadership Academy

The APAICS Regional Leadership Academy is a two-day leadership training and policy summit for current elected officials, individuals seeking to run for public office, and community stakeholders. The Regional Leadership Academy was established in 2012 and modeled after the APAICS National Leadership Academy to provide training across the country. The leadership and political training curriculum is tailored to the region utilizing local talent and expertise. APAICS works with local organizations in the area and hosts policy roundtables to bring together public officials, private sector representatives, and community members to discuss current issues affecting the AANHPI community in the local region.

Congressional Fellowship

The APAICS Fellowship provides exceptional graduates and young professionals the opportunity to work extensively on policy issues as full-time staff members in a Congressional office. Through a nine-month program, fellows gain invaluable federal policymaking experience and develop lasting relationships amongst fellows and prominent leaders as they work closely with Members of Congress, government officials, and community leaders.

2020-2021 APAICS Congressional Fellows



Tony Tran

Born in Vietnam but raised in California, Tony graduated from Brandeis University with a B.S. in Neuroscience and Health Policy. At Brandeis, he held numerous leadership positions, serving as President of Vietnamese Student Association and Vice President of the Asian American Students Association, one of the largest student groups on campus. Together with other concerned AAPI students on campus, he helped establish the Brandeis Asian American Task Force (BAATF), a community organizing effort to push for AAPI studies courses. In addition, he has served on the East Coast Asian American Student Union's National Board for several years which initially sparked his interest in the intersection of non-profit work, policy, and community organizing.

Upon graduation, Tony worked for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Department of Oncologic Pathology, where he helped physician-scientists develop novel cancer models generated from patients before, during, or post-clinical trials to study drug responsiveness. His projects focused on brain tumors modeling to test therapeutics and act as accelerated functional diagnostic assays for patients.

Shaped by his experience, Tony strives to help push our nation towards policies that are more compassionate, accessible, and serve to uplift the most marginalized. He is excited to join the Office of Representative Judy Chu (CA-27) and bring attention to AAPI issues and health equity. In his spare time, he loves to spend time with his two corgis, Astro and Luna, and enjoys coffee.

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Judith Teruya

Born and raised in the state of Hawaii, Judith Teruya is excited to bring her passion for policy change to the “mainland” AAPI community in Washington DC. Her family’s immigrant history as plantation workers in Hawaii ignited a passion in Judith to advocate for and create structural change for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders around the United States.

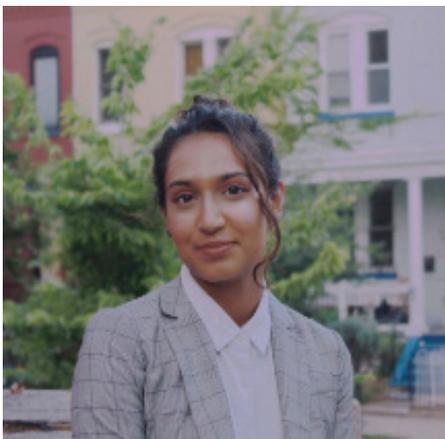
Judith received a BA in Behavioral Science and Sociology from Concordia University Irvine and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of California Irvine, where she specialized in immigration, housing, and foreign policy research. Throughout her educational experience, Judith has held numerous leadership positions, including Team Captain of Concordia University Irvine’s championship winning debate team, Vice President of UC Irvine’s Public Policy Student Association, and founder of the UC Immigration Policy Initiative.

Judith is passionate about raising the voices of underrepresented populations in the political sphere. She continues to empower students to engage their government and community through academic policy debate and works to help young leaders take public office in Hawaii. Judith is excited for the opportunity to engage with current issues facing the AAPI community in the Office of Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY). In her free time, you can find Judith discovering new coffee shops with a bag full of books or trying a new cookie recipe.



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Natasha Anis

Natasha Anis graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, CA with a BA in English. She strongly believes that rhetoric affects policy decisions, and focused on changing narratives around criminal justice and immigration issues through her work while at Pomona. Her senior year, she partnered with a community-based interfaith organization to host a workshop on intersections of mass incarceration and immigration detention. From her time as a Writing Fellow at Pomona, Anis developed a passion for writing education, so after graduation she accepted a Fulbright grant to teach secondary school in the city of Samarinda, in East Kalimantan, Indonesia.

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Mieko Kuramoto

Born in Los Angeles and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mieko Kuramoto graduated from Smith College with a B.A. in Spanish and American Studies. As an undergrad, she focused in Asian American studies and political advocacy in the Asian American Pacific Islander community, including doing research on Census outreach in Asian American communities and founding a campus organization for AAPI political activism.

Mieko's first experiences with youth leadership was through the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), where she found her passion for advocacy. She has served on the National Youth/Student Council for the last four years, the last two of which she sat on the JACL National Board as the National Youth Representative. In that role, Mieko has designed programming on topics ranging as widely as Asian American identity, feminism, immigration detention, and intra-community conversations about race.

One movement in particular has inspired both Mieko's policy and personal focus: Tsuru for Solidarity, a Japanese American-led project working to end detention sites and support frontline immigrant and refugee communities targeted by state violence. Mieko's time on the steering committee and role as the chair of the youth committee, Tsuru Next Generation, emphasized the importance of coalition building and drawing on community memory to denounce systems of mass incarceration. In her coming year as an APAICS fellow, she looks forward to bringing the values she learned through Tsuru to her work in the Office of Congressman Mark Takano (D-CA).

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Veena Muraleetharan

Veena Muraleetharan was born and raised in Norman, Oklahoma and recently graduated from Yale University with B.A. in Anthropology and a certificate in Global Health Studies. Her undergraduate studies centered on reproductive health, rights, and justice and culminated in an ethnographic investigation of student access to campus sexual health resources for her senior thesis. She deepened her interest in these areas as a co-president of the Reproductive Justice Action League at Yale and as an intern and volunteer at Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. In these roles, she partnered with other students and community members to organize support for issues such as paid family/medical leave, state insurance coverage for doulas, and ending conversion therapy for minors.

Over her last summer of college, she worked as a health policy intern to write about the impact of recently-passed comprehensive sexual health legislation in Colorado. As an APAICS Congressional Fellowship in the office of Senator Maggie Hassan, she hopes to continue learning how to create policy that moves towards a vision of health justice for all.

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Josh Shin

Joshua Shin is a second-generation Korean American from Bakersfield, CA. He was inspired to explore public service by the experience of his parents, who achieved the American Dream through faith, hard work, and small business, with current events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdowns, and protests. Joshua hopes to use his academic background in economics and the social sciences to find common ground on small business, immigration, and urban development so that other groups have a fair shot at economic mobility in America as his parents did.

Joshua received his MA in economics from George Mason University, where he was an MA Fellow at the Mercatus Center. He also holds a BA in sociology from California State University, Bakersfield and an AA in psychology. Prior to the APAICS fellowship, Joshua worked as an outreach associate at the Mercatus Center, county manager for a competitive 2016 California House race, and graduate teaching assistant for social research methods.

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Michelle Nyugen

Born in San Jose, California, Michelle P. Nguyen graduated from Loyola Marymount University, where she studied Political Science, Philosophy, and International Relations. Under the advice of Dr. Richard Fox, her honors thesis examined the obstacles to higher-level candidacy for those of Asian Pacific American descent, and was accepted for presentation by the Western Political Science Association.

While in school, Michelle held a variety of leadership positions: she was a Student Ambassador, Service Chair and Vice President of the Vietnamese Student Association, and the co-founder and President of the Model United Nations program. She remains a teaching assistant for two upper-level Political Science courses, as well as the Executive Editor of Asia Media International. Michelle's interests lie at the intersection of policy, advocacy, and social justice for marginalized communities, and her experiences have long-aligned within those areas. This past summer, she had the privilege of interning for Asian Americans Advancing Justice – LA, and has worked under Representatives Lieu and Meng.

As the daughter of Vietnamese refugees, Michelle has always been an advocate for the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community. AANHPIs have been marginalized from the conversation at every turn, which is why she is passionate in fighting for their rights and representation. She is eager to focus her efforts into the office of Congresswoman Susie Lee, where she hopes to build upon her leadership skills and expand her capacity for community organization and civic engagement.

In her spare time, she reads and writes voraciously as a hobby.

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2021 APAICS Alumni Horizon Award

The 2021 APAICS Alumni Horizon Award is presented to an APAICS alumnus who has dedicated extensive time and energy to promoting, encouraging, mentoring, and inspiring AAPIs to serve the community through public service.

Paulo G. Pontemayor



Paulo G. Pontemayor currently serves as Director of Government Relations for the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), the national leadership organization of more than 2,200 Catholic health care systems, hospitals, long-term care facilities, sponsors, and related organizations—the largest group of nonprofit health care providers in the nation.

Prior to joining CHA, he worked in various leadership roles in the hospital, health care quality, federal government and minority health spaces: As Associate Director for Federal Relations at The Joint Commission, the nation’s oldest and largest not-for-profit independent health care accrediting organization—working with over 80% of the nation’s hospitals; at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation where he was responsible for a policy portfolio that included Medicaid, Medicare, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, Affordable Care Act (ACA) and health disparity elimination initiatives; and at the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, where he received awards from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and Families USA for his work in creating and developing the community leadership alliance which guided the Congressional Tri-Caucus on the development of the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2011. Mr. Pontemayor began his public service career in Capitol Hill as an APAICS intern for Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) and APAICS fellow for Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-CA).

Paulo received his Master of Public Health degree from the Milken Institute of Public Health at the George Washington University, where he was a Bryce Harlow Foundation Fellow and Departmental Scholar. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in Seattle, where he started working in local campaigns and elections. Originally from the U.S. territory of Guam, Paulo continues to draw strength from his immigrant family as an inspiration for his policy work.

2021 APAICS Alumni Trailblazer Award

The 2021 APAICS Alumni Trailblazer Award is presented to an APAICS alumnus who has excelled in a career in public service.

Priyanka K. Hooghan



Priyanka K. Hooghan is the Subcommittee Staff Director of the Environment Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology under Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. Prior to joining the Committee, she completed a year-long fellowship as the first APAICS Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fellow working in the office of Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and with the American Petroleum Institute (API). Before coming to Washington, DC, she practiced environmental engineering in Dallas, TX and Chicago, IL. Priyanka received a B.S. in environmental engineering from Southern Methodist University and a M.S. in environmental engineering from Stanford University.

Performances

National Anthem Jake Shimabukuro



With only four strings, Jake is a humble master whose mission is to connect and inspire people.

Whether one-on-one or in front of an audience of thousands, Jake shares a deep emotional connection with the listener that is open, magical, and transcendent. Often referred to as the Miles Davis, Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Lee, and Michael Jordan of his craft, Jake delivers performances around the world with an out-of-the-box blend of stunning virtuosity, deep musicality, and a natural entertainer's flair. Jake takes the ukulele to places no one has gone before, performing awe-inspiring music that ranges from jazz, blues, and rock to bluegrass, classical, and folk.

Kiana V



Despite the shadow of a looming global crisis in 2020, Kiana V rose to the challenge and turned to her personal passion—songwriting. One of her biggest song hits to date was completed with the support of Tarsier Records and 88Rising, a U.S. media company and record label for Asian talent.

Kiana’s song entitled “Safe Place”, a track brimming with the familiarity of loss and romantic nostalgia, was released on the “semilucent” EP compilation under Paradise Rising (88Rising’s Philippine sub-label). Kiana’s release of “Safe Place” proved fruitful with its music video hitting 1 million YouTube views on 88Rising’s channel in just over 1 month. Paradise Rising also bagged a feature article on Grammy.com with mention of its headlining artists, Kiana included, for pushing Filipino music and culture to the forefront.

At present, Kiana V boasts a total of 19.58 million Spotify streams since 2015 with a global audience of 3.15 million listeners. At present, she divides her time between Los Angeles, California and Manila, Philippines.

Run River North



Based in California's San Fernando Valley, Run River North is a six-member indie pop ensemble that originally formed in 2011 under the name Monsters Calling Home. Boasting a lush, folk-influenced sound built around singers Alex Hwang (vocals/guitar) and Sally Kang (vocals/keys), the band also features guitarist/violinist Daniel Chae, bassist Joseph Chun, drummer John Chong, and violinist Jennifer Rim. After filming a unique video for their song "Fight to Keep" in the back seats of their small Honda cars, they caught the attention of the marketing department at Honda, which used the song in a commercial. This led to them making a surprise appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live!, further expanding their audience. Following a sold-out show at Hollywood's famed Troubadour venue, the band signed with Nettwerk Music Group and officially changed its name to Run River North. Working with producer Phil Ek (Fleet Foxes, the Shins, Band of Horses), they recorded their self-titled debut album, which was released in February 2014. After a busy year touring and promoting their debut, the band began to alter both their sound and their creative methods. Writing more as a group, they adopted a newfound electric sound and a slightly darker tone on their follow-up album, which they recorded with producer Lars Stalfors (Cold War Kids, HEALTH). Recorded in Los Angeles, Run River North's sophomore album, *Drinking from a Salt Pond*, was released in February 2016.

Award Recipients

Civic Engagement Award

Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Atlanta



Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta is the first and only nonprofit legal advocacy organization dedicated to protecting the civil rights of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI) in Georgia and the Southeast. Founded in 2010 as the Asian American Legal Advocacy Center (AALAC), Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta became part of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice affiliation in 2014.

Through their work, they envision a social movement in which communities of color are fully empowered, active in civic life, and working together to promote equity, fair treatment, and self determination for all. Their focus areas are organized into four groups: Policy Advocacy, Organizing & Civic Engagement, Impact Litigation, and Legal Services.

Community Award

Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA)



Mary Joy Garcia-Dia, DNP, RN, FAAN
President, 2020-2022

Established in 1979, the Philippine Nurses Association of America, Inc. (PNAA) is a 501c(6) non-profit professional nursing organization representing 55 chapters with over 5,000 members. Our mission is to uphold and foster the positive image and welfare of Filipino-American nurses, promote professional excellence, and contribute to significant outcomes to healthcare and society through education, research, and clinical practice. PNAA is a member of the National Coalition for Ethnic Minority Nurses Association (NCEMNA) and an affiliate member of the American Nurses Association.

PNAA offers its members mentorship, leadership development, and educational programs essential for professional advancement through its regional, national, and international conferences in the U.S. and in the Philippines. The Leadership Institute provides career development, team building activities, and organizational skills program for rising and future leaders of PNAA. PNAA actively advocates and collaborates with other organizations/agencies to address and support policy development and legislation that affect the nursing profession, minority health, and diversity in the workforce.

Norman Y. Mineta Lifetime Achievement Award

Dale Minami



Dale Minami is recognized as one of the top personal injury lawyers in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2019, Mr. Minami was honored with the ABA Medal, the American Bar Association's highest honor. He is the first Asian American to receive the award in its 90-year history.

Mr. Minami's practice focuses on the areas of Personal Injury and Wrongful Death, involving claims by persons who have suffered injury, or the death of a close relative through the negligence of another party. He has handled these cases for over 40 years.

He has been involved in significant litigation involving the civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans and other minorities, such as *Korematsu v. United States*, a lawsuit to overturn a 40-year-old conviction for refusal to obey exclusion orders aimed at Japanese Americans during World War II, originally upheld by U.S. Supreme Court.

Other landmark decisions involving Mr. Minami include: *United Pilipinos for Affirmative Action v. California Blue Shield*, the first class action employment lawsuit brought by Asian Pacific Americans on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans; *Spokane JACL v. Washington State University*, a class action on behalf of Asian Pacific Americans to establish an Asian American Studies program at Washington State University; and *Nakanishi v. UCLA*, a claim for unfair denial of tenure that resulted in the granting of tenure after several hearings and widespread publicity over discrimination in academia.

He was a co-founder of the Asian Law Caucus, the first community interest law firm serving Asian Pacific Americans in the country; a co-founder of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, the first Asian American Bar Association in the United States; an original incorporator of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; the Asian Pacific Bar of California; and the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans, one of the nation's first political action committees focused on Asian American candidates and issues.

Mr. Minami has been involved in the judicial appointment process and in establishing or influencing public policy and legislation. President Clinton appointed him as Chair of the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund in January 1996. Mr. Minami has served as a member of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission and has chaired the California Attorney General's Asian Pacific Advisory Committee, advising the State's Attorney General on key issues.

Currently, Mr. Minami serves on the advisory boards of the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, the Korematsu Institute, the Asian Pacific Fund and Seattle University's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality. He is a founder of the Judge Robert M. Takasugi Fellowship, dedicated to providing stipends to law students who commit to public interest work.

He was born in Los Angeles, California, and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1972. Mr. Minami received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Southern California and graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa in 1968. He received his J.D. in 1971 from the University of California Berkeley School of Law, University of California and admitted to practice in U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. In 1982, he was admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court.

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APAICS

Building the Asian Pacific American political pipeline at all levels, from community advocacy to elected office.

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