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Words from the Chairperson

Committed to continuously improving the Notre Dame Alumni Association, the APA of ND staff liaison (Karen Putt) initiated a survey to better understand the effectiveness of the Minority Alumni Boards.

This summer, she sent out several thousand surveys to minority Domers and what we heard back was interesting. Current beliefs were reaffirmed, while opportunities to improve surfaced. In fact, these findings transformed several of our 2009-2010 plans and focus.

Upon reviewing the results, the APA of ND Board of

Directors learned that though we're doing a solid job in several areas, we still have room to improve. Specifically, we can do a better job of communicating and engaging our Asian Pacific constituents. We'll work to find additional channels to accomplish this.

If you have ideas or thoughts, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to Brian McLaughlin, our Communications Director or myself with your thoughts (contact info listed within Irish Online).

For the next several years, the NDAA office plans to

initiate similar surveys to measure progress against our initiatives. It's how we'll measure progress and hold ourselves accountable.

Lastly, I wanted to thank those of you that have volunteered to assist the APA of ND fulfill our important mission. Together, we're changing the face of Notre Dame. Go Irish!



*Michael
Wong,
'96*

Region 1 Update—Aloha from Hawaii

The efforts of the ND Hawaii Club and AP alumni were recognized by the Oahu Domestic Violence Awareness Committee for their water donation and recent participation in the Annual Candlelight Vigil during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Your donation of time and skill is an integral part of the vigil that allows the

community to gather, share refreshments, talk and view displays.

Without your assistance we would not have been able to accommodate the many people who came to honor those whose lives have been cut short by domestic violence.

The committee is truly grateful for those, like yourselves, who give freely

and generously to bring honor to those who have died as well as for those who continue to live in fear...The issue of domestic violence impacts everyone in our communities."



**2009-2010
Asian Pacific
Recruitment
Update**

1,401
applied

462
admitted

178
confirmed

- *Admittance rate: 33%
- *Yield rate: 39%
- *Future yield goal: 40%

**2009-2010
ND Student
Update**

23%
*Current overall
minority
representation*

25%
ND diversity goal

The Admissions Office is grateful to APA board members, Student Recruitment Committee, Friends of APA and others who helped recruit these highly talented students by attending college fairs, writing letters/emails, meeting with students on campus during student visitation and calling efforts.

—Jennifer Cho
APA Student Recruitment Director

"Throughout the show, the dances that used the juxtaposition of traditional dances with modern and familiar music were the most enjoyable. These dances represented Asia's rich history and tradition, which Asian students at Notre Dame chose to balance with their position as youth in a modern world."

—Brandy Cerne from The Observer

Asian Allure LIVE 2009



Student Relations: Insight on Asian Allure

It's incredible to follow the evolution of this show, now celebrating 13 years at Notre Dame. What started as a "we can do it better than other schools" pop culture fashion show transformed into a showcase reflecting on Asian and Asian American cultural identities.

Asian Allure LIVE 2009 presented confident, modern and amazingly fun live entertainment. This year's adaptation of the show featured a new yet familiar twist. As soon as the cast members said the words, "Live from Notre Dame, It's Asian Allure," the audience knew exactly what type of entertainment to expect—lots of laughs and contemporary

cultural exploration. The MC skits inspired by SNL worked well to lighten up the show format while introducing each performance.

A rock band skit featuring a coconut percussionist was the perfect transition into FASO's pukol dance. Watching the VSA lion breaking out to "Soulja Boy" was a great surprise. One of my personal favorites was the return of Japan Club's fisherman dance, now supported by one of the largest active memberships in Japan Club history.

Over 200 community members were involved in the show's production including Notre Dame, Holy Cross, and Saint

Mary's students. The ethnic diversity of the performers created an inclusive environment for cultural entertainment. The performances were very well choreographed and representative of the amazing talents of the today's students.

Every generation has their favorite moment or performance in the history of the show. Join the discussion of your favorite Asian Allure performance on our APA of ND facebook group page. Whether as a performer, a supporter, or a fan, Asian Allure continues to bring together Notre Dame and Asian American culture in a unique way.

—Paul Nguyen
APA Student Relations Director

Earmark donations to APA of ND

The deadline for the 2010 Notre Dame Football Ticket Lottery was Dec. 31st. If you already donated to the Notre Dame Annual Fund for the Football Ticket Lottery, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your continued support of our students.

If you plan on donating for 2011, consider directing your donation towards the APA of ND Scholarship Fund. The scholarship benefits current students of Asian Pacific descent that achieve an outstanding academic record and need financial assistance.

1) If you plan on donating to be eligible for the ND Football Ticket Lottery:

HOW TO DONATE

- Donate directly online: <http://supporting.nd.edu/make-a-gift/index.shtml>
- Donate by check. Mail directly to the following address:
*The University of Notre Dame
 Department of Development
 1100 Grace Hall
 Notre Dame, IN 46556*

Please write a note on your donation "for APA Scholarship Fund." This earmarks your donation for the APA of ND Scholarships. Your donation is still

counted towards the Football Ticket Lottery eligibility.

2) If you know of family or friends that are planning to donate to Notre Dame:

Please pass this information along to them or let them know that they can earmark their donations to any specific scholarship fund (e.g. the APA Scholarship Fund).

For questions about donating to ND, contact Ed Pok '98, APA of ND Scholarship Committee,

**Edward.Ji.Pok.1998@
alumni.nd.edu**

APA Around the World Updates

Amy Amador, Class of '96, now resides in Detroit, Michigan and serves as the Executive Director for Mercy Education Project, a nonprofit serving at-risk girls and women in Detroit.

Tricia Sevilla, Class of '99, finished her third ND degree this summer through the ACE Leadership Program. She recently became engaged to Texas A&M grad Brian Baumer, '97.

Stay in touch!

Let your friends know the latest news in your life. Send your updates to mclaff9@earthlink.net for inclusion in the next APA Newsletter.

Department of Education Grant to Enhance Asian Studies



The U.S. Department of Education awarded Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies a grant of approximately \$180,000 to advance Asian studies at the University.

Initiatives to be supported by the grant include new courses in Asian language and area studies, with a special focus on innovative language learning and assessment; professional

and curriculum development opportunities for faculty; and regional mini-conferences that will bring Asian studies experts from around the Midwest to campus.

—College of Arts & Letters

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News items, photos, comments, and suggestions from alumni are welcome.

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Spring semester begins.	Jan 12
Junior Parents Weekend	Feb 12
Fiestang Filipino	Mar 20
Spring MAN Board Meeting	Mar 26-7
Hawaii Club L'uau	Mar 27

To contact the Asian Pacific Alumni Board:

- *Register on Irish Online at alumni.nd.edu*
- *Join the APA of ND Facebook community*