

APA Scholarship Recipient *Jane J. Lee*



Our 2008 scholarship recipient is Jane Lee, a Spanish and Sociology double major with a minor in Catholic Social Tradition. She has earned a 3.95 GPA. She co-founded the student organization "ND-8" to raise awareness of the eight Millennium Development Goals set by the United Nations to end poverty.

She volunteered as the assistant coordinator of the Youth Afterschool program at La Casa de Amistad. She participated in Urban Plunge and was on the Urban Plunge Task Force. She repaired homes through the Appalachia Seminar. Through the Kellogg Institute Internship Program, she taught English in a small town in Costa Rica for three months for the non-profit, World Teach. While studying abroad in Santiago, Chile, she participates in a Poverty and Development Seminar to help disadvantaged children.

She plans to complete the Sociology Honors Capstone Project and continue her education in Sociology.

Congratulations, Jane, and thank you for representing the ideals of Notre Dame.

APA All-Class Reunion *Honoring Seniors and Military*

The Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame All-Class Reunion will take place during Reunion 2008, to be held on the Notre Dame campus, Thursday, May 29 through Sunday, June 1, 2008. This year we will be recognizing two very special groups of Asian Pacific alumni, those who have served in the U.S. military and those senior alumni who graduated prior to 1978.

Senior and military Asian Pacific Alumni are invited to a cocktail reception in their honor, Friday, May 30th at 5:00 p.m. A special memento will be given to all senior and military Asian Pacific Alumni in attendance. Friends and family are also invited.

Reunion 2008 is a wonderful time when Domers travel back to Notre Dame to reconnect with classmates and the campus and enrich their spiritual lives by attending Mass in the dorms and visiting the Grotto. There are also opportunities to participate in the myriad activities organized by the Notre Dame Alumni Association, such as seminars, community service projects, and class dinners.

We hope all Asian Pacific Alumni will join us at Reunion 2008 when we celebrate our contributions and successes over the past 50+ years!

Message from the Chairperson *Michael Wong '96*



At its fall meeting, the Board of the Asian-Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame (APA of ND) returned to campus with a mind to look at our organization and operations to determine whether we could improve on our efforts to perform our mission. It became evident that an area where we could find the most potential for improvement was in the use of our Regional Directors. Presently, 10 of the 19-member Board are Regional Directors. Since the establishment of the APA of ND, they were assigned responsibility for expansive geographical areas covering numerous states and alumni clubs, much like what the ND Alumni national organization calls for. It was obvious that due to a limited budget and the requirement for significant time commitments, our Regional Directors could not be expected to be traveling far and often to attend ND regional and club functions as their responsibilities suggest they do.

Understanding this reality, it led to our looking at where our constituents were located. We were impressed by our findings. It turns out that most of our Asian-Pacific alumni live in a number of concentrated areas: New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Hawaii. By focusing on these areas, and having Regional Directors living in these locations, we believe that we can better

serve the great majority of our constituents. To cover the areas of the country that fall outside of these local areas – those with relatively small Asian-Pacific populations – we will be creating two at-large Regional Directorships (East and West). This new organization will become effective on July 1, 2008 and will be noticeable in the upcoming Board elections this summer.

In our review, we also identified an opportunity to reduce costs while still maintaining our effectiveness. Significant overlap of the Alumni Relations Director and the Young Alumni Director responsibilities exists. Because we consistently have a number of young alumni filling other positions on the Board, it was decided that the Young Alumni Director position was to be dropped. The effective date of this change would be in 2009 when the present incumbent's term ends.

Additionally, the Board has decided to create an Advisory Group to the APA of ND Board, whereby non-Board Asian-Pacific alumni would be asked to take on an appointed role to assist and advise the Board in its mission. Details regarding this program is in the process of being developed and will be communicated to you shortly.

These changes were instituted to better address the Board's challenges of the future: promoting Asian Studies at Notre Dame, establishing APA of ND scholarships, assisting Notre Dame's efforts in Asia, assisting in Asian-Pacific student recruitment, and promoting Asian-Pacific alumni participation in school activities and programs. We look forward to your support of these worthy goals of the APA of ND.

**The Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame congratulate the
2008 graduating Asian Pacific students.**

Welcome to the ranks of the Asian Pacific Alumni!

Jin-Young Ahn
Deepa Balaraman
Melanie Bautista
Daniel Bertao
Nyal Borges
Stephen Buchanan
Jared Bulosan
Sheremy Cabrera
Paul Carlson
GeeWon Cha
Ashley Chan
Kin-Yue Chan
Leona Chang
Aileen Cho
Sung Min Choo
Everett Chu
Evelyn Chu
Wayne Chung
Bernadette Cumento
Mariko Dailey
Anthony Dayrit
Norman Decker
Vikash Deendyal
Radhika Deva
Steven Dias
Brian Dowdell
Andrea D'Souza
Ericka Erickson
Jennifer Fong
Russell Fu
Camille Gabriel
Justine Gamez
Mary Joyce Gloria
Tiffany Gulick
Darragh Hannan
Alec Hirschauer
Amelia Hirschauer
Seok-Jin Hong
Tatiane Hsu
Meghan Jebb
Yuta Kambe
Tae Kang
Grace Kao
Zhan Wei Khaw
Anna Kim
Paula Kim
Yurianna Kim
Carol Kim
Jina Kim

Patrick Ku
Julian Lagoy
Kristen Lai
Arthur Lam
Jessica Lau
Begem Lee
Anie Lee
Jane Lee
Elizabeth Lee
Christina Lee
Douglas Lee
Soo-Youn Lee
Vicky Lee
Wihyun Lee
Donna Leonardo
Jennifer Leong
Andrew Leung
Henry Li
Gregory Lim
Jason Liu
Ronica Lu
Matthew Lucci
Brandon Lynch
Carl MacMichael
Divya Mahadevia
Sheila Mamandur
Christina Marzo
Claire Maulit
Patrick McCabe
Luo-Yao McCormick
Lindsay Meyer
Katherine Montalto
Stephen Murphy
Young-Wook Nam
Monica Nanda
Chun Tong Ngai
Tanya Ngo
Huyen Nguyen
Christine Nguyen
Jacques Nguyen
Jean Nguyen
Eileen Offer
Andrina Ong
Suzanne Ouyang
Julian Owyong
Christina Padayhag
Agelina Paek
Sheeva Parbhu
Ko-Un Park

Vijen Patel
Bettina Marie Patena
Sean Pillai
Sheena Plamoottil
Zachary Przystup
Steven Reddy
Cailan Remedios
Christine Rini
Eric Michael Sales
Jason Samikkannu
Manpreet Sarkaria
Elisa Seguin
Rachel Sehgal
Elizabeth Seilie
Grace Shen
David Shikada
Jenny Shin
Steven Shum
Jaclyn Sitjar
Courtney Smith
Susan Som
Danielle Spellman
Alana Stelton
John Studer III
Robert Suhardjo
Carolina Surla
Crystal Truong
Mazie Tsang
Eri Tsukamaki
Yuichi Uda
Lai-Nin Wan
Ge Wang
Paula Wang
Osborne Wang
Ming-Jin Wang
Melissa Ward
Denise Weber
Tiffany Wen
Andrew Whang
Christopher Wodicka
James Wu
Luther Yoo
Stephanie Yoshida
Kyoko Yoshida
Alex Yoshinaga
Noelle Yoza
Xifan Zhang
Chen Zhou

Support Our Scholarship Funds

Donate Items for the Silent Auction to be Held at Reunion 2008!

In an effort to raise money for our two scholarship funds, the APA of ND will sponsor a silent auction at the Reunion 2008 All-Class Dinner. We would like to feature items ranging from Notre Dame sports memorabilia to apparel, gift cards, and concert or amusement park tickets, which will appeal to a wide variety of people and interests. We ask that you will donate items to support the APA of ND's silent auction and raise money for our scholarship funds. We welcome donations from family and friends of the University as well.

Your participation in the 2008 APA of ND Silent Auction will demonstrate Notre Dame's continued support of Asian Pacific programs and students. If you or someone you know would like more information about the auction, please contact Jaelyn Rey-Hipolito '02, at jreyhipo@alumni.nd.edu. Any items you wish to donate may be sent to the Notre Dame Alumni Office, Attn: Karen Putt – APA Silent Auction, 100 Eck Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Over the past decade, we have established two scholarship funds: the Kenneth Ho Sung Kwak Scholarship for Asian Studies, awarded annually to an undergraduate student, regardless of race or ethnicity, who wishes to pursue a degree in Asian Studies; and the APA of ND Scholarship, which provides scholarship money and/or books to high achieving Asian Pacific students who have demonstrated financial need.

Please help us continue to support our students. Donate to our Silent Auction!

APA of ND Election

It's time to hold our APA of ND Board elections again. If you are interested in helping with Notre Dame's Diversity Program and have time to devote, please consider running for an office. Terms are for three years. The five positions that will be voted on this year are:

- Vice-Chairperson
- Student Recruitment Director
- Regional Director – Chicago
- Regional Director – New York
- Regional Director – West

Candidates for the Vice-Chairperson position must presently be serving on the Board with at least 18 months tenure, or have served previously on the Board for 3 continuous years.

The Student Recruitment Director is responsible for working with the ND Admissions Office to increase the enrollment of AP students.

Regional Directors are responsible for representing the APA of ND in their respective regions, primarily by working with local ND clubs and their National Regional Directors. Regional Directors of Chicago and New York should reside in those cities or their environs. Candidates for the Regional Director – West position must live west of Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River.

Board members are asked to attend two meetings on campus each year. The ND Alumni Office pays for the travel and other expenses.

This is a tremendous opportunity to help your alma mater in one of its important initiatives, that of improving the diversity of its population and programs.

Why the APA of ND? *Ron Wong '53*

The Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame (APA of ND) came into being in 1995, following organizations for Black and Hispanic Alumni. These were not entities unto themselves, but were subsets of the Alumni Association. These disparate groups were formed to address some less than satisfactory conditions that the Administration felt existed at Notre Dame.

For one thing, from all appearances, Notre Dame was essentially a “lily-white school.” About 90% of the incoming freshmen were white, and, of course, the same percentage applied to alumni. The Administration realized that this was not an acceptable condition to maintain. With its Catholicity, it would seem that Notre Dame was not doing its part in promoting a universal approach in its education mission; and besides, it was not preparing its students to meet the outside world with all its diversity.

Another matter of concern was that those relatively few minorities who received their degrees from Notre Dame did not feel the same warmth and loyalty towards the school as their white schoolmates. As a stark example, at a reunion I attended a number of years ago, I remember standing up at the all-class dinner in the JACC and seeing only one other minority who wanted to return to campus for his reunion that year.

Additionally, anecdotal evidence indicated that individual minority students were experiencing unhappiness during their time at Notre Dame because of their treatment by others for being “different.”

Among the strategies to address these matters of concern, it was decided that there was a need to utilize the considerable talents of those minority alums who were willing to help with these problems. The result was the establishment of the APA of ND and its sister organizations.

The APA of ND has accomplished a lot in the last dozen years. We’ve helped to improve our minorities in the incoming class to about 25%; provided moral, career, and financial support to our present students; established two scholarships a year, one for an Asian-Pacific student, and one to support our Asian Studies Program on campus; supported the development of the nascent Asian Studies Program at Notre Dame; and marshaled the Asian-Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame in support of their school and its programs.

You too can participate in this noble endeavor. Help Notre Dame reach its diversity goals and be a better place for our Asian-Pacific students. If your circumstances will allow you to make two meetings on campus each year – in the spring and fall – and you have the willingness to help your alma mater, please run for a position on the Board.

APA of ND Board Elections will be held in June. Everyone is asked to please participate by voting.

Anyone interested in running for office should contact Karen Putt in the Notre Dame Alumni Association at kputt@nd.edu for more information.

Regional Director Restructuring **John N. Monteiro '88 '90**

Hello! I am the Regional Director for APA Region 7 (NDAA Regions 8 & 9) and the Chair of the Regional Directors Committee of the APA.

At the Fall 2007 APA board meeting, we decided to restructure our Regional Directors in order to better serve our alumni and alumni clubs. The intent of this change is to be more efficient stewards of our resources and to have greater visibility for the APA and its mission. We hope to be able to have activities cosponsored with local alumni clubs and other organizations which highlight the diversity of the Notre Dame family.

Currently, we have 10 Regional Directors who serve across the United States. By analyzing the distribution of Asian Pacific alumni we determined that six key population centers account for almost 80% of the approximately 3,000 Asian Pacific Alumni. Those six population centers are: Hawaii, the Bay Area (San Francisco, San Jose & Oakland), Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, and Washington, DC. These areas will now have dedicated directors to serve alumni and better interact with the local alumni clubs in these major metropolitan areas.

News items, photos, comments, and suggestions from alumni and friends are welcome. Please send to:

Brian McLaughlin '82
Communications Director
mclaff9@earthlink.net

APA of ND is now on Facebook!

Join our APA of ND Group.

Additionally, we do not want to neglect the remaining 20% of our constituents. We will have two additional At-Large Regional Directors who will serve the eastern and western alumni clubs, which are not included in the 6 major metropolitan regions. These directors will be responsible for interacting with the alumni and clubs in their respective regions

We also need to be able to reach out to Asian alumni who tend to congregate around the other metropolitan areas. We will accomplish this by having advisory or key contact persons in these cities. The time commitment will be a few hours a couple of times each year. The responsibilities will be interaction with their local alumni clubs and prospective students. Further details will be forthcoming over the next months. If you live near a large city (e.g., Portland, Indianapolis, Dallas, Detroit, Atlanta, Boston) please contact me or someone on the APA board. We hope that this structure also helps in the development of future ND alumni leaders.

The primary mission of the APA of ND is threefold: (1) we work with the local clubs to keep alumni involved with ND and their communities, (2) support Asian students and student organizations at ND, and (3) assist the university with its diversity goals in student recruitment and Asian initiatives. If you are interested in being more involved with the APA and its mission please contact me or anyone of the other APA directors to get more involved. We need you!

Student Activities

Fiestang Filipino

The Filipino American Student Organization (FASO) of Notre Dame held their 14th annual signature event, Fiestang Filipino, on February 23, 2008.

Fiestang Filipino is a show that held its first showings in a Center for Social Concerns classroom. Thanks to the efforts of FASO members, it eventually evolved into a larger Filipino dinner and show held at Stepan Center. This year's show was themed "Real World: Manila" to emphasize the poverty that is prevalent in the Philippines while highlighting the richness of the culture. \$2000 from the ticket sales was donated to Caritas Manila, a service organization that provides a variety of services to the poor in the Philippines.

The performances included 14 authentic Filipino dances ranging from the tribal, rural, Spanish, and Muslim suites such as Tinikling, Bagobo, Singkil, and Kappa Malong Malong. Guest performances included Notre Dame's Project Fresh, Ballet Folklorico, and St. Andrews University's Maharlika modern dance group. The audience was also able to enjoy Filipino songs and even a chance at karaoke during intermission as all of Stepan Center sang Lea Salonga's "A Whole New World."

Needless to say, this year's show was a hit! While, no food was left over for the performers to take home, they were full of the memories of a successful Fiestang Filipino, which will always serve as an opportunity for the Filipinos at Notre Dame to share their culture with the rest of the Notre Dame family and South Bend community.



Welcome to new Board members and thank you for your willingness to serve the Asian Pacific community of ND:

- **Paul Nguyen – Student Relations**
- **Ryan Morita – Region 1**

We thank the following recent and outgoing Board members for their invaluable service and countless contributions to the APA of ND:

- **Patty Geiger – Vice-Chairperson**
- **Binh Huynh – Student Relations**
- **Frank Perez – Student Recruitment**
- **Kaipo Punahale – Region 1**
- **Pat Wang – Region 1**
- **Tim Mascarenhas – Region 4**
- **Trisha Garces – Region 6**
- **John Monteiro – Region 7**