

MIDWEST ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER DESI AMERICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Doesn't MAASU stand for the Midwest Asian American Students Union? Why does it say something different on the newsletters?

Yes indeed, our name used to just be the Midwest Asian American Students Union! In an effort to be more inclusive of the communities we serve, MAASU's official name change was approved earlier this year to the **Midwest Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Students Union**. Our acronym still remains as MAASU, but when written out in full, MAASU expands to include the APIDA community.

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# SECRETARY

JORDAN PEYTON

**Accomplishments from this past month:**

LMAO NOTHING! OOF!

**Goals for the upcoming month:**

Focusing more on the MAASU Google Drive, it's almost organized but still needs some work on folder labeling.

**What are you most grateful for?**

I feel more grateful for my family, friends, and mentors.



# ADVOCACY

COURTESY OF NHU NGUYEN

**Accomplishments from this past month:**

This past month, I have been working on the statement and infographic on why people who are not black should not use the n-word usage. Additionally, I am doing research on the situation of China's oppression on its minority groups, specifically Muslim and Tibetan groups.

**Goals for the upcoming month:**

Next month, I hope to finish both the statement and the infographic and have it out on our social media platforms. I also hope to finish the 2020 Consensus statement and have that out soon!

**What are you most grateful for?**

I am most grateful for my family because they are always supporting me in what I want to do, even when they do not have much to give :)

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# MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

ANNIE LE

## **Accomplishments from this past month:**

We have new member schools! We'd like to give a warm welcome to Miami University and Case Western Reserve University.

## **Goals for the upcoming month:**

Hopefully, start reaching out to smaller schools to see if they are interested in starting an APIDA-interest student organization.

## **What are you most grateful for?**

I am grateful for all the people in my life who have helped me grow and change.



# PUBLIC RELATIONS

ALICE YU

## **Accomplishments from this past month:**

I'm going to be real honest, this month was not an active month for me, but our Spring Conference Committee has been amazing and posting the amazing graphics and information you see on our socials, so mad props to them!

## **Goals for the upcoming month:**

There are still a few collaborations with other chairs in the work, so I hope to get those sorted out with deadlines and publish dates!

## **What are you most grateful for?**

Apart from my amazing community of family and friends, I'm most grateful for the world for having so many fantastic places to explore; it makes life exciting and gives me something to look forward to.



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# TECHNICAL NETWORKING

SAM BOSSLEY

## Accomplishments from this past month:

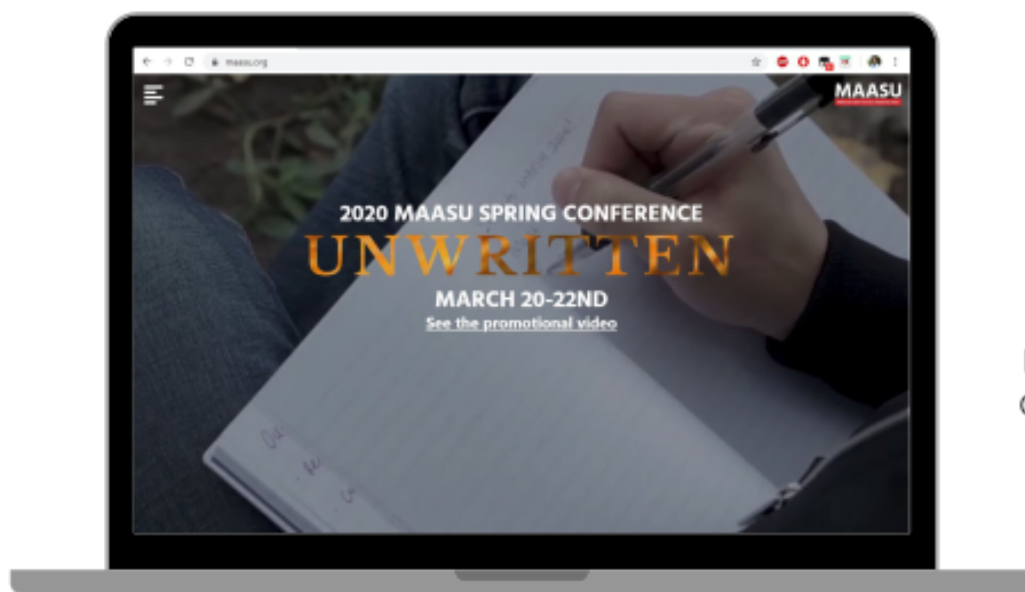
I have been doing well in classes and I applied for many internships. I also reworked the MAASU website main page in coordination with the spring conference planning committee and I tried to work on making the MAASU individual board member pages more user-friendly.

## Goals for the upcoming month:

I hope to do well on my midterms and I intend to work on more internship applications. In the meantime, I will work on making the board member pages easier to read.

## What are you most grateful for?

I feel most grateful for healthcare. This past month I broke my front two teeth in an accident. I was initially in shock knowing that my permanent teeth would never grow back, but I was able to get replacements and porcelain crowns to protect my exposed nerves. There is hardly any discernible change in my looks, and the whole experience has humbled me. I would say I owe a lot to modern healthcare.



Check out our updated website at

**maasu.org**

complete updated profiles on the Executive Coordinating Committee members serving you this year!

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# PROGRAMMING

COURTESY OF KATT LEE

## **Accomplishments from this past month:**

We just had the first MAASUx for the year at Mizzou University! It was a success!

## **Goals for the upcoming month:**

We have another MAASUx at UW Madison on November 14th. After the event, we will reflect on how to better MAASUxs for the future. We are still in the process of making MAASUx a smoother process for us as programmers and for hosting universities.

## **What are you most grateful for?**

I am grateful to be around hardworking and loving individuals who push me to be a better person. I learn something new every day and every day is a new experience.



# DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND ASSESSMENTS

DAVID LEE



## **Accomplishments from this past month:**

This month, I've been able to keep a steady pace at gathering people's experience from LS! Though LS has passed, I'm constantly working to gather more responses, so respond to the eval if you haven't! Additionally, I'm also looking to complete assessment for MAASUx which has occurred/will occur.

## **Goals for the upcoming month:**

Personally, I would like to wrap up my thesis proposal which has been a huge pain! I've been working on it since the beginning of the semester and will hopefully have it defended soon. Regarding MAASU, I'd like to continue gathering data from our programs and began a project that I've had in mind for awhile. Tune into future newsletters to find out!

## **If you could become an expert in anything, what would it be?**

If I could become an expert in something, it would be in linguistics! The various human languages have always intrigued me and understanding their social context. For example in English, the way we choose to name and identify food. Food for thought: Is cereal a soup?

# DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

JAMES LIU

## Accomplishments from this past month:

This past month I have worked to create the MAA spotlight and build a two-way connection with many MAA members.

## Goals for the upcoming month:

In this next upcoming month, I hope to be able to continue building connections and network with other MAA members. I hope that with time, the program will grow!

## What are you most grateful for?

Difficult question since I'm grateful for a lot of things, but I think I am the most grateful to have supportive friends and family that encourage me in every step of my career.



## MAASU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Name** | Wesley Webster

**Alma Mater** | University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Graduated** | 2015

**Current Occupation** | Front End Web Developer

**Tell us a little about yourself! What are your interests and hobbies?**

Gaming, Jiu-Jitsu, Lifting, Learning code

**What things would you like to see MAASU/MAA do in the future?**

More collaborative events throughout the year and alumni support gathering meet-ups.

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VICTORIA YU

## **Accomplishments from this past month:**

During October, I continued to provide support for ECC, DC, and the conference planning committess. I've also be monitoring and overseeing MAASU's internal finances and budgets.

## **Goals for the upcoming month:**

Finalize the 2020-2025 strategic plan to be shared with the MAASU community.

## **What are you most grateful for?**

My family, my partner, close friends, and support community. They continue to inspire, challenge, and empower me to be and do the best that I can.



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# CONGRATULATIONS

TO WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY  
FOR A FANTASTIC  
FALL 2019 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT!

220 attendees

12 workshops

MADE POSSIBLE BY A

20 person team

Check out the next page for some statistics about the attendees  
and see the fantastic Leadership Summit Planning Team!

## **What was the most valuable aspect of the Leadership Summit?**

"Being able to bond with strangers that instantly became like family. It reminded me why I should be so proud to be an Asian-American and not to lose sight of that."

"Hearing everyone's insights and personal responses to very engaging prompts led to me coming to several realizations about the way I lead/have led my student organization, why I do the things I do, and to remember the importance of perspective."

# MAASU LS

## ATTENDEES

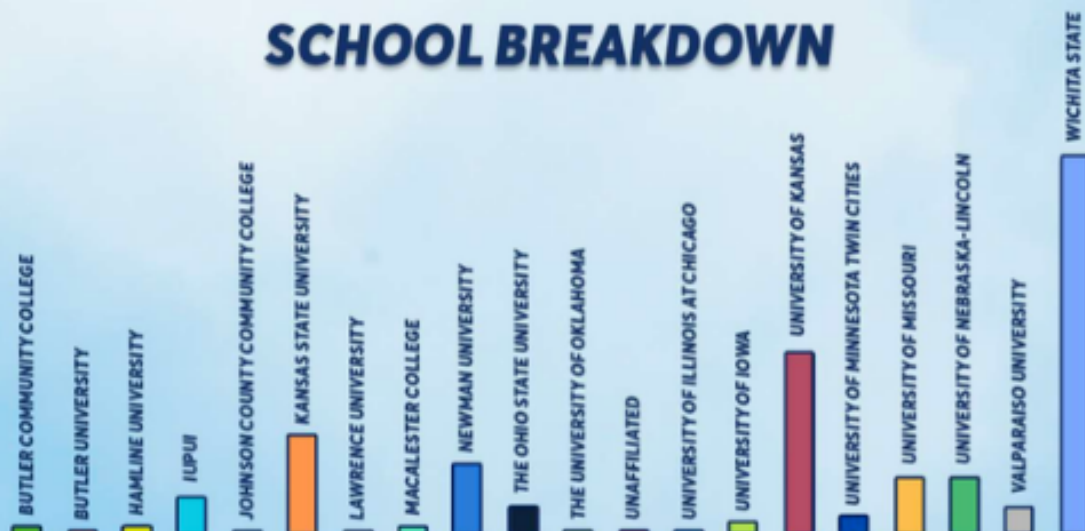
### FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS



### PRONOUNS



### SCHOOL BREAKDOWN



# Thank you to the team that made Leadership Summit such a success!

**Executive Director** | Jordan Cao

**Marketing Director** | Giang Nguyen

**Finance Director** | Stella Yang

**Workshop Director** | Danh Luu

**Hospitality Director** | Danny Nguyen

**Banquet Director** | Jenny Vu

## **Marketing Committee**

Kevin Le  
Hao Dang

## **Finance Committee**

Leon Phan  
Travis Jonaie

## **Hospitality Committee**

Jennifer Huynh  
Sam Schmidt

## **Workshop Committee**

Tuan Nguyen  
Truc Nguyen  
Richy Thach

## **Banquet Committee**

Lynn Nguyen  
Lee Vuong  
Henry Tran  
Lilian Hoang  
Devin Nguyen

LOOKING FOR WAYS  
TO GET INVOLVED INVOLVED IN  
**SPRING CONFERENCE 2020?**

Check out the following opportunities,  
and read the description for the full  
links and information!

For those interested in presenting a workshop at Spring Conference 2020, make sure to apply by November 27, 11:59 PM! Check out the post description for the link.

MAASU 2020:  
UNWRITTEN

# OPEN MIC OPPORTUNITY



Our theme, "Unwritten", is centered around storytelling and the potential that Asian-American voices carry. If you are looking to share YOUR story at MAASU Spring Conference 2020, then look no further.

We want to hear from you!

## SIGN UP:

[z.umn.edu/MAASU2020Storytelling](https://z.umn.edu/MAASU2020Storytelling)

Sunday, Nov. 24 at 11:59PM

## BANQUET DATE:

**MARCH 21ST**

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