

Midwest Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Students Union

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CHAIR

ELAINE CHEN

Accomplishments from this past month:

I was a family group leader for MAASUx at Mizzou! Other than that, I've been starting to plan for winter retreat and staying on top of my classes, as well as figuring out logistics for my upcoming internship next semester.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Survive finals and learn how to live a minimalist lifestyle. Also really regrouping after finals and making sure I am prepared for the next year!

What do you wish more people knew about?

I wish more people were aware of how much work goes into APIDA organizations- it's a little heartbreaking to me how little leaders are recognized for their work; and while I know that most do not do it for themselves, it still hurts me to see how much they sacrifice for the community.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

ALICE YU

Accomplishments from this past month:

This month's been pretty light, but I did update our visuals to reflect our official name change to the Midwest Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Students Union!

Goals for the upcoming month:

I hope to continue internship hunting and close out a fantastic trimester in Edinburgh. I'm sad to say goodbye to this beautiful city, but I'm also excited to return home. It's been a journey reminding myself not to cry because it's over, but to smile because it happened. :)

What do you wish more people knew about?

I wish people heard and knew more about the Panama Papers. It's frightening following the financial trails of the world's elite, considering it's not just businessmen but government officials who are a part of this trail. It really highlights the inequalities not only in the United States, but across the globe.

TECHNICAL NETWORKING

SAM BOSSLEY

Accomplishments from this past month:

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What do you wish more people knew about?

I wish people knew more about how much of a difference they can make in society, whether by voting in elections or by talking to others. It's amazing how much of an impact your actions can have on people that look up to you and in your surrounding social circles.



PROGRAMMING

COURTESY OF KATT LEE

Accomplishments from this past month:

Both Jenny and I have had two very successful MAASUXs at Mizzou in Missouri and UW Madison in Wisconsin. We are both very proud of the schools' hard work in promoting a stronger APDIA representation within the Midwest.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Our next steps are to improve our positions and improve the process of helping schools format MAASUXs. We want to help future co-programmers assist schools both big and small. We hope to assist schools that are not aware of MAASU to help build a stronger APIDA community.

What do you wish more people knew about?

I wish people would know more about multiracial communities. Being half Chinese has been struggling for me because I am not sure where I fit in. On the outside, I look caucasian but I identify as Asian. There is a division between hapas and full ethnicities because it causes microaggression due to a lack of understanding based on looks rather than cultural values.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VICTORIA YU

Accomplishments from this past month:

I've continued to advise the ECC and serve as support to the conference planning committees.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Help plan the MAASU Winter Retreat and begin filing annual reports related to maintaining nonprofit status.

What do you wish more people knew about?

The full story and all perspectives of hxstory. The hxstory we are told or read about in textbooks are oftentimes written by the oppressor and those in power which do not shed light on the full truth. I wish more people had access to a fuller version of what happened in the past and had an accurate understanding of hxstory.



DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

JAMES LIU

Accomplishments from this past month:

This month I've continued to brainstorm and work with MAA members on future ideas and events.

Goals for the upcoming month:

My goal for this month is to help make MAA more interactive, whether that be through another spotlight, small social media event, etc.

What do you wish more people knew about?

I wish more people understood cultural and language barriers that many minorities face on the daily.



RECENT EVENTS

A huge shoutout to the University of Missouri and the University of Wisconsin-Madison for each hosting a fantastic MAASUx!

University of Missouri
Crossroads and Columns
Nov. 2, 2019



University of Wisconsin- Madison

Bamboo Among the Oaks

Nov. 16, 2019





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