

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MIDWEST ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER DESI
AMERICAN STUDENTS UNION

MAASU

Midwest Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Students Union

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ADVOCACY

COURTESY OF KRISTIE LAM

Accomplishments from this past month:

We've established goals for the rest of the semester and am *this* close to finishing the census statement!

Goals for the upcoming month:

Finish the census statement and begin planning a campaign engaging student leaders.

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

I would SLEEP! or study more or commit to flexibility stretching.



COMMUNICATIONS

MICHAEL DAEHYUN JOBSON

Accomplishments from this past month:

I have been adding more individuals to the M-Rep family! Almost all member schools have appointed an M-Rep! I have added Presidents to the group so there would be less communication mishaps.

Goals for the upcoming month:

I hope to continue to develop a special bond with the M-Reps before MAASU SC and also encourage M-Reps to apply for ECC!

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

I would sleep an extra hour because I do not get enough Z's anyways :(



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MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

ANNIE LE

Accomplishments from this past month:

I made a directory for member schools to use to connect and network.

Goals for the upcoming month:

I want to reach out to at least ten new schools in the Midwest!

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

I would use the extra hour to sit down and watch the sunset.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

ALICE YU

Accomplishments from this past month:

This semester I collaborated with our Advocacy Chairs to create an infographic on injustices to African Americans within the medical community, so be on the lookout for a post soon! Also, we've been posting about our MAASU travel stipend and scholarships, so jump on it while you can.

Goals for the upcoming month:

This following month, I plan to start releasing profiles of our fantastic m-reps in collaboration with our Communications Chair. In terms of my personal life, this month I'll be working on applying for summer internships and training to run a 5k (for when it's warmer!)

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

If I had one extra hour of free time, I'd use it to try to fully understand finance, because that class feels like a full-time job. I legitimately spent 2.5 hours on a seven-question assignment and I feel so lost. LOL, but if I'm speaking more realistically, I like I'd use it to read more books and/or watch Korean dramas.

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TECHNICAL NETWORKING

SAM BOSSLEY

Accomplishments from this past month:

I've been working on setting up my new computer, which runs on Arch and Wayland. Just getting it to run is a huge accomplishment. I plan to keep working on it as time goes on.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Since it's the start of a new year, I have plenty of goals. Once it gets warmer I'll be able to learn more skateboarding tricks hopefully. I'm also trying to polish Roundabout by Yes on guitar. I can already play it decently but now that I'm watching through Jojo's Bizarre Adventures for the first time, I want to be able to play it perfectly. Finally, I hope to work login authentication for the MAASU website, so the MAASU alumni members will be able to log in for relevant information. Stay tuned!

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

I'd probably set that hour aside to read, honestly.



PROGRAMMING

COURTESY OF KATT LEE

Accomplishments from this past month:

This month I received the opportunity to be a graphics designing intern at an independent business where the owner does portraits for her clients. It is a lot of fun because I am able to utilize my artistic and creative skills.

Goals for the upcoming month:

My goal for this semester is to relax.

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

I would spend my extra hour playing League of Legends, painting, or that extra 2 episodes of anime. XD



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VICTORIA YU

Accomplishments from this past month:

Finalized the 2020-2024 MAASU strategic plan, met with MAASU's Board of Advisors, and continued to support the ECC and SC planning committee as needed.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Continue to work with the Directors Council on the MAASU Annual Report.

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

I would use the extra time to watch more Korean dramas - this is one of my favorite pastimes.



DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

JAMES LIU



Accomplishments from this past month:

This past month I've been in contact with Spring Conference on trying to set up a MAA table.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Goals for this month are to work with a few other chairs and positions on ECC to establish a regional rally with current students and alums!

If you had one extra hour every day, what would you do?

I would use it to catch up with friends and family.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

MAASU Travel Stipends

- Four (4) \$100 stipends for students from member schools in good standing
- Two (2) \$50 stipends for students from non-member schools.
- Apply at bit.ly/SC2020Travel (link is case-sensitive)

Applications due Saturday, Feb. 8, 11:59 p.m. CST

MAASU 2020-21

Executive Coordinating Committee Applications

- Find the application on maasu.org, under "About Us" and 'Executive Board'

Applications due Saturday, Feb. 29, 11:59 p.m. CST



MAASU AWARD APPLICATIONS

All applications due Saturday, Feb. 29, 11:59 p.m. CST
Applications are on maasu.org under 'Resources'
and 'Awards and Scholarships'



Charles Chang Leadership Award

The Charles Chang Leadership Award was created in 1993 in honor of the MAASU's founder Charles Chang. Each academic year, the award is presented to a student who demonstrates leadership and dedication to the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community, along with a \$250 scholarship and plaque.

Board of Advisors Award

The MAASU BOA Award is an award that recognizes Asian Pacific Islander American student organizations that have accomplished greatness on their campus and in the Midwest community. The BOA Award and \$100 prize is presented annually at the MAASU Spring Conference banquet to one organization or school.

Midwestern Star Award

Students nominated for the Midwestern Stars can be anyone who has made a great impact on their APIA community through contributions of advisement, programming, leadership, or other means that have uplifted a community higher than what has been previously.

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