

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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AMERICAN STUDENTS UNION

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SECRETARY

JORDAN PEYTON

Accomplishments from this past month:

I was working on creating an event for Alumni/Current MAASU students but now I am working on creating the logistics for the event so future boards can still put it on.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Create transition materials for the next secretary. :)

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

Shoot, this is a hard question to answer...if I had to have an unlimited supply of something I would vaguely say food in hopes that when I go to claim it I can be more specific instead of randomly getting any food item. BUT if I had to be more specific...as of right now I think it would be tortellini. Gosh darn that stuff is so amazing, I miss it so much. I mean I eat it every week but I still miss it in between the times I don't eat it because it's so amazing. If you've never had it WOW *chefs kiss* tortellini is amazing



ADVOCACY

COURTESY OF KRISTIE LAM

Accomplishments from this past month:

MAASU published our #CountUsIn Census Statement on Census Day. Check it out on Facebook if you haven't already seen it. We've also worked together with student leaders from MCASA and ECAASU to create Project COVID-19, a national response targeted to raise \$10,000 in necessary PPE for local front line health professionals.

Goals for the upcoming month:

I'm excited for APAHM and rearing up to raise \$10,000!

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

I'd have an unlimited supply of time to hang out with MAASU ECC :)

COMMUNICATIONS

MICHAEL DAEHYUN JOBSON

Accomplishments from this past month:

I have been preparing to transition to the next Communications Chair(s).

Goals for the upcoming month:

My goals are to work with Jenny for our APAHM facilitation.

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

Skin Care Products.



MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

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Accomplishments from this past month:

Oops not available

Goals for the upcoming month:

Send out courtesy emails to all member schools so they know when their membership expires. Member schools should check their emails a week after MAASU

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

HUGS <3

PUBLIC RELATIONS

ALICE A. YU

Accomplishments from this past month:

This month we've been putting out announcements on the 2020 Census and award winners. We've also been working with the conference committee to keep everyone updated.

Goals for the upcoming month:

My biggest goal is getting everything ready for a virtual Asian Pacific Islander Desi American History Month! I've been working with Katt, one of our programming chairs, on a presentation, and we're excited to present it!

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

This is going to be weird, but I'd love an unlimited supply of cilantro BECAUSE I love the taste, but they sell them in such large batches in store, I practically have to gorge myself on them before they go bad, but really, I just only want a little bit. So if I could have an unlimited supply of cilantro in small batches, that'd be clutch.



TECHNICAL NETWORKING

SAM BOSSLEY

Accomplishments from this past month:

I haven't really reached any concrete milestone this month, but I have been working hard at school and I've also made a lot of progress as a supervisor for my job.

Goals for the upcoming month:

This month I plan to wrap up and finish my junior year strong and get myself set up for the summer. I also hope to finish ricing my laptop before then.

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

Probably old hardware. I like tinkering with old technology and in some cases adapting it to build machines and cool stuff. I especially enjoy getting a hold of old laptops and combining them into a single strong computer. That and probably cereal.

PROGRAMMING

COURTESY OF JENNY VU

Accomplishments from this past month:

Mostly focusing on doing my online work and not falling behind.

Goals for the upcoming month:

Create a good transition for the next Programming Chairs!

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

If we want to be cheesy: happiness. If we're talking realistically: chicken nuggets LOL



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VICTORIA YU

Accomplishments from this past month:

I have been working with the Directors Council on ways to add short-term volunteer opportunities for students who have graduated and professionals who want to continue being involved with MAASU. After several discussions, we are excited to announce the creation of the Directors Council Committee (DCC).

Goals for the upcoming month:

Help with the roll out of DCC, focus on general MAASU fundraising/grant writing efforts, and continue working on the 2019-2020 Annual Report.

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

Fresh fruit. I'm not a fan of frozen fruit and for fresh fruits, there is usually a set amount of time we have to eat them before the fruits go bad or some are only sold seasonally. If I could have a continuous supply of fresh fruits during any season and that don't go bad, that would be fantastic!

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

JAMES LIU

Accomplishments from this past month:

This past month I and the rest of Directors Council, our Executive Director, and our chair have been working on implementing the new and upcoming Directors Council Committee (DCC)!

Goals for the upcoming month:

My goals for the upcoming month are to come with more project ideas for possible DCC members in the near future! Additionally, I hope to be working with our Director of Finance in finding new ways to help fundraise!

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

If I could have an unlimited supply of anything, it would probably be potatoes.



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

JESSICA LEE

Accomplishments from this past month:

Identified potential projects for the next year!

Goals for the upcoming month:

Focusing on keeping myself grounded!

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

If not money, I would want an unlimited supply of frozen
veggies!



AWARD RECIPIENTS

Everyone has done fantastic work this past year, and here at MAASU, we'd love to give some recognition to our three award winners.

2020 MAASU Midwestern Star Award

Johnnie Junior Cheng

First up is Johnnie Junior Cheng from Purdue University as the recipient of the 2020 MAASU Midwestern Star Award!

On the subject of what leadership means, Johnnie says, "For me, leadership is not a title that defines who you are, leadership is learned from those before you, and then in turn, what you make of it."

Students nominated for the Midwestern Star Award are individuals who have made a great impact on their APIDA community through contributions of advisement, programming, leadership, or other means that have uplifted a community higher than what has been previously.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

2020 MAASU Charles Chang Leadership Award

Jordan Cao

For our second award winner, we'd love to announce Jordan Cao from Wichita State University as the recipient of the 2020 MAASU Charles Chang Leadership Award!

Jordan served as the Executive Director for both 2018 MAASUx: Re-Model Minority and 2019 MAASU LS: Take Flight hosted at Wichita State University. On the impact of experiences from MAASU, advocacy and leadership in his community, Jordan said, "Although it has been over a year since MAASUx and many months removed from MAASU LS, I still feel and hear the reaches and echoes of those conferences in the memories made, networks developed, and leadership positions stepped into by the attendees."

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.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

2020 MAASU Board of Advisors Award

University of Iowa's Asian American Student Union

Last but definitely not least, we're excited to announce the University of Iowa's Asian American Student Union as the recipient of the 2020 MAASU Board of Advisors (BOA) Award!

The first photo is of the Asian American Student Union's current executive board, and the second photo is of their 3rd Annual APIDA Graduation Banquet. On the impact and legacy the University of Iowa's Asian American Student Union hopes to leave behind, they said, "Our goal has always been to build a foundation because there wasn't one built for us and so we had to do the painstaking work of organizing and empowering students who've historically been unseen and unheard. We don't see ourselves leaving not just a legacy but leaving a foundation that has been fostering a thriving and vibrant community, a safe space where all students are welcomed and whose experiences are not invalidated but heard."

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



We have the new date for the 2020 MAASU Conference at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities!

SAVE THE DATE
October 30
- November 1
2020

The logo for the MAASU (Minnesota Association of American Studies) is a stylized, abstract figure in a light yellow/gold color. It appears to be a person with arms raised, or a flame, or a stylized letter 'M'.

RESOURCES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Courtesy of Project COVID-19

We recognize anti-Asian, Sinophobic, xenophobic, and racist rhetoric has exploded since this pandemic began. We also recognize that access to treatment and care during this crisis is determined by race and socioeconomic status. We stand in solidarity with oppressed and minoritized communities and call on every donor and participant to speak up against it. Below are resources documenting anti-Asian and racist sentiment in the United States and ways to speak out.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice: COVID-19 Racism Fact Sheet

bit.ly/aaajFactSheet

Stories of Racist Incidents Against Asian Americans

<https://www.standagainsthatred.org/>

Why Don't We Know Who the Coronavirus Victims Are?

bit.ly/theAtlanticCOVID19

Why I Don't Feel Safe Wearing a Face Mask

bit.ly/BostonGlobeMasks

Self-Care Tips For Asian Americans Dealing With Racism Amid Coronavirus

bit.ly/HuffPostSelfCare

The East Coast Asian American Student Union's COVID-19 Resources for Students

bit.ly/ECAASUc19Resources
