

MIDWEST APIDA STUDENTS UNION

BRINGING YOU THE LATEST UPDATES FROM THE ECC
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EXECUTIVE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ECC)



What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

I'd have to say kindergarten because school was such a novel concept (I attended a hybrid preschool). My mom packed my lunch for me and I had my super cute Winnie the Pooh backpack (that was super light and super empty as expected; it just felt important to get to wear a backpack, ya feel?). I don't even remember what the day was like, but I remember getting on the bus to go home, and realizing I didn't eat anything in my lunchbox because I got distracted by the Go-Gurt they were selling at lunch. I instead bought my lunch rather than eating the lunch I brought from home (oops). Did I have any concept that it cost money? Yo, IDK, ask five-year-old Alice. SO YEAH, my tendency to be absolutely distracted and sidetracked by food began from an extremely early age.

ALICE YU (CHAIR)

Alice's First day of School Photo

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

This past month I was able to continue meeting with ECAASU and APIAVote, and even attended one of their Youth Advisory Board meetings with other organizations across the nation. I reach out to the presidents of organizations at our member schools. We will be having Presidents Council meetings so we can crowd-source ideas for how to adjust programming and also share our problems and solutions. It's all about SUPPORT and COMMUNITY, Y'all! There's also plans to re-open ECC applications, so be on the lookout for that!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

This next month, I really want to build a community for president organizations so they know they are not out to fend for themselves. I also want to create a lasting framework of collaboration with other APIA and identity-based organizations such as ECAASU and APIAVote so that the collaborative effort doesn't fizzle out each time the board changes. The third goal is to onboard a few new ECC members to move MAASU's mission forward to meet other amazing leaders!



JORDAN CAO (SECRETARY)



What did you accomplish this month?

Over the past month, I've been refining and finishing projects I started during the summer. This includes an anonymous feedback survey that was sent out to member schools to gauge how MAASU could better support them in addition to the development of the 2020-2021 MAASU Student Network, a platform provided for the MAASU general body to network and interact with one another over the ranges of the entire Midwest and during this age of virtual interaction.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

In addition to the monitoring of the two projects I previously mentioned, I hope to establish a fundraising opportunity for MAASU over the coming weeks in collaboration with other members of MAASU ECC.

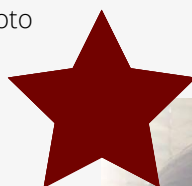
What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

Zoom University.



Jordan's First Day of School Photo

JENNY TAM (ADVOCACY CHAIR)



What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I finished the When I Grow UP Career Development Series with James Liu! Thank you so much for coming!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I am working on the content for the AskAdvo podcast series! Stay Tuned!

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

I do not have a memorable first day of school. In general, aside from this year, I am usually always super excited to go back to school after a chill summer.



Jenny's First Day of School Photo





JEWEL LO (COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I had my FIRST meeting with MAASU Representatives, starting off our bi-weekly meetings for the semester. This was the very first time most of us were meeting, so it was heart warming to see all of their faces virtually and get to know each other!

What are your goals for ECC next month?

My goals for ECC next month is to be actively aware of all the projects that ECC are currently working on to be able to bring it to the attention of m-reps and their organizations.

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

The day before the first day of 3rd grade, I went swimming at a lake and my foot got cut by a piece of glass. Because I was too small for crutches, they made me use a wheelchair and I was wheeled into my 3rd grade classroom.



Jewel's First Day of School Photo

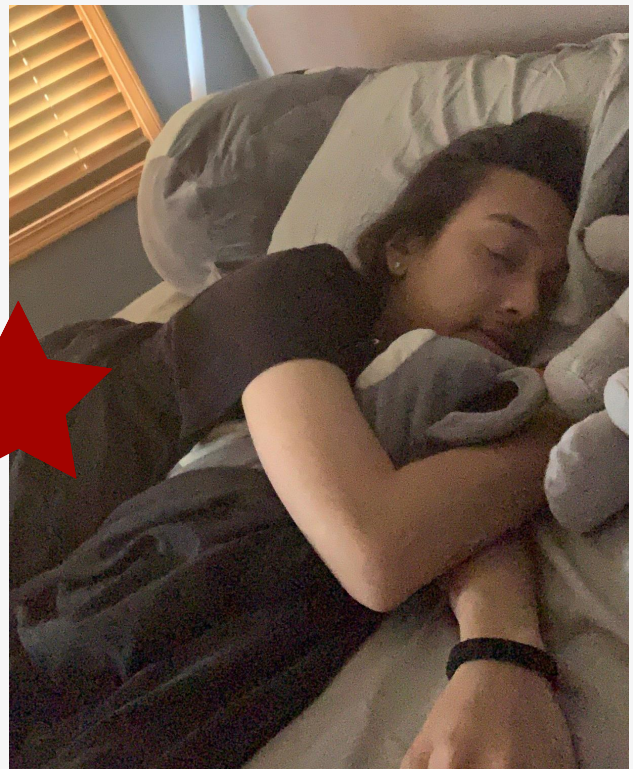
DANNY NGUYEN (PROGRAMMING CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I created a plan for reaching out to schools about hosting a MAASUX.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Reach out to schools about hosting MAASUX
And we have! Stay tuned to our socials!

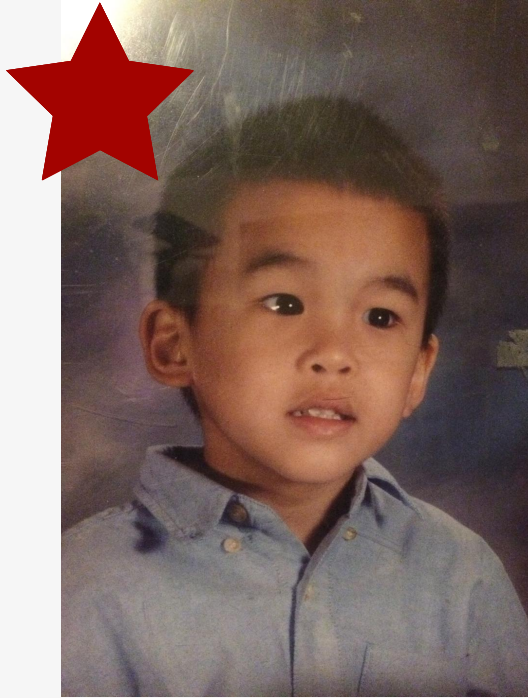


Danny's First Day of School Photo



What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

I got on the wrong bus and was taken to the nearby high school instead of the nearby middle school.



GIANG NGUYEN (PROGRAMMING CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I went on MAASU dates and did my best to participate!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

DO more! Try and be more innovative!

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

Uhhhh when I was in Kindergarten I refused to go in and kept crying when my parents forced me to.



Giang's First Day of School Photo

JANE ELLISTON (PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

Lillie and I have been working on the new issue of the Newsletter- LOOK AT YOU, READING WHAT WE MADE- and working on finishing off MAASU's Rebranding project by changing up the profile pictures on our social media,, etc. YEAH!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Next month is...October? Honestly, I really want to work towards building better Newsletters each month, for sure. But, I also would like to see more interactions on our social media, so...if you are reading this- comment on our Facebook Newsletter post your favorite animal and WHY!!! Hehe.



Jane's First Day of School Photo

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

When I was little, I was SUPER shy-which is not true anymore- but my mom would take me to drop me off at PreK and I would not want to be separated from my mom, so the teachers had to like bear hug me until my mom left the gates and I would be screaming and crying and I was so loud that apparently my mom would hear me all the back to our house until she closed the front door. Aiyaaa- kinda embarrassing...



Lillie's First Day of School Photo

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

I had to go to the bathroom early in the morning, freshman year in high school. I kept seeing girls avoid this one bathroom stall so I used it. Turns out after I used the stall, the door wouldn't open. I crawled underneath to get out and suddenly locked eyes with a girl who walked in the bathroom. I whispered to her, "You saw nothing." The gem of this story is that she said right back, "you're right, I saw nothing."

SAM BOSSLEY (TECHNICAL NETWORKING)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

We have now updated our logo! That change is being implemented across all of our social media platforms, including the website.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

In my position, I aim to provide easier access to conference information on the website. I am hoping to also be continuing work on the MAASU Alumni Association portal.

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

I really can't recall any memorable first days of school that I had, but since today is the first day of my senior year, I can say that my most memorable first day of school was the time we were all under quarantine and I had to take virtual classes on zoom and wear a mask on campus. Wow, what a crazy time it was.



LILLIE LEE (PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

Working hard to complete the newsletter with Jane! I also see that y'all are reading the awesome newsletter! I also researched and prepped some Important Dates posts so keep an eye on our socials! I also been keeping up with re-sharing the Fall Conference Fundraiser dares and I would like to applaud the bravery and talent that University of Minnesota's Asian Student Union has!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Hmm, I would say my goals for ECC for next month are to keep working on preparing Important Dates posts. I would also like to share that there are some even more exciting collaborations and surprises coming soon!



Sam's First Day of School Photo



What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

I was extremely excited for the first day of 1st grade (I had transitioned to a new school) and went out super early to wait for the bus. Five minutes passed. Ten minutes passed. 30 minutes passed. Excitement slowly turned into anxiousness as I waited outside the house for almost an hour. Sadly, the bus never came that day. My mom, who was still home, called the school to see what happened and learned that the bus somehow didn't make it to our area. Since school was about to start, my mom ended up driving me there. So much for the excitement of riding a school bus and definitely an unforgettable first day of school.

Victoria's First Day of School Photo

VICTORIA YU (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I registered MAASU as a non-profit with PayPal Giving along with GoFundMe, ebay for charity, and Humble Bundle.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Continue to support the MAASU ECC and expand the Board of Advisors (BOA)! If any MAASU alumni are interested, we're inviting professionals with at least 5 years of experience who have a background in either law, fundraising, or grant writing to apply to join MAASU's BOA <<https://www.maasu.org/board>>. Any questions can be sent to execdirector@maasu.org.



JAMES LIU (DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I followed up with our When I Grow Up series presenters!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

My goals are continuing to expand MAA and look for a new project/idea to work on!

James's First Day of School Photo

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

In elementary school, one year, my mom had told me the wrong school bus number to get on after school- thus, I ended up back at the school bus station where my parents had to pick me up.

Jessica's First Day of School Photo

JESSICA LEE (DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND PARTNERSHIP)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I researched potential partnerships and assisted conference teams with initial Financial Startups.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I touched base with teams and their financial stage.



What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

Apparently I used to watch the buses roll by and was so excited for the first day of Kindergarten! Unfortunately, I hated busses after that.



DAVID LEE (DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND ASSESSMENTS)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

This month, while busy, I managed to prepare our assessment surveys for our programs for the upcoming year.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?


For the next month, I would like to finalize all projects I started last month with surveys and assessments. Additionally, I will be working more on creating graphics and content for our LinkedIn Page!

What is a memorable first day of school memory that you have?

On the first day of my pre-calculus large lecture, I saw an upperclassmen friend who walked in late. I clearly knew he was not supposed to be there as he was an engineering student, but I sat and watched him trying to contain my laughter. I nearly burst out in tears when I watched him look at the syllabus in confusion, and of course he did the "walk of shame" knowing he was in the wrong class.



Enjoy David's Meme!



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CLOSE Saturday, September 19th (11:59PM) CDT

Member Spotlight:

Celina Xiong

(she, her, hers)

Celina is a Third year studying Biology with an emphasis in the pre-physician assistant program at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

What are you most excited about MAASU?

I'm the most excited to meet new people and meet others who are just like me at MAASU. Growing up in a small city where the number of Asian students were few, I never expected that there would be a day i would get to attend such a large conference standing beside my fellow Asian peers. To be surrounded by people who can understand and relate to my struggles means a lot to me, and so I am thankful that MAASU exists to keep us connected.

A piece of advice for future maasu conference attendees?

"don't waste your time being scared of something."
- Yu nishinoya's grandpa

While new experiences can be scary, don't let it stop you from experiencing life to the fullest. Raise your hand and ask those questions, introduce yourself to as many people as you can, tell the world your story, and be you.

If stranded on an island,...

I would take my Kai poster so that I won't feel lonely



M-Rep Spotlight

MAY LING

(she, her, hers)

May is a fourth year studying Elementary Education with minors in TESOL and Chinese at Valparaiso University!

Why did you choose to become an m-rep?

I chose to become an m-rep because I really enjoy meeting other individuals in the Midwest. I also love the conversations that we have about social justice in the API community and hearing others' stories.

What have you gained from becoming an m-rep?

I have gained a greater appreciation of who I am today, and I am motivated to explore more of my culture and my heritage. growing up, i wasn't challenged to think about



Wacky fun fact:
My parents named me May because I was born in May!

a variety of topics and challenges that an asian american experienced until i went to college and became an m-rep. Now, I want to educate others and encourage them to explore their identity.

What have you gained from MAASU?

I have gained a new insight of the API community. I have attended three MAASU conferences. Their workshops offered me different topics that I was able to share with my organization, friends, and family members. As a result, I am grateful that my university allowed me to attend MAASU conferences to better educate myself and others.

A piece of advice for future m-reps?

Always be open-minded!

M-Rep Spotlight

JUN YANG

(she, her, hers)

Jun is a General Studies
Fourth year with a
communication minor at
Indiana University-Purdue
University Indianapolis!

Why did you choose to become an m-rep?

I am m-rep because I believe
MAASU creates such a great
environment and i want to
share that with my peers
who haven't been to MAASU
yet.

What have you gained from becoming an m-rep?

A new social group that's
pretty awesome.

what have you gained from MAASU?

Leadership skills, confidence
in being an



Wacky fun fact:
I can't touch my toes,
LOL and I use "lol" too
much.

Asian American, and a whole
community of people all over
the Midwest.

Any piece of advice for future m-reps?

Future m-reps, don't be afraid
to invite everyone and anyone
to this conference. MAASU
gives so much insight to
topics that affect everyday
living. In my mind, attending
MAASU can only encourage
growth and development as a
person.

Fall Conference (FC)

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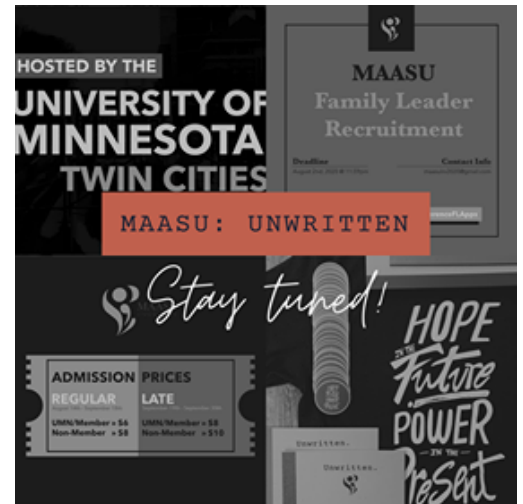
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