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



What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

There was one year, I think when I was in third grade, my friends and I all decided to go Trick-or-Treating together and unbeknownst to each other, we all dressed up as witches. My friend's younger brother also joined us and was dressed as a tiger, so it was just a pack of six witches and a tiger (plus all the parents) going around my neighborhood. We even had a count-off song to make sure we were all there.

I couldn't find any photos from that year, so you all will just have to enjoy me as a baby cat. Quite unclear, to be honest, when I was five months old.

ALICE YU (CHAIR)

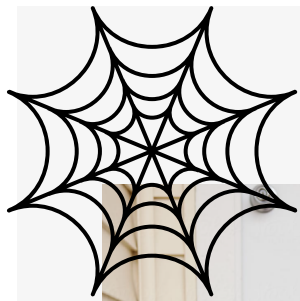
What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

This past month, we're going to continue holding Presidents Councils! This has allowed our member school leaders to connect with one another and crowd-source information and solutions presented by the current climate. Each chair has also been meeting with a few ECAASU members to crowd-source information on a national level, and there are even some collaborations in the works.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I hope to welcome a few more ECC members and work on building internal relationships with one another! Since we aren't able to hold in-person retreats or meet each other at Leadership Summit / Conference, it's a bit of a downer...but we're making the most of it!





JORDAN CAO (SECRETARY)

What did you accomplish this month?

Over the past month, school has been kicking my butt so MAASU took a back seat to my academics. Outside of very small tasks, no major accomplishments were achieved during this past month.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I want to establish the groundwork with a MAASU fundraiser that would both serve MAASU and a charity of our choice. Additionally, I want to finish some projects I've already been working on such as the MAASU Wikipedia page.

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

All my Halloween memories are my favorite.



Jordan's Favorite Halloween

JENNY TAM (ADVOCACY CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I met with one of the advocacy team members from ECAASU! Looking forward to potential future collaborations. Podcast #1 is filmed and in the process of editing!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Podcast #2 and coalition building!

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

My first time experiencing Trick-or-Treating! My mentor took me to the Mall. I was a pumpkin.



Jenny's Favorite Halloween

DANNY NGUYEN (PROGRAMMING CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

Reached out to some schools about future programming.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Solidify candidates for future programming.

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

Finding my candy stash four months later and eating the old stale candy.

Danny's Favorite Halloween



Giang's Favorite Halloween

GIANG NGUYEN (PROGRAMMING CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

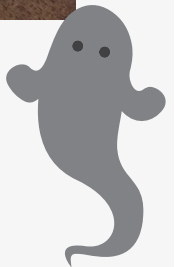
Discussed with my Co-Chair what our upcoming goals are, and I participated in a meeting with another national organization and we are planning some fun events in the future!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Find out more about what we want to do, and get ready to attend MAASU Fall Conference!

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treat memory?

All my Halloweens were me Trick-or-Treating at my local mall so I don't have any crazy memories but it's always been one of my top holidays!





JEWEL LO (COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I held our second M-Rep meeting where we discussed how to be productive virtually and how to keep members engaged and involved in student orgs virtually, as well.

I also had my first meeting with ECAASU's Co-Outreach chairs and we talked about future possibilities of collaboration and shared our M-Reps / Affiliates programs for member schools.

What are your goals for ECC next month?

My goal for ECC is to establish a handbook or manual for schools to view reasoning and benefits on becoming a paid member school.

Jewel's Favorite Halloween

Sam's Favorite Halloween

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

I don't have one.

Most memories as a kid resulted in me peeing my pants because I couldn't hold it in the entire trick-or-treating route we were taking.

SAM BOSSLEY (TECHNICAL NETWORKING)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

This month, I have been working hard researching secure payment methods and keeping credentials safe on the web. It's a very important topic, especially now that everything is virtual, and I hope to use my knowledge to improve user experience for finding MAASU information or registering for a conference.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

This month, I hope to work on making a MAASU Alumni Association web portal for members to be able to view and communicate with other members of the alumni, as well as stay up to date on MAASU events.



What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

I can't recall any specific trick or treat memory but I can recall a scary dream I once had. I woke up in the middle of the night thirsty, so I walked to the kitchen to quench my thirst. All the lights were off and I couldn't quite see where I was going, so I stumbled a bit over some things before I made it to the kitchen. I heard a faint out of tune piano playing somewhere and I stopped for a second, knowing that we didn't have a piano that could make that noise. I tried to turn on the lights, stumbling, and when I finally reached the light switch and flicked it on, the light didn't turn on, but instead, the darkness lifted slightly, and I realized that there were tattered bodies all over the ground that I had been stumbling on. Standing in front of me in a line was my entire family with their eyes rolled back into their heads, and then they suddenly reached out to grab me as the darkness returned. I woke and fell out of my bed not realizing it was a dream, and I couldn't sleep the rest of the night.

I am a Unicorn.



What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

Although my siblings are grown up, we reached a happy medium of baking and pumpkin carving as a substitute to our candy mania relay race across the neighborhood. I made some apple pastries that looked like roses which were delish.

JANE ELLISTON (PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

Lillie and I worked on the Voter Registration Month posts and met with the Director of Communications from ECAASU!! It was super fun learning about the difference in scale and how ECAASU runs as a community.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Next month, Lillie and I will be working to gather up videos for our Voting campaign collaboration with ECAASU, as well as collect information for our monthly newsletter!!!



LILLIE LEE (PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I completed a post for World Day Against Human Trafficking and made some great action plans with Jane (my co-chair)! Meanwhile, we also put together this awesome newsletter! Stay tuned for future collaborations and the projects that Jane has shared!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

My goals for ECC next month are to ask for aid from other ECC members in our group and to really up our Twitter! I also hope to pick up on past projects I initiated.



Lillie's Favorite Halloween



Jane's Favorite Halloween

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

The zoo in Springfield, MO did this Spooktacular trick-or-treating event and they would decorate everything super spooky which was always an annual, must-attend for my family. Well, this one year, the zoo wilded - I remember walking into the Reptile building and this worker dressed as Big Foot popped out from behind us and scared the shnikeys out of my mother, who then proceeded to scream and run the fastest I've ever see the woman flee. What a beautiful day.



Victoria's Favorite Halloween

JAMES LIU (DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

Worked with ECAASU to learn how to better improve our MAASU Alumni Association (MAA) program.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Try and keep in touch with MAA members throughout this pandemic.

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

The first time I went Trick-or-Treating I didn't know what popcorn in a package was, so I opened it up raw and ate it.

VICTORIA YU (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I worked on ordering and sending out the award plaques and scholarship money to our 2020 MAASU award recipients. I started organizing and adding old MAASU files and conference materials to MAASU's drive (shoutout to our MAASU BOA member Linda Luk for sharing all the documents).

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Continue to support the ECC and help with any special projects!

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

I don't have one that stands out; however, since my favorite candies were Kit Kats and Snickers as a kid, I always looked forward to counting how many of each I received after trick-or-treating.



Jame's Favorite Halloween



Jessica's Favorite Halloween

JESSICA LEE (DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND PARTNERSHIP)



What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

Followed up with potential funding opportunities.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Continue working with conference teams to manage risk.

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

My favorite memories are always sorting through the candy and seeing that I got tons of Snickers and Twix!



DAVID LEE (DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND ASSESSMENTS)

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I wasn't able to accomplish much this past month, and will be prioritizing the previous month's work over to this month. Looking for better results!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Finishing tasks and projects from the past month.

What is your favorite Trick-or-Treating memory?

When my nieces were old enough to go Trick-or-Treating (5 years and older), it was super cute to have co-chaperoned them to the mall and neighborhoods.



David's Favorite Halloween

Member Spotlight: Kyle Hoang

(he, they)

Kyle Hoang is a second year studying Finance and Marketing with a minor in Chinese and Sustainability Studies at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

What is your favorite MAASU memory?

As a Family Leader, my favorite MAASU memory is getting to know my Pod Leaders as well as other Family Leaders in the community of University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (UMN). Leadership staff would plan our icebreakers and fun activities that really get us bonding with each other.

A piece of advice for future MAASU conference attendees?

"Never be afraid to reach out to new people!"

Everyone is attending this conference to connect with people! Who knows? Maybe you might make a lifelong friend from this conference!



If stranded on an island...
I would bring a beach chair. I have no survival instincts whatsoever. I'd rather just take my time to sit there and enjoy the sun or maybe play around with beach waters.

M-Rep Spotlight

MICHAEL COONCE

(he, him, his)

Michael is a third year studying Broadcasting with a route in Media Production with a minor in English at the University of Nebraska Lincoln!

Why did you choose to become an M-Rep?

To become further involved in the APIDA community and to connect with those who I can learn from and those who can learn from me.

What have you gained from becoming an M-Rep?

I gained so much knowledge about people's experiences and a family I would not trade for the world.

Wacky fun fact:
I got a silver medal at a international music competition



What have you gained from MAASU?

MAASU has taught me how to unapologetically be myself, how to take care of others and what it feels like to be a part of a community that will accept me for who I am for life.

A piece of advice for future m-reps?

"Reach out to your fellow M-Reps when possible to make further connections and see what you can do to get further involved with the APIDA community in your role."



M-Rep Spotlight

Wacky fun fact:
I have never seen
snow fall until
going to college!

ANGEL LI

(she, her, hers)

Angel Li is a second year studying Sociology and Social Work at the University of Michigan.

Why did you choose to become an M-Rep?

I became a M-Rep to connect with other M-Reps and to learn more about initiatives that other organizations are implementing! Also, I wanted to see how United Asian American Organizations (UAAO) at the University of Michigan can grow.

What have you gained from becoming an M-Rep?

Meeting amazing people!



What have you gained from MAASU?

A wider network with other student organizations!

Any piece of advice for future M-Reps?

Not sure yet! I am still trying to figure things out!



Alumni Spotlight

ALVIN LIM

(he, him, his)

Alvin Lin is currently a Project Manager who graduated from **THE** Ohio State University, 2010.

His favorite memory of MAASU ranges from hosting on planning committee, to performing in the opening ceremony for conference, and speaking in workshops as an Alumni.

A piece of advice for future graduates?

"Maintain your network when you attend MAASU. You never know! "



If you could do one thing differently, what would it be?

I wish I had participated in the MAASU leadership conferences.

