



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST UPDATES FROM THE MAASU BOARD
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M-Reps!*

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New Year



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EXECUTIVE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (ECC) UPDATES



ALICE YU

Executive Chair

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

There was more of a lull in our work this month as many of us were preparing for exams and finals. We had our first meet-up with ECAASU's board and got to network with them. We also hosted part one of our virtual winter retreat!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Next month, I hope to finish up our retreat and prepare for the last half of the year!

Alice's Bucket List:

1. Take a road trip with my two closest friends
2. Learn and perform Chopin's Etude Op. 25 No. 11
3. Hike through Mount Rainier National Park
4. Skydive
5. Go on a hot air balloon ride
6. Swim in a bioluminescent cave
7. Stargaze in the Atacama Desert
8. Attend a ball in Vienna
9. Visit at least 50 Countries
10. Hug a panda (with its "consent")

I went to visit Paris in October 2019 and was able to meet my aunt whom I had not seen for more than 15 years. We walked around Paris at night after dinner and ended up getting caught in the rain. Cue in the song Lauv's "Paris in the Rain", but that weekend would have to be one of my favorite moments from 2019!

JORDAN CAO

Secretary

What did you accomplish this month?

I finished the MAASU Wikipedia page with our Executive Director, Victoria Yu, and created an instructional guide on how to successfully host a MAASU Conference with our Programming Chairs, Danny Nguyen and Giang Nguyen!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I don't even know yet!



One time, I was invited to participate in an art show for my photography and my friends showed up to support me. I always feel loved when I'm with my friends!

Jordan's Bucket List:

1. Visit NYC
2. Visit my MAASU ECC colleagues in person
3. Graduate College
4. See LeBron James play in person
5. Get to Medical School
6. Make my family proud
7. Visit Japan
8. Paint my room
9. Hit the 1k Club
10. Visit NYC



For the past four years I've been meaning to buy a kaws companion for my room and collection but could never justify the price but this Christmas Jordan surprised me with one and I will always remember this past Christmas.

DANNY NGUYEN

Programming Chair

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I helped conduct interviews for the Board of Advisors and Executive Director positions and I also sent out interest forms for this upcoming semester.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Next month, I hope to reach out to schools personally for maasuX!

Danny's Bucket List:

I don't have a bucket list because I live life one day at a time.

If you could travel back in time to the beginning of 2020, what would you tell yourself and why?

I would tell myself to invest in Tesla, Zoom, and Pfizer to be dummy rich. Also, don't fall in love so hard with her because you will be hurt.

GIANG NGUYEN

Programming Chair

What did you accomplish this month?

I am working on a booklet that contains a lot of good information.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

My goal for next month is to work on the same booklet but in a more visual way.



I love my family!

Giang's Bucket List:

1. Travel around the world
2. Skydiving
3. Go to Space
4. Become a livestreamer
5. Get a six-pack
6. Run a marathon
7. Become an Ironman (the triathlon)
8. Have a Family
9. Be happy
10. Drink water



It is one of my laptop screen savers. This one has a few pictures of when I have traveled!

JENNY TAM

Advocacy Chair

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I finished another podcast and had the privilege of chatting with ECAASU's advocacy team!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

My goals for next month are to set up a strong foundation for advocacy for the spring semester!

Jenny's Bucket List:

1. Backpack Southeast Asia
2. Skydive
3. Have a kid
4. DIY my home!
5. Write a book
6. Make a Youtube channel
7. Teach
8. Learn to cook well
9. Build a community
10. Learn to dance (ie. pole dance)

KYLE HOANG

Advocacy Chair

What did you accomplish this month?

Ask Advo's third podcast is released! Jenny, Lillie, and I worked on setting up this podcast where we went more in depth about Gender Roles in the Hmong Community with our special guest, Mai Neng Vang!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I am excited to get in touch with our Communications Chair to discuss how I can provide advocacy content and create a better experience for our M-Reps! I am also excited to lead Ask Advo's next podcast where we will go in-depth about Disability Justice!

Kyle's Bucket List:

1. Skydiving
2. Travel to every continent
3. Learn how to crochet
4. Learn how to play 10 songs on a guitar
5. Learn how to play 10 songs on a ukulele



Me and my friends went to Minnesota's largest candy store for our last day of high school!



I think I am like three-years-old in this photo. But when I was visiting my family we went to the beach and swam a couple of hours-my cousin and I goofed off and we made a sandcastle mostly out of seaweed we found and got popsicles afterward. It was a really long time ago, but it's a really fond memory I have of my older cousin.

JANE ELLISTON

Public Relations

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I have been focusing on schoolwork with finals and finishing finals season.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I intend to schedule next semester's important date posts, as well as work on collaborative projects with Jordan and Lillie!

Jane's Bucket List:

1. See the stars in Africa
2. Go to Auschwitz and other World War II (WW2) monuments in Europe
3. See the Northern Lights
4. Go to every state in the United States
5. Eat stea in Argentina
6. Learn how to swim
7. Swim with dolphins
8. Go backpacking through Southeast Asia
9. Have a successful career
10. Raise a family

LILLIE LEE

Public Relations

What did you accomplish this month?

I completed a video regarding International Day of Persons with Disabilities! I also completed episode three of Ask Advo with Advocacy! I also worked with Jane to complete this newsletter! I also finished finals strong! Looking forward to next semester!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I hope to get some good rest. I also look forward to some intriguing projects with Director of Finance and Partnerships, fellow Programming Chairs, Secretary, and Advocacy! Like Jane said, there is a lot we look forward to!

Lillie's Bucket List:

1. Graduate and go to Grad School
2. TRAVEL. So many obstacles before COVID prevented me to do so
3. Travel to the California Redwood Forest
4. See a live meteor shower
5. See the Northern Lights
6. Learn how to swim alongside Whales and Sharks
7. Teach Abroad English
8. Establish or contribute to a school in Laos
9. Get a good stable life (job, house, family)
10. Write and Illustrate a New York Bestseller Children's Book





Due to COVID, we had to say goodbye to a good friend of ours sooner than we thought. This was one of our last meals together before he left back to his home country!

JEWEL LO

Communications Chair

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I wrapped up meetings for the semester with M-Reps!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Next month, I hope to collaborate with Co-Advocacy to implement an M-Rep buddy system and contribute more advocacy workshops during bi-weekly meetings. Additionally, collaborate with Co-Membership Outreach Chairs to revamp the MAASu Membership packet.

Jewel's Bucket List:

1. Graduate in the Spring
2. Get hired at a full-time job
3. Relocate from Wisconsin
4. Grow a succulent farm
5. Finish writing a song
6. Travel outside of the country
7. Go strawberry picking
8. Ride a horse
9. Invest in a new car
10. Own a puppy

SAM BOSSLEY

Technical Networking Chair

What did you accomplish this month?

I have been helping the new conference planning committee set up a registration system for the upcoming spring conference. I've also been working on creating a MAASU Alumni Association online portal for MAA members to meet and interact with each other after graduation.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Next month, I plan on finishing and producing the first draft of a MAASU Alumni Association online portal I also plan on resting more and planning ahead for how I can stay connected to MAASU and contribute to MAASU after graduation. Only now have i realized how soon graduation is and how quickly time flies.



This is the first time I visited Louisville after I graduated high school. My brother Craig, my friend Yodai, and my sister Hannah all visited my mom and took a picture with her (Yodai is holding the camera)! I remember that night distinctly because it was my first time back from campus and I was very happy to be home.

Sam's Bucket List:

1. Look at memes
2. Play Cyberpunk 2077
3. Look at memes
4. Look at memes
5. Look at memes
6. Look at memes
7. Look at memes
8. Look at memes
9. Look at memes
10. Look at memes

CHEE XIONG

Membership Outreach Chair

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

My co-chair and I emailed schools whose memberships were expiring and then we also helped a school with their membership renewal.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

My co-chair, Sean, and I are looking at getting in touch with the Communications Chair and Secretary Chair to discuss details on the membership package that we want to put out.



This photo holds memory with meaning for me because it was my first time going ice skating with a bunch of new friends I made during my first semester when I transferred to UW Madison. Many of them helped me out on how to ice skate and I ended up having a really great time, especially since I went in nervous.

Chee's Bucket List:

One thing that is currently left unchecked right now on my bucket list is traveling outside of the United States. Although we are living in a strange time right now I hope that I will be able to travel to a different country once this is over.

SEAN KIM

Membership Outreach Chair

What did you accomplish this month?

Honestly nothing. Been kinda lost as to what I should do.

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Not sure!

Sean's Bucket List:

1. Learn to be happy with what I've previously accomplished.
2. Go travel Asia
3. Make my own startup
4. Buy a house
5. Make a video game!





VICTORIA YU

Executive Director

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I worked with Directors Council to launch MAASU's first-ever #GivingTuesday campaign on December 1, 2020. Along with Alice, we helped coordinate an ECAASU x MAASU hang out between the two boards as well as pair board members for 1:1 ECAASU x MAASU coffee chats!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

Next month, I hope to help transition MAASU's new Executive Director!

Victoria's Bucket List:

1. Visit the 7 continents
2. Camel ride in Abu Dhabi
3. Zipline in Costa Rica
4. Visit all 50 states
5. Ride in a hot air balloon
6. Create a family tree that goes as far back as possible
7. Start composing music again
8. Try acupuncture

I took a month-long trip to 5 countries around Asia the summer after graduate school and before I started working full-time. I got to enjoy amazing food, see international friends, visit several cool attractions, continue learning about the histories of the places I visited, and truly relax.

JAMES LIU

Director of Alumni Relations

What did you accomplish this month?

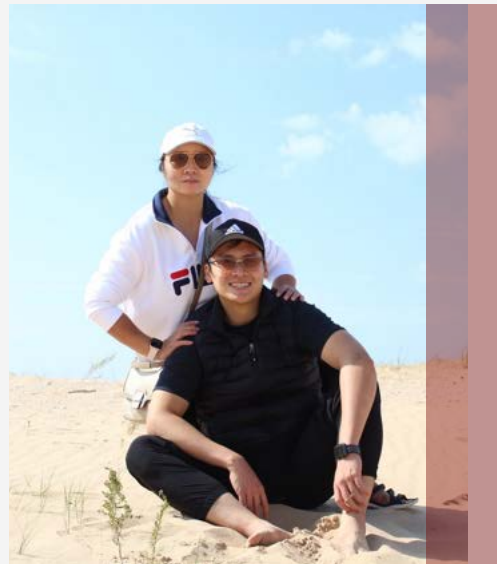
I helped Director's Council with Giving Tuesday!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

To work with Sam and Jordan to set up a new MAA portal system!

James's Bucket List:

1. Become a physician
2. Become the Chief of Emergency Medicine
3. Run a marathon
4. Go skydiving
5. Be happy
6. Become the best me
7. Send my parents to Paris
8. Learn to DJ
9. Travel the world
10. Buy a house



Recently, my parents retired and we took some time to travel and enjoy the presence of each other. As we grow up, there are less opportunities to be together so we cherish the times that we do have together.

DAVID LEE

Director of Programming and Assessments



My very first MAASU event (Spring Conference, U of Michigan, 2013) I attended! Having been in the car for 14+ hours, I had no idea what to expect when arriving, but I was blown away by the MAASU community, the people, the entertainment, and the weekend altogether. It was super cool to meet Paul Kim too!

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

I, along with the other members of the Director's Council successfully recruited our first member for our Director's Council Committee (DCC). Yay!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

For next month, I'll be working closely with our newest DCC member, Deep, to go over some plans for future programming. Exciting!

David's Bucket List:

I have so many Kdramas and animes that I just left off without ever finishing. I think going back to put a close one those series would be fulfilling.

If you could travel back in time to the beginning of 2020, what would you tell yourself and why?

I'd go to the beginning of the year and tell myself to "Brace yourself, it's gonna be one hell of a ride! Enjoy every moment while you can, good or bad."

JESSICA LEE

Director of Finances and Partnership

What did you accomplish this month?

We wrapped up our Giving Tuesday Campaign!

What are your goals for ECC for next month?

I hope to plan for the next semester and also begin transition documents for the next Director!



Moving to a new place and finding positive people to surround myself with has been difficult, but I'm glad to have found my support network.

Jessica's Bucket List:

1. Complete a marathon!
2. Travel to all habitable continents.
3. Build or flip a home.
4. Paragliding
5. Skydiving
6. Bake and decorate a three tiered cake
7. Road trip through all 48 states and then fly to the last two
8. Live abroad for a couple months or years
9. Adopt a dog
10. Learn how to make my own clothes

M-Rep Spotlight

M O N G Z O N G X I O N G

(he, him, his)

Mong Zong Xiong is a second year at Augsburg University majoring in Biology and Chemistry.

Why did you choose to become a M-Rep?

I wanted to learn more about what an M-Rep was and possibly experience something new that I haven't done before.

What have you gained from becoming a M-Rep?

I have gotten to know a few more people from other universities.

Wacky fun fact:

I play tennis, whether it is in the spring, summer, winter, or rain, I play tennis in any weather!



A piece of advice for future M-Reps?

Make sure to plan your schedule ahead of time and for future meetings with any student organization meetings and for MAASU. Just make sure to have your time management locked in and set up well.

M-Rep Spotlight

DAVID TRAN

(he, him, his)

David Tran is a third year at Michigan State University studying International Relations with a minor in Asian Pacific American Studies.

Why did you choose to become a M-Rep?

I chose to become a M-Rep because I wanted to better familiarize myself with the APIDA community in the Midwest and better understand the principles and growing developments that schools all around have to offer and showcase. Furthermore, I wish to take all I learn to hopefully implement in my school's organization: Asian Pacific American Student Organization (APASO).

Wacky fun fact:

My guilty pleasure is dancing.



What have you gained from becoming a M-Rep?

Creating a network of colleagues whom I can call friends and ideas that can better help my community in some way!

Any piece of advice for future M-Reps?

Be open-minded and ask questions! My term has just only begun but something that is relevant that if you're ever confused; the best thing is to really ask questions and someone can help!

MAASU Alumni: Where are They Now?



CHETANA MUSAPETA

She/Her/Hers

Chetana Musapeta graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2014. She is now a Project Director for a Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome program. She helps underserved women who are at high risk for substance use disorders and opioid use disorders who have nonviolent, drug-related charges find treatment programs and resources instead of serving jail time.

What does your day to day life look like?

I oversee women from the time they get out of jail, going through the program, get physicians to take these women on as patients, provide parenting classes, as well as help them find housing, education and job opportunities once they are out of the treatment program.

What is your favorite MAASU memory?

My favorite memory of MAASU has to be my last year as ECC Chair during the Spring Conference at the University of Michigan. We were all sitting around the table on Friday night right after opening night while finishing up a couple things for the next day. I truly felt we were a family, we all came from different backgrounds and perhaps we might have never crossed paths but here we were at one table to bring awareness, unity, and social change. I remember when I first joined MAASU and I did feel as if I didn't belong but everyone had welcomed me with open arms and I can truly say I am who I am because of my involvement with MAASU. I knew that our work would encourage young leaders and at that moment I couldn't have felt more proud.

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

If I could do one thing differently I would have asked for help a long time ago. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness, it takes incredible strength to admit when you don't know something. I wish I had known that a long time ago.

A piece of advice for future graduates?

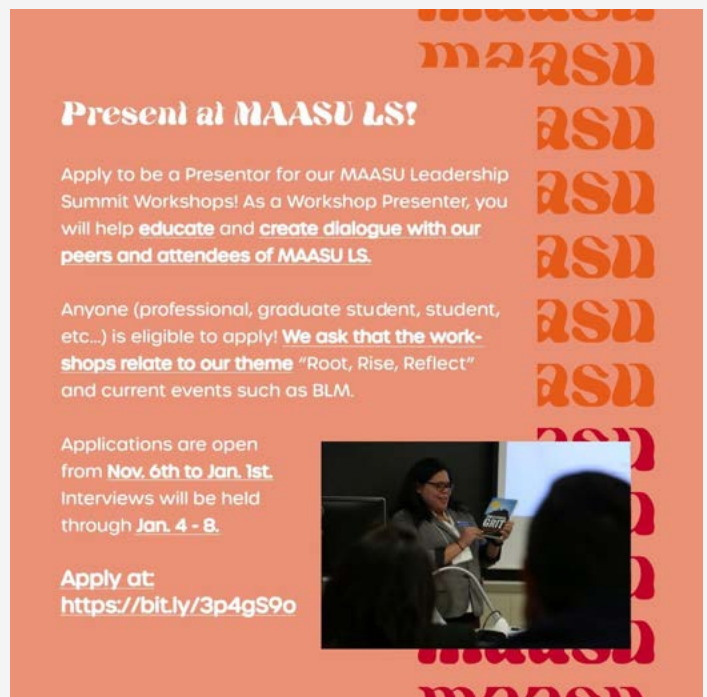
My one piece of advice would be to take risks. The same beaten path won't help you become successful in a world that is constantly changing and evolving. As they say, the biggest risk is not taking any risk.



The University of Missouri is excited to host MAASU Leadership Summit: Root, Rise, Reflect! Leadership Summit (LS) will be a virtual conference held from March 19-21, 2021 focused on leadership development for Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) students. Stay tuned on MAASU's Facebook and social media as we announce more information!

Instagram:
@maasuofficial

Website:
<https://www.maasu.org/>



The MAASU Leadership Summit Workshop applications are open and will close on Friday, Jan. 1 at 11:59 PM CST. The Planning Committee is looking for experienced volunteers to create thoughtful dialogue with our attendees! Anyone is eligible to apply, as long as the workshop content relates to our theme of "Root, Rise, Reflect": <https://bit.ly/3p4gS9o>



A very big thank you to MAASU alums and students who supported us during MAASU's first-ever #GivingTuesday. With your immense support, we were able to fundraise \$1,716, prior to Facebook's Giving Tuesday match! These donations will go far and wide in continuing to educate and support students throughout the Midwest for many years to come.

This year, we placed our member schools in one of three regions (Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest) for a friendly competition on which school could raise the most money for MAASU's #GivingTuesday campaign. We are excited to announce that based on student and alumni donations, **The Ohio State University, the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and the University of Missouri** will each receive one-year free membership for donating the most in their respective regions! Congratulations!

DIRECTORS COUNCIL ALUMNI UPDATES

Directors Council Committee (DCC)

Recently, the Directors Council (DC) introduced the DCC as an opportunity for MAASU alumni with specific knowledge, skills, and expertise to assist MAASU with special projects. For more information on potential projects or the DCC application, please scan the QR code below or visit <https://www.maasu.org/dc> :



As always, if you have any questions/concerns or any ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at directorscouncil@maasu.org.