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CHAIR

Alice Yu

What did you accomplish this past month?

It's time to welcome a new MAASU ECC! We finished elections this month, and so we have an executive chair, secretary, advocacy chair, programming chair, membership chair, and technical networking chair for the 2021-22 academic year! We also held our Spring 2021 Leadership Summit from March 19-21. Thank you so, so much to everyone who attended Leadership Summit, as well as those who facilitated and attended our Processing Space for the Atlanta Shootings.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

This month will be focused on planning for APAHM and transitioning the new board members in.

Any plans for spring break?

I have the same plan for this spring break as every other spring break; napping. Second semester is always hard, and especially since this is my last semester, seniorities is hitting hard!



SECRETARY

Jordan Cao

What did you accomplish this past month?

I worked on some backend items for the MAASU Wikipedia in addition to reviewing internal documents to possibly source some more sustainable policies moving forward.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

I want to transition Chee.

Any plans for spring break?

I saw my pals for spring break.

PROGRAMMING CO-CHAIR

Danny Nguyen

What did you accomplish for this month?

Did research on online MAASU events to create a better structure for future MAASU events that choose to take the online route.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

Look into end of the semester programming.

What is the greatest April fools Day joke you pulled?

I've lived for this long and my life has been the biggest joke.



PROGRAMMING CO-CHAIR

Giang Nguyen

What did you accomplish for this month?

I went to MAASU LS and had tons of fun!!!

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

Go out with a BANG!!

What is the greatest April fools day joke you pulled?

I posted on my snapchat story that I got in a car accident.



ADVOCACY CO-CHAIR

Jenny Tam

What did you accomplish for this month?

Podcast and transition documents for the next advocacy positions!

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

Another podcast and I hope to reveal some marketing for APAHM in May!!!

Any plans for spring break?

Spring break = catch up



ADVOCACY CO-CHAIR

Kyle Hoang

What did you accomplish for this month?

I have hosted two workshops this month! In the workshops, we collectively debunked some myths about police and reimaged together some alternatives to police in a way that is inclusive of all identities.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

I am planning to host the next Ask Advo podcast! We will be centering the episode on South Asian narratives and what the "APIDA / Asian American" identity means to people in the Desi community. I am also planning a follow-up workshop and to create infographics to inform the public.

Any plans for spring break?

I want to take time to reconnect with all of the people who are in my life and catch up with those people! I also want to take the time to learn a new hobby like skateboarding or knitting!



MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH CHAIR

Cheemeng Xiong

What did you accomplish this month?

This past month I started a document to include information on how to restructure membership for future ECCs. I have also been working on some APAHM videos with a few other ECC members for our APAHM project.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

I plan to finish the membership restructure document with a few other ECC members as well as put some finishing touches to my APAHM group project.

Any plans for spring break?

What spring break? ****sad face**** My university cancelled our spring break so I am just trying to survive the semester right now. If I did have a spring break this year, I would have spent it just relaxing and catching up on my list of pending Korean dramas that I need to watch.



COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Jewel Lo

What did you accomplish this month?

Worked with Advocacy to implement Family Groups for M-Reps where M-Reps can collectively earn points by attending MAASU-related virtual events!

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

I plan to work closely with Advocacy to participate in monthly advocacy workshops.

Any plans for spring break?

Chilllllllllllax and explore Indiana (:



PUBLIC RELATIONS CO-CHAIR

Jane Elliston

What did you accomplish this month?

I feel like I have been super duper busy with all things Leadership Summit this past month. I had some guests (@Danny, Giang, Jenny, and Jordan) over at my place; the planning committee and I planned a surprise for Alice and secretly ordered super cool sweatshirts; and we've been doing wrap up things since! But WOW, it has been really fun and a great experience!!

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

Hopefully Lillie and I will find someone well-suited for our position to transition, and I will retire :')

Any plans for spring break?

I plan to go to every single Target in the nation to find an Animal Crossing x Sanrio collaboration Amiibo pack. I AM DETERMINED.



PUBLIC RELATIONS CO-CHAIR

Lillie Lee

What did you accomplish this month?

This past month I have completed the Women's History Month Campaign on social media and some parts of the APAHM project. I also worked on some cool pages in this newsletter as I draw closer to the end of my term as Public Relations.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

I plan to finalize transition documents for the next public relations chairs with Jane!

Any plans for spring break?

My plans for spring break are to relax and catch up on sleep.



Favorite place in the world: my bed.

TECHNICAL NETWORKING

Sam Bossley

What did you accomplish this past month?

I kickstarted the MAASU Discord! I'm really enjoying engaging on the Discord since it's more natural to me and I like being able to talk with other students in a more direct conversation even if we attend different schools :)

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

I plan on cleaning up various bits and pieces regarding the website before I leave my position on ECC :(

Any plans for spring break?

No...sadly, Ohio State cancelled our spring break. Enjoy this picture of me from last spring break a few days before the pandemic. I was in the middle of doing a Fortnite dance. The pandemic probably happened because they needed to stop people like me from Fortnite dancing in public...



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Daphne Yu

What did you accomplish this past month?

Participated in LS as a panelist, met with ECAASU, met with the Board of Advisors to discuss projects.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

Finish filing taxes needed to maintain MAASU's 501c3 status, help transition in the new ECC.

Any plans for spring break?

Sadly, since I'm a young professional, I don't get a spring break; but, I am looking forward to spring showers and rain!



DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

James Liu

What did you accomplish for this month?

This past month Deep, David, and I hosted our second monthly alumni mixer! Shoutout to Rosa Kwon for giving our students some great advice! Also, I worked with Giang and Jenny on a mukbang advocacy podcast that will be dropping soon!

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

Currently, we are planning for our third alumni mixer!

Any plans for spring break?

I visited one of the best college friends from Seattle for a few days and then travelled to Keystone, Colorado to do some snowboarding!



DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING AND ASSESSMENTS

David Lee

What did you accomplish for this month?

This past month, I was not able to focus much with MAASU, but will be looking ahead for better results.

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

This month, I plan on finalizing any materials I may have in order to begin the transition process as my Director's Council (DC) term will be concluding.

What is the greatest April Fools Day joke you pulled?

I once posted on my social media that I would be studying abroad for the following academic year, and everyone believed it! Although it was for fun and giggles, I sometimes wish I would've gone to Australia to study for a year.



DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

Jessica Lee

What did you accomplish for ECC this past month?

Working on our APAHM workshop!

What do you plan to accomplish for this month?

Identifying what folks need right now, and focusing on facilitating connections.

Any plans for spring break?

I went to the sand dunes in Colorado, Ourray hot springs and the black canyon of the Gunnison National park!



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M-Rep Spotlight



“ Fun Fact:

It's not wacky but I collect snow globes from around the world!”

Thien Nguyen (he, him, his)
Fourth year, Mechanical Engineering
and Mathematics major
at Wichita State University

What have you gained from MAASU?

I have gained life and street credibility. I have been able to branch out and truly be myself and feel comfortable in my own skin. It's given me the confidence to be me.

What are some accomplishments that your student organization has made?

My organization held a Asian Student conference. We have successfully paired littles to bigs in order to have a smoother transition into college. For upcoming plans, we want to remain virtual, and by doing so, we will host plenty of events. Hopefully by the end of the academic year, we hope to host a socially distanced in-person banquet.

A piece of advice for future M-Reps?

Life is short. Make the most of it. By doing so, become a M-Rep and you won't regret it.

What are you thankful for?

I am thankful for my family. My family is my everything.

What are some traditions that you do with your friends or family that hold deep meaning for you?

Family means so much to me. To keep that healthy love going, we host weekly movie nights just to enjoy each other's company as well as introduce the younglings to new, amazing movies they have yet to see.

Leadership Summit



All, this spring's Leadership Summit may have come to a close, but our journeys of learning about our roots, rising up, and reflecting on our growth are far from over. Thank you to everyone who dedicated time out of your weekend to connect with us, from attendees to workshop presenters, alumni to Helena Berbano and G Yamazawa. We hope you all have been able to walk away with more connections and understanding of yourself, and we look forward to seeing you again soon! With peace & gratitude,

Alice A. Yu

Stay tuned for fall conference updates; MAASU LS will see you next spring #MAASU #APIDA #leadership

Where Are They Now?

Deepankar Tripurana

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GRADUATED 2018

I majored in Biomedical Ethics and was motivated into learning about how health care worked from different perspectives and to learn about it with the lens of historically marginalized populaces.

Right after college, I went to graduate school with a Masters in Public Health. I took a break after a couple of terms.

However, I currently work as a academic tutor and workshop facilitator. I would take a lot of the things I learned and translate that to my activist peers. As a academic tutor, teaching for me was developing into being a leader, and a contribution to the teachers in my life. At the time, academic tutoring was the fastest way to make a bigger impact on someone.



However, I am also engaged as a member of Directors Council Committee (DCC). I am working with Directors Council (DC) on how to engage Alumni on a deeper level with Alumni Mixers. We aim to have them occurring once a month. We also hope to have Alumni and Student engagement because Alumni have a lot of energy to give back.

What was your favorite memory of MAASU?

My favorite memory of MAASU is when I was attending MAASU Conference in 2019. I spent a weekend and had fun with my family group because of the diverse personalities we all had. At the time we felt like a large sibling group and we strong-bonded even after two to three days of hanging out. We still connect on Facebook messenger to this day for birthdays and MAASU events.

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

If I knew about MAASU, I would have participated sooner during my freshman year of undergrad. But, in all seriousness, I would have also spent more time in India to connect with Thatheya and Ammama (Grandpa and Grandma on my maternal side in Telugu language) and learned underneath them as my first and last life mentors.

A piece of advice for future graduates?

"If you have the ability to do so, please rest for many months let along years and learn about who you are and what your capacity/abilities are during this time, so that you can grow and develop before making serious committments."

Director's Council

Are you a MAASU graduate and looking to give back make an impact within the MAASU community?

Consider applying to become a part of the Director's Council (DC)! Keep an eye out for the application!

If you're interested in getting involved now, consider applying to become a part of the Director's Council Committee (DCC)!

Please e-mail directorscouncil@maasu.org for more information!