



## **2015 Honoree Distinguished Organization Who Contributed Significantly to the Asian American Community**



### **Asian Pacific American Association Brookhaven National Laboratory**

The Asian Pacific American Association (APAA), sponsored by the Brookhaven Employees' Recreation Association (BERA) at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), was established in 2002 by a group of employees who shared the same aspirations.

The mission of the APAA is to promote unity and awareness through educational, cultural, and social programs, such as the annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month events, Lunar New Year luncheons, and forums to discuss issues that affect the Asian Pacific American community at BNL.

BERA APAA members are employees and retirees of BNL; persons with BNL guest, user, and visiting appointments; employees of permanent on-site employers (such as the cafeteria, credit union, Upton Post Office, etc.), and members of their immediate families.

#### **Goals:**

- To build bridges of communication among Asian Pacific American personnel and with the lab community through cultural events, food festivals, picnics, concerts, and other similar cultural/social activities.
- To create community among BNL and other similar organizations through seminars, colloquia and conferences aimed at educating BNL and the community about issues of concern to Asian Pacific Americans.
- To support and assist in the improvement of BNL objectives and goals toward diversity in the workplace.

#### **Annual Activities and Accomplishments:**

- Organized and/or sponsored cultural events in May for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month for both lab employees and the community.
- Organized fundraising events for disaster relief efforts in Japan, China, Myanmar, and the Philippines, as well as for the BNL Long Island United Way effort.
- Established a scholarship for students of Asian heritage with a U.S. student visa matriculating toward a doctorate at an accredited institution of higher education on Long Island in Environmental & Energy Technology, Biology, or Chemistry.
- Invited accomplished guest speakers to address issues of interest to the Asian Pacific American community at the lab.
- Collaborated with other similar organizations in the community to organize events of interest to Asian Pacific Americans on Long Island.

#### **Dr. Mow Shiah Lin Scholarship**

BERA's APAA established the Dr. Mow Shiah Lin Scholarship to commemorate the life and career of the late Dr. Lin who was a distinguished scientist at the U.S. Department of Energy's BNL Energy Sciences and Technology Department. In honor of Dr. Lin's research, remarkable achievements, and inventions, a one-time award of \$1,000 is granted each year to a student of Asian heritage with a U.S. student visa matriculating toward a doctorate at an accredited institution of higher education on Long Island in Environmental & Energy Technology, Biology, or Chemistry, in remembrance of the manner in which Lin began his career. To learn more about this scholarship, visit the APAA web page at <http://www.bnl.gov/bera/activities/APAA/mslscholarship.asp>. **The APAA is now accepting applications for the eleventh Dr. Mow Shiah Lin Scholarship through May 29, 2015.**

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