28th Annual AEAC Awards
Sunday, April 28, 2013 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Doubletree Hotel | 3203 Quebec Street | Denver, Colorado 80207

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The Denver Public Schools Asian Education Advisory Council is pleased to present the 28th Annual AEAC Awards to honor students, parents, educators, and community volunteers for outstanding achievements and contributions to Asian/Pacific Islander communities. AEAC was established in 1985 by the Denver Public Schools Board of Education (BOE) and seeks to improve educational quality and opportunities for all students, with emphasis on students of Asian or Pacific Island heritage.

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**Program**

Silent Auction

Opening Introductions
Priscilla Shaw & Steve Kohuth, Board Members & Stephanie Vi Nghiem, Miss Asian American Colorado

Posting of Colors, Montbello HS Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance
Eranda Piyasena, Denver Police Department

Greetings
Consul Shunsuke Ono from the Consulate General of Japan
James McGibney, Honorary Consul General of Korea

Breakfast

Entertainment
Traditional Vietnamese Dance

Keynote Speaker
Roger Liu

Awards Ceremony
AEAC Board Members

# Auction Items Live#

Closing Remarks
Steve Kohuth & Stephanie Vi Nghiem, Board Members

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**AEAC Award Recipients**

* Highest Honor

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**Elementary School**

**Academic Awards**

Battulga, Sandy.........................................................Lowry E.S.
Delgado, Sergio..............................Denver Language School
Ho, Max ..............................................Denver Language School
Ho, Megan........................................Denver Language School
Le, Ham............................................College View E.S.
Liang, Abigail.......................................Denver Language School
Lo, Julia...........................................Denver Language School
Nguyen, Calvin......................................College View E.S.
Nguyen, Jennifer...................................College View E.S.
Nguyen, QuocVuong..................................College View E.S.
Nguyen, Tho........................................College View E.S.
Nguyen, Trac........................................College View E.S.
Pham, Michelle......................................College View E.S.
Truong, Lynn........................................College View E.S.
Vo, Kim...........................................College View E.S.
Wang, Maia.......................................Denver Language School

**Leadership Awards**

Duong, Tuyet.............................................College View E.S.
Nguyen, Sophia *..................................Traylor E.S.
Pham, Tiana..............................................College View E.S.
Ta, Kathy.............................................College View E.S.
Van, Nghia...........................................College View E.S.
Vu, Anna...........................................College View E.S.
Middle School - - -

Academic Awards

Baang, Joon...........................................Rachel B. Noel M.S.
Chang, Amy...........................................Hamilton M.S.
Duong, Linh...........................................Merrill M.S.
Gantumur, Khuslen................................Hamilton M.S.
Hughes, Dasiya.....................................Hamilton M.S.
Huynh, Julie..........................................Hamilton M.S.
Huynh, Leslie........................................Hamilton M.S.
Kapuri, Himanvi.....................................Hamilton M.S.
Le, Brandon.........................................Hamilton M.S.
Lin, Changyuan.....................................Hamilton M.S.
Nakagawa, Roger*.................................Hill M.S.
Sharma, Arun.........................................Merrill M.S.
Wieland, Zachary....................................Hamilton M.S.

Leadership Awards

Ho, Grant*...........................................McAuliffe International School
Suematsu, Joseph....................................Merrill M.S.

High School - - -

Academic Awards

Croghan, Jade........................................East H.S.
Du, Landon*.........................................Denver School of the Arts
Johnson, Tiah.......................................George Washington H.S.
Kaneko, Lily.........................................George Washington H.S.
Laugan, Tai..........................................George Washington H.S.
Ly, Thinh.............................................Abraham Lincoln H.S.
Morein, Molly......................................George Washington H.S.
Myagmarsuren, Nomin............................George Washington H.S.
Namjilsuren, Khulan.............................George Washington H.S.
Ostrow, Anna.......................................George Washington H.S.
Schlose, Clair......................................George Washington H.S.
Wang, Kuan.........................................George Washington H.S.

Leadership Awards

Nguyen, Thien*......................................George Washington H.S.

Special Talent - - -

Beckler, Isabel......................................Bill Roberts E-8
Oh-Willeke, Clark*...............................Hamilton M.S.
Teegarden, Jade....................................Bill Roberts E-8

Administrator - - -

Amodio, Sara.................................Denver Language School
Chargualaf, Satrina.................................Merrill M.S.
Dennis, Kurt*.................................McAuliffe International School
Lin, Jian...........................................Denver Language School

Paraprofessional - - -

Mon, Min Kyaw*....................................Merrill M.S.

Parent - - -

Fantz, Kristy*.................................Denver Language School
Modesitt, Camilla*.................................Denver Language School
Nguyen, Sum....................................Multicultural Outreach

Teacher - - -

Meyer, Lesley*....................................Hamilton M.S.
Li, Shirley.........................................Denver Language School
Qin, Gui Min.......................................Denver Language School
Spampinato, Jennifer............................Lowry E.S.

Organization - - -

The Japanese American Association of Colorado
Roger Liu is a Chinese-American engineer and a board member of Colorado chapter of the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP). Born and raised in a small town in Michigan, Roger knew few other Asian-Americans during his youth. His views on education were strongly influenced by his parents, who like many Asian-American parents, encouraged him to strive for academic success and to attend college.

After graduating from the University of Michigan, Roger moved to the Boston area where he began his career with Intel Corporation. Along with his engineering duties, Roger headed multiple Intel employee groups, specifically the Recent College Network - an organization serving employees that recently graduated from college - and the Innovation Program - a forum to promote innovation within the engineering department.

While in Boston, he soon befriended his future wife, Joanne, a high-school special education teacher. From her, Roger learned of the education gaps found throughout the U.S., realizing that educational opportunities are not afforded to everyone equally. As a recipient of academic scholarships and grants himself, Roger supports AEAC’s goals to improve educational opportunities and to provide quality education for all students.

In July 2010, he and his wife relocated to Denver, where he later joined the board of NAAAP Colorado. As a NAAAP board member, Roger spearheaded an initiative to establish relationships with local Asian-American student organizations. Through this connection, NAAAP seeks to share its members’ skills with college students so that they may become competitive job applicants, overcome inequities within the workplace, and become successful leaders.

Support AEAC!

AEAC meets the first Wednesday of every month at the DPS Administration office, 900 Grant Street Denver at 5:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join us as a guest or volunteer board member.

We are a non-profit organization and rely on generous donations of patrons to provide awards for students.

Contributions can be mailed to:
Asian Education Advisory Council (AEAC)
P.O. Box 40439
Denver, CO 80204

Special Recognition

The Japanese American Association of Colorado (JAAC) was founded in 1907 in Denver, Colorado by the “Issei”, the first generation that immigrated to the United States from Japan. The JAAC assisted the community with social events and welfare programs assisting the sick, poor, elderly and those with no families.

During World War II the JAAC took an active role and invited all Japanese leaders from the surrounding areas to discuss the impending conflict with Japan and the course of action which the local Japanese should take in the event of war with Japan. During August, 1941, the JAAC and the Japanese American Citizens League co-sponsored a lunch with Colorado Governor Ralph Carr to inform him of the contributions the Japanese people had made to the state of Colorado. It is said that after learning of the many sacrifices, contributions and dedication of the Japanese people, Governor Carr went away very impressed with the knowledge he had gained from this meeting. Subsequently, Governor Ralph Carr welcomed the Japanese people to Colorado with the full protection accorded all citizens under the United States Constitution.

Over the years as generations were born in the United States, the JAAC has evolved in providing assistance and protecting the rights of Japanese American, Japanese and Asian American Communities of Colorado. The JAAC educates on the history and promotes better relations between Japanese Americans, Japanese and the public at-large and enhances relations between the United States and Japan.

As of 2013, the JAAC is in its 106th year of service to the Community and has been assisting the Asian Education Advisory Council for many years.

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