29th Annual AEAC Awards
Sunday, April 27, 2014 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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The Denver Public Schools Asian Education Advisory Council

is pleased to present the 29th 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.

--- Program ---

Silent Auction

Opening Introductions
Priscilla Shaw & Steve Kohuth, Board Members & Thuy Trang, Miss Asian American Colorado

Posting of Colors, Montbello HS Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance
George “Joe” Sakato, WWII Medal of Honor Recipient

Greetings
James McGibney, Honorary Consul General of Korea

Breakfast

Entertainment
Traditional Korean Fan Dance, Yeo Lee Soon
Special Musical Performance, Thuy Trang

Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Judge Judy P. Draper, Honorary Consul to the Republic of Korea

Awards Ceremony
AEAC Board Members

* Auction Items Live*

Closing Remarks
Steve Kohuth & Thuy Trang

Retiring of Colors, Montbello HS Color Guard

AEAC Award Recipients

* Highest Honor

--- Elementary School ---

Academic Awards

Aaliyah Rodrakkwan........................................Ellis Elementary
Aimee Nguyen.................................................College View Elementary
Alexandra Shine-Moon.....................................Ellis Elementary
Amber Nguyen.................................................Schmitt Elementary
Andy Tang......................................................Ellis Elementary
Anh Ho............................................................Castro Elementary
Anna Tran.......................................................College View Elementary
Anna Vu............................................................College View Elementary
Anya Amram-Newbury......................................Ellis Elementary
Bawi Peng Sang.............................................Place Bridge Academy
Cassidy Truong..............................................College View Elementary
Christopher Tsai..............................................McAuliffe International School
Cindy Liang.....................................................Gust Elementary
Clara Jeon.....................................................McKinley-Thatcher Elementary
Dat Nguyen.....................................................Castro Elementary
Emily Nguyen.................................................College View Elementary
Emily Tran.....................................................Henry World School
Espy Bryan.....................................................Ellis Elementary
Hser Behttoo Lee...........................................Ellis Elementary
HsereNay Say....................................................Ellis Elementary
Huan Le...........................................................College View Elementary
Huy Nguyen....................................................Castro Elementary
Jamie Phan.....................................................Schmitt Elementary
Jane Nguyen....................................................Ellis Elementary
Jargalsaiikhan Suvd.........................................Ellis Elementary
Joe Le............................................................College View Elementary


**Leadership Awards**

- Alex Huynh
- Amalia Fuxian Hope
- Anna Tran
- John Ngo
- Sterling Ranum
- Steven Ho
- June Means
- Justin Le
- Kathy Tan
- Kelly Hoang
- Kelly Zheng
- Kevin Chum
- Kevin Tang
- Kim-Ngân Phan-Vo
- Komildzhon Khatamov
- Kyettya Ri
- Melia Chan
- Michelle Dam
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- My-Kim Nguyen
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**Special Talent**

- Andy Nguyen
- Alena Vondracek
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- Dane Speyer
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Asian Pacific Development Center

Special Recognition

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The 501-(c)3 non-profit organization soon learned the broad array of needs and diversity that existed in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and began to diversify its services. In 1987, the State Division of Mental Health floated a bond that allowed APDC to purchase a building (1825 York Street). The needs of these communities stretched beyond the scope of mental health services, so the Asian/Pacific Center for Human Development was formed. Asian American Foundation of Colorado was created to raise funding to support the wide variety of health and mental health services that the parent agency APDC provides today.

Approximately 74% of the AAPI population in Colorado is immigrant-status so the language and culture are significant factors that need to be addressed for access to services and effective implementation of community outreach and education. APDC strives to remain culturally sensitive and cognizant of the changing needs of the communities served. Participating Communities include but are not limited to the Cambodian, Chinese/Taiwanese, Hmong, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Laotian and Vietnamese communities.

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Priscilla Shaw, Chair
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Kathy Dam, Media Designer


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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.

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Judge Draper is a founding member of the Missouri Asian American Bar Association ("MAABA") and served as President from 2001-2003 and now serves as Historian and Board member. She also chaired its annual "Unity Dinner" for three years. Judge Draper is a member of the Mound City Bar Association, the Woman Lawyer’s Association, the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the St. Louis County Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association ("NAPABA") (Board Member NAPABA Law Foundation) and the American Bar Association. Judge Draper is a recipient of the 2011 Theodore McMillian Award for her contributions to the Legal Profession, and the 2011 Excellence in Service Award for Outstanding Women for Justice, 2012 Torch Bearer Award, Missouri Asian American Bar Association, 2012 Negro Woman’s Council Community Service Award. Judge Draper currently serves as Honorary Consul to the Republic of Korea.

Judge Draper has published the article: The Constitutional Right to a Jury Trial for Ordinance Violations.

Judge Draper is married to Missouri Supreme Court Judge, George W. Draper III. They have one daughter, a lawyer, graduate of Amherst College and Washington University School of Law.

Centerpiece orchids can be yours for a donation of $25 or more. Please place your donation in the orchid envelope on the table and hand it to one of our board members on your way out.

Today’s ceremony is dedicated to those who died in the South Korean ferry sinking and those missing in the Malaysia Airlines flight.

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