30th Annual AEAC Awards
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The Denver Public Schools Asian Education Advisory Council is pleased to present the 30th 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 Rahn & Steve Kohuth, Board Members
  & Agnes Pham, Miss Asian American Colorado
- **Postiong of Colors, Montbello HS Color Guard**
- **Greetings**
  Tom Boasberg, DPS Superintendent
  James McGibney, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Korea
- **Breakfast**
- **Entertainment**
  Traditional Vietnamese Dance -
  College View Elementary Students
  Taiko with Toni
- **Keynote Speaker**
  Annie Guo
- **Awards Ceremony**
  AEAC Board Members & Guests
- **Live Auction**
- **Closing Remarks**
  Steve Kohuth & Agnes Pham
- **Retiring of Colors, Montbello HS Color Guard**

#### AEAC Award Recipients

* Highest Honor

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**Middle School**

--- Academic Awards ---

Xu, Fuying ........................................ Kepner
Phouthavong, Dylan ............................. MLK Early College
Koustas*, Philipa .................................... Hamilton
Keang, Maryanuth ................................. Hill Arts & Sciences
Huynh, Andrew ...................................... Hamilton
Hong, Nhiulan ....................................... Hill Arts & Sciences
Hatch, Isaac .......................................... Hamilton
Chen, Yulian ......................................... Kepner
Alazawy, Zahraa .................................... Hamilton

--- Leadership Awards ---

Baltazar, Hailey .................................... MLK Early College
Duong, Linh .......................................... Merrill
Kyi*, Lay Aye ......................................... West Leadership
Reese, Justin ......................................... Hill Arts & Sciences

--- High School ---

--- Academic Awards ---

Buffington, Ma'Kylah .............................. MLK Early College
He, Yueyang ......................................... Lincoln
Nakagawa, Roger ..................................... Thomas Jefferson
Ngo, Nhi ................................................ MLK Early College
Nguyen *, Amy (Allstate winner) .......... MLK Early College
Pham, Melinda My-Linh ............................ Thomas Jefferson
Phouthavong, Austin ............................. MLK Early College
Phyu, Pan ............................................. East
Than, Phoungtam ................................... MLK Early College
Tran, Emme ........................................... MLK Early College
Zakir, Vianita ........................................ Thomas Jefferson

--- Leadership Awards ---

Baltazar, John ....................................... MLK Early College
Bui *, Phuong (Allstate winner) ............ Lincoln
Lew, Joshua .......................................... East

--- Special Talent ---

Tran, Helen ......................................... John F. Kennedy HS
O'Neill, Molly MeiXing .......................... Thomas Jefferson HS
Strand, Emily ......................................... Hamilton MS
Aryal, Ichchha ........................................ Hamilton MS
Weprin*, Nina ....................................... Lowry Elementary
Jeon, Clara .............................................. McKinley-Thatcher Elementary

--- Administrator ---

Dawkins, Nicholas ................................. Hamilton MS
Nguyen, Khoa ........................................ Ellis Elementary
Coates*, Sun .......................................... Castro Elementary

--- Paraprofessional ---

Tran, Nguyet ......................................... College View
Nguyen, Hanh ........................................ College View
 Dao*, Huong ........................................ College View

--- Teacher ---

Cadle, Tori ........................................... College View Elementary
Zhang, Xue ........................................... Denver Language School
Tsai, Hui-Chin ....................................... Denver Language School
Glaude, Jordan ....................................... Ellis Elementary
Clarke*, Maureen .................................. Ellis Elementary
Pipal, Dawn .......................................... Hamilton MS
Meng, Na ............................................. Denver Language School

--- Organization ---

Asian Avenue Magazine
Annie Guo is the President of Asian Avenue magazine, a monthly Denver publication established in 2006. The magazine shares relevant cultural information about Asian lifestyle, values, and news to Colorado readers. She is passionate about serving multicultural and underrepresented populations, as she works in the Office of Health Equity at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. In this role, she trains department staff and community organizations on how to address disparities in order for health equity to be achieved. She previously worked at CAHEP, a health clinic that provides medical services to the refugee and immigrant community of Colorado.

She is active in Colorado’s Asian Pacific Islander community and the founder of several organizations. In 2008, she established the Miss Asian American Colorado Leadership Program with its mission to empower and strengthen the leadership skills and confidence of Asian women ages 18-25. She is currently the director and adviser of the program, now in its eighth year. In 2009, she founded Colorado Asian Culture and Education Network, a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that promotes cultural education in 2009. Each year, the organization hosts the Asian American Heroes of Colorado Awards Ceremony. Working with college students, Annie established Next Generation Voices, an advocacy organization for college and high school students to support causes they believe in. Her previous involvements include Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, Midwest Asian American Student Union Conferences, National Association of Asian American Professionals, Service on Saturdays, and Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations.

A Denver native, she grew up attending Denver Public Schools - Traylor Elementary, Henry Middle School and John F. Kennedy High. In 2004, Annie received the Asian Education Advisory Council Award with highest honors in academics. She was the valedictorian, All-School President and National Honor Society President at Kennedy High School. In February 2015, she was inducted into the high school’s Hall of Fame. After high school, she earned a bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia and a master in business administration degree from the University of Colorado - Denver.

Speaking and presenting at college campuses nationwide, she greatly enjoys mentoring high school and college students. She is a graduate of the Colorado Family Leadership Training Institute, a training that promotes civic engagement and community leadership, recognized by Governor John Hickenlooper. Recently she was accepted into the “Ready To Lead” training program, hosted by the New American Leaders Project to develop first- and second-generation immigrants to take their leadership from the community to the Capitol.

AEAC Board Members and Awards Selection Committee

Priscilla Rahn, Chairperson
Tom Migaki, Treasurer
Steve Kohuth, Secretary
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