27th Annual AEAC Awards
Sunday, April 29, 2012 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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Ngoc Dinh
Priscilla Shaw

Bang Salon
Fireside Books and Coffee
Khanh Vu
Tom Migaki
Nicole Enomoto
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Tillie Fong
The Denver Public Schools Asian Education Advisory Council is pleased to present the 27th 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 & Tom Migaki, Board Members

**Posting of Colors, Montbello HS Color Guard**

**Pledge of Allegiance**
George “Joe” Sakato, Awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his Valor during World War II

**Greetings**
Hiromoto Oyama, Deputy Consul General of Japan
James McGibney, Honorary Consul General of Korea

**Breakfast**

**Entertainment**
Colorado Asian Cultural Heritage Center Lion Dance

**Keynote Speaker**
Dr. Tien Vu, M.D.

**Awards Ceremony**
AEAC Board Members

**Auction Items**

**Closing Remarks**
Steve Kohuth & Tom Migaki, Board Members

**Retiring of Colors, Montbello HS Color Guard**

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**AEAC Award Recipients**

*Highest Honor*

**Elementary School**

**Academic Awards**

Bayar, Lakshmi..................................................Ellis E.S.
Chen, Yulong..................................................Johnson E.S.
Dong, Bryan.................................................Kaiser E.S.
Huynh, Julie......................................................Gust E.S
Huynh, Leslie......................................................Gust E.S
Kwan, Kobe..................................................Polaris at Ebert
Lo, Ryan..................................................Westerly Creek
Luong, Allin......................................................Gust E.S
Means, June..................................................Ellis E.S.
Migaki, JoAnne*..............................................Gust E.S
Nguyen, Jane..................................................Ellis E.S.
Say, Hsner Nay...........................................Ellis E.S.
Teawdeswan, Sinthip..................................Ellis E.S.
Troung Bui, Kid Tan........................................Johnson E.S.
Xu, Fuying..................................................Johnson E.S.
Zheng, Yang..................................................Johnson E.S.
Zheng, Chengu...............................................Johnson E.S.

**Leadership Awards**

Lew, Jessie..............................................Bromwell Elementary School
Schwartz, Ben*..........................................Bromwell Elementary School
Middle School
Academic Awards
Bui, Tommy.................................................................................Kepner M.S.
Erdenebileg, Amey............................................................Hamilton M.S.
Heckman, Jade.........................................................................Hamilton M.S.
Hisamoto, Kendall......................................................................Hamilton M.S.
Khu, Htee............................................................................................Place Bridge Academy
Kim, Joon.............................................................................Merrill M.S.
Kopuri, Himanvi *............................................................Hamilton M.S.
Meng, Kamsang.............................................................................Florida Pitt Waller
Moorman, Maya.............................................................................Merrill M.S.
Nakagawa, Roger...........................................................................Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences
Trang, Kelly....................................................................................Hamilton M.S.
Wasinger, Cailen............................................................................Hamilton M.S.
Yash, Sinha.....................................................................................Hamilton M.S.
Yee, Andy.........................................................................................Grant Ranch K-8

Leadership Awards
Ha, Phuong.............................................................................Merrill M.S.
Ho, Scott........................................................................Henry World School
Htay, Cho Cho *.............................................................................Merrill M.S.
Le, Kenny....................................................................................Henry World School
Pham, Kayla................................................................................Grant Ranch K-8

High School
Academic Awards
Hein, MinMin *..........................................................Emily Griffith H.S.
Hong, Y.....................................................................................DCIS
Jiang, Binyu...............................................................................GWHS
Shofner, Tulley............................................................................East HS
Tran, Christina............................................................................CEC Middle College

Leadership Awards
Badral, Erkhzul.......................................................Denver School of the Arts
Holcomb, Alexis.....................................................................TJHS
OIonbayar, Gunsanaa *.......................................................GWHS
Wirth, Julia..............................................................................Denver School of the Arts

Special Talent
Anolin, Grace..............................................................................Bill Roberts
Boldbaatar, Munkhzaya........................................................GWHS
Chen, Yulian...........................................................................Johnson E.S.
Cubbage, Sylvie.....................................................................DPS On-Line
Hoong, Michelle.......................................................................Johnson E.S.
Hoong, Angel..............................................................................Johnson E.S.
Huynh, Sarah...........................................................................JFK H.S.
Jackson, Kendra.........................................................................Ellis E.S.
Lawrence, J’nai..............................................................Denver School of the Arts
Ninomiya, Jota......................................................................Contemporary Learning Academy
Tran, Clara.............................................................................High Tech Early College
Truong, Doan.............................................................................Johnson E.S.
Tsutsui, Akemi......................................................................Denver School of the Arts
Yang, Paul *................................................................................Bill Roberts

Teacher
Sullivan, Stefani *.................................................................Ellis E.S.
Yim, Nora......................................................................................Place Bridge Academy

Paraprofessional
Than, Hlaing *.................................................................Place Bridge Academy
Tien Vu, M.D., is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and practices at Children’s Hospital Colorado. She was too young to remember the event, but stories of the courage, hardship and fear that surrounded her family, and all of the other so-called “boat people,” have become part of the collective history of the first Vietnamese refugees.

“My family was lucky,” she says. “As we drifted in the South China Sea on fishing boats, we were rescued by a French naval ship that took us to a refugee camp in Guam. After that, we were flown to another refugee camp at Fort Chaffee, Ark., and there began our lives in the U.S. We were poor, living on welfare in the ‘projects’ or government subsidized housing for a number of years. These were lean times. We learned that hard work, frugality and education could eventually make us successful, and it did.”

She earned an undergraduate degree in English literature from Johns Hopkins University, then went to medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and completed her pediatrics residency training at the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. She came to Children’s Hospital Colorado for a fellowship program in pediatric emergency medicine and later became a member of the faculty.

She spends some of her time volunteering overseas, where she helps train and teach physicians, along with other providers, in pediatric emergency medicine and disaster preparedness topics in developing countries such as Vietnam and other parts of Asia. She is supported by various organizations, including Catholic Health Initiatives, Project Vietnam, and the American Academy of Pediatrics; she recently was recognized for her work by a local nonprofit.

Support AEAC!

AEAC meets the second Wednesday of every month at the DPS Administration office, 900 Grant St. 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:
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Special Recognition

JACL
Japanese American Citizens League
Mile Hi Chapter

Founded in 1929, the National JACL is the largest civil rights organization in the country focused on Americans of Japanese ancestry. Our mission is uphold and secure the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all Americans, while preserving the cultural heritage of our people. The Mile-Hi JACL as we are known, has been an active civil rights and educational organization since 1938. The Mile-Hi JACL’s first president, Dr. Shimpei Sakaguchi, set the path and leadership that has endured and prospered.

Vision

Aware of our responsibilities as the oldest and largest Asian Pacific American civil rights organization, JACL strives to promote a world that honors diversity by respecting values of fairness, equality and social justice.

Mission

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

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