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You are invited to come celebrate

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\$50 per person (\$25 tax deductible)

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Scholarship Fundraising Event

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS NEWS

Have you wondered what our scholarship winners are doing? Here are excerpts from their letters to us that we would like to share with you.

SCOTT HUAN—Stanford University (2002 Scholarship Recipient)

Happy New Years!! I hope everything is going well for you and everyone at C.A.C.A. This year has been very busy for me. I have started working full time with JP Morgan at their San Francisco office as an investment banking analyst. It is a very busy, but rewarding job. While I have been constantly putting in about 100 hours a week in the office, I have done some amazing deals. I have been involved with the IPO of Globalstar, a billion dollar company that provides satellite phone services, and the \$1.2 billion merger of Level 3 and Broadwing, the largest independent owner of the nation's fiber optics cables. **(Continued next page)**



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I want to express my gratitude to CACA for all their support during the past; and wish everyone a happy new year. If I could be of any help in the future, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks again, and take care.

Scott Huan

MENG ZHOU — Duke University (2004 Scholarship Recipient)

This past junior year, I started an internship with Common Good Strategies, a political consulting firm that does religious outreach for the Democratic Party. I have mostly been in charge of doing research and writing memos, and was also the first to work on establishing relationships with Christian radio stations across the nation to place sponsorship spots on behalf of the candidates we worked for. I was then in charge of a \$10,000 budget of finding promotional spots on these stations for a film that was released this past spring, “The Great Warming” which dealt with Global Warming from a moral and ethical perspective. This internship was a great way for me to use my analysis skills, since I would look at data for religious demographics and made suggestions to candidates of areas to concentrate in.



I am very excited for next year with the Baldwin Scholars female leadership program, because the senior year will be the culmination of the program, and my class will be the first class to graduate as Baldwin Scholars. I was elected secretary for next year, and we seniors of the program will all be taking a course together on women in the professions, with a highly regarded Duke professor and mentor to the Baldwin Scholars. I will also continue my leadership involvement with Greek Impact, since I will be the only returning member of the Executive Board to head up the group for the coming year. In the absence of a staff for Greek Impact last year, we all worked pretty hard to maintain the group and were successful in retaining and recruiting more students. In my sorority, I was chosen as Director of Administration, an executive board position where I help decide our future and activities, and I will also continue to update the website.

I also plan on continuing my role as a head tutor for America Reads and Counts, my commitment to the Durham community, and am excited to train a new group of tutors to work with elementary and middle school children. I have found great meaning and joy in tutoring a kindergarten class last year and enjoyed seeing them grow and progress. I attended two leadership conferences last year; at Common Ground over our fall break, I engaged in discussion surrounding diversity on campus and gender issues and was able to interact with many Duke Students that I would not have met otherwise. I also attended Women Ed (refining) my leadership skills, especially in female organizations.

Even though my time at Duke is coming to an end, I feel like I have had a very valuable and meaningful experience in my time here, and that my activities have been worthwhile. I appreciate the support I have received from the C.A.C.A. so much and to know that there is a group of people caring about my success at school really means a lot to me. I hope to be able to give back to the Asian community the way it has supported me. Please let me know how I can stay updated in the activities of the C.A.C.A. and take care!

Sincerely,

Meng Zhou



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MATT WONG — Princeton University (2005 Scholarship Recipient)

I'm very excited for the coming year. It will be my third year at school and it just seemed like yesterday that I was interviewing for the scholarship. In the spring, I will be going back to China to study Mandarin. I had an incredible experience last summer and would like to brush up my Chinese so I will be fluent in the language when I graduate.

I declared my major last spring. Initially, I had chosen to major in East Asian Studies with a Music Performance Minor. However, I am going to switch to a Music Major with a minor in East Asian Studies. For the last two years, I have played in the top jazz ensemble at Princeton as well as independent projects outside of class. Thank you so much for everything you have done. Your support has played a huge part in my Princeton experience.

Thank you,
Matt Wong



WESLEY LOO — Princeton University (2006 Scholarship Recipient)



As for employment, at the beginning of the year, I held a job in the library stocking books. As the year progressed, I found the job rather dull. Though I have always loved books, hours in the backroom of the library became taxing. Fortunately, while helping out with the Pull the Plug Campaign sponsored by Greening Princeton before winter break, I met Meredith Thompson, the organizer of the Princeton Ecology Representatives. Eco-Reps (as they are colloquially known) work on a variety of long term projects throughout the year, and get paid doing it. I found this to be the perfect opportunity for me – I could feel like I was helping the environment while still funding my education. For the rest of the year, I was an active member of the Eco-Reps, designing posters and a display for the nation-wide Recyclemania campaign. Next year, I plan to make everything bigger and better, as we have the foundations laid for a great recycling campaign.

This past summer was spent at the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences as an intern with Rachel Parsons and Dr. Ross Jones. The title of my project was “Detecting Marine Sewage Bacteria.” I worked on detecting dangerous levels of E.coli at a nearby sewage outfall using a new technique called fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH). I compared this method to the current method of membrane filtration. Overall, I concluded that this new method was a more effective way to count E.coli, which is important when detecting pollution. Bermuda was a beautiful place, and I took advantage of the pink beaches on my time off. The internship was funded by the Princeton Environmental Institute, and was a great opportunity for me to do actual research. As for next summer, I am still unsure. Perhaps I will return to Bermuda to continue this project, hopefully I will be able to travel somewhere else, whatever I do.

Freshman year is commonly known as the transition year, and it certainly was for me. At Princeton I have been able to continue some activities such as music, while also exploring new ones like ballroom dance. Though my major is yet undecided, I have been planning out quite a few options. Princeton is tough, but I love it. Through it all, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance has supported me greatly, and I truly appreciate it. The scholarship has allowed me more freedom in my extracurricular activities, replacing many hours of work. Two words cannot express my gratitude, but I can do my best: THANK YOU!

Wesley Loo

BASKETBALL PROGRAM TO BEGIN NEW SEASON

Cyrus J. Lee, CACA Basketball Program Coordinator

The mission of the basketball program is to help the participants develop into leaders and outstanding citizens within the community. We provide the opportunity for the players to interact and have fun with fellow players and adult volunteers and to follow the CACA Basketball Program Code of Conduct. Indeed, many of our new assistant coaches are only a few years removed from having played in the program themselves and are now giving back to the program by coaching and teaching current participants.

2007-08 will mark the program's 34th year. Last season saw 11 teams participate in the Basketball Program. The program participates in the Portland Parks and Recreational District Saturday Youth Basketball League (SYBL). This year, the Program will include a 6th grade boys team coached by Cyrus Lee which will participate in the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) Middle School Basketball League.

Additionally, CACA Basketball also hosts and Intercity Jamboree, held in mid-February versus teams from the Seattle Chinese Athletic Association (SCAA) and other invitees. Last year's Intercity Jamboree was held at The Hoop, in Beaverton, Oregon. In return, CACA teams participate in the SCAA Al Mar Invitational, which is held in mid March, in Seattle.

This year, we welcome back the following coaches and their respective teams: Cyrus Lee (6th Grade Boys, Junior Dragons), Rex Wong (7th Grade Boys, Wolverines), Thomas Phuong (8th/9th Grade Boys, Rebels), Keith Lee (11th/12th Grade Boys, Triple Threat), Phong Nguyen (11th/12th Grade Boys, Tsunami), and Cyrus Lee (10th-12th Boys, Dragons). We also welcome the following new head coaches: Hieu Kha (6th-8th Boys, Doan Huynh), (11th/12th Boys, Jagz), and Minh Nguyen, (10th-12th Boys).

Randall Choy, Cyrus Lee, Melanie Ying, and Christine Tom will coordinate the program for this season and continue to evaluate the program and look for opportunities to add value to all stakeholders: our coaches and other volunteers, CACA Portland Lodge and the surrounding community, and the youth participants themselves. This is truly an exciting time to be part of the basketball program!



A picture from the 2002 Al Mar Invitational illustrates the rich history of the Basketball Program. In 2008, the CACA Dragons and CACA Rebels mark their 11th and 12th consecutive seasons in the Basketball Program.

C.A.C.A. SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FRED G. LEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For 28 years the Portland Lodge of the C.A.C.A. has sponsored the Fred G. Lee Memorial Scholarship for qualified Oregon and Clark County of Washington State graduating high school senior students. This scholarship is awarded to graduating senior students for their merits in academics, leadership, and community involvement. The first place award is a \$4000.00 scholarship and the two runner-up awards are \$1000.00 each.



Scholarship applications can be down loaded from the web site and mailed to Betty Jean Lee:

2309 SW First @142, Portland, OR 97201. Call (503) 221-8773 for further information

ESSAY CONTEST

Each year the Grand Lodge and our local lodge sponsors an essay contest. The goal of this contest is to build leadership skills for young community leaders of tomorrow by developing good English writing skills, and demonstrating the ability to present clear, logical thinking on an issue of current national relevance. Applicants are expected to prepare and write a 500 word English theme, within two hours, on a topic given at the beginning of the contest. Judging is conducted by a national board of Judges organized by the Grand Lodge of the C.A.C.A. The essays are evaluated for originality, clarity of thought and expression, and accuracy of grammar and spelling. This contest is open to qualified Oregon and Clark County of Washington State high school students (grades 9-12).

**Essay contest will be on March 1st, 2008, and to be held at the
Asian Health & Service Center at 10:00 A.M**

TIFFANY WANG ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Two students will be selected to each receive \$500 towards a summer arts program. These arts scholarships are offered for (1) pre-college student (grades 9-12) who are interested in attending a summer arts program, (2) demonstrated financial need, and (3) talent in the fine or performing arts. This scholarship is for qualified Oregon and Clark County of Washington State high school students (grades 9-12).

The applications and more information for the above mentioned scholarships and contest will be posted on our website (www.CACAPortland.org), and be available at Oregon and Clark County of Washington State high schools in early January 2008.



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CANTONESE /MANDARIN SERVER EDUCATION CLASSES

Oregon law requires restaurant/bar owners and servers of alcohol obtain permits to dispense alcohol. Since many new immigrants cannot pass an English speaking class, C.A.C.A. is a certified provider for Cantonese/Mandarin classes. All the workbooks are in Chinese and have been approved by the Oregon Liquor Commission.

We have been fortunate to have Annie Cheng-Chung , and Michael Ling teaching for us. This is a six hour class, with instruction, role playing, and exam. The teachers are great as all the students pass the examination. Classes are currently being held at the Portland Community College SE Center once a month. Dates for classes are listed in the Portland Chinese Times. For further information, call (503) 221-8773.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS – C.A.C.A. ANNUAL TOY & FOOD DRIVE

Our Annual Food and Toy Drive will conclude on December 15, 2007. Thanks to everyone who has contributed toward this project. We have already received \$315.00. Our target is \$500.00. As in the years past, we will be purchasing Safeway gift cards with the donations and share the gifts with the less fortunate Asian families. The gifts will be distributed through the Asian Health Service Center. Please send your support toward this project ASAP if you have not done so already. Make your check out to C.A.C.A. CIF and mail to C.A.C.A. 11453 S.E. Hazel Hill Road, Clackamas, OR, 97086.



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