

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** 

Dear friends,

On behalf of the National Asian American Community Foundation (NAAC Foundation), we are writing to ask you to support our Inaugural ASPIRE Awards Gala on Friday, June 14, 2019, at the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa, California.

Jack Toan, Chairman

The ASPIRE Awards Gala is a celebration of excellence in Asian American representation and philanthropy. For this inaugural year,

we will be honoring:

Dr. Kenneth Kim

ANEESH CHAGANTY Filmmaker

Vivian Long

Aspire to Excellence Emerging Leader Award

Ruchi Warrier

CAROL & EUGENE CHOI

Founders, United Exchange Corp.
Outstanding Philanthropic Leadership Award

**BRIAN CHUAN** 

Senior Director of International and Domestic Markets, South Coast Plaza

Outstanding Philanthropic Partner Award

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DR. TAM NGUYEN

President, Advance Beauty College
Outstanding Philanthropic Catalyst Award

Carol Choi

**TEDDY ZEE** 

Producer, Teddy Zee Productions

Nithin Jilla

Aspire to Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award

Johanna Kim

Joanna Kong

are making substantive contributions to this country, they also face diverse challenges. Our communities are underserved, often given a proportionately smaller share of charitable funds, and our philanthropic efforts, both regionally and nationally, are fragmented. As a groundbreaking philanthropic initiative to unify AANHPI donors across the nation, the NAAC Foundation will play

Although Asian Americans and Native Hawaiians & Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) are the fastest growing population in the nation and

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a strategic role in enlarging and leveraging our philanthropic resources in order to create innovative collaborations and make sustainable investments to improve our communities and positively impact American society as a whole.

Susan Lew

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Ginger Sun

As the first ever national community foundation for the AANHPI community, the NAAC Foundation is a groundbreaking initiative with a vision to unify AANHPI philanthropists across the nation who empower communities across the country by harnessing the power of collective philanthropy.

Dr. Linda Vo

All funds raised from this inaugural gala will be going towards the empowerment of our communities and the founding of a powerful community institution for generations to come. Your generous donation will help us build a lasting legacy for the AANHPI community.

This event will be an exquisite black-tie celebration and is expected to have more than 300 guests, including some of California's most prominent philanthropists and leaders from the corporate, legal, finance and non profit sectors.

Enclosed are sponsorship opportunities. More information about the ASPIRE Awards Gala can be found at naacfawards.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sylvia Kim at skim@apcf.org.

Sincerely,

The NAAC Foundation Gala Co-Chairs

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