

Exemplary Community Volunteers

Philippine Nurses Association of Oregon & Washington

The Philippine Nurses Association of Oregon & Washington (PNAOW) was founded in September 2002 by a group of Filipino nurses who sought to assist other nurses by creating a strong and cohesive group that fostered continued personal and professional growth while also supporting the community. With the work of its more than four dozen



members, PNAOW has funded travel for medical relief missions; granted educational scholarships; helped feed the hungry through the Faith Café in Beaverton; raised funds for the organization's International Outreach Program for a housing project in the Philippines; and volunteered

to review immunization records and administer immunizations on behalf of the Oregon Department of Health. PNAOW members have also introduced "Taste of the Philippines" to the community by serving authentic Filipino dishes. To support its outreach programs, PNAOW holds fundraising events, including garage sales, dinner dances, bowling events, and more. To learn more, visit <www.pnaow.org>.

Van Lang Vietnamese School

The Van Lang Vietnamese School in Portland was founded in 1990. It currently serves 558 students with the help of approximately 100 volunteers. The school has six primary purposes: the preservation of the Vietnamese culture and language; instilling a sense of cultural values and pride within youth in the area; creating a healthy environment

where children can interact with others with the same values; promoting parental involvement in schooling; providing opportunities for activities (cultural events, camping, etc.) that promote skill building and team building; and providing academic support for



students through tutoring or scholarships. Vietnamese language and culture are taught every Sunday for two-and-a-half hours between September and June by a dedicated group of volunteer teachers. Since its inception, thousands of students have benefitted from services offered by the Van Lang Vietnamese School. To learn more, visit <www.vanlangoregon.org>.

(AR Photos/Jan Landis)

Nomination forms for the 2016 Exemplary Community Volunteer awards will be available January 1, 2016 and will cover volunteer efforts performed between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. For more information, visit <www.ARFoundation.net> or <www.asianreporter.com>.

PACCO awards four scholarships



At the 2015 banquet, the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon issued four scholarships, two in conjunction with the Future Connect program. This year's PACCO scholars are (front row, L-R) Raylene Monzon, Allysa Gonzales, Dessa Salavedra, and Kiara Mina. (AR Photo/Jan Landis)

The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO) also awarded scholarships at this year's Asian Reporter Foundation Scholarship & Awards Banquet.

PACCO, now in its 12th year of giving awards, issued four scholarships. Raylene Monzon and Allysa Gonzales received \$1,500 each, sponsored by Future Connect & PACCO, and Dessa Salavedra and Kiara Mina were issued \$500 scholarships

sponsored by PACCO.

High school seniors or current college students of Filipino descent who are legal residents of Oregon or southwest Washington are eligible to apply for PACCO scholarships. Awards must be utilized at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school in Oregon or Washington.

To learn more, call (503) 285-1994 or visit <www.pacco.org>.

AR Foundation Scholars



2015 Asian Reporter Foundation Scholars (left to right): Christina Kuang, Nhan Le, Nhu Do, Emma Nellor, Jia Wu, and Jenny Duong. (AR Photos)

Christina Kuang

Sponsored by the Oregon Lottery (\$2,000)

Christina Kuang, the daughter of Guan Hun Kuang and Zhu Yu Zhu, is at the top of her class at Franklin High School, where she has been president of the Red Cross Club, treasurer and editor of the Key Club, and vice president of Stop the Trade. In addition to working at her family's restaurant, Christina is a member of the constitution team, the Chinese and Vietnamese clubs, and Link Crew, and has served as a youth leader with the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO). She plans to study business administration and economics.

School. Among her many activities, she is an ambassador for the Center for International Studies and is a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, Class Council, and Girls ROC. Emma has also participated in volleyball, tennis, and bowling, and was awarded Scholar Athlete awards throughout high school. She plans to study social work or education.

Jia Wu

Sponsored by Comcast (\$1,500) & The Asian Reporter Foundation (\$500)

Jia Wu, the daughter of Junneng Liu and Song Wu, currently attends Franklin High School. Jia has been a member of the Vietnamese and Math Clubs and spent two years as Chinese Club president. In addition to caring for her younger siblings, she has worked as a Friends of Trees intern and volunteered with Red Cross Club, Key Club, the Multnomah Youth Commission, the Multnomah County Library, and the Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC). Jia plans to study biology.

Nhan Le

Sponsored by

The Asian Reporter Foundation (\$2,000)

Nhan Le, the son of Nhy Phan Le and Van Thu Thi Nguyen, is a senior at Madison High School. Nhan is active in his community and has volunteered his time through Blanchet House, AVID, Upward Bound, and Providence Health & Services. He is a member of school leadership, National Honor Society, and the Madison Red Cross Club, and has also participated in the ASE internship program at University of Portland. In the fall, he plans to study biochemistry and mathematics.

Jenny Duong

Sponsored by the City of Portland (\$1,000) & the Port of Portland (\$1,000)

Jenny Duong, the daughter of Le Le Tat, is currently a senior at Franklin High School. While at Franklin, Jenny has been a member of the Red Cross Club and Key Club, worked with the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), and volunteered for the Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC). Her other activities include Chinese Club, Vietnamese Club, youth leadership, and mock trial. She plans to major in health studies.

Nhu Do

Sponsored by Slayden / Sundt Joint Venture (\$2,000)

Nhu Do, the daughter of Vinh Pham, is in her senior year at Madison High School. Nhu volunteers with the American Red Cross and Portland Homeless Family Solutions and is active with Thien Sinh Buddhist Youth Group, the Vietnamese Community of Oregon, the Madison Viet Group, and other organizations. International studies is Nhu's chosen coursework.

David Ha

Sponsored by United Way (\$1,000) & Asian-Pacific Cultures Business Resource Group at PGE (\$1,000)

Senior David Ha currently attends David Douglas High School. David has served as an ambassador for the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference and has been on the robotics team, swim team, badminton club, science club, and Rocket Club. In addition to participating

Emma Nellor

Sponsored by the Northwest Health Foundation (\$1,000) & FamilyCare Inc (\$1,000)

Emma Nellor, the daughter of Marilou Nellor, is a senior at Fort Vancouver High

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