

AR Foundation Scholars



2017 Asian Reporter Foundation Scholars (left to right, top row down): Ryan Horiuchi, Phuong Nguyen, Nancy Nguyen, Whitney Warth, Dawa Gyalpo, Ayush Kumar, Yan-Tung Choi, Phuong Thao Ly, and Vivian Duong. (AR Photos)

Ryan Horiuchi

\$2,500 sponsored by the Oregon Lottery
 Ryan Horiuchi, a senior at Central Catholic High School, is the son of Rick Pasha Horiuchi and Eileen Horiuchi. He is captain of his school's lacrosse team and is a team leader on the football team. He has also worked at David Efaw Productions as a blackjack dealer and equipment mover. Ryan is a volunteer at the Blanchet House soup kitchen and has donated time to the Oregon Food Bank and The Grotto. At Central Catholic, he is a member of the Japan Club and National Honor Society. Ryan plans to study business administration at the University of Oregon.

Phuong Nguyen

\$2,500 sponsored by the Oregon Lottery
 Phuong Nguyen, daughter of Danh Thanh Nguyen and Van Thi Bich Pham, is a junior at Portland State University (PSU). She works as a server and sushi chef at Marinepolis Sushiland, teaches Vietnamese at the Van Lang Vietnamese Language School, and is a choreographer and leader for the Portland Community College (PCC) Vietnamese dance club. She also volunteers as a student coordinator for the Vietnamese Community of Oregon and has served as a student leader for the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, PCC's Vietnamese Club president, and a communication intern at the American Red Cross. In addition, she served as a STEAM Club coordinator in math and as a PCC club coordinator. Phuong is currently studying marketing at PSU.

Nancy Nguyen

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 Nancy Nguyen, the daughter of Thien and Hue Nguyen, is a senior at Central Catholic High School. She volunteers with Adventist Medical Center discharging patients and helping nurses, and has given her time to Randall Children's Hospital in the gift shop and helps students with homework at Portland After School Tennis and Education. At Central Catholic, Nancy is president of the Asian and Pacific Islander club, a peer tutor for National Honor Society, a cast member in the school's musical productions of *Godspell* and *All Shook Up*, a school ambassador, and was a member of the cross country team. She has attended Vietnamese school for 12 years and was also a traditional Vietnamese dancer at church. She plans to study civil engineering at Gonzaga University.

Whitney Warth

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 Whitney Warth, a senior at Central Catholic High School, is the daughter of William and Shelley Warth. She is president of Central Catholic's Japan club and serves as a peer tutor, peer mediator, and school ambassador. Whitney is on the varsity cheerleading squad, serving as its captain, and is a member of the Mock Trial team. Her volunteer activities include acting as a trainer and dispatcher for Adventist Medical Center and a team lead at the Oregon Humane Society. She has also volunteered with the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center as a greeter and guide and at her school and church as a lector and Eucharistic minister. She plans to study biology at the University of Oregon.

Dawa Gyalpo

\$2,000 sponsored by the City of Portland
 Dawa Gyalpo, the daughter of Lobsang and Ngawang Dhashi, is a senior at Central Catholic High School. She volunteers as a teacher at the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association (NWTCA) Tibetan language school, is a team leader on the Tibetan dance team, and is a peer tutor and peer mediator at Central Catho-

lic. In addition, Dawa has volunteered more than 250 hours for Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, and has also volunteered for the NWTCA speech and debate team, Oregon Food Bank, Providence Child Center, and other organizations. At Central Catholic, she is a member of the Asian Club, where she serves as co-president; Japan Club; Girls Alliance; the SADD club; and more. Dawa plans to attend the University of Oregon Honors College.

Ayush Kumar

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 Ayush Kumar, the son of Jai and Asha Kumar, is currently a third-year student at Concordia University, where he is an Honors Program member and is on the dean's list. In addition to his coursework, Ayush works at the Concordia University library, monitoring the circulation desk, cataloguing material, and more. He volunteers with Teacher Corps as a biology and math tutor, as well as at Providence Willamette Falls Medical Center as an emergency department volunteer, and has belonged to the Pre-Health Professionals Club for three years. He also participates in the Concordia University Ambassador Program and Hiking Club. Ayush is majoring in biology with minors in Spanish and psychology.

Yan-Tung Choi

\$2,000 sponsored by Travel Portland
 Yan-Tung Choi, the daughter of Lawrence Choi and Kitty Tsang, is a senior at Franklin High School. Among her many activities, Yan-Tung has volunteered with the Franklin High School Chinese Club, Key Club, Portland State University (PSU) Hong Kong Student Association, and the Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC) for cultural and fundraising events, and she has worked as a peer tutor for Impact NW. She has served in leadership positions for Chinese Club, Filipino Club, Link Crew, Key Club, Stop the Trade, and Red Cross Club; is a mentee for the Advance Scholar Program, Minds Matter Portland, and Education Talent Search; and is a member of the Vietnamese Club, National Honor Society, and more. Yan-Tung plans to study accounting.

Phuong Thao Ly

\$2,000 sponsored by the Port of Portland
 Phuong Thao Ly, a third-year nursing student at the University of Portland, is the daughter of Tuan Quoc Ly and Nga Thi Ninh. She volunteers at the Asian Health & Service Center, translating and interpreting medical information, and Adventist Medical Center, where she assists in patient escort and transport; tutors for the America Reads program; and serves as an advisor for Health Occupations Students of America. Phuong Thao works at Holladay Park Plaza on the wait staff and at Vermont Hill Family Life Center as a substitute and assistant teacher. In addition, she is a member of the Vietnamese Student Association and Circle K International.

Vivian Duong

\$2,000 sponsored by The Asian Reporter
 Vivian Duong, a senior at Battle Ground High School (BGHS), is the daughter of Hien Duong and Amy Huynh. Vivian's activities have included volunteering for Our Lady of Lavang parish and school, the American Red Cross, and other organizations. She is active at school, serving as treasurer for Health Occupations Students of America, secretary of the Health Sciences and Careers Club and Interact Rotary, and varsity captain of the track & field team. She also participates in the Running Start program at Clark College, which will earn her an associate's degree in June. Vivian plans to major in biology at the University of Washington.

PACCO awards two scholarships

The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO) awarded two scholarships at this year's Asian Reporter Foundation Scholarship & Awards Banquet. PACCO, now in its 14th year of giving awards, issued \$500 scholarships to Maria Schaljo and Brittney Pioquinto.

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.

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At the 2017 banquet, the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO) issued two scholarships. This year's PACCO scholars are Maria Schaljo (left) and Brittney Pioquinto (right). (AR Photo/Jan Landis)

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