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AAEDE's 2021 Scholarship Recipients







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By Kyle He

tarted in 2010 by former Administrative Assistant Kelly Lam, AAEDE's annual scholarship, consists of awards valued up to \$500 and \$1000, are given to high school senior applicants based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, and financial needs. Applicants are also required to answer numerous short essay prompts. After selecting suitable candidates, AAEDE invites them to a luncheon where AAEDE staff, school officials, and superintendents celebrate their accomplishments. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, AAEDE could not have the scholarship luncheon for 2020 and 2021. Nevertheless, AAEDE is honored to support these brilliant and talented students who are going after their academic careers.

Valley, such as Mark Keppel, Alhambra, Temple City, San Gabriel High school, and many more other institutions. Every year it is always a challenging task to select suitable candidates from all these applicants since each presented outstanding academic performance and compiled thoughtful and powerful essays. After carefully analyzing each applicant's academic performance and captivating personal stories, AAEDE selected 3 candidates. These scholarship recipients are: Danny Lin from El Monte High School who will be attending the University of California, Irvine, Megan Tieu from San Gabriel High School who will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles, and Nathan Tran from Temple City High School who will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles. Here, AAEDE wishes that everyone who applied for the scholarship will have a bright and successful future.

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The History of AAEDE~

sian American Economic Development Enterprises, Inc. began in 1977 by helping Chinese immigrants acclimate to their new environment and obtain financial security. It has since grown into a full-service 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to economic self-help for Asian Americans and others. Its activities include workshops and seminars, business assistance for beginning and fledgling enterprises, access to funding for growing ventures, information support for the business community, advocacy for small and minority firms, and individualized career consultation.

For more than 45 years, AAEDE has provided training and employment services to thousands of Asian Americans throughout Southern California while collaborating with government, not-for-profit organizations, and major corporations in providing programs.

In 2019, post-pandemic, AAEDE drew more than 1,000 attendees in workshops and seminars which covered topics from financial management and business growth to addressing legal issues associated with small business and other career ideas. AAEDE now also offers language-specific workshops in addition to its usual workshops in English.

avid Woo, founder and president of AAEDE describes the goals of AAEDE as the "Four E's": Employment, Education, Enterprise, and Excellence. Woo says, "AAEDE exists to help people find employment, to assist them in



David Bow Woo
Founder and President of AAEDE

getting the expanded education they may need to ensure their promotion and competence, and to assist them on the road to building a successful enterprise which will then, in turn, employ more Asian Americans."

"Dedicated to Economic self-help for everyone"



A Word From the Interns:

My name is Aaron Voong and I am an incoming sophomore majoring in Human Biology at the University of Southern California. I plan to change my major to Business Finance in the near future. This is the first time I am interning with AAEDE, and I am looking forward to building on teamwork, collaboration, and gaining experience in a professional office environment. I am looking forward to working with AAEDE, and the opportunity to build these important skills while helping out a community that I love at the same time.

AAEDE's 2021 Job and Career Fair~

By Yusen Wu

n Friday, August 20th, 2021, AAEDE hosted it's 10th annual Job and Career Fair at Almansor Court in Alhambra, CA. We had 68 different companies join us, in search of potential future employees, making the total number of people attending around 500. Some vendors that were in attendance included: FedEx, United States Postal Service, Bazic Products, and the Department of Rehabilitation to name a few. Assemblymember Ed Chau was also in attendance.

resume critiquing workshop was also held, so attendees may get their resumes professionally evaluated and printed. The workshop was sponsored by the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE) who provided the critiquers and the LA County Office of Education (LACOE) who provided the printers.

The image on the right is one of our vendors, Southern California Gas. The bottom right image is the attendees in the Salon room and the bottom left image is the attendees in the Lake View room.

his year presented itself with some new challenges, we needed to essentially host a large gathering of people and make everyone feel safe from COVID-19. We planned thoroughly, going over details to make sure we had proper precautions in place. Everyone was temperature screened before they entered the venue. Vendors were given bags with face shields, and KN 95 masks for their own protection. Attendees were given face masks and their own bottle of hand sanitizer. Automatic hand sanitizer stations were also at the entrance and exits of every venue for everybody's convenience.







Daniel Adrayan

A Word From the Interns:

My name is Daniel Adrayan, and I am a senior in Eagle Rock High School. This year would be my first time being an intern under AAEDE. Being here I hope to gain experience in a professional office environment, as well as to gain and develop skills when working in a team environment. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with AAEDE so I can develop these skills while also supporting a community that others are proud of.

olunteers from the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) also played a crucial role. The Volunteers were the ones in charge of taking temperatures, helping attendees register, and making sure everyone was taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Itimately, this year's Job and Career Fair was a success. In these uncertain times, it is important as ever to give back to the

community. Thank you to all of our partners: Chinatown Service Center, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN), Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE), LA County Office of Education (LACOE), Employment Development Department (EDD), WorkSource California, America's Job Center of California, and the office of Assemblymember Ed Chau. This event would have not been possible without our partners. We hope to continue this tradition and strive for an even better event next year.



The above image is a group of AAEDE's interns with Assemblymember Ed Chau. The interns are (from left to right):

Daniel Adrayan, Kyle He, and Yusen Wu

Giving Back to the Community~

By Yusen Wu

n the summer of 2019, COVID-19 struck the world damaging the economy, destroying local businesses, and hurting communities. Asian American Economic Development Enterprises quickly decided to focus all it's efforts to provide relief to the surrounding communities. We donated 42,000 standard disposable face masks, 11,300 disposable masks for kids, 11,200 alcohol wipes, 2,600 face shields, and 1,800 bottles of hand sanitizers to senior citizen centers, medical centers, foodbanks, and schools. We also partnered up with Via Care and to sponsor 600 COVID-19 tests and vaccinations. Testing ran for two days in October and we were able to identify 7 positives.

This year, as students all around shift back to in-person learning, we decided to focus all of

our donations on our local schools. Schools needed to be equipped with supplies to ensure that the transition from online to in-person would be as safe as possible. We primarily donated to the school districts of Los Angeles, Alhambra, and Rosemead. In total, we donated over 40,000 standard disposable face masks, over 1000 disposable masks for kids, some face shields, and automatic hand sanitizer dispensers to the three districts.

ur interns were responsible for organizing these donations. They contacted the different schools and scheduled meetings for delivery to ensure the safety of both parties. Overall, the donations were a huge success and were hopefully able to positively impact the community.





The top right image is a picture of Intern Kyle (second from left) and Intern Yusen (first to the right) with Rosemead School District Executive Assistant and staff. The top left image is a picture of Intern Kyle (right) and Intern Aaron (left) donating face masks at Alhambra Unified School District.



A Word From the Interns:

My name is Yusen Wu, and I am currently an incoming sophomore majoring in Electrical Engineering at the University of California Irvine. This is my first time working with AAEDE, and I hope to develop my communication skills, learn how to work in a team better, and ultimately make a positive impact in the 626. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity to serve the same community which has given me so much joy, and look forward to working my hardest to make it an even better place.

Future Events: COVID Updates and Best Practices for Retail Food Facilities

By Kyle He

ith restrictions lifted due to the increasing population of those vaccinated, more people began to go to grocery shops, markets, and convenience stores, and many restaurants started to offer dine-in options to customers. However, these retail food facilities now encounter a new challenge other than facing more customers in person; maintaining food safety under the influence of the Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID). To assist these restaurants in understanding the impact of food safety under COVID and how to preserve food safety under COVID requirements, the Asian American Economic Development Enterprises (AAEDE) partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Environmental Health Division (DPHEH), the Alhambra Library, Chinatown Service Center (CTSC) and the Pacific Asian Consortium in Education (PACE) for a presentation on COVID Updates and Best Practices for Retail Food Facilities. It will be held on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The seminar is unique in that it is a hybrid event: participants can attend virtually via Zoom, or in person. The in person portion of the seminar will be held at Reese Hall in the Alhambra Library (101 S 1st St. Alhambra, CA 91801).



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COVID Updates and Best Practices for Retail Food Facilities

DATE: **October 19, 2021** TIME: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm IN-PERSON LOCATION:

Reese Hall Alhambra Library 101 S 1st St. Alhambra, CA 91801

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A Word From the Interns:

My name is Kyle He, and I'm going to be a junior-year applied mathematics major at UCSB. Last year was my first time working with AAEDE, and I learned numerous skills in office administrations and customer services and improved my communication skills among the team in the office. This year, I hope to achieve a better experience relating to the physical works that the internship contains, such as the Career and Job Fair. Through these upcoming events, I wish to enhance my roles as part of a team through close interactions with team members and support the community that I have lived in for years. I'm grateful for having this opportunity of working with these awesome coworkers while contributing to our local community.

Recap and Future Events~

By Yusen Wu

ach new year presents a whole new set of challenges that we have to be ready for. Asian American Economic Development Enterprises is constantly evolving. We are always striving to be bigger and better for the community.

e host annual Job and Career Fairs in August, always trying to do better than the previous. This year's fair was nothing short of a bumpy road. COVID-19 is still a big obstacle, we needed to think about how to space people out, what extra precautions we needed to take, and things we needed to do to make everyone feel safe.

espite these challenges we were able to host a very successful event given the circumstances. 69 companies were at the event, we had a vaccination truck from Chinatown Service Center, and assemblyman Ed Chau made an appearance. 500 people were at the event, blowing our expectations out of the water. Next year, we hope to host an even bigger event and of course with all the necessary safety precautions.

n addition to the Job fair, we have also donated over 40,000 masks, face shields, and face shields to the school districts of Rosemead, Alhambra, and Los Angeles. We are now working on a seminar about Covid regulations for the food industry. This workshop will be for restaurant owners to learn more about state regulations for food, to ensure the safety of consumers. The seminar is set to happen sometime in the near future.

nother thing we are working on is making our website better. We ultimately want our website to be a place where people can look for jobs, which is one step towards our goals of becoming a full-service nonprofit organization.



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