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AAEDE's 2019 Scholarship Recipients



By Jacky Shum

STARTING back in the year of 2010, the annual AAEDE scholarship was started by our former Administrative Assistant, Kelly Lam. Each year, AAEDE continues this tradition and awards \$500 and \$1000 scholarships to a number of high school seniors based off of academic merit, financial need, as well

as the quality of their required essays. Upon selection, scholarship winners were invited to celebrate at a luncheon in which AAEDE staff, Superintendents and school officials gathered to meet the winners.

The AAEDE scholarship luncheon this year was held at Sage Bistro in Alhambra, California. It was truly a pleasure meeting all the

scholarship recipients in person, talking to them about their future goals in college, their exciting summer plans, as well as having the chance to meet some of their family members and friends. who had supported them along the way. Each individual had their own amazing, unique personalities that they had persevered with and carried on with them

towards success.

For this year, the AAEDE scholarship recipients were: Leonides Catarino, Elton Chan, Vanessa Huang, Kevin Le, Cassidy Liu, Edward Tran, Sammy Wu, Wendy Wu, and Meiyin Zhang. Congratulations to this year's winners and we look forward to next year's batch of talented individuals!

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A WORD FROM THE ADMINISTRATION



Ann Tsuchiya

My journey with AAEDE started 5 years ago, when I was very fortunately offered an internship with the company. Since then I have had the opportunity to learn many valuable communication and teamwork skills, while also gaining a variety of experience in many different office tasks. I also have made many connections that will be very important in the

future. The summer AAEDE internship is a very valuable program for youth because it allows for a hands-on experience of essential basic skills that are integral for their futures. The internship fosters a learning environment conducive to drawing out the maximum potential for personal growth. I would not have become the person I am today if it had not

been for this wonderful opportunity and for that I am eternally grateful. I hope to continue to pass on this excellent learning opportunity and experience to the future.



Grace Gao

My name is Yuan Gao (Grace). I am originally from China. I have been working as an administrative assistant at AAEDE since December 2016. AAEDE is a full-service non-profit organization dedicated to economic self-help and empowerment for Asian Americans and others. I have learned some highly valuable skills at AAEDE:

Improved communication, team work, office administration, and customer service. I am also a part-time student at Alhambra Medical University majoring in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. My wish is to be a Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner someday. "Giving is always more delightful than receiving." I hope

that both my current and future work can be the vehicle for me to provide quality services to my community.

The History of AAEDE~

A Asian American Economic Development Enterprises, Inc. began in 1977 by helping Chinese immigrants acclimate to their new environment and to 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 40 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 2004, 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.

David Woo, founder 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 getting the expanded education they may need to



David Bow Woo
Founder of AAEDE

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"**



Nicholas Yeh

A Word From the Interns:

My name is Nicholas Yeh and I am from Alhambra, California. I am currently attending Cal State Poly Pomona as a third year. I am currently majoring in computer science major. This is my third year at

AAEDE and their goal of helping the San Gabriel Valley community is truly inspiring. Being a part of this amazing organization has not only given me insight on my own community but allowed me to

improve my own community. My favorite part about interning for AAEDE would have to be collaborating with skilled individuals to create something that could possibly impact and/or change someone's life.

AAEDE's 2018 Career & Job Fair~



MAKING AN IMPACT: Congresswoman Judy Chu gives an encouraging speech to the community at the job fair.



TIME TO UPGRADE Attendees of the job fair have the opportunity to have their resumes refined by professionals.

By Jacky Shum

On Thursday August 16th, 2018, AAEDE hosted its 7th annual Job and Career Fair at the Almansor Court in Alhambra, CA. Various vendors from various industries came to the event and an abundance of interested job seekers attended. Some of the vendors who

had come included: FedEx, Los Angeles County Police Department, UPS, Acuity Eye Group, Bank Of America, Basic Products, Caltech, and the Department of Rehabilitation, just to name a few.

Throughout the duration of the event, a Résumé Critiquing workshop was also held. Here, attendees

could have their résumés corrected by individuals well-versed in writing résumés. Attendees were also allowed access to various print stations to print out the newly corrected copies to hand out to employers on the spot.

“Hosting a variety of different companies and vendors!”

This year for the 2019 job fair, we will be passing out free tote bags in or-

der to raise awareness for the event like last year's fair. Thank you to all of our wonderful partners, as well as the participation of the various vendors, job seekers and AAEDE summer interns for, once again, creating another successful event! We hope to continue this tradition of excellence again next year!



Ernest Tse

My name is Ernest Tse, I am from Alhambra, California. I am going to be a second year at Cal Poly Pomona and I will be majoring in Civil Engineering. This is my second year interning for AAEDE and from

this internship I have learned a lot about communication skills and assisting our community. The internship has taught me a lot about the real world and how communication within a team of people is really important. It

ranges from calling companies to helping out kids at the library. I am for sure looking forward to learning more skills as well as honing the ones I have already learned during my time here.

A Word From the Interns:



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COMING TOGETHER:
Attendees of the
AAEDE job fair gather
in the Lake View
Room at Almansor
Court.



Jacky Shum

A Word From the Interns:

My name is Jacky Shum and I am currently a second year communications major at the California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo. This is my second year interning at AAEDE and I am extremely grateful for this internship as

it has allowed me to meet and work with wonderful new people as well as giving me the opportunity to develop my communication and graphic design skills. Even though I already have two years under my belt as an intern, I still feel

as if I have so much more to learn from this job and every day is a brand new learning experience. this organization has inspired me that anyone can give back to the community and make a difference in the world.

Food Safety Seminar 2019

By Nadia Wu

When you visit a restaurant or a retail food establishment in the Los Angeles County, there will be a laminated letter - A, B or C- greeting you at their store front. Have you ever stopped to question how these letters are given? Or wonder if they can they tell you something about the cleanliness and safety of the establishment you are about to enter? While the implications of these grades mirror that of report cards in school, there is a system of state and federal laws, concepts of food safety and trends in the industry that are taken into consideration.

With that in mind, the Asian American Economic Development Enterprises, Inc. (AAEDE) partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health- Environmental Health Division (DPH-EH) and Southern California Edison to hold the Retail Food Inspection & Regulation Seminar. This was held on July 18, 2019 at the Hilton, San Gabriel with free admission and afternoon snacks. The goal: to aid restaurant and retail food owners and employees in keeping their establishments safe, healthy and sustainable.

To accomplish this, the afternoon began with the 49th district Assemblymember Ed Chau's opening remarks. This emphasized the relevance of food inspections and regulations to public health. But it was Mr. David Chun, the Chief Environmental Health Specialist for the Consultative Services of the



STEPPING UP: AAEDE Intern Nadia Wu leads the food seminar and introduces Assemblyman Ed Chau to the stage.

DPH-EH, who delivered the "meat" of the seminar.

First, the role of the Consultative Services in carrying out the Retail Food Inspections was discussed. He also enumerated various Critical Major and Minor Violations and how they are applied in the Grading and Point Deduction System. Next, he went over the Food Safety Requirements and Food Handler Card Laws. To end it off, Allen Cheng and Adriana Miranda of the Consultative Department as well as District Chiefs Cindy Chen, Gail Morison and Ken Habardas accompanied Mr. Chun in answering questions and giving input during the Q&A portion.



Alex Kan

A Word From the Interns:

My name is Alex Kan and I will be entering my junior year at UCLA. As a first year intern, I am grateful to AAEDE for providing me with an incredible experience. Interning at AAEDE has not only developed my communication skills

and taught me the value of teamwork, but also emphasized the importance of serving the community. It has been a great pleasure to work alongside my colleagues as we dedicated our time and effort in making our 8th annual job

fair a success. I am appreciative of AAEDE for the opportunity to grow within a professional environment and I plan to apply these skills I've gained from this experience towards my future endeavors.

About 40 different restaurant and supermarket employees and even curious individuals attended this seminar. They seemed to be engaged in the topic and were not hesitant to raise questions or request for clarification on particular points. Though the organizers had hoped that more of the 2,700 food establishments present in the Los Angeles had sent a representative to attend, they are nonetheless happy that those who did left the venue (hopefully) equipped with a better understanding on how and why they need to take certain steps to keep their establishments safe for the community.



TAKING A BREAK: AAEDE Staff work at the registration and check-in table for the food seminar. Interns were expected to help set up and accommodate the guests and prepare for the seminar.



David Taing

A Word From the Interns:

Hello, my name is David Taing and I am currently a second year political science student at the University of California, Riverside. This is my first year interning at AAEDE and I have been given such great opportunities

to cooperate and communicate with my fellow peers in order to accomplish a common goal. These past few months have been filled with responsibilities such as organizing the agenda for our food safety seminar, contacting potential vendors

for our job fair, and even helping out at the local library. I am extremely appreciative for being given the chance to work at this amazing non-profit organization and plan to utilize what I learned from this experience in the real world.

Library Summer Reading Program 2019

By Jacky Shum

Beginning Monday June 26, 2019, AAEDE Interns also acted as volunteers for the new summer reading program at the local Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library.

AAEDE Interns went to the library four times a week from Mondays to Thursdays with alternating times. Following a strict semi-formal dress code interns had to attend training at the library before they were allowed to become volunteers for the summer reading program. At the training, tutors were taught a number of tricks and skills in order to learn how to properly serve the community. At the

“Working together to shape the community”

summer reading program, interns are split off into groups of two depending on the day of the week. The main responsibilities of the volunteer interns were to manage the registration and regulate the summer reading

program. They were placed at the front desk and had to check in children signed up for the program.

One big incentive for kids to partake in this summer reading program was to acquire prizes based on their level from reading on their own. In addition to keeping track of the summer reading registry, the interns were also expected to maintain order in the library and to assist the librarians with whatever was



Jacky Shum

KEEPING IT CLEAN: AAEDE Intern David Taing walks around the library to push in chairs and clean books.

TO DO LIST:

- Sign up for the Summer Reading Program for FREE!!
- Have your child read in order to enhance their academic level
- Free prizes are available to encourage academic success!
- Invoke a love for reading in your child through this program!



Nadia Wu

A Word From the Interns:

Hailing from an archipelago in the Pacific Ocean: I am Nadia Wu! Because I grew up in the Philippines, interning for AAEDE this summer definitely put me out of my comfort zone. But I am really glad to be exposed to the verbiage and etiquette of communicating with

various employers, the ins and outs of event planning, and even having to deal with kids and their parents during my library shifts! AAEDE empowered me to practice communication, teamwork, and professionalism with my colleagues and our event partners.

However, as a food technology major, the most pleasant surprise was the opportunity to head the Retail Food Inspection and Regulation Seminar planning and the fulfillment that came with having a part in an advocacy I believe in.

needed at the time. This included library maintenance such as cleaning books, pushing in chairs, and folding brochures. On occasion, interns were also expected to translate for the librarians and also to assist visitors in any way possible. At the end of the summer reading program, interns were also expected to attend and volunteer at the summer pool party to play with kids and host numerous activities. Volunteering at the library allowed AAEDE and Interns to better connect and give back to the community and proved an effective way to provide service to others, exemplifying the core principles of the company.



TAKING A BREAK:

AAEDE Interns Ernest Tse and David Taing inspect a book after cleaning. Interns were also expected to clean books.



Johnny Ching

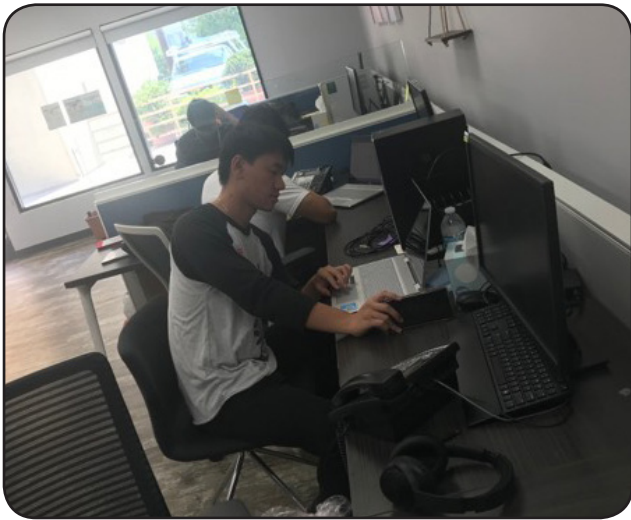
A Word From the Interns:

Hello, my name is Johnny Ching and I am from the neighborhood of Lincoln Heights in Los Angeles, California! I am going to be starting my freshman year at the University of California, Los Angeles and I will be majoring in applied

mathematics. This is my first year interning at AAEDE, and I have already learnt so much from the internship and my amazing co-workers. As an aspiring aerospace engineer, being in this non-profit organization inspired

me to believe that giving back to the community is one of the first steps to making a difference in the world. I'm forever grateful for having the opportunity to work with AAEDE and such awesome people.

Upcoming Events and Goals~



MAKING CONNECTIONS: AAEDE intern Corey Pong diligently contacts vendors in preparation for the job fair.



SPEAKING UP: AAEDE works with other members of the community to provide informational seminars for others.

By Jacky Shum

After another successful year of events for Asian American Economic Development Enterprises, the company shall continue to grow and contribute to the community with a variety of events as we have done so before. Exemplifying our core values, and striving to

“Striving to be bigger and better for the community”

improve ourselves as well as our community, we shall be hosting our annual job fair in August 16th Friday, 2019 at the Alhambra Almansor Court. In hopes of making the event bigger and better than before, we will be renting out an extra room Palm court room. This year we took a different approach to advertising with

the use of billboards and online digital impressions across various social media platforms such as Facebook, and Twitter to spread the word. Working with our business partners to further our outreach, AAEDE hopes to maintain close professional relationships as well as to develop new ones with future partners.

This year, with our increased number of interns compared to last year, we are now aiming for over 120 vendors to attend the job fair. After the annual job fair we will also prepare for a business related seminar working with our partners to discuss proper business tactics and to address different situations regarding bank loans and etc.



Corey Pong

A Word From the Interns:

My name is Corey Pong, and I'm from Lincoln Heights in Los Angeles, California. I am going into my first year at UCLA and I will be majoring in pure mathematics. This is my first year interning for AAEDE, and I'm extremely thankful to them.

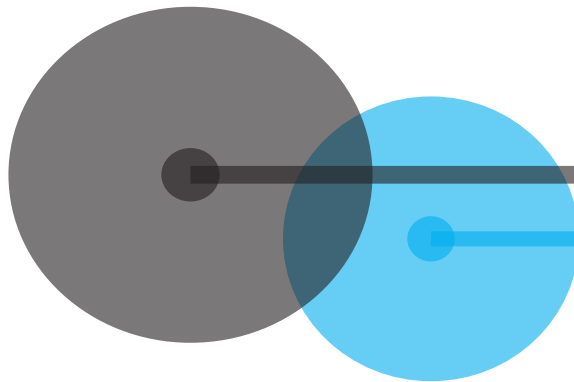
From it I've learned about the importance of communication, teamwork, as well as helping the community. We were given such tasks as emailing companies, planning out the job fair together, or just helping out at the local library. I am

truly grateful to have been given such an opportunity to meet and work with such great people and help the community.

2019 AAEDE SUMMER INTERNS



BANDING TOGETHER: (Left to Right): Alex Kan, Johnny Ching, Jacky Shum, Corey Pong, Nadia Wu, Jason Nguyen, Nicholas Yeh, Ernest Tse, David Taing.



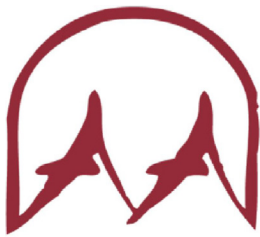
Jason Nguyen

A Word From the Interns:

My name is Jason Nguyen, and I am from Los Angeles, California. I am an incoming freshman at the University of California, Los Angeles and I will be majoring in Applied Mathematics. I was very fortunate to be accepted as an intern

for AAEDE and I have had a wonderful experience these past few months. Not only have I developed my communication skills, which is something I've been hoping to do, I've also learned how to work in a team better by planning the Job

Fair event with my fellow interns. These improvements in my communication and teamwork skills are things I hope to utilize to find success in my next chapter of life at college.



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