



# ENTERPRISE

## AAEDE's 2020 Scholarship



By David Taing

**B**ack in 2010, former Administrative Assistant Kelly Lam started our annual AAEDE scholarship which consisted of awards valued up to \$500 and \$1000 that were given to high school seniors. These awards are given based on academic achievements and financial need based on essays answering prompts that were given to them. Upon selection,

winners are invited to a luncheon where AAEDE staff, school officials and superintendents celebrated their accomplishment.

**U**nlike previous years, the AAEDE scholarship luncheon this year was unable to be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020. Nonetheless, It was truly a pleasure to support such diligent students in their academic careers going into college. This year, we had students from

all across the San Gabriel Valley apply for our scholarship. Hailing from Mark Keppel, Alhambra, Temple City, San Gabriel High School and much more, applicants provided strong and powerful essays that made the process of choosing winners much harder than usual. Captivating personal stories and reasons of motivation narrowed the winners down to only 5.

**T**his year, the AAEDE scholarship recipients

were: Camille Rodriguez from Montebello High School (UCLA), Nushrat Ezra from Alhambra High School (UCLA), Cindy Vong Mark Keppel High School (Northwestern), Jason Gonzales from San Gabriel High School (Yale), and Zoe Hsu from Temple City High School (Yale). We wish everyone who applied a bright and successful future.

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## 2 Virtual Online Job Fair



By Jacky Shum

On August 28, 2020, AAED worked to provide the community with our annual job fair. This year due to COVID-19, we were unable to host our job fair in person and we were forced to adapt to learning a brand new interface in order to connect the community online.

As of summer 2020, our website and domain was officially launched as [aaede.info](http://aaede.info) and updated to reflect our mission and goals as a nonprofit based organization. From now and towards the future, we will be fully utilizing our website as our main source of community outreach, organizational updates, and the platform for future events.

In cooperation with LA-JOB SNOW, DTS, DL Solutions, PACE, EDD and America's Job Center of California, Asian American Economic Development Enterprises was able to host an online virtual job fair this year through our website.

The interns contacted various employers to attend the job fair, recruiting many unique companies and organizations. In total we had 22 different employers. The Employers were as followed: Allied Universal, Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc, CA Dept of Tax and Fee Administration, Community Development Commission, San Gabriel Police Department, WellsFargo, Caltech, Department of Rehabilitation, Kelly Services, Athens Service, Culinary Staffing Service, Los Angeles Job Corps, The Celebrity Boss, Personal Assistance Service Council, United States Army, Toshiba, Sterling General Security Services Inc., and YMCA.

Through this year's virtual online job fair, we hope that many of the attendees and employers were able to take this chance and form new connections to gain access to new career opportunities.



**MAKING CALLS:** AAED Intern Jacky Shum make calls to potential vendors about the online virtual job fair.



### A Word From the Interns:

My name is Surya Ram and I am from the Montebello area in Los Angeles. I am an incoming junior majoring in Software Engineering at San Jose State University. This is my first year interning at AAED, and I look forward to gaining

communication, analytical, and team building skills. Having heard about the goals and past deeds of this organization, I hope to have a positive impact on the community just like everyone else here. Given the current situation


of COVID - 19, I hope to make an even greater impact on the community by donating and reaching out to anyone in need. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to intern here and look forward to helping out the community.

By Jason Nguyen

**A**sian American Economic Development Enterprise remains dedicated towards the development of young brilliant minds. This year our organization has donated \$5000 for the 2019-2020 year towards nurturing high school students at Lincoln Heights High School through the Lincoln High Mentoring Program.

**T**he mentoring program at Lincoln Heights is called the Lincoln Heights Education Project and supports students towards academic achievement. While also giving students financial support, the program's main goal is to provide preparation for college, offer career guidance, and facilitate personal growth. Along with these values, the program also exposes the kids to new experiences such as taking them on campus tours or museums. Occasionally the program also allows students to have the chance to demonstrate leadership skills through meetings and participation in events. In addition, students meriting achievement are also able to share their experiences with the program and are able to display their success in a monthly newsletter.

**A**sian American Economic Development Enterprises looks forward to working with the Lincoln Heights Education Program in the future and will continue to help students work hard to achieve their dreams.



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Jason Nguyen

## A Word From the Interns:

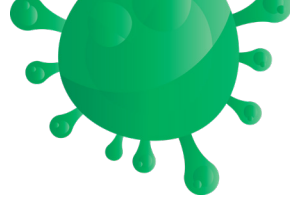
My name is Jason Nguyen, and I'm an incoming sophomore majoring in applied mathematics at the University of California Los Angeles. This will be my second year as an intern for AAEDE, and I feel that I have gained a plethora of knowledge and skills from my first

year, ranging from improved communication skills and better teamwork, to learning how to compose business emails and making calls with other businesses that we would like to work with. The non-profit aspect of AAEDE and the sheer generosity and care that my fellow coworkers

and boss demonstrate towards our community is truly inspiring, and I look forward to working with this great group of people once again this summer— especially during these truly trying times where the community needs all the help it can get.



# 4 COVID-19:



By Jacky Shum & Surya Ram

**C**COVID-19 was first identified in Wuhan China in 2019 and was officially identified on Feb. 11, by the World Health Organization. While there have been different types of Coronavirus cases in the past, COVID-19 is considered an entirely new breed of coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. While the exact source of the virus is unknown, the origins of the virus are suggested to have emerged from animal reservoirs. The virus is able to survive in aerosols for hours and on surfaces such as stainless steel, plastic, and cardboard for days. Symptoms of the virus include: Fevers

**"The virus is able to survive in aerosols for hours and on surfaces..."**

or Chills, Coughs, Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. Symptoms may also lie dormant for up to two weeks before showing signs of COVID-19. Even more so, the virus may be spread during the virus' asymptomatic incubation phase. As the world struggles to develop a vaccine to battle the pandemic, there are many preventive measure people may take to stall the spread of the virus.

Sources: CDC.gov ; <https://doi.org/10.1002/psb.1843>

The USA has about 5.8 million cases as of late August and is quickly nearing 6 million. The number of deaths in the USA are 179 thousand cases. The spread of this disease has not seemed to stop and is only a matter of time till more fatalities occur. LA County itself has a total of 235 thousand cases which rounds out 34% of California's cases. The next closest county is Riverside which only has 7.4% of the state's cases which is a monumental difference when compared with LA County. The total number of deaths rounds out to around 5660.

Sources: CDC.gov ; <https://doi.org/10.1002/psb.1843>

Schools have had the most impact due to the virus. Students have been forced to adjust to online learning which is a huge step to become accustomed to. Out of 50 states, 40 of them have ordered schools to shut down for the entire year. Schools in LA County have shifted towards online learning completely which ensures the safety of students and faculty. Some universities such as the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill opened for the fall semester but have been quickly shut down as 130 cases of COVID-19 were reported within the first week. Universities around the US have primarily online classes with the exception of some labs happening in person while adhering to the social distancing guidelines

Sources: CDC.gov ; <https://doi.org/10.1002/psb.1843>

## Breakdown of COVID-19:



Kyle He

### A Word From the Interns:

My name is Kyle He, and I am going to be a second-year applied mathematics major at UCSB. This summer is the first time I'm interning at AAED, and I am very nervous but also passionate about experiencing the untouched field of office works. I'm hoping

to learn skills such as office administration and customer services and improve my communication skills among the team in the office. Although COVID-19 has drastically diminished the physical work that the internship has, I can learn more about

online office work and communications with companies with email and use these essential experiences to advance the technological future. I am appreciative to be in the AAED internship since the skills and knowledge I will have are valuable to my life.

# Preventive Measures:

By Corey Pong & Kyle He

**P**reventing the novelty COVID-19 virus is similar to preventing other diseases such as the common cold. While the virus does have a low overall fatality rate of 3.1% in the United States, we must remember that that percentage differs between different age groups. For example, the fatality rate among those in the age group of 75-84 years old is 220 times the rate of the 18-29 year old group. The virus is, however, extremely infectious, and can lead to many more deaths if not handled properly. Therefore, it is imperative that we do what we can to help prevent the spread of the disease.

**T**o prevent the spread of COVID-19, it is important to know how the virus spreads. The Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) states that the virus is mainly spread from person-to-person who are in close contact with each other. Respiration droplets are produced when a person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land on the mouths and noses of those who are around or be inhaled into their lungs.

**B**ecause infected respiratory droplets can spread so easily, the CDC recommends covering one's mouth and nose with a mask when around other people. This protects not only yourself but also others in the case of an infection. In addition to wearing face masks, the CDC suggests following a few extra precautions in order to greatly reduce the risk of contracting and spreading the virus to others. First off, wash your hands for at least twenty seconds

## You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself & others.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.

prior to preparing or eating food and especially after being in a public place. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands. Second, avoid close contact and maintain about six-feet apart from others. This is important for those who are at a much higher risk of contracting illnesses. On top of that, cover your coughs and sneezes especially in public. Third, when around frequently used objects or surfaces, make sure to thoroughly disinfect them daily or before use. Lastly, the CDC recommends that you monitor your health daily and to be aware and alert of the symptoms of COVID-19 as described from before.

**O**verall, while these common practices may seem out of the ordinary for some, it can also be the difference between life and death when dealing with such a pandemic.

Sources: CDC.gov; coronavirus.jhu.edu/



The spread of COVID-19 and layoffs has impacted numerous aspects of our life. Employees have been fired, businesses have closed down, and some people have lost their families. In the past month, there have been countless COVID-19 case clusters primarily in the eastern and southeastern part of the USA. 2 major outbreaks came in LA county at Television City and USC. Due to this, they have had to shut down and move operations fully online.



**Johnny Ching**

Hello, my name is Johnny Ching and I am from the Lincoln Heights area in Los Angeles! I am starting my sophomore year at the University of California, Los Angeles in applied mathematics. This is my second year interning at AAED, and I have already

## A Word From the Interns:

learnt so much from the internship and my amazing co-workers. As an aspiring aerospace engineer who wants to change the world, being in this non-profit organization led me to understand that giving back to the community is one of the first steps to making a difference;

especially during these tumultuous times. I'm forever grateful for having the opportunity to work with AAED and such awesome people to give a helping hand to our local community in Monterey Park and beyond.

# 6 AAEDE In Response to COVID-19

By Jason Nguyen and Surya Ram

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic in the summer of 2020, Asian American Economic Development enterprises remains dedicated to the community and believes that the need to help others is more important than ever before. Normally, our focus as a nonprofit organization is to bring the community closer together through seminars, volunteer work, and career fairs over the summer. However, this year we decided to tailor most of our efforts towards helping the members of our community rebound from the pandemic crisis as quickly as possible.

With a returning team of dedicated and hardworking interns this summer, AAEDE's working conditions were forced to adapt to the pandemic. Interns were required to follow a strict rotational schedule for days they could come into the office to follow CDC guidelines. First thing in the morning when they would come in is get their temperature tested for symptoms of the virus and were always required to wear a mask inside and outside the office. Interns also had to adapt to working remotely and online video meetings were required to ensure teamwork.

AAEDE's main goal this summer was to organize COVID-19 donations for other organizations in our community that we thought would benefit greatly from receiving PPE supplies. organizations in our community that we thought would benefit greatly from receiving PPE supplies. These organizations included heavily impacted areas such as senior citizen centers, medical centers, and food banks. We also targeted the schools and school districts who demonstrated high need for such supplies, including the Alhambra Unified and Rosemead Unified school districts in order to help support the precious students and staff who would be attending in the upcoming fall season. AAEDE put forth a budget of 30k in order to procure a significant amount of donatable supplies. We decided to shift the majority of our efforts towards the schools as they had one of the highest risks of spreading the virus, and we at AAEDE highly value the safety and prosperity of all in the education system. Over half of the budget was dedicated

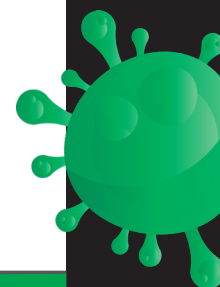


**MAKING AN IMPACT:** AAEDE Intern Surya Ram finishes delivering his donations to Optimist Youth Homes Center.

towards the aforementioned school districts as well as two low-income schools in the East Los Angeles area where low-income families were highly prevalent (Albion Elementary School and Abraham Lincoln Senior High School).

These supplies included 42,000 standard disposable facemasks, 11,300 kid-sized disposable masks, 11,200 alcoholic wipes, 2,600 face shields, and 1,800 bottles of hand sanitizers. From then on, we contacted various organizations in order to set up drop off dates for the supplies. Our interns, clad in protective equipment, were also responsible for delivering such resources to the rendezvous points. Overall, the donations were a huge success and hopefully was able to positively impact the community in these times of need. On the next page, are some of our donation adventures.

AAEDE is also currently working with the Office of Hilda Solis, and supervisor of LA county to sponsor COVID-19 Testing from hotspots in the San Gabriel Valley.



**Jacky Shum**

## A Word From the Interns:

My name is Jacky Shum and I am currently a third year communications major at the California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo. This is my third 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.



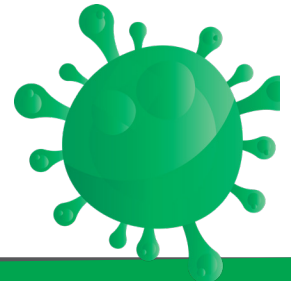
# PPE Distribution Summary

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- 13.9k towards food banks, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters, and medical centers, non-profits
- 4 food banks: Heart of Compassion, Orange County Food Bank, Valley Food Bank, Interfaith Food Center
- 2 medical centers: Kei Ai, Alhambra Medical University
- 2 misc.: Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services, First Baptist Church of Alhambra
- 2 senior centers: Atherton Baptist Home, Senior Center Transportation
- 1 non-profit: The Midnight Mission
- 15.7k towards schools and school districts
- 2 low-income schools and 2 school districts (Alhambra Unified, Rosemead Unified, Abraham Lincoln Senior HS, and Albion Elementary)
- Albion Elementary has close to 97% of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals (Source: EdData - School Profile - Albion Elementary )
- Abraham Lincoln HS has close to 96% of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals (Source: EdData - School Profile - Abraham Lincoln Senior High)
- Alhambra Unified has close to 63% of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals (Source: EdData - District Profile - Alhambra Unified)
- Rosemead Unified has close to 81% of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals (Source: District Profile - Rosemead Elementary )

Special Thanks to Prima Travel, Inc. for donating 2000 disposable masks to the community!



## A Word From the Interns:



**Corey Pong**

My name is Corey Pong, and I am an upcoming second year, majoring in applied mathematics, at the University of California Los Angeles. This is my second year interning for AAEDE, and although I did gain plenty of skills and experience from last year, I feel that

there is much more for me to learn this time around. This internship has allowed me to not only meet and work with different people from around the community but it has also allowed me to learn more about the community itself. Being able to help the community,

especially during the ongoing situation, has shown me the importance of giving back and what a difference that can make for everyone. I look forward to working with this organization along with my fellow interns to continue helping the community.

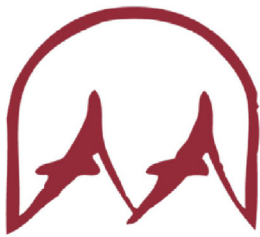


**David Taing**

My name is David Taing and I will be a third year political science student at the University of California Riverside. This is my second year interning for AAEDE and even though I have been accustomed to the culture and workspace, I am still learning new things about the people I

work with and the new tactics to increase efficiency around the office. The internship has taught me the value of community and unity from the events this year. Donating to various locations during the co-viD 19 crisis has made me realize the importance of love and passion that

society needs still exists during such problematic times. Collaborating and even sharing laughs with my coworkers have been the one of the many highlights of my summer during this internship and I only hope to have more in the future.



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**A**sian 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 2019, 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,



**David Bow Woo**  
**Founder of AAEDE**

Enterprise and Excellence. Woo says, "AAEDE exists to help people find employment, to assist them in 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."