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## First Annual San Diego Mayoral API Student Award 2015





Special Recognition for  
Outstanding API Students

**Mayor Kevin Faulkner**  
San Diego City



10:00am \_ 12:00 Noon  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Mayor Office  
202 "C" Street, Floor 11  
San Diego, CA 92101



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by

**Chris Cate**  
San Diego City Councilman



12:00Noon \_ 12:30 PM  
Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Council Chamber  
202 "C" Street, Suite 12  
San Diego, CA 92101





### **City Mayor Reception:**

- 10:00am    Group gathering
- 10:10am    Tour of City Hall
- 10:30am    Reception at the Conference Room
- 11:00am    Mayor's greeting and awards presentation.
- 11:30am    Conclusion by staff

### **City Council Reception:**

- 12:00 pm    Convene at Hall of Council Chambers
- 12:05 pm    Welcome to Council Chambers  
Presentation of Certificates
- 12:10 pm    Councilmember Chris Cate speaks  
Q&A with Councilmember Chris Cate
- 12:25 pm    Photo opportunity with Councilmember Chris Cate
- 12:30 pm    Excused from Council Chambers



Julia An Folkl, 8th Grade  
Marshall Middle School.



- \*Overcoming DNET brain tumor and seizure condition
- \*San Diego Legacy Travel Softball, 2014-2015
- \*Scripps Ranch All Star Softball, 2010-2014
- \*Appeared as nonspeaking role in movies & TV shows,
  - Glee & Fresh off the Boat, 2015
  - Sam and Cat, 2014
  - Alexander The Horrible No Good Day, 2014

Kim Phan, Senoir  
Del Norte High School



- \* President of Business Club for 3 years
- \* Member of National Honor Society
- \* Member of Chamber Choir
- \* 2014 Interned at ThoughtSTEM Game Coding
- \* 2010-2014 volunteered at Annual Breakfast with Santa at Paradise Valley Rec Center.
- \* Volunteered at Feeding America & Food Bank
- \* 2015 summer internship at Palomar Hospital

Andrew Vu, 8th Grade  
Carmel Valley Middle School



- \* 2015 San Diego Symphony's "Best and Brightest of Young Musicians"
- \* 2015 Performed at Shiley Theater (winner of MTAC San Diego Concerto Competition)
- \* 2014 Performed at Carnegie Hall (winner of American Protege International Competition of Romantic Music)
- \* Dedicatedly serves at libraries, senior homes, community events, and as principal accompanist at St Therese Youth Choir.

Brandon Ishikata, Senior  
San Diego State University



Winsome leadership, theater lights and an honors Liberal Studies major, Brandon is a Student Affairs Fellow who received the JACL Kakehashi Youth Exchange Scholar 2014 and awarded the Dr. Roy K. Tanaka Continuing Education Scholarship. He will pursue his teaching credential and Master's degree to become an elementary school teacher.



Eric Chen – Senior  
Rancho Bernardo High School



Eric is a musician, leader, and scholar. Having played marimba and vibraphone for the Rancho Bernardo I Royal Regiment for four years, he became percussion section leader this year, and helped them attain a nearly perfect marching season record. This year he also served as co-president of Christ on Campus.

Maggie Chen – Senior  
Rancho Bernardo High School



Maggie has earned the Silver Star Award every semester for academic excellence. Maggie participates in National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and swim. Outside of school, Maggie is a Pathmaker intern at the Palomar Hospital. She is also a project leader in her temple's youth group, where she helps coordinate children's summer camp.

Patrick Lin – Senior  
Canyon Crest Academy



Patrick is an active leader aware of global affairs, as the current Co-President of Canyon Crest Academy's award-winning Model United Nations club. With the passion to help others, he serves as the VP of San Diego's Tzu Chi charity youth group, and strives to pursue solutions to the world's health issues.

Terry Shih – Senior  
Westview High School



Terry has been playing alto saxophone in the school's Westview Gold Marching Band for four years, and he is an AP Scholar with Distinction of the College Board. His community service includes volunteer at Taiwanese American Conference-West Coast, Taiwanese American Community Center of San Diego, and San Diego Food Bank.



Brian Vuong, Senior  
Scripps Ranch High School



Editor-in-chief of Youth of "We Chinese in America", TA for Huaxia Chinese School's AP class, and a tutor for recent Southeast Asian immigrants. Brian is also an active volunteer at the San Diego VA Hospital. He has received awards at city, state, and international piano competitions. Brian will be attending Brown University this fall

Emily Chen, Senior  
La Costa Canyon High School



She lives with her parents, Wei and Suwen, and brother Michael and plans on studying applied mathematics in college. She's greatly involved in her community through her school's math club, track team and church youth group. She will attend Harvard University in the fall

Bowen Du, Senior  
Rancho Bernardo High School



Bowen Du is actively involved in academics and community service, and strives to be well-rounded by fostering an eclectic array of hobbies and interests. Bowen will be attending the University of Southern California as a Trustee Scholar in fall..

Jane Huang, Junior  
Del Norte High School



Through her roles as a coach of Science Olympiad and president of Academic League, she enjoys inspiring those who otherwise lack resources to develop a passion in academics. Jane avidly volunteers in her community, such as at the animal shelter and fundraising events.

Anisa Kasi, Junor  
Torrey Pines High School



Anisa Kasi volunteers her time at Kaiser Permanente. She spends each week helping patients. The feeling of accomplishment when seeing patients smile is indescribable and Anisa hopes to continue to make as many patients as possible smile.

Kyle Kole, Junior  
University of California, San Diego



Kyle Kole majors in mathematics and economics, and minors in business. He instructs mathematics at UCSD Bingham Student Employee Scholarship Lao American Coalition board member Kyle assists the Lao community cultural events.

Kalvin Thongrivong, Junior  
Grossmont High School



Kalvin Thongrivong plays two varsity sports Member of Lao American Coalition (LAC). Volunteering includes cultural celebrations and neighborhood cleanups.

Breven Honda, Sophomore  
James Madison High School



Balancing academics, athletics and activities, Breven brings a high level of leadership involvement both on and off the field.

- \* President's Educational Excellence Award
- \* JV and Varsity Cross Country Team and Baseball Team
- \* N. City Youth Baseball Jason Taylor Memorial Award
- \* President of Sangha Teens, Religious Chairperson and 2nd VP



Charmagne Enriquez, Senior  
Mount Carmel High School



- \* Varsity Cheerleader
- \* Varsity Basketball
- \* Varsity Gymnastics
- \* ASB, AVID Club Secretary/AVID Student
- \* Community Service: Part-time for local franchise outlet

Chelsea Gonzales, Senior  
Mira Mesa High School



- \* Varsity Cheerleader
- \* Community Service: Volunteers for Good
- \* Shepard Catholic Confirmation class
- \* Part-time student employee for local franchise outlet

Christopher Torejas-Lords, Senior  
San Ysidro High School



- \* Varsity Football
- \* Junior Varsity Football
- \* High School Theater Arts-Actor
- \* Reality Breakerz Dance Crew Member (2014)
- \* Community Service: Volunteers at Public Library, and Student Aide for High School

Christopher DeGuzman, Junior  
La Jolla High School



- \* 2013 Far West Ski Association champion in slalom and giant slalom competitions
- \* Frosh Football Team
- \* Frosh Baseball Team
- \* JV Baseball Team
- \* Dean's List
- \* San Diego Whale Watching Cruise Boats



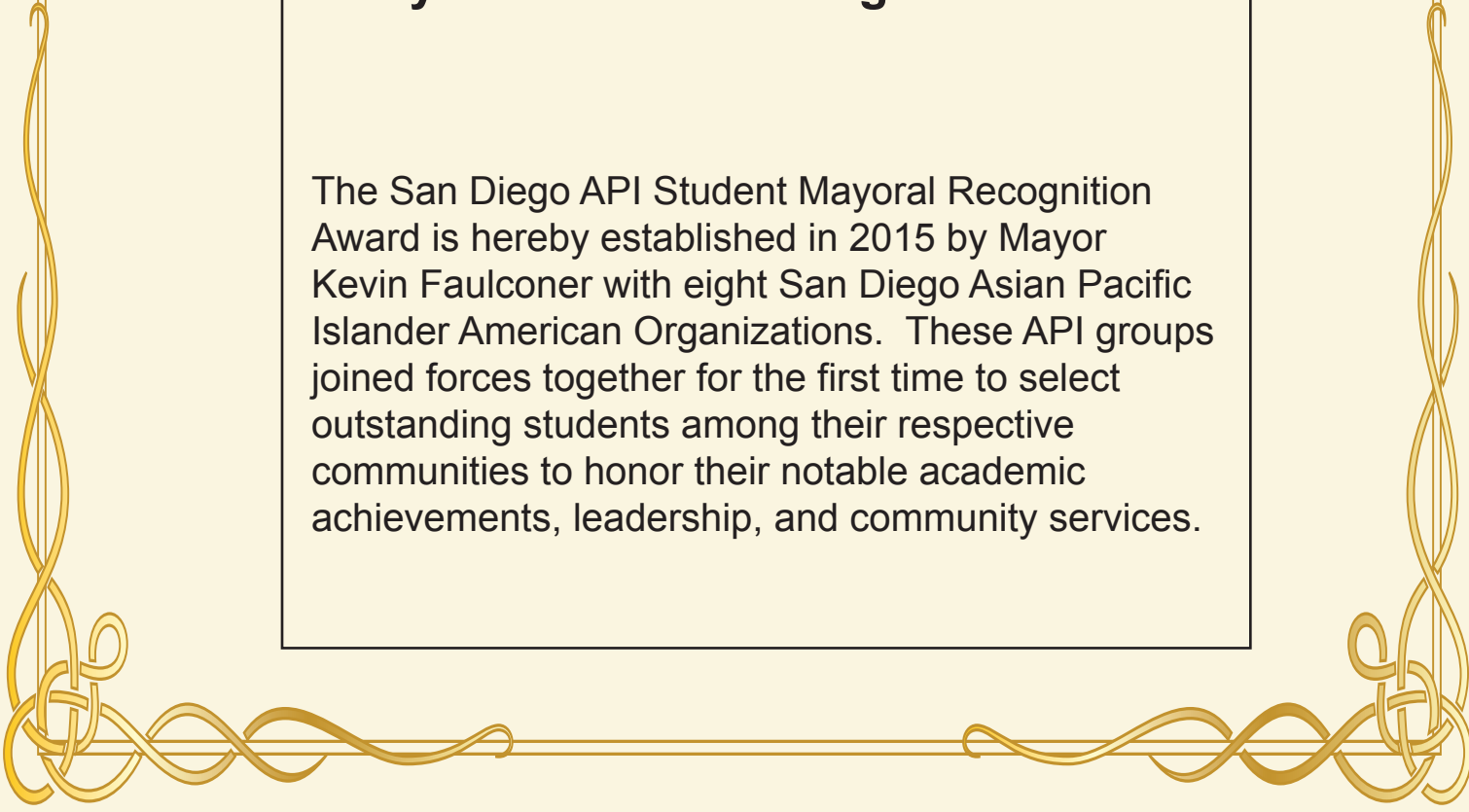
# **Appreciation**

**Anthony George  
Connie Viado**

In appreciation of your support and leadership in this project

## **Mayoral Student Recognition Award**

The San Diego API Student Mayoral Recognition Award is hereby established in 2015 by Mayor Kevin Faulconer with eight San Diego Asian Pacific Islander American Organizations. These API groups joined forces together for the first time to select outstanding students among their respective communities to honor their notable academic achievements, leadership, and community services.







### **Asian Pacific Islander community organizations :**

Vietnamese American Voters Alliance

Lao American Coalition

Taiwanese American Foundation of San Diego

Japanese American Association

San Diego Asian Americans For Equality

Pangasinan Association of San Diego

Pagasa-Tumainisha-Esperanza-Hope

Concerned Filipino American Club of San Diego

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