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APAPA Welcomes Class of 2024 CA Spring Interns

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) is pleased to announce that 70 students have applied and 20 students have been admitted to our National Spring Internship Program, Class of 2024. APAPA has selected a bipartisan group of legislators at the California State Capitol to host the current class.

Each year, more than 200 students participate in APAPA's National Internship Program in partnership with chapter leaders and elected officials. In our 23rd year, APAPA has opened the doors for thousands of students to participate and learn more about civic engagement and the legislative process of government. The APAPA National Internship Program runs four sessions each year, Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, with college students throughout the country.

"The national internship program has grown tremendously over the years and we are so proud that students from all walks of life have applied to our coveted program," **said Andrew Kim, APAPA National Program Director.** "During the course of the internship, our students are given valuable opportunities to do research for the API Legislative Caucus in California and other states, and work on policy and issues that could ultimately make a positive impact in our community."

"More than 20 years ago, APAPA had a vision to open doors of opportunity for minority students, and provide them with mentors that include elected officials and their staff," **said CC Yin, APAPA Founder.** "Our students have gone on to pursue successful careers in many fields, including public service."

Some of APAPA's internship success stories include Christine Miyashiro, consultant for the California State Assembly Budget Committee, and Jacob Francisco, district representative for Assemblymember Lori Wilson.

APAPA, founded in 2001, has grown into a nationwide organization with more than 50 chapters across the country, from Sacramento to Washington, D.C. with the national headquarters located in Sacramento. We are a community-based, non-profit, non-partisan organization focused on increasing API leadership and civic engagement at the local, state, and national level through voter registration and education, internships, and civic leadership programs.

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