

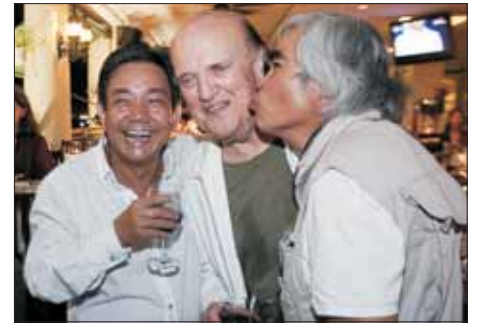
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## 12th Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet



**ENTRANCED IN DANCE.** Selina Shakya entertains a crowd of 500 people with a stirring solo performance of an ancient Nepalese dance at The Asian Reporter Foundation's 12th Annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet. Our special section highlighting the accomplishments of the 2010 awardees begins on page 12. (AR Photo/Eugene Wong)



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## USCIS releases redesigned green card

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has redesigned the Permanent Resident Card — commonly known as the “green card” — to incorporate major new security features. The green card redesign is the latest advance in USCIS’s ongoing efforts to deter immigration fraud.

State-of-the-art technology incorporated into the new card is designed to prevent counterfeiting, obstruct tampering, and facilitate quick and accurate authentication.

“Redesigning the green card is a major achievement for USCIS,” said director Alejandro Mayorkas. “The new security technology makes a critical contribution to the integrity of the immigration system.”

The enhanced features are designed to better serve law enforcement, employers, and immigrants, all of whom look to the green card as definitive proof of authorization to live and work in



**SECURITY MEASURES.** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has redesigned the Permanent Resident Card — commonly known as the “green card” — to incorporate major new security features designed to prevent counterfeiting, obstruct tampering, and facilitate quick and accurate authentication. (Photo courtesy of USCIS)

the United States. Among the new features are holographic images, laser-engraved fingerprints, high-resolution micro-images, and other additions intended to prevent reproduction.

Tighter integration of the card design with personalized elements will make it difficult to alter the card if stolen, according to USCIS. Radio Frequency Identification capability has also been added to help customs and border protection officers read the card from a distance and compare it immediately to file data. Finally, a preprinted return address will enable the easy return of a lost card to USCIS.

In keeping with the card’s nickname, it will now be colored green for easy recognition. USCIS will replace Permanent Resident Cards already in circulation as individuals apply for renewal or replacement.

To learn more, call 1-800-375-5283 or visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

## Oregon health insurers offer coverage early to young adults

Many young adults in Oregon, including recent college graduates, will not have to wait until the federal health reform bill takes effect later this year to stay on their parents’ health plans.

The new federal healthcare law requires insurance companies to allow adult children to stay on their parents’ plans until age 26 for plans sold or renewed after September 2010. However, Oregon’s seven largest health insurers — which make up more than 90 percent of the private health insurance market in Oregon — are enacting dependent coverage early.

“This will provide peace of mind for at least some graduating college students

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**ASIAN ARTISTRY.** Vietnamese Buddhist Youth Association Minh Quang lion dancers (left) and a young member of Hula Hālau 'Ohana Holo'oko'a perform for the crowd at The Asian Reporter Foundation's 12th annual Scholarship & Awards Banquet. (AR Photos/Eugene Wong)

## AR Foundation celebrates venerable elders, promising youth, and civic-minded volunteers

By Julie Stegeman  
The Asian Reporter

For the 12th year running, The Asian Reporter Foundation brought together members of the community to pay tribute to wise elders and exemplary volunteers as well as award scholarships to deserving youth at its scholarship and awards banquet, held last month at Portland's Legin Restaurant.

Emceed by *Asian Reporter* columnist Ronault L.S. "Polo" Catalani and his wife, artist Nim Xuto, the banquet was attended by 500 members of the Asian community and its supporters. "We come from many traditions and many generations, we come from many worlds and many backgrounds, we are newcomers, we are old-timers," said Joseph Santos-Lyons of the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon during the banquet's invocation.

Following the invocation, *Asian Reporter* publisher Jaime Lim — introduced by Polo as "a kind of grand elder, not only to Filipinos but to Asians in general" — thanked the sponsors of the banquet and the six-course feast of Chinese food began arriving at the tables of hungry banquet attendees.

The first honorees were the three women who received awards as Most Honored Elders. With three very different immigration stories, the women — Myrna Boyce, Angie Collás-Dean, and Niang Go Cing Kim —

have in common their love of family and a shared interest in giving back to the community.

Eleven scholarships of \$1,000 each were presented by The Asian Reporter Foundation to deserving high school and college students to help with tuition at colleges in Washington and Oregon in the fall. Four more students were presented scholarships by the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon for \$500 each. The U.S. Navy awarded one final scholarship to Huy Van Huynh to pursue studies at the University of Oklahoma.

The event wrapped up with four area organizations that were bestowed with the Exemplary Community Volunteer award — the Association of Bhutanese in Oregon, the Associations of Burmese Communities in Oregon, New Portland Colored Pencils, and ORIENTED.COM. The groups have provided the community with valuable support ranging from opportunities for business networking to assistance for newly arrived immigrants to encouragement of traditional and contemporary arts.

Interspersed among the award presentations were Asian cultural performances, which were as varied as the countries they originated. The initial offering was a playful and energetic lion dance by the Vietnamese Buddhist Youth Association Minh Quang. Following were dances, including a lively Bollywood-style number,

by the Mt. Tabor Middle School Multicultural Performers and hula evoking the relaxed feel of the islands by Hula Hālau 'Ohana Holo'oko'a.

The final performances of the evening were much more serious in tone and presented by Nepalese and Bhutanese dancers of the Dance Mandala Group. Selina Shakya gave a stirring solo performance of an ancient Nepalese dance adorned with a necklace and headdress of skulls, her body moving with great deliberation and grace, almost appearing to be moved by an unseen hand. Last to perform was a group of Bhutanese students who, according to Polo, eschewed homework the previous evening to practice their graceful number.

The evening's offerings also included gift bags — reusable bags from banquet sponsors — filled with back scratchers, wellness books, complimentary tickets to AsiaFest 2010, refrigerator clips, and more for all attendees. A silent auction, several raffle items, and chocolate-dripped fortune cookies — some containing an invitation to pick up a scratch-it ticket from the Oregon Lottery for an opportunity to walk away with some cash in hand — rounded out the event. In addition, after the event's program was concluded, DJ Max provided music for the banquet attendees who had a mind to try out their moves on the dance floor.

To learn more about The Asian Reporter Foundation, visit <[www.ARFoundation.net](http://www.ARFoundation.net)>.

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**COMMUNITY TREASURES.** Banquet attendees witnessed the presentation of Most Honored Elder awards (top photo) and were entertained by (second photo from top to bottom photo) the Mt. Tabor Middle School Multicultural Performers, the Dance Mandala Group, and Hula Hālau 'Ohana Holo'oko'a. (AR Photos/Tommy Meanea, Jan Landis, and Eugene Wong)

## Most Honored Elders



**VENERABLE WOMEN.** The Asian Reporter Foundation's Most Honored Elders for 2010 are (left to right) Myrna Boyce, Angie Collás-Dean, and Niang Go Cing Kim. (AR Photos/Eugene Wong and Tommy Meanea)

### Myrna Boyce

Myrna Lourdes Pasion Boyce was born February 26, 1937 in Laoag, Ilocos Norte, the Philippines. Named after the American actress, Myrna Loy, she was the only daughter in a family of six children.

When she was 10 years old, her family immigrated to Hawaii, where her lawyer father, Adriano Pasion, opened the first Filipino consulate in Hawaii, eventually becoming consul general for Hawaii and Seattle.

Mrs. Boyce received degrees in social work and psychology from the College of Holy Names in San Francisco. She married Ransom Boyce, a native New Yorker, in 1969. They raised two sons, Dwayne and Wayne, and are proud grandparents of three grandchildren.

Mrs. Boyce is passionate about keeping Filipino culture alive in the U.S. and continues to organize folk dances at community events. In 1982, she became the first woman president of the Filipino-American Friendship Club of Oregon, a position for which she was re-elected in 2004. She also co-organized a book drive to send books collected from the Tigard School District to the Philippines.

Among her many activities, Mrs. Boyce teaches church-sponsored English-as-a-Second-Language classes in the Hispanic community,

volunteers as a lunch server at the Tigard Senior Center, and is the only private citizen to serve on the board of the Tigard Police Department for the selection of applicants for its police force.

### Angie Collás-Dean

Angie Collás-Dean was born October 20, 1931 in Manila, the Philippines to Juan Damocles Collás and Soledad Martinez Garduño. She earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Humanities from the University of the Philippines in 1955.

She immigrated to the U.S. in 1960 and married Bruce Goring Dean on August 8, 1961. Ms. Collás-Dean earned a master's degree in drama from Baylor University in Texas in 1962. The couple raised two children, Heather and Jennifer.

Angie moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1968 and became very active in the Filipino-American and Asian communities. She was a founding member of the Filipino American Association in Eugene, the Eugene-Springfield Asian Council, the Asian American Foundation, and the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO) — for which she served as the first president. She also owned a small business, Philippine Party Foods in Eugene, from 1984 through 1996.

Ms. Collás-Dean became the first Filipino on the Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs in 1995. She completed a successful Oregon trade mission to the Philippines in 1997, the first of its kind.

### Niang Go Cing Kim

Niang Go Cing Kim was born October 16, 1928 in the city of Maymyo, Burma, the only girl in a family of five children. At the young age of four, she became disabled due to a medical error.

After the Japanese invasion of Burma in 1942, Mrs. Kim moved to her native Chin state. Unable to read or write, she turned to sewing and knitting to earn a living. In 1950, she was awarded the title of Best Dressmaker. She married Sb En Za Lang and they had six children. A devout Christian, Mrs. Kim brought the gospel to remote areas of the country. She moved to Malaysia in 2006, immigrated to the United States as a refugee in 2008, now lives in Portland with her eldest son, and has 15 grandchildren.

Mrs. Kim is a member of the City Bible Church, serves as a senior citizen group leader for the church's Burmese Fellowship, and was a leader for the Zomi Christian Fellowship women's organization for two years. She has also published a biography.

Many thanks to the sponsors of our annual banquet.



## Exemplary Community Volunteers

### New Portland Colored Pencils

New Portland Colored Pencils was founded in December 2008 by an all-volunteer leadership council to create an ongoing venue for immigrant and refugee artists who would otherwise have given up traditional and contemporary arts under resettlement pressures. The organization is run by a 16-member council representing Chinese, Thai,



Filipino, Indo, East Indian, Viet Kieu, Latino, Palestinian, Iraqi, Somali, Togo, African, and Anglo communities. Headed by Nim Xuto, New Portland Colored Pencils strives to bridge the gap between newcomer and ethnic minority artistic communities and Portland's mainstream arts organizations and encourage cross-cultural cooperation. To this end, it has organized and produced 14

monthly events featuring arts, performances, and ethnic cuisine in north, east, and southwest Portland venues. The events have included traditional and contemporary artists representing 26 local ethnic communities originating from four continents, five religious traditions, three generations, all gender orientations, and the area's homeless, renters, and homeowners. To date, the group has hosted 2,247 Portlanders at its gatherings. To learn more, visit <www.coloredpencilsart.com>.



### ORIENTED.COM

ORIENTED.COM is a global network of international professionals of all ethnicities interested in Asian business and culture. Founded in greater China in 2002, ORIENTED.COM has expanded to North America, Australia, and Europe. The Portland chapter, which was founded in 2006 and is currently led by co-organizers Tracey Lam



and Gloria Jung Adeboi, hosts ORIENTED Happy Hours on the last Thursday of each month, enabling members to network face-to-face, exchange information, and build meaningful relationships among people interested in Asian business and partnerships. Happy Hours gatherings are held in Portland, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Taipei, New York, the San Francisco Bay area, London, and Sydney. Proceeds from the events benefit Asian

nonprofit organizations. The group also posts a community events calendar, e-mails newsletters, and has a community outreach program that promotes the activities of its more than 30,000 worldwide members and serves as an information clearinghouse for organizations around the world that share its common goal of helping Asian communities. The group has more than 300 members in the Portland metropolitan area and actively recruits individuals of excellence who adhere to high standards. To learn more, call (503) 481-9454 or visit <www.oriented.com>.

### Association of Bhutanese in Oregon

The Association of Bhutanese in Oregon is a confederation of Portland's four newest immigrant associations comprising Nepali Hindus, Bhutani Buddhists, and two other smaller ethnicities. Although the organization does not represent constituent communities, it is the working body engaged by the Immigrant and Refugee Community



Organization (IRCO), the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), and the Portland Office of Human Relations. Bhutanis began arriving in the Portland area in late 2008 and early 2009 — after being expelled by the king of Bhutan and living in refugee camps in Nepal for 15 years. After finding few available jobs and shrinking community services, a number of young leaders

emerged — Raju Subedi, Chabilal Sharma, Rekha Koirala, and Som Subedi — and formed the Association of Bhutanese in Oregon to support resettlement of Bhutan refugees, build a new common community identity, maintain cultural identity, and empower community leadership for effective engagement with local schools and governments. The association has been working with IRCO and APANO in the last year. To learn more, call (503) 823-4426.



### Associations of Burmese Communities in Oregon

The Associations of Burmese Communities in Oregon — a confederation of several ethnic and religious Myanmar refugee communities — supports resettlement of Burmese refugees, maintains community cultural identity, and empowers community leadership for effective engagement with local schools and governments. The groups



forming the Associations of Burmese Communities in Oregon have several distinct and overlapping histories, beginning with earlier-arriving communities organizing in 2000 to the latest newcomers' mutual assistance projects starting in 2009. The group advocates before public policy bodies and provides direct relief to immigrant families seeking refuge from the Burmese inter-ethnic war. Examples of the group's volunteer

activities include providing driver training to families resettled in far-east Portland outside the mass transit loop, trading and buying low-cost computers for kids to access the internet, transporting to and translating at local emergency rooms, keeping kids engaged in educational and community service activities during at-risk times, and forming empowerment groups for young women. To learn more, call (503) 823-4426.

AR Photos/Jan Landis and Eugene Wong

Nomination forms for the 2011 awards will be available January 1, 2011 and will cover volunteer efforts performed between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. For more information, visit <www.ARFoundation.net> or <www.asianreporter.com>.

## We are the people we serve



**Meet Thomas Ngo,**  
Communications Specialist  
Community Affairs

Thomas Ngo's parents were Vietnamese refugees that came to the US during the Fall of Saigon in 1975. They started from scratch, but maintained a hard work ethic that became the foundation of a middle-class family. With a combination of scholarships and parental support, Thomas graduated from the University of Portland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and philosophy.

Thomas began working as an intern at TriMet in the summer of 2005 and returned every summer before becoming a communications specialist in 2008. The experience ignited his passion for sustainable transportation. "I enjoy using my background in communications and marketing to help maintain and expand one of the world's best public transit systems."

Thomas is a 2004 AR Scholarship recipient.

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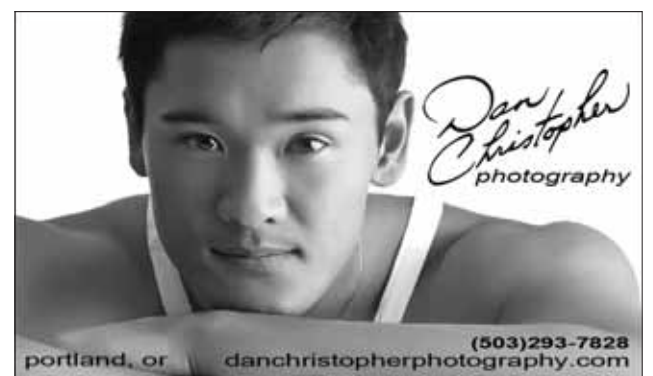
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## Asian Reporter Foundation Scholars



2010 Asian Reporter Foundation Scholars (left to right): Xiaona Chen, Anthony Nguyen, Diem-Chau Le, Jessica Truong, Joanne Suguitan, and Nini Tran. (AR Photos)

### Xiaona Chen

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Xiaona Chen, the daughter of Ru Zhang Chen and Lilian Chen, is a senior at Parkrose High School. She is the captain of her school's varsity tennis team and has played varsity volleyball and junior varsity basketball. She is a member of the National Honor Society, played violin with the school orchestra, and attended the Chinese Language School for three years. Her volunteer activities include helping with Portland State University's Vietnamese Student Association and the China Night event as well as working booths at Chinese New Year celebrations.



### Anthony Nguyen

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Anthony Nguyen will graduate from David Douglas High School in June. The son of Thach Nguyen and Nguyet Vu, Anthony is the captain of the David Douglas High School swim team — which in 2008 won the Oregon State 6A high school swimming champion — competed on the school's water polo team for four years, and played saxophone in the school's band. He has volunteered for the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) and for the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) working at fundraising events, community forums, and other civic-engagement activities and functions. He has also volunteered as a tutor, helping children with their homework while their parents

attended English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes.



### Diem-Chau Le

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Diem-Chau Le, the daughter of Nhut Le and Loan Vu, currently attends Portland State University (PSU). A first-year student majoring in Chinese, she is also working toward an International Studies: East Asian major. Diem-Chau volunteers as the secretary for the Kids for Kenya committee and as a children's library assistant and is a participant in LEX: Japanese Language Exchange. She studies the *guzheng* (Chinese zither), has learned to play the *dan tranh* (Vietnamese zither), and participates as a dancer in a number of venues, including for the Japanese Society as well as for PSU's China Night, Japan Night, and Korea Night festivals. She has also worked as a school lunch program and summer reading program volunteer, a junior counsellor for the Bethal Drop-in Center, and in restaurant services for Palm State Gumbo.



### Jessica Truong

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Jessica Truong, daughter of Hai Truong and Mai Nguyen, will graduate from Tigard High School in June with plans to study physical therapy in the fall. She has served in leadership roles with the Asian Club, is a member of the Key Club and National Honor Society, and participated in varsity track and field. Her volunteer

activities include assisting at Adopt-A-Street, the Tigard Library, and Love Letters to the Sick, and she has served as a peer attorney in peer court. She has worked as a math tutor and a camp counsellor at Outdoor Science School and DARE Camp, a classroom assistant for Markham SUN School, and at the Children's Village Day School.



### Joanne Suguitan

\$1,000 sponsored by State Farm Insurance

Joanne Suguitan is in her second year attending Portland Community College (PCC). She has been on PCC's President's List for two terms, the Dean's List for five terms, and the Honor's List for one term. She works as an on-call substitute teacher at West Hills Learning Center and as a student assistant at the Student Success Center. She also volunteers at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic and acts as an English conversation partner for the Student Success Center. She is a member of Samahan — a Filipino American Student Association — and the International & Immigrant Women Student Club and has been a student senator for Associated Students of PCC. Joanne is the daughter of Rogi and Jenny Suguitan.



### Nini Tran

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Nini Tran, the daughter of Thuong Tran and Tuyet Anh Huynh, will graduate first in her class at David Douglas

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**PACCO and the U.S. Navy award scholarships**

The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO) and the U.S. Navy also awarded scholarships at this year's Asian Reporter Foundation Scholarship & Awards Banquet.

PACCO, now in its seventh year of giving awards, issued four scholarships. Each student received a \$500 scholarship and complimentary tickets to the banquet. Recipients included Aiman Al Khachi, Nikki De Leon, Jessica Madarang, and Ashley Tiongson.

High school seniors or current college students of Filipino descent who are legal residents of Oregon or southwest Washington are eligible to apply for PACCO scholarships. Recipients must be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school in Oregon or Washington. To learn more, call (503) 522-3620, e-mail <jun@pacco.com>, or visit <www.pacco.org>.

Also present at the annual banquet was the U.S. Navy, which awarded a scholarship for studies at the University of Oklahoma to Huy Van Huynh. Huynh's scholarship is a four-year award worth up to \$180,000.

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**Asian Reporter Foundation Scholars**



2010 Asian Reporter Foundation Scholars (left to right): Katherine Huynh, Jennifer Lo, Thanh Ta, Camille Moyers, and Edward Pham. (AR Photos)

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High School. Nini is a member of the National Honor Society and was nominated to the National Society of High School Scholars. Her school activities include playing flute in the school band, participating in varsity tennis, and acting as vice president of Key Club. She attends Our Lady of Lavang language and religion school, and some of her volunteer activities include working as an escort desk operator at Adventist Medical Center and as a Vietnamese interpreter for a pharmacy.

**Katherine Huynh**

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Katherine Trang Huynh will graduate first in her class at Madison High School in June. She promotes healthcare awareness as a volunteer with Health Occupations Students of America, is the president of the Red Cross Club, is a member of the Key Club and National Honor Society, and volunteers for the Academy of Sciences and Natural Resources. Her school activities include soccer, dance team, and varsity tennis and track and field. She is also a published poet and featured artist at her school and in the local community. Katherine is the daughter of Dorothy Pham and the late Tung Kim Huynh.

**Jennifer Lo**

\$1,000 sponsored by TriMet

Jennifer Chur-Kun Lo, the daughter of Calvin and Su-Qun Lo, will graduate from Franklin High School in June. Jennifer is the concertmaster for her school's orchestra; vice president of the Chinese Club; treasurer of the National Honor Society; a Link Crew Leader, acting as a mentor to freshmen; and serves as an ambassador for eighth graders, helping them learn about high school. She has attended the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association's Chinese Language School and is a lion dancer and musician with the Lee's Association Lion Dance Team. She volunteers at the Multnomah County Library as a branch assistant and in the summer reading program along with participating on the library Teen Council.

**Thanh Ta**

\$1,000 sponsored by Providence Health & Services

Thanh Hoang Ta will graduate from Madison High School in June. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a volunteer coordinator for the Red Cross Club. She has played on the varsity tennis team and the junior varsity soccer team and has served in leadership roles with Health Occupations Students of America. She has been a member of the Au Co 1 Vietnamese Dance Group and the Madison High School Dance Team. Her volunteer activities include the Madison Ignite program, where she mentors freshmen at her school, and working at Providence Portland Medical Center and Providence Plaza Pharmacy. Thanh is the daughter of Hung Ta and Thuy Hoang.

**Camille Moyers**

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Camille Chow Moyers, the daughter of Leland Moyers and Ina Chow, will graduate in June from Cleveland High School. She is the captain of her school's varsity golf team and plays soccer for the Portland Metro Soccer League. A Mandarin speaker, she is involved in Cleveland's Chinese Immersion program and is a member of the Asian Pacific American Club, the International Club, the Black Student Union, and National Honor Society. She has worked as an assistant at a law firm and her volunteer work has included helping organize Cleveland's multicultural assembly, tutoring Hosford Middle School students in math, working as a statistician for the men's varsity lacrosse team, and serving as a team leader and food committee member for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

**Edward Pham**

\$1,000 sponsored by The Asian Reporter Foundation

Edward Peer Pham, the son of Binh and Vonnie Pham, will graduate from Corvallis High School in June. Edward has volunteered more than 400 hours with the Keystone Leadership Group of the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis, helping raise awareness of local issues and assisting kids in the community, and serves on the Benton County Youth Commission. He is a member of his school's swim team and has participated in tennis and wrestling. He is the founder and president of the school's Hip Hop Dance Club, is a member of National Honor Society, and is vying for the title of "Mr. Spartan," a competition at Corvallis High School where students raise funds for local charities.

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- SC Johnson
- Seattle Seahawks
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- Shilo Inns Suites & Hotels
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