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TACT was created in 1969, a year of rapid change. Immigration quotas had just been repealed and San Francisco schools were deluged with English Language Learners. Chinatown was not included as a target population in the Federal War on Poverty and few social services existed. No official of Chinese descent had ever been appointed to the school board or held any elected office. Students demanded Ethnic Studies classes throughout college campuses to address the needs of their communities. Amidst the call for social change, TACT was founded with the following organizational goals:

- To produce educational excellence
- To participate in educational policy-making
- To advocate for the needs of our community to district and legislative bodies
- To promote cooperation between various educational policy making organizations
- To lead professional growth and development of educators



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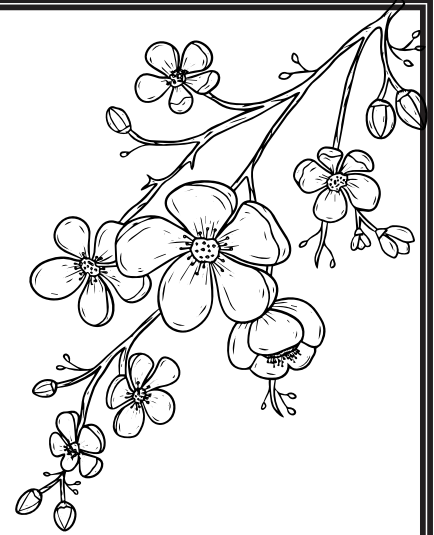
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to the 54th Annual

Scholarship Dinner

May 12th, 2023



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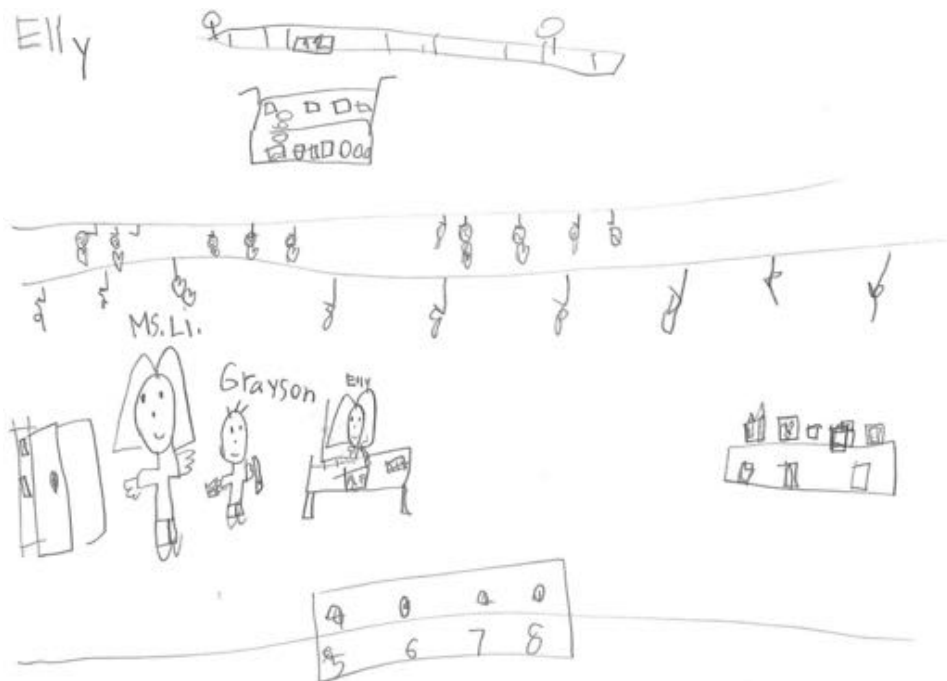
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2022-2023 Year in Review

TACT ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2020-Present: On-going participation in the Equity Studies Task Force facilitated by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission in partnership with various educators, community organizations and youth leaders.
- June 2023: TACT Curriculum members will participate in the SFUSD History-Social Studies Core Curriculum Review Team. TACT is committed to working with SFUSD staff to select, provide and supplement instructional materials and resources that are reflective of the rich diversity of our city.
- April 2023: In collaboration with the Asian American Studies Department at San Francisco State University, the Square and Circle Club and the San Francisco Main Public Library, TACT contributed to and sponsored the 10th annual APIA Biography Project. The theme this year was APIA Politicians Past and Past. See resources at apiabiography.sfsu.edu
- January 2023: Created and shared new units for Lunar New Year.
- October 2022: Co-Sponsored a Candidates Forum with the The Association of Asian American Administrators (AAAA) which featured Q&A panel talks for 6 candidates running for the San Francisco Board of Education.
- October 2022: Chinatown Ghost Tour networking event for AAPI educators and families.
- September 2022: Multiple community meetings with Superintendent Wayne and SF Board of Education Commissioners.
- On-Going: Increased sharing of resources and information with other AAPI educator and advocacy groups across the nation (e.g., 1882 Foundation, Committee of 100, 1990 Institute).





Congratulations to the Class of 2023 TACT Scholarship Recipients


Drawing by Elly

Ms. Li's Kindergarten/1st Grade Class at
Visitation Valley Elementary School

Mary Li has been actively involved with TACT
as a board member and through our various committees
for over 15 years

不怕慢，就怕站。

Be not afraid of growing slowly,
be afraid only of standing still.



Choi-Louie Memorial Scholarship

Choi Man Tsue and Louie Ten Wo were born in Toishan County, province of Canton, China in 1907 and 1908, respectively. Mr. Choi left his young wife and infant daughter (King Chui) in 1927, hoping to provide a better life for them in America. After a 22 year separation due to anti-Chinese immigration laws, Mr. Choi was finally able to have his wife join him in San Francisco in 1949. Mrs. Choi worked tirelessly as a seamstress in the Chinatown sweatshops for 30 years until her retirement in 1979. Mr. Choi worked as a cook at the Mare Island Naval Base in Vallejo, as well as for the County of Marin until his retirement in 1976. They have a son Howard (deceased), and their youngest child May was born in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Choi fervently instilled the value of higher education when raising their children and grandchildren. The family hopes that this scholarship will encourage the recipient to continue on her educational journey with perseverance and resilience.



Janessa Reyes

Mission High School
Lawton Alternative K-8

Career Goal: Accountant

Community Service/Extracurricular:

Election poll worker, Mission Graduates:College Connect–event photographer, participant, volunteer during events hosted by the organization, Goodwill Volunteer for Mission High, Asian Pacific Islander Club–as co-vice president, Mission Leadership Organization–treasurer in charge of fundraising during school wide events, Girls' Varsity Tennis–co-captain, coach underclassmen, plays competitively 2x a week , won the All-City Novice Doubles Champion,Yearbook Club editor in chief

“From the first day I met her, she stood out to me as a young scholar who is passionate about harmonizing visual arts and multicultural leadership. Janessa’s academic work in Advanced Media Arts 3 demonstrated thoughtful writing, intellectual curiosity, and a strong sensibility for inclusion of all peers...she wrote, recorded and edited an engaging podcast about economic injustice and homelessness in the Tenderloin District... aired on KQED Radio.”

Angela Buencamino Phung
CTE Media Arts Instructor, SFUSD

Percy & Jean Chu Memorial Scholarship

Percy and Jean were both leaders in San Francisco’s Chinese community. Active members of the GEE SUE DUCK TONG association, they led trips to Chinatowns across the nation to inform, discuss and engage others of the importance of promoting educational opportunities for their Chinatown’s youth, as well as engaging in traditional and social activities to the elderly in the Chinese community.

Percy was also a coach to hundreds of San Francisco Saints basketball players. For nearly 40 years as a steadfast coach and player, he taught young people to do things the right way, with passion, sportsmanship and fair play.

This scholarship seeks to open the door for a student who will pursue new opportunities in education and who will return to the community to lead and represent our community in impactful ways.



Chengxiang Li

Thurgood Marshall Academic HS
ES/MS: 塘綴中心小学/张炎纪念中学

Career Goal(s): Human Resource
Management; Social Worker

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Peer Leader, Community Youth Center of San Francisco (CYC); Member, Newcomer Club (NCC); President/Vice President/AASB Leader, Member, Community Youth Center of San Francisco (CYC) and Youth of Community Engagement (YCE), President/Vice President, Road to Success (RTS); Member, Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) Upward Bound

“...I have seen Chengxiang grow to become more confident, determined, and brave as she strives to do well in school to prepare herself for college. ... Chengxiang wants to go to college to change her life and her family's future. ... She maintained academic excellence throughout high school and participated in community service.”

Lydia Ma, School Counselor
Thurgood Marshall Academic High School

Leung Family Scholarship

Everything I have I owe to my parents and teachers. My third-grade teacher, Mrs. Maxine Fong, was my first teacher in America. Although I was an unmotivated and challenging student, Mrs. Fong gave me a love of the English language in her ESL classroom. Teachers and friends at Lowell High School challenged me and shaped the person I would become. Mr. Bob Jow taught my Psychology and Asian American Studies classes, and he was also my counselor. Each student finds their place in high school, and Mr. Jow's office was my place. I remember countless hours spent in that chair next to Mr. Jow learning academic and life lessons from my mentor. Those were some of my fondest high school memories. After Lowell, I crossed the Bay to attend Cal, where I majored in Biochemistry and minored in Philosophy. I spent five years working in a viral molecular biology lab before I decided to take the LSAT. My three years at the UCLA School of Law were intellectually stimulating and personally empowering. A blink of an eye later and I have practiced law for 20 years. Five years ago I became a partner at my law firm, gaining equity in the business where I had worked for many years. With the help of caring teachers like Mrs. Fong and Mr. Jow, I have lived and continue to live my American dream. The wide-eyed nine-year-old brought to the Gold Mountain by his parents would not have believed that four decades later he would be living his dream and passing on his story to inspire the next generation. The most important lesson my parents and mentors taught me is that time spent pursuing your passion is not tedium or work, but rather a part of a joyful and fulfilling life.



Jiayi Wu

Lowell High School
Aptos Middle School
Diane Feinstein Elementary

Career Goal:
Physics Researcher/Engineer

Community Service/Extracurricular: Peer Resource Program—project leader and peer mentor, CORO District 7 Youth Leader on Community Action Project on Homelessness—worked with various homeless organizations, created website, made presentations, raised over 4K to partner homeless shelters in SF, California Scholarship Federation Tutoring, Lowell Science Program Intern—summer intern in neurobiology, Captain of Lowell Congressional Debate—varsity debater, Pioneer Research Program—researcher in quantum mechanics with a full scholarship, Swim Team member, Math Club member.

“Melody looks at situations with a critical eye and speaks her truth with grace and respect—even when different from her peers. She leads from her heart, with intellect and empathy, a strong combination. Through her strong leadership within the mentoring program, Melody has contributed much to the Lowell community.”

Adee Horn
Lowell Peer Resources Coordinator

Joanna Lai Memorial Scholarship

Joanna was active in the Square and Circle Club, a SF Chinatown service organization, the Chinese Christian Youth Conference Movement, and the Hip Wo School Drum Corps. She was a club leader at the Chinatown Y and an active member of the Chinese Congregation Church choir. She desired to promote music education among young people.



Cuiyuan (Malina) Mei

The Academy – SF @ McAteer HS
Aptos Middle School
Dianne Feinstein Elementary
红火炬小学

Career Goal(s):
Increase professional knowledge and
develop leadership, communication skills.

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
President, Chinatown Community Development Center - Youth for Single Room Occupancy; Intern, SF Youthworks; Community Improvement Service, Varsity Badminton, Guzheng Performer, Spirit Leader – Student Government

“Malina is exactly the sort of student a university hopes to attract — serious about school but not at the expense of the success of others; asking questions about the future; curious, and with an inner strength and drive.”

Daniel Javitz, English Teacher
The Academy – SF @ McAteer High School

John & Sharon Ng Family Scholarship

Having both attended SFUSD K-12, we are honored to have the opportunity to sponsor and support a talented high school senior. Our culture of emphasizing education, instilled in us from our grandparents and parents, who started their beginnings in Chinatown, remains a high priority for our family. May the Ng Family Scholarship help make your dreams come true!



Gianna Ou

Lowell High School
Roosevelt Middle School
Chinese Immersion Elementary
School

Career Goal:
Business or Psychology

Community Service/Extracurricular:
Lowell Food Rescue, led program to reroute compost bound produce from the cafeteria to communities in need, American Red Cross–designed and launched a regional social media campaign about International Humanitarian Law (IHL), SF Marin Food Bank volunteer, journalist and reporter for The Lowell, peer mentor, designs graphics for social media on the Youth for SF website.

“Gianna has demonstrated an exceptional level of dedication and commitment to her studies...she has also shown exceptional leadership skills...show a great ability to inspire and motivate her peers.”

Abdul Latif
Counselor

The Lee & Tse Family Scholarship

The Lee and Tse Family represent four generations of SFUSD beneficiaries. Along with their roots in the Chinatown-North Beach community and the greater Chinese communities of San Francisco, they are committed to support a SFUSD student pursuing a path in higher education. Thank you TACT for providing a platform to make this a reality.



Yixi Ou

Mission High School
火炬开发区第一中学
火炬开发区第一小学

Career Goal:
Clinical Nutritionist

Community Service/Extracurricular:
Mypath Program–an active leader in the financial justice movement, promoting financial literacy among youths, Chinatown Public Health Center mentor and intern, Youth Center of SF–leader in recruiting students for volunteer activities in providing workshops for elderly including cleaning activities. Received Most Compassionate AASB Leader Award, Mission Heal Club founder and president–promote healthy eating and lifestyle for teens, Girls Volleyball Team setter, SFUSD peer educator and youth outreach worker to help improve Wellness centers.

“She fiercely advocates for, and stands in solidarity with her classmates who have had fewer opportunities than she has....she has an incomparable knack for leading people with humility, working WITH them toward a common goal.”

Alexis Chatschlaan
English Department Chair
Mission High School

Robert Louie Memorial Scholarship #5



Leanna Le

Lowell High School
AP Giannini Middle School
Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary

Career Goal:
Economics, Business School

Community Service/Extracurricular:

Dear Asian Youth SF—project director, educate youth on Asian American news and history, Sing Tao Daily 2020 Pageant—won title of Miss Photogenic, led community events, became the face of Sing Tao News, Charity Cultural Services Center—tutor and support for new immigrants with limited English skills, Provide Advocacy and Care to All—program coordinator designs training sessions for mentors in advocacy and social justice projects. Lowell Parliamentary Debate team member, Junior Prom board vice president bringing the 2023 class together after a 2 year separation due to pandemic.

“She inspires people to be more open- minded and to question the status quo to fight for a better community. Leanna is one of the most selfless people that I have had the pleasure to teach and get to know. She has shown a passion for learning, comprehending, and synthesizing history...”

Jason-Noel T. Tuason
Social Science Teacher
Lowell High School

Austin & Vanita Louie Family Scholarship

The Louie family embraces all the future young leaders who attend public schools in San Francisco. By being selected means you have been identified as one of the future young leaders! Thank You to ALL the Chinese Teachers in San Francisco.



Matthew Chen

Lowell High School
Presidio Middle School
Lafayette Elementary School

Career Goal(s):
CEO of Media Company, Marketing
Director, Operations Manager,
Entrepreneurship, Nonprofit Work

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Founder/Executive Director of Dear Asian Youth San Francisco, Policy Intern for District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin’s office, Intern with TogetherSF, President of Lowell Red Cross Club, Chamber Choir, Founder/Editor-in-Chief of SWAYE Media

“Matthew believes strongly in the connection between arts and advocacy as well as the importance of being involved in his community. ... He is very enthusiastic about his community advocacy, as demonstrated by his current internship with a city supervisor.”

Melissa van Gelder
School Counselor
Lowell High School

The "KFC" Achievement Scholarship

The "Kids from Chinatown" (KFC) scholarship is provided by Hui Hu, Mei Kwan and Lisa Tan. As they are all graduates of UC Berkeley and grew up in Chinatown, Los Angeles, they understand the unique challenges that come with being a first-generation college student and an immigrant. This scholarship is their way of giving back and paying it forward, as they themselves have received grants and help from those who came before.

The scholarship is awarded to an exceptional individual who is a first-generation college student, from a low-income background, an immigrant, a STEM major, and a future Golden Bear. The recipient is recognized for their hardworking, resilient, and positive impact to current and future society. The donors are committed to providing long-term mentorship to the recipient throughout their entire undergraduate journey.



Yuli Zhang Hung

Mission High School
ES/MS: Attended in China

Career Goal(s):
Immigration Lawyer,
Software Engineering

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Membership Recruiter/Activities for Senior Home, Youth for Community Engagement (YCE) - Chinatown Mid-Autumn Festival; Poll Worker, San Francisco Department of Elections; Community Volunteer, Community Youth Center Newcomer Club (NCC), Asian Pacific Islander (API) Club, 9th Circuit Courthouse Student Program, Student and Tutor recruitment – Finding Our Voice

“Further, Yuli’s love of learning is increasingly multilingual: she not only speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, and English, but she’s also learning Spanish to better get to know and support her Spanish-speaking classmates, truly going above and beyond as a leader in her community.”

Stina Perkins, Internships Manager
826 Valencia

Robert Louie Memorial Scholarship #4



Amy Li

Galileo High School
Marina Middle School
Gordon J. Lau Elementary

Career Goal:
Helping others who
experience challenges

Community Service/Extracurricular:

Leader at Community Youth Center, member of American Heart Association Youth Council, intern at JCYC STEM Academy, participated in Next Chapter/Manovill Seminar, hearing testimonies from Holocaust and Cambodian genocide survivors as well as doing research in this area, spent 13 years in Chinese School and competing in areas of calligraphy, visual arts, recitals and compositions

“Amy distinguishes herself by her exceptional intellectual gifts, curiosity and joy in learning, intense self discipline and far reaching sense of responsibility and community care.”

Kateland Harte
Teacher

Robert Louie Memorial Scholarship #3



Emujin Batzorig

Galileo Academy
HS: Shine Ue School
ES/MS: 5th School

Career Goal(s):
Economics/Finance,
Business Owner

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
SF Marin Food Bank, Korean Language Club, Start UP, Freshman
Orientation Volunteer, Peer College Mentor

“Time and time again, I have had the pleasure of seeing her (Emujin) step out of her comfort zone to do things like present to a large audience, volunteer to work on a project that other students may see as boring and encouraging her classmates to not give up.”

Loan Ly, Social Studies Teacher
Galileo Academy of Science of Technology

TACT Leadership Scholarship

As TACT president, Dr. Roger Tom guided the organization through its inaugural year. Under his leadership, service to the Chinese community was a basic principle around which the organization revolved. He was instrumental in formulating the TACT Scholarship Program in 1975. Dr. Tom’s distinguished career in the San Francisco and Stockton School Districts included Program Manager for the Title VII Chinese Bilingual Project, Director of Curriculum Development, and Deputy Superintendent. Throughout his career, Dr. Tom was an exemplary leader in the school district and community and an inspiring mentor for our organization, always encouraging teachers and administrators to become proactive in educational and political issues. Helen S. Chin’s career began as a bilingual resource teacher in 1972 and continued as a classroom teacher, curriculum coordinator, assistant principal and lastly, principal of Gordon J. Lau Elementary School. Throughout her career, Ms. Chin was a relentless advocate for education access and civil rights at the local and state levels. She was involved in numerous community organizations and in 1979 served as TACT President. She led the organization through a tumultuous time of teacher layoffs. She continued to be active in TACT, mentoring many and inspiring others into community service and activism. The TACT Leadership Scholarship honors Dr. Roger Tom and Helen S. Chin and their legacy of leadership and service.



Grace Ou

Galileo Academy
Roosevelt Middle School
Gordon J. Lau Elementary School

Career Goal(s):
Law school, Lawyer, or Politician

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Charity Cultural Services Center, Bake to Donate, San Francisco Marathons/Races
Organizations, Galileo Student Council: Class President – Freshman to Junior Year, Student
Body President – Senior Year; Co-founder of Student Activists Club; Women
Empowerment Club

“She is the epitome of a role model for younger students and a source of pride for her teachers and community leaders! Grace Ou continues to always challenge herself in terms of her position in society. ... Grace was an intern with a social justice organization focusing on the relationship between the Black and Asian communities.”

Dr. Dennis Chew, President, Board of Directors
Charity Cultural Services Center

Darrell & Jeanne Dea Memorial Scholarship

Darrell Dea was born in San Francisco Chinatown in 1950, and Jeanne Dea was born in 1958 in Cleveland, OH and moved with her family to San Francisco at the age of one. Growing up in the city, both were the products of the San Francisco Unified School District graduating from Galileo High School and Washington High School respectively. Darrell went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Christian Education from Bethany College, became a minister, and Jeanne was the only one of her siblings to attend college and earned her Bachelor's degree in Nutrition from San Francisco State University. Darrell and Jeanne instilled the importance of higher education in both of their children, who attended universities and earned their Bachelor's degrees in architecture and graphic design. We hope that this scholarship recipient will continue Darrell and Jeanne's legacy of compassion and generosity, to continue the path of higher education and to pursue one's life passions.



Yifei Peng

Abraham Lincoln High School
Roosevelt Middle School
Chinese Education Center

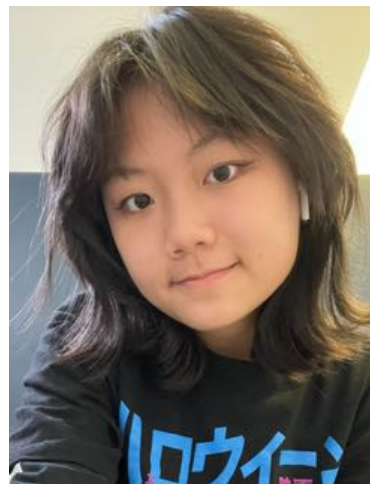
Career Goal: Computer Science

Community Service/Extracurricular:
Founders of Earth - raise funds for masks and holiday gifts during Covid 19, Art Club, SF Public Library-teach seniors to use Python technology, arrange community events, president of Game Development Club, Varsity Fencing Team

"I truly believe she is a remarkable young woman with the drive to be successful in her studies and future career....she is intelligent, considerate, and compassionate."

Jake Stookey
Teacher
Art, Architecture, and Design Pathways

Robert Louie Memorial Scholarship #2



Jingyi (Nicole) Chen

Balboa High School
Herbert Hoover Middle School
Monroe Elementary School

Career Goal: Veterinarian

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Core Leader at Youth MOJO (Movement of Justice and Organizing), Chinese Progressive Association, Youth Outreach Worker, Bring Change to Mind Club, California Scholarship Federation

"By serving our school's most vulnerable youth and supporting some of our most underserved populations, Jingyi has displayed a strong desire and willingness to positively impact and improve her school and local community."

Lance L. Cheng
School Counselor
Balboa High School

Robert Louie Memorial Scholarship #1

Robert Louie was an active member in the Chinese community. Among his community services were the countless hours he spent volunteering at Chinese for Affirmative Action. Robert had aspirations of becoming a teacher, but sadly, passed away at a young age. When setting up this scholarship fund in memory of their son, the late Sinclair and May Louie requested that those who receive this scholarship choose teaching as their career goal. It was their hope that their son's aspirations would be realized in the dreams of other young Chinese Americans.



**Yonghua (Isabella)
Zhu**

Galileo Academy
ES/MS: Attended in China

Career Goal(s):
Advancing to a leadership position
and help Chinese community

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Adopt-A-Senior Building Project Leader, Youth for Community Engagement; CYC Chinatown Mid-Autumn Festival (2021-2022); Xfinity CNY Community Fair 2023, President, Chinese Culture Club; Newcomer Club; Participant to develop business plan, business and leadership skills, GOAT 23

“Yonghua is responsible, hardworking, kind, compassionate, and altruistic. Her sense of responsibility shows through her commitment in school, reflected through her grades, and her choices in how she spends her time. She’s committed to working, helping other newcomers, being a leader of the Chinese Cultural Club ...”

Melody Wong
Newcomer Counselor
Galileo Academy of Science and Technology

Rose T.Y. Chen Family Scholarship sponsored by The Rose T.Y. Chen Charitable Fund

Rose Chen was born and educated in China. She completed college under wartime circumstances. She came to the U.S. with the goal of working as a teacher. She was headed to Honolulu in 1941 to take a teaching job when historical events changed her plans. She married T.Y. Chen, an entrepreneur in San Francisco. When her husband fell ill, she assumed management of the family business while raising four boys. She and her husband valued education and long supported scholarship programs, including an annual scholarship for medical students in the name of her late son, Dr. Lester Chen. The Chen family is grateful to the dedicated Chinese teachers in San Francisco and would like the Rose T.Y. Chen Family Scholarship to be awarded in memory of their mother, to a student who is passionate about becoming a teacher.



Josiah Tom

Abraham Lincoln HS
Alice Fong Yu Alternative School

Career Goal(s):
Teacher or
NFL Photographer for SF 49ers

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Work Crew, Young Life; Volunteer/Counselor, Camp 4K, Baseball Coach, Alice Fong Yu; Treasurer, Associated Student Body; Student Tutor Intern; President, Bike Club

“Josiah has brought his enthusiasm and passion to our program and has become a champion of the environment. As a student in the program, he not only gained content knowledge on environmental issues but learned how to be an ambassador for the environment.”

Valerie Ziegler
Green Academy Teacher
Abraham Lincoln High School

William & Gayle Chan Family Scholarship

Both William and Gayle immigrated to this country at the age of twelve and strongly believe that education is the key to the betterment of a person and society at large. Education opportunities should be made available and academic excellence be acknowledged and encouraged. Toward this end, we are very proud to support this wonderful scholarship, to help develop the next generation of innovators, contributors and leaders.



Ashley Liang

Abraham Lincoln High School
Aptos Middle School
Visitation Valley Elementary

Career Goal:
Dentistry and Entrepreneurship

Community Service/Extracurricular:

San Francisco Election Ambassador—one of five selected city-wide ambassadors representing City Hall, Key Club International—raised monies, host volunteering events, Youth vs. Apocalypse—public speaker at rallies and demonstrations representing youths, Lincoln Dragon Boat Team—top crew paddler, communications director and lead officer, Lion Dance Me—lioner dancer and host lion dance tournaments as well as support the rebuilding of Chinatown businesses, Bumble Gum—founder of club, mission is to cultivate a sustainable bubble gum brand that replaces plastic, polyethylene with natural beeswax bringing awareness to the dying bee population and to reduce plastic. This endeavor was a semi-finalist at the Regional Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

“While Ashley is confident in herself, she is wise enough to listen to others and to understand that everyone has something to contribute. Ashley has a unique emotional maturity, and a strong sense of self...responsible and focused.”

Shamira Gratch
Language Arts Teacher
Abraham Lincoln High School

Mrs. Ngook Jean Der Kuan Memorial Scholarship

Ngook Jean Der Kuan (關謝玉珍) was born in Malaysia, the youngest of three daughters. She married her husband Joaquin Kuan and immigrated to Peru. Together they raised eight children: Luis, Orlando, Virginia, Aurelio, Albert, Emilio, Gloria, and Ann. During Ngook Jean's youth, girls were not expected to be educated. After being taken advantage of due to her illiteracy, Ngook Jean's widowed mother swore that her daughters would get an education. In spite of the hardship of raising three children as a single mom, she made sure Ngook Jean attended school. Ngook Jean would often repeat this story to her children to instill in them the value of education. Later on, her youngest daughters Gloria and Ann both became educators. In honor of her mother, Gloria and her family set up these scholarships so that other children can pursue their dreams of education.



Jerry Li

Lowell High School
Cornerstone Academy
SF Community School

Career Goal:
Secondary School History Educator

Community Service/Extracurricular:

San Francisco Public Library volunteer tutor, JCYC intern, SF Marin Food Bank volunteer

“Jerry is a pleasure to work with, and his positive attitude and belief in himself, even in the face of difficulty, is an immensely admirable asset. He has my highest recommendation.”

Ahmet Ustunel
SFUSD Teacher of Visually Impaired

Esther Chui & Lawrence Hon Joe Memorial Scholarship

Lawrence Hon Joe immigrated to the United States in the early 1940s and Esther Chui joined him in 1949 as a “war bride.” They raised four daughters in San Francisco Chinatown; a son came to the United States in the 1950s. They taught us to be proud of our Chinese heritage, to speak Chinese, to value a good education, to persevere when faced with challenges, to be on the side of workers, and to support each other. To honor our parents’ legacy, the family requests that the scholarship goes to a student from an immigrant family or first in their family to go to college who is pursuing a career that will serve the Chinese American community.



Xiuwen Li

Thurgood Marshall Academic HS
ES/MS: Attended in Taishan, China

Career Goal: Laboratory Scientist

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Volunteer Team Leader, Chinese American Democratic Club; Peer Leader, Newcomer Club (NCC); Secretary and Contact Person, Youth for Community Engagement, Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Vice President, Road To Success; Bailiff, Mock Trial; Member, JCYC Upward Bound

“Volunteerism has opened so many doors for Xiuwen and has helped her gain confidence, not only with speaking in English but her leadership as well. Xiuwen’s participation in these programs is rooted in gratitude for those who supported her and a love for community.”

Gee Salas, Post-Secondary Program Manager
Summer Search Bay Area

Dr. Wellman Tsang Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Wellman Tsang was born in September 1949 in San Francisco. He grew up in the Telegraph Hill neighborhood living in a large family of flats housing three generations and extended family. The crowded conditions of an urban SF childhood fostered a strong sense of community and laid the groundwork for Wellman’s lifelong commitment to public service. While attending The Salvation Army Chinatown Corps, he developed his love of teaching as a Sunday school teacher and cultivated leadership skills as a day camp director. Wellman graduated from UC Berkeley in 1971 with a degree in bacteriology. Wellman matriculated to UC Davis to pursue his medical degree. After graduating in 1975, he returned to St. Mary’s hospital to complete his internship and residency program. Throughout his career, Wellman enjoyed mentoring interns and residents which gave him perspective on how the house staff must struggle to complete their education, and also gave him an opportunity to help whenever possible. Coming from a family with humble financial means, Dr. Tsang can identify with the struggles each scholarship recipient must have endured. Large or small, each scholarship was a means of a student achieving their goal in life. This scholarship will continue Dr. Wellman Tsang’s legacy of being generous, kind and supportive.



Yi Luo

Lowell High School
Alice Fong Yu Alternative School (K-8)

Career Goal(s):
Premed, Undecided

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Teacher, Kumon @ San Francisco Chinatown; Youth Transit Advocate/ Youth Representative in District 7 Ocean Avenue Task Force, San Francisco Transit Riders; Research Intern, Lawrence Hall of Science at Berkeley, The Lowell – Journalism, Lowell High School Site Council, Research Intern – UCSF RIDR Program (Research Initiative to Improve Diversity in Radiology)

“I was impressed at her (Yi) devotion to community-based research. ... that her project be locally relevant and impactful; scientifically rigorous; and based in solutions that are economically viable. She never lost sight of her ultimate goal: to create a safer community for those impacted most by environmental injustice.”

Colleen Sutherland, Public Programs Specialist, EBAYS Program
Lawrence Hall of Science
University of California, Berkeley

Philip Choy Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by Wilmer Fong)

PHILIP CHOY (1926-2017) Philip was a Chinatown boy who earned a degree in architecture from the University of California. He was in residential and commercial design for 50 years. He wrote a book San Francisco Chinatown: A Guide to Its History and Architecture in 2012. His avocation was Chinese American History. He teamed with Him Mark Lai as adjunct professors at the San Francisco State University to set up a curriculum in Chinese American History (1969). They received the President's Medal for this leadership. He authored and co-authored several books. One is The History of the Chinese in America. He hosted a documentary series Gum Saan Haak on PBS. He fought and won honorable recognition for the Chinese railroad workers who contributed the sweat that built the tracks connecting the Transcontinental Railroad to the east. He advocated the preservation of the Angel Island Station in the National Register of Historic Places. He secured in 2001 the status of the Chinatown YWCA Julia Morgan designed building. This 965 Clay Street building later became the home of the Chinese Historical Society of America. He was president of the Society five times. He and his wife Sarah gave unconditional support to the society. His extensive research materials are now housed at Stanford University. Choy was a major activist in preserving the legacy of this monumental Chinese heritage.



Ivy Tan

Balboa High School
Aptos Middle School
Guadalupe and Commodore Sloat
Elementary Schools

Career Goal:
Lawyer, Legal Analyst

Community Service/Extracurricular:

Adopt and Alleyway—vice president serving low income Chinatown youth and seniors in single room occupancies, SF Evangelical Free Church—program manager promoting volunteerism and community building ,Chinese Folk Dance Association—advanced dancer, instructor

“Ivy is an encouragement to me because she is using all her talents and abilities to its potential. She not only worked hard on her education to be one of the top Chemistry/Science students in our class but she did it all with the mentality of serving and bettering others and herself in mind.”

Francisco A. Avendano Jr.
Science Dept. Chair
Balboa High School

The Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown Scholarship

Rotary is the first community service organization in the US, founded in 1905 in Chicago. Today there are over 37,000 clubs throughout the world. The Rotary Club of SF Chinatown is one of those clubs and was founded in 2008. It supports and recognizes humanitarian service and leadership with an emphasis on the Chinatown Community, helping to improve the lives of others with an emphasis on those most at risk.



Tracy Law

Lowell High School
Francisco Middle School
Jean Parker Elementary

Career Goal:
Project Management,
Nonprofit Leadership

Community Service/Extracurricular:

Adopt an Alleyway (CCDC) –president of youth empowerment program providing services targeting seniors and children of single room occupancy families. Digital Literacy Education Fellowship—youth leader taught English to low income monolingual seniors, member of Lowell Shield and Scroll Honor Society—assist and coordinate school-wide events and provide support to teachers, Peer Mentoring, Lion Dance Me—instructor and lion dancer.

“She has undergone hardships and tribulations as a youth leader and excelled at persevering through them. She is without a doubt, an excellent community leader that I have had the pleasure of working with.”

Aaron Dong
Community Organizer, Youth Programs
Chinatown Community Development Center

SFABE/TACT Bilingual Educator Scholarship

The San Francisco Association for Bilingual Education (SFABE) is a Chapter of the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), a non-profit that promotes bilingual education. The CABE Vision is Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency & Educational Equity for All. We recognize and honor that we live in a rich multicultural, global society. SFABE is honored to sponsor the SFABE Bilingual Education Scholarship to a student who hopes to serve the community as a bilingual educator. Through this scholarship, we support Bilingual Education as a means to equitable educational opportunities for immigrant and English Learner students and as a benefit to academic and personal success for all students. Our local chapter's focus is anti-racist collaboration with other teacher groups that reflect the cultural diversity of SF. For more information contact us at sfabe20@yahoo.com, www.gocabe.org



Ellery Yu

Abraham Lincoln High School
Herbert Hoover Middle School
George Moscone Elementary School

Career Goal:
Bilingual Elementary School Teacher or
Speech Pathologist

Community Service/Extracurricular:

Intern at Zaida T Rodriguez Early Education School, intern in the Teacher Academy at Lincoln, volunteer tutor for the Literacy Initiative, spent a decade in Chinese Language School achieving many certificates of distinction for outstanding academic achievement, tutor other classmates, First Sergeant for the Exhibition Drill Team, Junior Academic Bowl Team member focusing on leadership skills, competing in U.S. history, and U.S. democracy.

“In terms of work ethic, Ellery is THE strongest student in her cohort of 34 students in the Teacher Academy. She is always directly engaged with students or taking it upon herself to something to improve something. She has a strong sense of responsibility and leadership.”

Arisa Hiroi
Child Development, Japanese Teacher
Abraham Lincoln High School Teacher Academy Coordinator and Intern Supervisor

Deanna Chang Yee Memorial Scholarship

Deanna Chang Yee, born and raised in San Francisco, was a product of the SFUSD public school system and a graduate of Lowell High School. Deanna went on to fulfill her dream and became an elementary school teacher with SFUSD. Deanna was a dedicated, caring, supportive, encouraging, and loving educator. The Deanna Chang Yee Memorial Scholarship is to support future leaders in the public school system.



Wenxiang (Stephanie) Chen

Abraham Lincoln High School
Aptos Middle School
Gordon J Lau Elementary

Career Goal(s): Bilingual Educator

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Vice President, Youth for Community Engagement; Chinese Teacher and English Tutor, Star Learning Center; Volunteer, Teacher Academy, President/Community Committee, Abraham Lincoln Dance Company; Summer Academy for Integrated Language Learning (SAILL); Officer/Treasurer, Koresence (Lincoln K-pop Dance Team)

“During group projects, debates, and Socratic seminars, Stephanie knew that her success was dependent on the group's success, and she worked collaboratively to build consensus, and to support her teammates. ... Stephanie had a unique emotional maturity, and a strong sense of self.”

Shamira Gratch
Language Arts Teacher
Abraham Lincoln High School

Special Friends of TACT Scholarship

TACT's vitality and relevancy is dependent upon its membership and leadership. Friends of TACT is composed of educators who have been long-time contributors of the organization through active participation, commitment to special projects, advocacy on behalf of teachers and students, and the shared values of TACT's pursuit of educational excellence.

We are pleased to contribute a scholarship in recognition of students who have demonstrated strong academic standing and involvement in extracurricular activities, and who will continue to pursue their potential, and enrich their lives through lifelong learning.



Kate Wang

Lowell High School
Aptos Middle School
Diane Feinstein Elementary School

Career Goal(s):
Master's Degree, PhD in Marine
Science/Marine Biology, possible career
in sports science as well

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Featured Performer – event promoting 100-day countdown to the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, NBC Bay Area; Only Asian (Chinese) student athlete in Snapchat special “Level Up with Steph Curry; Lead Participant, HairToStay Fundraiser, Team USA Competitor: Figure skating – Silver medalist in the 2020 Lausanne Winter Youth Olympic Games team event; Four-time ISU Junior Grand Prix competitor (Russia, Italy 2019; Russia, Austria 2021); Five-time U.S. National Championship competitor (2018-2022); Two-time international medalist (Croatia, Canada 2018)

“Kate has always worked well with other students and is well-respected by her peers, ...Most skaters at Kate's level would be homeschooled ... but Kate makes a conscious decision to also focus on her academics. She is an extremely enthusiastic, creative and hardworking student and athlete.”

Anjana Amirapu
Biology and Drosophila Research Instructor
Lowell High School

Gale Ow & Dan Yee Memorial Scholarship



This year TACT honors two long-time TACT supporters and leaders. Gale was a teacher with the San Francisco Unified School District, having taught at Galileo, Washington, and Lowell High School. She taught AP Psychology, 12th grade American Democracy, and Asian American Studies. She served as president of TACT from 1992-93 and 2003-2004. Gale advocated for Bilingual/Bicultural Education and spearheaded mandating Lunar New Year to be a school holiday in San Francisco. Gale was also active with the United Educators of San Francisco (UESF) and CTA. She was a dedicated teacher, strong activist, and leader for us all.

Dan was born in Hawaii and moved to San Francisco when he was 13. He taught math at George Washington High School from 1978-2006. After retirement, he continued to substitute teach and volunteer in SFUSD and in the community. Dan was also an avid Asian American activist who wanted to create positive change in the Chinese American community. Dan was a long time scholarship sponsor and those of us at TACT remember and miss him dearly. He was always the first to arrive at our annual banquet, with a ready smile and willingness to help.



Lauren Iwamiya

Lowell High School
Roosevelt Middle School
Rosa Parks Elementary School

Career Goal:
Elementary Educator

Community Service/Extracurricular:

Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC) teacher, assistant coordinator, camp counselor, Japanese Youth Leader, President–Lowell Philosophy Club, peer mentor, Social Justice Club

“Lauren is an assertive and responsible leader who will excel in any challenge placed before her...exemplifies the dedication, intelligence, integrity and initiative needed for leadership in the community.”

Erika Tamara, Director
JCYC

John & Ruby Kobayashi Family Scholarship

It all started with the first ring of the school bell, reminding us to run down the stairs and out the door to make it to school just across the street before the final ring. Although our parents lacked the opportunities of an American education, they wanted to make sure that their children would have that advantage—after all, this nation is thought of as the land of opportunity, “Gold Mountain”. The Kobayashi family continues to value education as one of the pathways to a productive, happy, and successful life. We trust that this scholarship will encourage the recipient to be steadfast and persistent in achieving his/her educational and life goals which enrich personal life, as well as contribute to making this a better world – this accomplishment is truly the “golden nugget”.



Shiying Lin

Abraham Lincoln High School
MS: China and Herbert Hoover
ES: Attended in China

Career Goal: Presently Undecided

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
President, Youth for Community Engagement; Leader, Newcomer Club; Intern, LYRIC,
Captain, Co-founder of Badminton Club; Spike HK; Interview Team, World Journal
Newspaper

“I have seen Ms. Lin grow tremendously as a student. Not only does she possess the intellectual ability to perform well in her studies, but she also shows the perseverance and dedication on what it takes to have a growth mindset for success.”

Brian Delapena
Math Teacher/Athletics Director/Muay Thai Coach
Abraham Lincoln High School

Jackson Fung Memorial Scholarship

Jackson Fung grew up in a multi-generational family household in the Chinatown/North Beach neighborhood in San Francisco. He went to public schools and attended City College of San Francisco and Heald College of Engineering. From an early age he was engaged in the betterment of the San Francisco community. Throughout his life, Jackson was always open to make change for the better. He generously shared his time, knowledge and skills with everyone without limitation. With determination, persistence, and hard work, Jackson advanced in his career and retired as the Bridge Captain of the Golden Gate Bridge. Jackson was the exemplar of the virtue of brotherhood, treating young and old with compassion and consistently helping others in the best way possible. In Captain Jack’s memory, we are proud to contribute to the next generation of leaders.



Virginia Ho

Abraham Lincoln High School
Aptos Middle School
E.R. Taylor Elementary

Career Goal(s):
Elementary School Teacher or
Pediatric Nurse

Community Service/Extracurricular: Student intern at elementary school summer program, works as a part time cashier, member of the school tennis team, coaches tennis, student council vice president, student at the Teacher Academy at Lincoln

"I believe Virginia's combination of a drive to serve others and her pristine academic transcript will make her an excellent college student..."

Aisa Hiroi
Teacher Academy Coordinator and Internship Supervisor
Abraham Lincoln High School

Square & Circle Club Nursing Scholarship

The Square and Circle Club (S&C) was founded in San Francisco Chinatown in 1924 and is the oldest Asian American women's service organization in the nation. Square and Circle Club has served San Francisco Chinatown and beyond through community service and philanthropic projects.

The Club's name 方圓社 is derived from, "In deeds be SQUARE; in knowledge be all-ROUND" - Huainanzi (2nd century BCE). In 2024, Square and Circle Club will celebrate a milestone - one hundred years of service benefiting diverse communities worldwide.



Lisha Yu

Lowell High School
James Denman Middle School
Visitacion Valley Elementary School

Career Goal(s):
Nurse, Chemical Engineer, Researcher

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Greenager/Peer Mentor, San Francisco Recreation and Parks; English Reading Comprehension Tutor, Chinese Cultural Services Center; Chemistry Tutor and Math Teacher, STAR Learning, Leader/Member, Dragon Boat; Tutor – General Subjects, Chemistry and Psychology, Lowell California Scholarship Federation; Lowell Shield and Scroll Honor Society

"She is a critical thinker, has a great passion for education, and making a difference in her community. ... Lisha demonstrated growth in her second year of the program as Peer Leader. She led environmental education activities with the group and did great with engaging the group."

Tracy Phan
Manager of Greenager Program
SFRPD

Glen and Helen Young Scholarship #2



Jamie Zhu

Galileo Academy
Marina Middle School
Gordon J. Lau Elementary School

Career Goal(s):
Nurse, EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), Pharmacist

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Member of – Chinatown Community Development Center, Crafts for Cancer Club, Service Interact Club, Lion Dance/Fan Dance Performer, 1st and 2nd Place Awards in "The Overseas Chinese Youth Creative Composition Competition" – Central Chinese High School; Research Assistant, JCYC STEM Scholars; Co-founder, SET (Science, Engineering, Technology) Club

"Jamie is gifted with an advanced intellectual and artistic sensibility, and a self-driven curiosity. ...Her holistic embrace of learning for its own sake carries through to all of Jamie's schoolwork. She is truly a thought partner for her teachers and an intellectual leader and role model for her peers."

Kateland Harte
English Teacher
Galileo Academy of Science and Technology

Glen & Helen Young Scholarship #1

Dr. and Mrs. Glen and Helen Young donate this scholarship in memory of Glen's father, Dr. Quen Young. Dr. Young was a 1st generation Chinese-American orthodontist in San Francisco who supported the Asian-American community to create better opportunities for advancement and equality. Glen, a retired orthodontist and his wife, Helen are continuing Dr. Young's legacy of commitment to higher education. The Young family hopes to inspire the next generation of brilliant minds to think BIG and SOAR!!



Christy Lu

Abraham Lincoln High School
Presidio Middle School
Alamo Elementary School

Career Goal(s):
Business Entrepreneur,
CEO, Marketing, Dental,
Medical, Sustainability

Community Service/Extracurricular: Yerba Buena Ice Skating Rink—competitive skater, assistant coach, skate rental office worker, ice safety patrol, Chinese interpreter and vice president of the Skating Club of SF Junior Council, Richmond Neighborhood Center—delivers groceries to seniors, Asian Art Museum volunteer, Founders of Earth Club—founder and president, held fundraisers and established relationships with 3 senior homes, Red Cross Club—vice president, organized fundraisers for Ukraine.

“Christy is a very creative thinker and wonderful problem solver...she has always surprised me with her level of thought when solving problems. I am always impressed with her ideas as they are always fully thought out, innovative, creative and fully researched.”

Vicky Lee, M.Ed
Business Academy Lead Teacher
Abraham Lincoln High School

Square & Circle Club/ Elaine Jang Scholarship

The Square and Circle Club (S&C) was founded in San Francisco Chinatown in 1924 and is the oldest Asian American women's service organization in the nation. It accomplishes its mission via service initiatives and philanthropic projects. In 2024, Square and Circle Club will celebrate one hundred years of service benefiting diverse communities worldwide.

Dr. Elaine Jang attended Commodore Stockton Elementary School, Francisco Junior High, and Lowell High School. She joined Square & Circle in 1937 when she was 17. Elaine earned her Doctorate of Optometry from UC Berkeley, being one of three women in the class of 1940. Elaine eventually fulfilled her dream and opened her own optometry practice. It was the first Chinese-owned business in North Beach. Some of Elaine's S&C activities that supported the community included holding various offices and chairing numerous committees. She served as a mentor and role model for members. On January 23, 2023, Elaine passed away at the age of 104. This scholarship, which Elaine and her family have sponsored for the past five years, is a testament to Elaine's dedication to her community and a legacy that will continue for years ahead.



Linen Feng

Lowell High School
Francisco Middle School
Edwin and Anita Lee Newcomer School
(Chinese Education Center)

Career Goal:
Business Administration, Economics

Community Service/Extracurricular: Youth for SRO vice president, junior coordinator of Heart in Motion, cultural studies abroad in Korea under Council on International Educational Exchange, co-founder of Tree Hollow Club, a virtual social club for students during the pandemic, Job Readiness for English Language Learners—tutor, translator and facilitator

“She's extremely humble, family oriented, and cares about her surrounding communities.. Linen is an outstanding student and an amazing young adult. Her growth throughout high school demonstrates her preparedness for college level work.”

Jamie Frazier, Head Counselor
Lowell High School

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