



Asian American
Alumni Association
of Princeton

Dear Asian American Alumni of Princeton,

Happy holidays! In the spirit of the giving season, this issue of the A4P National Newsletter presents several opportunities to give back to the University. Whether you choose to speak at an upcoming conference, donate to a student organization, interview a prospective candidate, or celebrate with us the significant win of Denny Chin '75, we are happy to share in the spirit of giving back to the University.

**Yours,
The A4P National Board of Governors**

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Princeton Chapter of Global China Connection: Request for speakers

A4P received a request from a member of the Princeton Chapter of Global China Connection (GCC) regarding the GCC International Conference taking place on February 12, 2011 in Princeton. The conference, themed "China On The Move", will focus on the multifaceted transformation of China in the coming decade and features Steve Forbes and Burton Malkiel as a keynote speakers. While keynotes have confirmed, the conference organizers are still looking for speakers for panels and executive seminars.

Please contact May Li '12 at gcc@princeton.edu if you are interested in suggesting a speaker or volunteering to speak for this event

More information about GCC:

GCC is the world's largest non-profit, non-partisan student-run organization dedicated to promoting business, economic, and policy engagement between China and the western world. With more than forty chapters across five countries, GCC provides a platform of mutual exchange between current and future leaders of the international community. In the past, GCC has hosted large-scale conferences in New York City, Beijing, and Shanghai. Past keynote speakers included Chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia and Assistant Secretary of State. These events received broad media coverage, letters of support from senators, and attracted over a thousand student attendees worldwide. For more information on the organization, please visit www.gccGlobal.org.

----- **ITASA 2011 at Princeton: Request for sponsorship**

The undergraduate Taiwanese American Students Association (TASA) is hosting the annual

Intercollegiate Taiwanese American Students Association (ITASA) East Coast Conference for the first time since 1998! The conference, themed "Take it to the Top," will be an exciting Taiwanese cultural event, attracting nearly 400 attendees from colleges all over the East Coast. The four-day 2011 conference will be held at Princeton University from Thursday, January 27, to Sunday, January 30, 2011.

While most of the speakers have been finalized, fundraising efforts are still underway. Any contribution, even as little as \$20, are much appreciated! There are various levels of sponsorship, which include ad space or membership in a whimsically named donor tier such as "Squid on a Stick" sponsorship. Please see the below links for more information on the conference and a link to donate!

<http://www.mediafire.com/file/bk1dp1zcic3c7to/refundraisingforitasa2011eastcoastconferenceatprin.zip>
<http://eastcoast.itasa.org/sponsor/>

ITASA East Coast Conference

ITASA's mission is to allow Taiwanese Americans to explore and celebrate the Taiwanese American identity, and to inspire, empower, and activate its community. A non-profit organization, ITASA works on the regional and national level to unite Taiwanese Americans as a powerful force in our society, and to encourage Taiwanese Americans to serve their communities.

It has been over a decade since ITASA came to Princeton, and we're so excited to have the privilege of hosting it on our campus again. Through a wide range of workshops and speakers, ranging from fun cultural events to discussions of Taiwan's economic and political situations, the goal of the conference is to allow attendees to realize their immense potential, meet and befriend new people, and to inspire action that will better our community as a whole.

Our Vision: Taking it to the Top

For over half a decade, Taipei 101 has been hailed as an icon of Taiwan's innovation, growth, and modernity. Considered one of the Seven New Wonders of the World and one of the Seven Wonders of Engineering by *Newsweek* and the Discovery Channel, respectively, the 1,671 foot tall building is a symbol of unity and pride. After visitors from all over the world take the 37-second elevator ride to the 89th floor observatory deck, they marvel at the city lights and bustling streets that stretch into distant green mountains.

It is this amazement and joy in our own identities that we aspire to bring to the 2011 ITASA East Coast Conference. In holding this conference, we aim to push past common stereotypes and categorizations and discover what exactly being Taiwanese American entails. Our goal is to inspire attendees to pursue individual and collective action, and to realize the influence that each one of them will have on the future.

We think our vision of the rising potential of Taiwanese Americans is reflected in our choice of theme and in every aspect of our diverse workshop and speaker selection. From sessions on academics to politics to music, our plan for the 2011 ITASA East Coast Conference seeks to demonstrate that ambition is worthwhile, that self-confidence is deserved, and that our shared customs are bonds that make us stronger. By highlighting successful Taiwanese Americans in the United States, we hope to illustrate the attainability of dreams. And of course, we hope that through our nightly entertainment, we can emphasize how learning is not a lesson that must be suffered through, but an opportunity to have fun.

In the end, our message is simple: we believe that, like the rise of Taiwan as an important international player or the construction of Taipei 101, each one of us can succeed in whatever we choose to pursue – we can all take it to the top.

ITASA

Formed in 1990, ITASA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serve the young Taiwanese American community. It has been working tirelessly since to allow students to explore the perspectives that exist within the Taiwanese American Identity; empower participants with the resources to further develop their personal identities wherever they may go; activate our community; create a voice that

represents us in a larger arena, making Taiwanese Americans an influential force in society; build unity and relationships amongst the Taiwanese American Student Associations of various schools; and guide participants towards becoming better leaders by redefining their TASAs and themselves.

ITASA holds a conference in the West, Mid-West, and East Coast at a different college each year. This year, it will be held at Princeton University, and like the elevator going up Taipei 101, we hope that this conference will awe and inspire the community, and show them that we can all **take it to the top**

ASC interviews: Call for participation

Annual Giving isn't the only way you can give back to the University. You can represent the face of Princeton by volunteering to interview prospective undergraduate applicants! The Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) has reached out to A4P to recruit more volunteers to interview undergraduate applicants.

Many of the A4P governors are actively involved in the interviewing process, and we strongly recommend volunteering for a great way to contribute back to the University. Young alumni are especially encouraged to participate!

If you are willing to help, please complete the ASC sign-up form or contact Kristin Cass of the Alumni Association at kcass@princeton.edu

Woodrow Wilson Award Winner: Denny Chin '75

A4P is proud to announce that Denny Chin '75 is the recipient of this year's annual Woodrow Wilson award, one of the highest honors to be bestowed upon a Princeton alum.

Below are excerpts from the recent Princeton University press release. A4P is organizing a reception to honor Denny on Alumni Day, so please contact us if you are interested in helping out!

Press release

Chin, who earned a bachelor's degree in [psychology](#) from Princeton in 1975, has been chosen for the Woodrow Wilson Award. He will be presented with his award and deliver an address on campus during [Alumni Day](#) activities on Saturday, Feb. 26.

The Wilson Award is bestowed annually upon an undergraduate alumnus or alumna whose career embodies the call to duty in Wilson's famous speech, "Princeton in the Nation's Service."

Chin has been a federal judge since 1994, beginning with his appointment by President Bill Clinton to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He has served since April 2010 on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, to which he was appointed by President Barack Obama.

Chin has overseen a range of civil and criminal cases, several of which received national attention. In June 2009 Chin sentenced Madoff to a maximum sentence of 150 years in prison for orchestrating a massive investment fraud. Chin also has written decisions in or presided over prominent cases involving the constitutionality of the Megan's Law sex offender registry, regulations of immigration detention and a grand jury investigation into the circumstances of some of Clinton's presidential pardons.

"Both professionally and personally, Denny Chin's life exemplifies the very best of public service," said Christina Paxson, dean of Princeton's [Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs](#). "It is not just that he is a remarkably talented judge. In addition, he has taught law students, conducted extensive pro bono work and supported numerous nonprofit organizations that provide services to low-income communities. His dedication to public service, broadly defined, makes him a wonderful choice for the Woodrow Wilson Award."

After graduating magna cum laude from Princeton, Chin earned a law degree in 1978 from Fordham Law School, where he has taught legal writing as an adjunct professor since 1986. Chin clerked for federal judge Henry Werker after law school, then spent two years at the New York firm Davis Polk & Wardwell. In 1982 he became an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York, and then returned to private practice in 1986 until his appointment to the federal bench.

Chin has published extensively and has been recognized frequently for his work. In 2006 he received the Sanctuary for Families' Abely Award for Leading Women and Children to Safety and the Fordham Law School Alumni Association's Medal of Achievement. In 2005 he was the recipient of the Asian American Justice Center's Distinguished Service Award and the New York State Division of Human Rights Lifetime Achievement Award.

Chin has served on the boards of many organizations, including the Asian American Bar Association of New York, Care for the Homeless, the Prospect Park Environmental Center and the New York City Bar Association. He is a member of Princeton's Asian American Alumni Association and has served as an Alumni Schools Committee volunteer.

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