

The Chinese Professional Club's Year of the Dragon Scholarship Banquet



中華學人聯誼會 70th Annual Scholarship Awards

June 2, 2024



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70th Annual Scholarship Event
The Awards and Appreciation Banquet

Sunday, June 2, 2024 Ocean Palace Houston

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ENTERTAINMENT and ART



Henry Liu - Violin



Timothy Lu - Piano



Sara Shen - Art

PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Mark Luo

WELCOMING ADDRESS

Jessica Li

RECOGNITION - APPRECIATION - INSTALLATION 2024 Trustees, Officers, Scholarship Committee and Volunteers Philip Sun

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and INVOCATION

DINNER with ENTERTAINMENT

SPEAKERS

Judy Dae, MA - Community Impact Award

Jeanne-Mey Sun, PhD - Corporate Impact Award

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION
Mark Luo

CLOSING REMARKS
Philip Sun and Jessica Li

CPC Scholarship Foundation Inc. and Chinese Professional Club

2024

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		Thelma Chan



CPC Scholarship Foundation Inc. President's Message

Greetings, welcome to the 70th anniversary of the CPC Scholarship Awards. From our records the Chinese Professional Club was formed in 1950 with Paul Liang as the first President. The purpose of this organization as stated in the By Laws shall be as follows:

- 1. **Professional** To improve the professional knowledge and business skills of the members through periodic seminars, lectures, and round-table discussions.
- 2. **Service** To promote the general welfare of the community through raising of funds for scholarships and through other activities.
 - 3. Fellowship To advance the mutual understanding and social enjoyment of the members through regular social gatherings.

In 1993 CPC President Virginia Wong reported 100 Scholarships had been awarded. As of tonight, and thanks to your gifts and the tireless efforts of the volunteers who serve the CPC that number will be 536 scholarships, and \$946,500 in awards. We are not the largest organization of our type in Houston, but we are the first of Chinese American decent. We continue to be a wholly volunteer organization which has directed all of our resources into scholarships for the foundation of future generations. Those future generations include the exceptional students that we celebrate tonight. Please join me in congratulating the scholarship recipients who will be going to some of the top universities in the country based on your generosity. As we celebrate them I also implore them, now and for the future, to return here to give back to the next generations. Let me also thank Judy Dae our Community Impact Award Recipient and Jeanne Mey Sun our Corporate Impact Award Recipient for speaking tonight. Congratulations all.

Philip Patrick Sun, Trustee and President
Chinese Professional Club Scholarship Fund Inc.

Chinese Professional Club Former Presidents

1950 Paul Liang	1 <i>97</i> 2 T.C. Sun	1992 Virginia Wong
1951 Hamilton Chow	1973 Bill Huang	1993 Eric Chai
1952 BingWu	1974 Herbert King	1994 Edmond Gor
1953 Beck Gee	1975 BengHo	1996 & 2005 Daisy Wong
1954 Kent Wong	1976 Eleanor Der Bing	1997 Mark Lee
1955 Richard Leong	1977 Charles Chien	1998 Terry Cheng
1956 & 1963 George Bo-Linn	1978 Edward Hong	1999 Ida Wong Eng
1957 Gordon Chang	1979 Ping Ying Chou	2001 Annie Mak
1958 & 1962 T.Y. Chang	1980 Bill Wong	2002 Daniel Hu
1959 Jeffrey Chang	1 <i>98</i> 1 John Chi	2003 & 2004 John Loh
1960 Paul Chau	1982 & 1995 Cecil Fong	2006 & 2007 Philip Sun
1961 BingWu	1983 Patrick Chu	2008 James Tang
1964 Edward Moy	1 <i>984 &</i> 2000 Elsie Huang	2009 Garia Hui
1965 William Der Bing	1985 Michael Yuan	2010 & 2012 Jack Joe
1966 Howard Chen	1986 Mitchell Lou	2011 Peter Leung
1967 William Chung	1987 Humbert Chu	2013 Lillian Chan
1968 C.C. Huang	1988 Harry Gee, Jr.	2014 David Cao
1969 Henry Gee	1989 Chun Liang	2015 Katherine Lau
1970 Robert Yang	1990 Kherman Joe	2016 & 2017 Terry Chen
1971 Victor Huey	1991 Sam Cheung	2018 ~ 2022 Alice Lee

Chinese Professional Club President's Message



When I first set foot in Houston, I was captivated by the stories of the Chinese American community's substantial contributions to this city decades in the making —from the architects who managed the building of the public health and hospital system to the trailblazers who created several of Texas's significant immigration law firms. These narratives are not just stories of the past; but a testament to the vibrant, ongoing story of our community in a city that continues to grow and evolve.

Today, you can see the influence of Asian Americans across every sector of Houston, from energy and medicine to finance and public service. One of the most gratifying observations I've had here is the shared commitment by our community to nurturing future generations, particularly through education. Indeed, education stands as a cornerstone, a true gateway to social mobility. Such is precisely why members of the Chinese Professional Club has endowed a generous, grassroots-led scholarship program now marching into its 70th year, empowering our youth to pursue their dreams, whether in engineering, film, or music.

Tonight, we gather not only to celebrate this legacy but also to build upon it. We are immensely grateful to our donors and trustees, many of whom had chosen to support us for over half a century. As we look forward, let's continue to uplift, connect, and empower each other. Together, we create a future that is as promising as the histories we cherish and as limitless as the talent we celebrate. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.

Jessica Li, President
Chinese Professional Club



Judy Dae, MA The CPC 2024 Community Impact Award Recipient

The Chinese Professional Club recognizes Judy Dae as a Community Achiever. She is the President of the Fort Bend Independent School Board and the first Chinese American elected to the Board. She has devoted herself to volunteering at schools for the past 20 years.

Judy Dae was born and raised in Xi Ning, Qing Hai Province, China. Judy received her bachelor's degree from Beijing Science & Technology University.

Judy and her husband, Michael, came to the US in 1994 to study. Judy received her master's degree in computer science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

While the Dae family loves to travel and has visited more than 50 countries, Judy appreciates all the opportunities this country has provided her and her family. Judy and Michael have worked diligently, and they believe none of this would be possible without all the opportunities, the help, the kindness, and most importantly, the education they have received in this country.

Judy exemplifies the Chinese Professional Clubs' goal of community service and achievement.



Jeanne-Mey Sun, PhD The CPC 2024 Corporate Impact Award Recipient

The Chinese Professional Club recognizes Jeanne-Mey Sun as a Corporate Achiever. Dr. Sun earned a B.A. in Economics and International Relations from the University of Toronto. an M.A. in European Economic Studies from the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago,

Jeanne-Mey most recently served as Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer at NRG Energy, Inc., a \$32 billion integrated power producer and energy services retailer. She was previously the Executive, Energy Transition and Clean Energy Solutions at Baker Hughes Company and previous to that Vice President, Strategy at Sysco Corporation, the \$76 billion global foodservice company, and prior to that Principal at global management consultancy A. T. Kearney, She clearly has a diverse background that spans sustainability, the energy transition, corporate strategy, management consulting, and economic and policy research.

Jeanne-Mey is active with education, research and with numerous organizations such as Rice University, University of Houston, Greentown Labs Houston, and the Center for Houston's Future. In 2023, she was named a "Top 10 Energy Sustainability Leader" by Energy Business Review.

She exemplifies a model of corporate achievement for the Chinese Professional Club.

NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mitchell and Priscilla Lou Scholarship The Charles F. Chien & Viola Chien and Family Memorial Scholarship The Sui S. and Pearl Tang Memorial Scholarship The Cecil and Betty Fong Community Services Scholarship The Peter C.K. and Theresa Kwan Memorial Scholarship The Patrick Pichi Sun & May-Lan Chew Sun Scholarship The C.C. and Elsie Huang Scholarship The Annabella Cheng Memorial Scholarship The Henry Lau Memorial Scholarship The Dr. Shih Cheng Chang Memorial Scholarship The Harry and Antie Gee Scholarship The Wally and Anne Joe Scholarship The Hanan Chan Memorial Scholarship The Professor Daisy Ho Memorial Scholarship The Billy Wong Memorial Scholarship The Yuen Ching Wong Memorial Financial Aid Award The CPC Scholarship The CPC Financial Aid Award



Bellaire High School University of Pennsylvania Major: Economics

Lydia Tong 童丽迪 The Mitchell and Priscilla Lou Scholarship

Lydia is the editor-in-chief of Bellaire's newspaper, the Three Penny Press, president of the PERIOD club, and vice-president of the Future Problem Solvers club. Outside of school, Lydia founded a nonprofit dedicated to eliminating the educational disparity worldwide. She is a proud member of the PBS Student Advisory Board, where she guides editorial production for PBS. For fun, Lydia loves to shoot documentaries/photographs and create extravagant dishes in the kitchen.



Stephen F. Austin High School SAT 1570 University of Pennsylvania Major: ECE+ Business

Andy Wei 魏雨豪 The Charles and Viola Chien and Family Memorial Scholarship

My name is Andy Wei from Sugar Land, Texas! I plan to major in electrical and computer engineering and business with a focus on creating sustainable technologies. I was named a T-Mobile Changemakers Finalist, a Project Paradigm Finalist, and an NFTE WSI Finalist for my own sustainable invention, the SunShutter.



James E. Taylor High School: SAT 1600 Yale Major: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology

Henry Liu 刘翔昊 The Sui Sand Pearl Tang Memorial Scholarship / Annabella Cheng Memorial Scholarship

Having started violin at age 6, Henry Liu has always had a deep affinity for the expressiveness offered by music. As a competition winner, Henry has been named a prizewinner in numerous competitions, including 2nd Prize in the 2023 HYSO Competition and being a 4-time All-State violinist. An avid orchestral musician, Henry is a 6-year member of the Houston Youth Symphony. Furthermore, Henry has received national and state honors through Biology Olympiad and Science Olympiad.



Seven Lakes High
School
SAT 1590
University of
Pennsylvania
Major: Business

Kathleen Yu is a graduate of Seven Lakes High School from Katy, Texas. Throughout high school, she has been actively involved in Future Business Leaders of America and served as the Texas State President her senior year. Kathleen is also the published writer and illustrator of her children's book, Data Literacy for Kids, and the founder of Feeding Creativity, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to cultivate creativity in young minds. In her free time, Kathleen loves to teach dance classes, paint, and watch Netflix.



Bellaire High School SAT 1570 Princeton Major: Physics

Sarah Shen 沈天然 Peter C.K. and Theresa Kwan Memorial Scholarship

Sara Shen is a senior at Bellaire High School. She enjoys spending her time serving as Student Council President, studying physics, and doing cool things like flying a drone with the Girls Who Code Club. She also loves creating art in a variety of media (painting, printmaking, ink, digital art, photography, etc.) and being involved in the all-school musical crew. She spent last summer conducting research on an extragalactic supernova through the Yale Summer Program in Astrophysics (YSPA). In college, she plans to study physics and continue developing her artistic skills.



Bellaire High School SAT 1580 Stanford Major: Public Policy + F conomics

Karis Chen 陳惠欣 The Patrick Pichi Sun and May-Lan Chew Sun Scholarship

Karis Chen is a senior at Bellaire High School. She will attend Stanford University to double-major in Public Policy and Economics. Karis is the Editor-in-Chief of Bellaire's student newspaper (Three Penny Press), Vice President of Student Council, and a four-year varsity athlete in volleyball and tennis. As captain of the debate team, she appreciates clear communication and enjoys staying up-to-date on politics. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the national parks and watching baseball with her parents and two younger brothers. Karis is grateful to receive The Patrick Pichi Sun & May-Lan Chew Sun Scholarship from CPC.



Woodlands College Park High School University of Texas at Austin Major: Finance

Felix Li 李诣卓 C.C. and Elsie Huang Scholarship

I'm Felix Li and I will be attending the Canfield Business Honors Program at the University of Texas and majoring in Finance and probably a minor in MIS. I'm pretty social and will always have a good time. In high school I did science fair for 4 years and was the President for Teach 2 Learn (a nonprofit that holds STEM workshops), President of DICE (combination of consulting + volunteering), and President of Chinese Club/National Chinese Honor Society. Outside of school, I love playing pickleball, eating yummy and scrumptious foods, and goofing around with my friends. Hook 'em!



Bellaire High School Rice University Major: Electrical Computer Engineering

Helena Wang 王海琳 Annabella Cheng Memorial Scholarship

H! My name is Helena Wang, and I'm currently a senior at Bellaire High School. I'll be attending Rice University in the fall to study electrical computer engineering. In my free time, I enjoy painting and listening to music



John Cooper High School SAT 1570 Cornell University Major: Physics

Timothy Lu 陆天 The Henry Lau Memorial Scholarship

Timothy Lu is a senior at the John Cooper School and is planning on studying physics at Cornell University this fall. Tim would like to thank his friends for being there for him at 1:00 in the morning, and his family for having the patience and love to guide him along his journey. He loves all things music and is a firm believer of "It's fine, we scale".



Jordan High School SAT 1540 University of Texas at Austin Major: Biology

Jade Kamoun 赵杰 Dr. Shih Cheng Chang Memorial Scholarship

Hi, I'm Jade! I was born in Canada to Chinese and French parents and moved to Texas in 2013. In my free time, I love going to the gym, rollerblading, reading, and hanging out with my friends. In school, I was a part of Orchestra and Science Olympiad (I play the cello) and spent a lot of time volunteering at places like Texas Children's Hospital. I am currently pursuing the pre-med track at UT and look forward to this new chapter in my life! Thank you to my family and friends for all the support! I'm so grateful!



Cinco Ranch High School SAT 1520 Duke Major: Biology

Alina Dang 党晨阳 The Harry and Antje Gee Scholarship

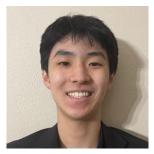
Alina Dang is an incoming freshman at Duke University where she plans to pursue a pre-medicine path. She shows her strong passion in STEM by serving as her high school's president of Mu Alpha Theta, secretary of Science Olympiad, and co-founder of Girls Who Code, where she helps hundreds of students explore their passion for STEM. Off-campus, she interns at a cardiologist clinic and is always ready to assist patients and bring a smile to their faces. Alina is also a competitive table tennis player, loves to express her creativity through all mediums of art, and enjoys trying new hobbies.



Woodlands College Park High School SAT 1570 Rice University Major: Chemistry

Cindy Shen 沈辛 The Wally and Anne Joe Scholarship

My name is Cindy Shen, and I'm planning to major in Chemistry at Rice University. I've always been interested in science and intend to follow a premed track. In high school, I've been involved in clubs such as the Chinese Club, Teach 2 Learn, and DECA. Outside of school, my hobbies are drawing and crocheting!



Clear Lake High School SAT 1510 University of Texas at Austin Major: Biology

Joseph Zhang 张玉泽 The Hanan Chan Memorial Scholarship

Joseph Zhang is a current senior at Clear Lake High School that will be joining UT Austin's Class of 2028, majoring in biology. As the current president of Asian Culture Club, Joseph takes great honor in bringing the community together to celebrate various Asian cultures. Outside of school, Joseph loves playing video games and tennis with his friends.



Jordan High School
SAT 1540
University of Texas at
Austin
Major: Biology

Anthony Zhang 张焕奕 The Professor Daísy Ho Memorial Scholarship

Anthony Zhang is a senior at Carnegie Vanguard High School. At school, he is the treasurer of the robotics club, Science Olympiad club, and the Asian American Association. He is an Eagle Scout and spends his time volunteering with Ronald McDonald House Houston and interning at research facilities in the Texas Medical Center. Anthony's hobbies include folding origami, camping, and hanging out with friends. In the fall, he is planning on attending Rice University to major in electrical engineering with a minor in business



Woodlands College Park High School SAT 1560 Rice University Major: Biochemistry

Acacia Zhang 陆天 CPC Scholarship

Hi, I'm Acacia Zhang. I would describe myself as a woman in STEM. I've dabbled in machine learning projects, as well as electrical engineering internships at URI and some animation/video production with the Houston Museum of Natural Science. I also love cooking, baking and working out in my free time.



Memorial High School
SAT 1550
Brown University
Major: Applied
Mathematics

Jeremy Tu 涂杰瑞 Yuen Ching Wong Memorial Financial Aid Award

Jeremy Tu is a senior at Memorial High School. At Memorial High School, he is a part of the speech and debate team where he is a policy debater. Outside of school, he is extensively involved in volunteering for underserved communities and has a passion for civic engagement. In his free time, he loves to listen to podcasts and explore the city.



William B. Travis
High School
SAT 1530
University of Texas at
Austin
Major: Math

Xiwen Huang 黄熙雯 The CPC Financial Aid Award

Having lived life in both the eastern and western hemispheres, learning to adapt to unfamiliar cultures has shaped Xiwen into who she is today. While language hindered her greatly when Xiwen first immigrated to the United States from China at the age of eight, Roman numerals and operation symbols in the third-grade math classroom spoke in a tongue she understood. In the same way those familiar math symbols gave her renewed confidence as a learner, Xiwen hopes to engineer a future of innovation and improvement, and translate economic trends and mathematical expressions for a less privileged audience.



Alief Early College High School: SAT 1520 Johns Hopkins Major: Economics & Political Science

Susan Tran 陳嘉玲 CPC Scholarship

Susan Tran is an incoming Freshman at Johns Hopkins University as a Quest Bridge and Kessler Scholar, studying Economics and Political Science in hopes of becoming a policymaker or senator one day. She is the Director of Finance for Alief Votes, High School Intern for OCA-Greater Houston, and Youth Ambassador for UNICEF. In the summer, she will be interning for Asian Texans for Justice and attending a summer program at Hopkins that only 40 students are invited to. Even with her demanding schedule, she still finds time to hang out with friends, make earrings, crochet, and frequently volunteer with her community!



Pharmacy School: University of Houston College of Pharmacy

Annie Man 文安那 The Billy Wong Memorial Scholarship

Annie's interest for pharmacy was ignited when her grandmother experienced a herb-drug interaction with dong quai, leading to hospitalization. This incident sparked Annie's curiosity about traditional Chinese medicine, including herbs like Tiger Balm, Kudzu root, and red sage. Motivated by a desire to ensure patient safety and well-being, she is in pursuit of a career in pharmacy, focusing on educating patients and managing their medication therapies. Committed to promoting positive outcomes in healthcare, Annie strives to integrate the best of both traditional and modern medicine, emphasizing safe and personalized treatment plans to optimize patient well-being.





