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The 2023 Chinese Professional Club Awards and Appreciation Banquet

The 69th Scholarship Awards Event

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Sunday, June 25, 2023

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CPC Scholarship Foundation Inc. President's Message

Greetings, I am humbled at the opportunity to welcome you to the 69th Chinese Professional Club (CPC) Scholarship Awards. Please join me in congratulating the scholarship recipients who will be going to some of the top universities in the country and the Air Force Academy. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the CPC volunteers who have worked over the years to make this happen. In 1993, CPC President Virginia Wong reported 100 scholarships had been awarded. As of tonight, that number has increased to 517. The fund itself is 12-fold larger than in 1993 thanks to your participation and generosity. Communities need purpose and a way to hold on to values and history. The Chinese Professional Club (CPC), arguably the first Chinese American organization in Houston, allowed the Chinese American community to feel they had a group, a professional group, to belong to and of which to be proud. The scholarship awards have been a way to recognize and honor the achievements of each younger generation. CPC also underscores how Chinese have assimilated and became Americans adopting American culture and loyalty while retaining the historic roots of being Chinese. Thank you once again.

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

Chinese Professional Club Former Presidents

1950 Paul Liang
1951 Hamilton Chow
1952 Bing Wu
1953 Beck Gee
1954 Kent Wong
1955 Richard Leong
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1980 Bill Wong
1981 John Chi
1982 & 1995 Cecil Fong
1983 Patrick Chu
1984 & 2000 Elsie Huang
1985 Michael Yuan
1986 Mitchell Lou
1987 Humbert Chu
1988 Harry Gee, Jr.
1989 Chun Liang
1990 Kherman Joe
1991 Sam Cheung
1992 Virginia Wong
1993 Eric Chai
1994 Edmond Gor
1996 & 2005 Daisy Wong
1997 Mark Lee
1998 Terry Cheng
1999 Ida Wong Eng
2001 Annie Mak
2002 Daniel Hu
2003 & 2004 John Loh
2006 & 2007 Philip Sun
2008 James Tang
2009 Garia Hui
2010 & 2012 Jack Joe
2011 Peter Leung
2013 Lillian Chan
2014 David Cao
2015 Katherine Lau
2016 & 2017 Terry Chen
2018 - 2022 Alice Lee

Chinese Professional Club President's Message

Three years after COVID19 sent us apart, I am gratified to see the Chinese Professional Club coming back together this evening as we celebrate, reconnect, and look forward. Education is the gateway to economic empowerment, and the CPC, through its growing scholarship program now in its seventh decade, has made advancing education a core organizational commitment. In the past three years, we've awarded $176,000 to 49 recipients across the Houston metropolis - aspiring writers, engineers, filmmakers, inventors. They've responded to isolation with service, to uncertainty with outreach. I couldn't be prouder of what they all accomplished and the continued spirit of community they embody, particularly reflected in those who volunteered to return and lead the Scholarship Committee, which is now composed entirely of past recipients.

To our trustees, donors and patrons, thank you. All of this was made possible by your courage of conviction.

Jessica Li
President
Chinese Professional Club

2021 Scholarship Recipients

Ian Pedroza
James Sy
Tyler King
Jennifer Lo
Katherine Forbes
Kevin Tran
Kyla Shotwell
Adriana Zaho
Cindy Li
Fuyao (Jefferson) Yu
Jonathan Chang

Chengxi Gang
Amy Liu
William Chen
Sarah Li
Daphne Han
Tiger Ji
Edward Chen
Jeffrey Choung
Zoe Wang
Josephine Luu

2022 Scholarship Recipients

Stephanie Wang
Allen Shen
Kevin Song
Andy Gu
Tiana Wang
Daniel Xu
Catherine Lu
Sydney Chon
Jonathan Huang

Albert Zhu
Kaylee Yu
Luana Liao
Grace Zhou
Josephine Luu
Mark Luo
Christopher Liu
Nicholas Lam
Jennifer Xu

PROGRAM

WELCOMING ADDRESS
Jessica Li and Angela Zhong

RECOGNITION and APPRECIATION
2021-2023 Trustees, Officers, and Volunteers
Installation of the 2023-2024 Officers
Philip Sun

DINNER

Keynote Speaker
JOE BLOMMAERT

2022-2023
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION
Angela Zhong and Mark Luo

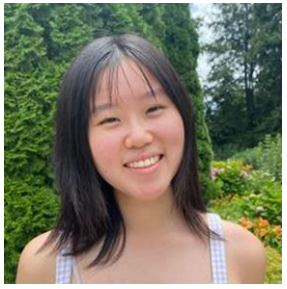
CLOSING REMARKS
Philip Sun

The 2023 CPC Scholarship Recipients

The Woodlands
College Park High School
SAT: 1570
Prospective Major:
Computer Science

Olivia Ye, 叶架荣: The Mitchell and Priscilla Lou Scholarship

Howdy! My name is Olivia Ye, and I was born in New Mexico but moved to Texas at age 3. I recently graduated from College Park High School, where I was president of their Chinese Club. This fall, I will be an incoming freshman hoping to study data science or computer science at Yale College and possibly pursue a Chinese language certificate. In the past, I worked on applying technology to solve environmental issues and spent my time mentoring younger students in research or competitive math. In my spare time, I like to figure skate, crochet, and learn new dances.



The Woodlands
College Park High School
SAT: 1550
Prospective Major:
Business & STEM

Ada Wang, 王田: The Charles and Viola Chien and Family Memorial Scholarship

I'm Ada Wang, and I was born and raised in the greater Houston metropolitan area! Through my high school, I found my passion for management through leading clubs such as our Chinese Club, and DECA where I helped others refine their problem solving with business applications. I will continue to nurture this passion as a rising freshman in the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania this fall. When I'm not developing intersections between management and technology, I love to bake for family and friends and discuss new books and play pickleball!

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Seven Lakes High School
SAT: 1600
Prospective Major: Piano & Economics

Bryant Li, 李俊毅: The Sui S and Pearl Tang Memorial Scholarship / Annabella Cheng Memorial Scholarship

Bryant Li is a senior at Seven Lakes High School. He is an accomplished pianist of twelve years, with festival appearances, soloist engagements, and international awards to his name, including being a Texas Young Master and YoungArts Winner. In addition, Bryant has founded community initiatives centered around fine arts education and benefit concerts. At school, he captains the state-winning Academic Decathlon team and is president of the Neuroscience Club, while ranking 3rd of 835 students. Furthermore, Bryant has spearheaded behavioral economics research and nonpartisan policy work. He plans to attend Yale University in the fall, majoring in music and economics.

Seven Lakes High School
SAT: 1590
Prospective Major: Business & Public Policy

Iris Cheng, 成泽瑾: The Cecil and Betty Fong Community Service Scholarship / Peter C.K. and Theresa Kwan Memorial Scholarship

Iris is an incoming freshman at Harvard College, where she plans to major in government. In high school, Iris was extensively involved in speech and debate. She has worked with the Texas State Legislature to advocate for student rights and educational equity. As founder of a non-profit, the Literacy and Legislation Initiative, Iris conducts free writing workshops and has donated over $10,000 in pre-loved books to libraries. For her work in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, she is a recipient of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations. She looks forward to connecting with her Chinese heritage through CPC Houston!

The 2023 CPC Scholarship Recipients

Bellaire Senior High School
SAT: 1580
Prospective Major: Computer Science

Amy He, 何沁宇: The Dr. Shih Cheng Chang Memorial Scholarship / CC Huang Memorial Scholarship

Amy He is a senior at Bellaire High School. She is a valedictorian and serves as the Student Council President. Amy is heavily involved in STEM: she has qualified for the AIME three times and competes in the USACO Silver Division. Amy has also attended Honors Summer Math Camp, performing research in combinatorics and information theory, and worked as a counselor at Junior Summer Math Camp. As President of her school's Future Problem Solvers club, Amy has led online tutoring initiatives and hurricane safety programs. She will study Computer Science and Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Clear Lake High School
SAT: 1560
Prospective Major: Engineering

Isabella Zhang, 张纾菡: The Henry Lau Memorial Scholarship / Harry and Antje Gee Scholarship

Isabella Zhang is a senior at Clear Lake High School and is a part of Columbia University's incoming class of 2027. She plans to major in engineering as well as minor in finance. She is the vice president of her school's Asian Culture Club, spearheading the first Asia Night in four years at CLHS. She is excited to use her experience from CLHS's Asian Culture Club to lead the Chinese Students Club at Columbia, continuing to promote awareness and positivity of Chinese culture and traditions. In her free time, Isabella enjoys playing guitar and baking for her friends and family.

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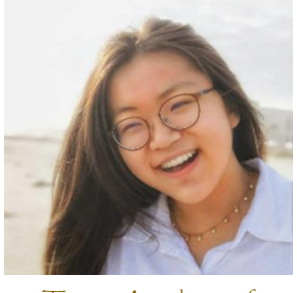
Cypress Woods High School
SAT: 1520
Prospective Major: International Relations

Victoria Zhang, 章子棋: The Patrick Pichi Sun and May-Lan Chew Sun Scholarship

I am passionate about civic engagement and cultural representation. Being Chinese American is crucial to my identity. As the Executive Director of Expansion for Let's Vote America and the Founder of Let's Vote AAPI, civic education campaigns promoting youth and AAPI voter turnout, I led voter registration drives and canvassing efforts with the LWV, OCA, iCivics, and the Harris County Elections Office. As president of my school's Asian Pacific American Culture Club, I addressed the spike of anti-Asian hate crimes and led a sit-in calling for action against racism. I will be attending Williams College as a QuestBridge Match Scholar.



Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science
Prospective Major: Design

Phoebe Han, 韩晨欣: The Wally and Anna Joe Scholarship

Hi! I'm Phoebe, an incoming freshman attending the Texas A&M University in the School of Architecture majoring in environmental design, I attended Kingwood High School for my freshman and sophomore years and the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS) for my junior and senior years. I'm interested in all things art, specifically graphic design. I'm also really passionate about community service and using art as a form of communication. For my next goal, I want to further explore the intersection of art and technology, and learn how I can use art to provide a service to other people.

The 2023 CPC Scholarship Recipients

Seven Lakes High School
SAT: 1560
Prospective Major: Chemical Engineering

Phoenix Wu, 吴晨烨: The Hanna Chan Memorial Scholarship

Phoenix has been a captain of Seven Lakes High School Science Olympiad for the last 2 years and fell in love with learning ever since he began competing in 7th grade. As well as leading the SLHS Science Olympiad team to multiple state championships and national tournaments, he also represented Team USA at the 2022 International Chemistry Olympiad. Phoenix plans to major in chemical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and pursue higher education. He would like to further his studies in academia and research but is also open to experimenting with different career paths.

William P. Clements High School
SAT: 1460
Prospective Major: Computer Science

Kenneth Wang, 韩晨欣: The Professor Daisy Ho Memorial Scholarship

Kenneth is a senior at Clements High School. He has been a part of the NJROTC Unit, serving positions such as Academic Commander and Command Master Chief. Whether it was leading classmates through academic or physical training competitions or igniting the spirit of Boy's State as a mock Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Kenneth has done his best at making a memorable run. He has earned a nomination from Senator Ted Cruz to the US Air Force Academy, where he plans on majoring in computer science. He'll then serve in the Air Force for 5 years as an officer.!