

Who We Are

The Center for Asian Pacific American Women (“The Center”) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the challenges facing APA women and to nurturing stewardship within our communities by:

- expanding leadership capacity
- fostering awareness of APA issues
- creating a supportive network of APA women
- strengthening community through positive change.

The Center is committed to being at the forefront of defining new leadership as exhibited by the design of our own Whole Person Leadership Model.™

The National APAWLI Signature Program

The National APAWLI Signature Program selects Asian Pacific American women with 8+ years of work/community experience and who are already viewed by their organizations, communities, and/or families as capable and talented high achievers. This intense learning experience brings together women from a diversity of backgrounds, ages, careers and interests.

The APAWLI fellows convene for 3 sessions over a seven-month period with each session focusing on a different area of leadership development. The first area is foundational and addresses the question: “Who am I as a whole person leader?” This involves self-reflection as well as understanding the concrete leadership behaviors and attributes of a whole person leader. The second session focuses on specific skills to be an effective whole person leader — especially through the ups and downs of leading — and the third highlights role models and different approaches to leadership. In addition, during the third session, fellows identify their next steps for moving beyond the Program.

The Program draws APA women leaders together, supports their growth and urges these exceptional women to stride into the world and give back to their communities. During the program, each fellow is required to develop and implement a learning project that will benefit at least 25 people, is a stretch personally and replicable professionally.

Note: The Center for APA Women, formerly known as APAWLI – Asian Pacific American Women’s Leadership Institute, changed our name to reflect our expanded mission. We retained the well-known APAWLI name for our flagship leadership program.



AT A GLANCE –

APAWLI National Signature Program



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Fast Facts:

Applications may be requested from info@apawomen.org
Application deadline: rolling until class is full
Acceptance notification begins on November 30, 2010 for 2010 Class
Tuition = \$7,200 + travel (room and board included in fee)
Scholarships available

Impact of Learning Projects:

- Over 100,000 nationwide

I. The Journey Begins: *The Foundational Aspects of My Whole Person Development of Leadership as an Individual OR Who Am I Really & What Does that Mean* - January 19-23, 2010 - San Francisco, CA

II. Trekking: The Journey Continues *From Individual Exploration to the Interpersonal & Institutional: Whole Person Development & Leadership Skills to Excel Through the Ups and Downs of the Journey*
April 7-10, 2010 - Houston, TX

III. Triumph: Reaching the Summit and Traveling *Who Am I Now As a Whole Person and Leader? Who Am I Becoming as a Whole Person and a Leader? What are my Next Steps?*
June 23-26, 2010 - Washington, DC

(Class and training session dates may be subject to change)

Sponsors to date:

- State Farm Insurance
- Nordstrom

APAWLI Fellows

Candidates for the Program must demonstrate leadership achievements in the private, public or volunteer sectors of their community. As a class, fellows are selected to create a balanced group along ethnic, age, and geographic lines, as well as political, business and volunteer experiences. Fellows must attend all training sessions, arrive on time, participate every day- all day- stay to the end of each session, and complete requirements on a timely basis.

Benefits

The APAWLI National Signature Program is a premiere leadership program for APA women. Benefits include:

- The ability to participate as a fellow in a national network of women leaders, develop dynamic relationships, learn from one another and increase opportunities for all
- Increased skills and renewed energy when returning to their workplaces and communities and deeper self awareness to face challenges and issues and to effectuate significant change
- Employers benefit from a highly motivated and skilled whole person leader with an enhanced understanding of core values and the influence of gender, culture and image in their leadership and work styles
- The communities where the women live and work benefit from a talent bank of highly skilled, self-motivated volunteers, committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others
- Communities and organizations have also gained valuable social capital from learning projects that have enhanced academic achievement, improved health and wellness, added financial literacy, learned more about cultural values and diversity, and in other areas
- With each session the fellows enhance their ability to contribute more effectively to their own organization and to take a more active role in shaping civic, state and national public policy

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