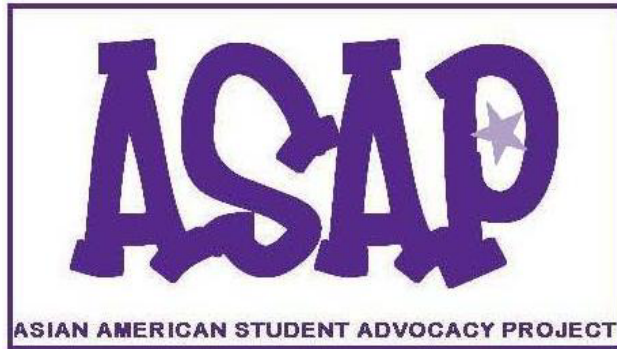




## Coalition for Asian American Children & Families

### Say something...

STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHT TO A  
GOOD EDUCATION



## ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ADVOCACY PROJECT

*Empowering youth  
to become leaders for change*



### Our Mission

*Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) is dedicated to making sure all Asian Pacific American children and families in New York City have a chance to grow up healthy and safe.*

### Everyday, CACF:

- ▲ *Challenges stereotypes about Asian Pacific Americans.*
- ▲ *Connects Asian Pacific American communities with policymakers.*
- ▲ *Empowers youth and parents to be advocates.*

*CACF, the nation's only pan-Asian children's rights organization, aims to secure better policies, funding, and services for the East Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Islander communities.*

### JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

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### What is ASAP?

ASAP stands for the **Asian American Student Advocacy Project**, a youth leadership project for Asian Pacific American high school students who want to learn to make positive changes in education through advocacy. By identifying problems and coming up with helpful solutions, ASAP **advocates** for improvements in our schools.

### Who are ASAP Leaders?

- *Diverse group of Asian Pacific American students from NYC public high schools*
- *Their diversity is represented across race, ethnic, gender, age, family structure, life experiences, class, immigration history, health status and more.*
- *They care about issues and problems that Asian Pacific American youth struggle with.*



### Why should I care?

ASAP is for students who:

- *Want to be **HEARD?***
- *Feel that **improvements can be made** in schools so you can have a good education.*
- ***Have great ideas** and **wish you could** create change.*
- *Want to **voice your ideas** to the community and decision makers*

**JOIN ASAP!**



## What does ASAP do?

ASAP leaders are trained to represent and be a voice for Asian Pacific American youth. They develop their public speaking skills, research and writing skills, and how to be an advocate. ASAP leaders will develop leadership skills, learn about advocacy, work as a member of a team, and work on a college and career readiness campaign.

## How do ASAP Sessions Work?

ASAP begins with a **6 day Summer Institute** where ASAP leaders meet to work on:

- Teambuilding & developing vital leadership and advocacy skills.
- Learn about Asian Pacific American history.

During the school year ASAP meets **ONCE A WEEK AFTER SCHOOL**. Sessions include:

- Group Discussions & Group Work
- Skill-building workshops & Guest Speakers



## ASAP's College and Career Readiness Campaign

**ASAP leaders work on a college and career readiness campaign.** ASAP has found that many APA high school students struggle with graduating high school and thinking about their futures. Coming from immigrant families, many parents don't understand the American education system and our families have language barriers. This means many first generation students are left by themselves to succeed in school and deal with the college process alone. **With the college and career readiness campaign we want to make sure that all Asian Pacific American youth have the support and guidance they need to not only graduate high school but succeed in college and their careers.**



## Why should I join ASAP?

- ASAP Leaders will receive a stipend of \$250
- Build relationships and network with other students and the APA community.
- Gain important skills in leadership and advocacy. Improve your public speaking skills.
- Meet elected and public officials.
- Have the opportunity to have your voice heard and be part of creating change.

For more information or an application, please contact Elizabeth Lee at:  
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## What ASAP Leaders Have to Say

"I see a problem that takes place in school and in the nation. Asian people are not being recognized **because our voices are not heard.**"  
 -ASAP leader, 11<sup>th</sup> grader

"Growing up, I have learned that a small voice could be trained to become a louder one. Through ASAP, I am hoping to **learn to confront problems and not run away from them.**"  
 - ASAP leader, 9<sup>th</sup> grader

"**Changes begin with me, but if I want to be an advocate, I need to start to make change happen in my own school, community, and home.**"  
 -ASAP leader, 12<sup>th</sup> grader

"ASAP has heightened my interest in helping people. It **encouraged me to make a difference and to help make positive changes.**"  
 -ASAP leader, 10<sup>th</sup> grader

