

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (APALDP)
CLASS OF 2016 YEARBOOK

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Marilyn Ajavananda is currently a copy editor and a media professional who has worked in both content and financial divisions of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle Media Group for more than two decades.

As a native of Rochester, Marilyn's interest to be a part of United Way's local Asian Pacific American Leadership Development Program is based on her volunteer work with APAAroc.org, a pan-Asian group focusing on cultural and educational awareness, and her work with diversity initiatives at the *Democrat and Chronicle*.

Contributing to a board that works toward connecting the community with opportunities for youth development or city planning, for example, would be of interest. Marilyn can be reached at marilynaja@gmail.com.

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Lily MF Lee is Corporate Human Resource Manager at Lewis Tree Service, Inc., a Rochester Top 100 Company and second largest service provider of vegetation management in North America.

As a humanitarian, Lily has led groups and projects big and small for pay and on a volunteer basis. Current voluntary involvements include executive board service with APAA.org, the only Pan-Asian 501c(3) organization in Western New York and serving as a diversity consultant for Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rochester.

A life-long learner, she has a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in strategic leadership and enjoys complex problem solving and decision-making. Lily is interested in supporting and advancing the welfare and human rights of seniors and the disadvantaged; you can reach her at llee@lewistree.com.

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Mimi W. Lee worked as a Content Manager/Application Analyst for Eastman Kodak Company. Her previous roles include Operations and Accounting Supervisor, and Assistant Director/Project Coordinator for a major not-for-profit organization in New York City. Her educational background is in Information Technology, Business Administration and Psychology. Selected to the Board of Contributors for the *Democrat and Chronicle*, she enjoys writing on various community and diversity topics. Mimi was the founding president of Asia Pacific Exchange (APEX) at Kodak. Currently, she serves as president-elect of Asian/Pacific Islander/American Association (APAA), member of the advisory committee for Memorial Art Gallery's Asian Family Day, the steering committee for APALDP and the Cultural Competency Committee of Lifespan. She is an avid community photographer, likes to establish new programs and volunteers for various community organizations.

Mimi is passionate about making a difference in healthcare and education for the elderly and the disadvantaged. Mimi can be reached at mimiwlee@gmail.com.

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Linda S. Marshall is President of Linmar Enterprises, Inc. She is a member of the APALDP planning committee, Asian/Pacific Islander American Association, Rochester Asian Network leadership and is the past president of the Asia Pacific Network. Linda and her husband sponsored 88 Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees. She organized material drives at local corporations for Saint's Place, was the leader for the DeToqueville and Pacesetter campaigns and served three years on the company board of directors for United Way. Her jewelry company, Gem Jardin, will eventually help refugees or other needy groups acclimate to American business, particularly for older people with difficulty learning English.

Linda is looking to serve on a non-profit board or consult part-time at an agency. She can be reached at Lshinmarshall@gmail.com.

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Korhan Sevenler is the Director of Product Lifecycle Management at Xerox Corporation. He had participated in United Way's ADALDP program to learn more about local community services opportunities. He is looking forward to getting more involved in volunteering for our community. He can be reached at korhan.sevenler@xerox.com.

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Charlene Pu is a Statistical Analyst at Acxiom. Charlene has experience in serving the Red Cross Society of the Republic of China and participating in first aid education and training.

Charlene joined APALDP to further develop her leadership skills and inspire positive change in community. She plans to volunteer on a regular basis and participate on various committees. She can be reached at pucharlene1224@gmail.com

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Quan A. Quan is a Financial Analyst at Xerox Corporation. Quan joined the APALDP to improve her leadership skills and network with other professionals.

Quan has experience in fundraising projects, training, budgeting and organization. She plans to serve on committees that help young children with their education and immigrants with English when settling in the United States. Quan can be reached at quan.aq@gmail.com.

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Chuang Ren is an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Physics at the University of Rochester. He has been a volunteer at the Chinese School of Rochester and has participated in United Way of Greater Rochester's Asian Pacific American Leadership Development Program. He is looking for more community service experiences that involve school-age children.

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Po-Hsing Sung is a Senior Software Quality Assurance Engineer at Textwise LLC. Po-Hsing joined APALDP in 2014 to improve his leadership skills. Po-Hsing currently serves as the President of Taiwanese Choir Society of Rochester. Prior to this role, Po-Hsing was a board member of Taiwanese Association of Rochester. He can be reached at pohsing.sung@gmail.com

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Marina Tharayil is a Research Competency Manager at Xerox Research Center in Webster, NY. She is an active participant in The Women's Alliance, Asians Coming Together and Nexus Young Professional groups at Xerox. On behalf of TWA, she currently administers the Molly Efron Scholarship to support women pursuing STEM degrees. She is also involved in the local Asian and Indian community activities. She is passionate about yoga, dance, and learning from different cultures.

Marina has held leadership roles in her work and volunteer activities, and would like to contribute to non-profit organizations through education, sports or crafts and would like to focus on girls and children. She can be reached at marina.tharayil@gmail.com

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Thuy Tran is a Senior Human Resources Generalist at Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield. Thuy participated in the 2014 APALDP to hone in the necessary leadership skills and knowledge to inspire positive change within the Rochester community. Thuy has experience in the areas of Compensation and Benefits Administration, Employee Relations, Training and Program Development.

Thuy plans to actively seek organizations that can utilize her expertise and welcomes any new opportunities that will enable her to make a positive impact in the Rochester community. Thuy can be reached at thuy.tran@excellus.com.

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ShuYi Yang is an Information Architect at Leveraging Technology Consulting. ShuYi has been actively participating as a leader in the corporate diversity initiative and the local ethnic community. Her previous experiences included serving as President of Asian Pacific Exchange Network at Kodak, Vice President of Taiwanese Association of Rochester (TAR) and committee member of Rochester Asian Network Leadership conference. Currently, ShuYi is the chair of APALDP planning committee and member of the advisory committee for Memorial Art Gallery's Asian Family Day. ShuYi would like to help non-profit organization in the area of education, technology and diversity.

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