

Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger
Asian Pacific Islander American High School Conference
Saturday, 22 March 2008

*****REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, MARCH 15*****

Please fill out ALL of the fields below, then submit online at <http://www.umich.edu/~uaao/apiahsc08/index.html> or mail to the address below.

LAST NAME FIRST NAME DATE OF BIRTH

** Parental permission required for minors*

GENDER MALE FEMALE VEGETARIAN YES NO ETHNICITY

PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL

HIGH SCHOOL GRADE T-SHIRT SIZE
S M L XL

Do you have a physical disability or require special needs? Yes No
If YES, please specify:

Our available transportation is now full. Students will be required to provide their own transportation or have their parents do so.

(If you elect to supply your own transportation rather than have your parents drop you off and pick you up, please be aware that street parking is relatively scarce, and parking structures will charge a fee by the hour – approximately \$10-\$15 for 11 hours.)

Please select the workshops that most interest you. (You may not get the workshop of your choice.)

Workshop #1

Workshop #2

Workshop #3

If you have any questions regarding registration, please e-mail apia-hsc@umich.edu

Mail to: A/PIA High School Conference
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PERMISSION SLIP

I give full consent for my student to attend the Asian Pacific Islander American (A/PIA) High School Conference on Saturday, 22 March 2008 at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. I understand that this conference creates an opportunity for my student to interact with other people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and that it will focus on issues facing the A/PIA community. I further understand that registration will start at 8:30 AM and that the conference will conclude around 7:00 PM.

If my student chooses to supply his/her own transportation, I realize that my student will have to pay for any subsequent parking expenses and that there is a relative scarcity of metered parking on the University of Michigan campus.

Finally, I will not hold the University of Michigan liable for any unforeseen accidents or injuries incurred while participating in this conference. I also recognize that the University of Michigan is not responsible for any damages and problems caused by my student.

Please keep the top portion for your records.

I understand the information and terms described above, and hereby consent to my student attending the conference at the University of Michigan.

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____ GRADE _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

! PLEASE BRING THIS WITH YOU TO THE CONFERENCE OR MAIL BY MARCH 15!
MINORS CANNOT PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PARENTAL PERMISSION.

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CHANGE LIVES FASTER,
STAND UP STRONGER**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor

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[About us]

Each year, the University of Michigan United Asian American Organizations (UAAO) is proud to present the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) High School Conference, a daylong event of learning, empowerment, and action. Historically, over 200 high school students come from different Detroit and metro-Detroit area high schools to participate in the conference. We encourage both Asian Pacific Islander Americans and non-APIA youths interested in APIA issues to attend.

[Objectives]

The 2008 conference has three primary objectives:

- 1) To promote student activism and leadership
- 2) To cultivate both intellectual and personal growth
- 3) To educate and enlighten APIA youth on relevant historical, societal, and political issues

These objectives are met through the conference's APIA-issue workshops, small group sessions, special guest speakers, and performances. The planning and execution of the conference is a collaborative effort from University of Michigan undergraduate students, faculty and staff, graduate/medical/law students, and members of the APIA community. Through careful budgeting and planning, this conference is offered completely free to the high school students.

[Mission]

As members of a dual identity, the Asian-American community is often caught in a disconnection between its historical heritage and current culture. Unaware about our unique identity, it is then difficult to realize the creativity, energy, and individualism we each possess. Thus, the 2008 APIA High School Conference seeks to explore these various issues through a daylong series of workshops, activities, performances, and special guests—all held in an exciting atmosphere here at the University of Michigan. Reaching out to all APIA high school students in the greater Ann Arbor and Detroit areas

with a focus on underrepresented communities, we wish to provide them with a meaningful experience of learning through interaction.

[Theme]

Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: Our main goal this year is to empower students and to inspire them to build a confident and knowledgeable community.

Our workshops this year will explore relevant and modern issues facing the A/PIA community, including A/PIA youth. The conference seeks to establish an awareness of the community and its presence in America, as well as individual confidence in the ability to participate and lead in all aspects of American society, be it politics, college, or the arts. With the upcoming elections, it is important – regardless of age or background – to understand the power of community to enact change and support itself, whether this change happens today, tomorrow, or throughout a student's life.

[Workshops]

- FOB: Fusion of Backgrounds
- Build it Better: Making the most of graduation day
- Hip-Hop: "Work it harder"
- Asians in the Media: "A champion in their eyes"
- "Don't make 'em like this anymore": Asian American artists
- "Caught up in the moment": Privilege Walk
- Stereotypes: "Everything I'm *not* made me everything I *am*."
- Christina Yang and Hiro Nakamura: Where do you fit in?
- Breaking Barriers and Coming Out
- Election day: "On this day, we become legendary..."
- Asian American history: "This is the story of a champion"
- Spoken Word: Asian style
- "Tell me what it takes to be number one": Asian American leaders
- Yoga/Pilates: The new workout plan



[Keynote Speaker]

Steve Hosik (ho-sheek) Moon is a 28 year old Korean American activist/organizer/youth worker/writer who hails from Chicago, Illinois. Steve's journey has led him back to the city to which his family immigrated more than 25 years ago to work alongside the youth of Chitown. Steve currently works as the Program Coordinator for the Multi Cultural Youth Project, a project built on youth solidarity located in Chicago's Uptown, and also as a facilitator for YAWP, or Young Asians With Power, a powerhouse writing workshop for Asian American youth.

There is no doubt in Steve's mind that his time spent at the University of Michigan as a student was life changing: studying under such incredible professors such as Emily Lawsin and Scott Kurashige truly opened Steve's eyes to his own potential as an individual and the people's potential as a community to transform the world. Since being a student at U of M, Steve has lived in Los Angeles where he attended UCLA's Asian American Studies MA program, worked with youth with a passion for hip hop, and did a lot of eating; after which, he came back to U of M to work in the Office of Multi Ethnic Student Affairs as an adviser for students of color.

He is blessed now to be back in Chicago and close to his family and community with whom he lovingly struggles to ask new questions and to find new solutions for community empowerment. In case you're wondering, Steve loves hip hop shows, food, basketball, scrabble, Bravo reality shows (yes, even Project Runway), doing nothing with his friends, and food.

[Conference Schedule]

Registration	8:30 am – 9:30 am	Michigan Union Pond ABC
Opening	9:30 am – 10:00 am	Michigan Union Ballroom
Small Groups meet and greet	10:00 am – 10:30 am	Michigan Union Ballroom
Workshop Session 1	10:30 am – 11:30 am	Angell Hall Classrooms
Small groups: Workshop 1	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Angell Hall Classrooms
Keynote Speaker: Steve Moon	12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Michigan Union Ballroom
Lunch	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	West Quadrangle Wedge Room
Small Groups regroup	2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	West Quadrangle Wedge Room
Workshop Session 2	2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Angell Hall Classrooms
Small groups: Workshop 2	3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Angell Hall Classrooms
Workshop Session 3	3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Angell Hall Classrooms
Small groups: Workshop 3	4:45 pm – 5:15 pm	Angell Hall Classrooms
Large group meeting	5:15 pm – 5:45 pm	Michigan Union Ballroom
Dinner	5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	West Quadrangle Wedge Room

[More Information]

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<http://www.umich.edu/~uaao/apiahsc08/index.html>
 or e-mail us at apia-hsc@umich.edu