The 2021 Leadership Convention by NAAAP is being held virtually on all four Fridays in August from 9am to 1pm PT / 12pm to 4pm ET. The following programming is being brought to you by some of our most fervent NAAAP supporters, including over two dozen sponsors and over 30 active convention team volunteers.

**Friday, August 6th**

**Diversity Career Fair & Development Day**

- **Keynote:** Andrew Yang, entrepreneur, activist, and philanthropist
- **Includes:** 20 employer booths, 6 job training sessions, and up to 200 one-on-one resume reviews

**Friday, August 13th**

**Inaugural API Community Summit and ERG Corporate Summit**

- **Keynote:** Chantale Wong, Nominee for Ambassador-level position of U.S. Director of Asian Development Bank
- **Other Notable Speakers:** Paula Yoo, author of recent Vincent Chin book; Barb Lee, documentary filmmaker; Cynthia Koo, Wonton in a Million; Joel Relampagos, executive producer of The Biggest Loser; Emil Guillermo, commentator
- **4 API Summit Sessions:** Asian Allyship, API Women Leadership, API Mental Health, Model Minority Myth.
- **4 ERG Summit Sessions:** Inclusive Leadership, Workplace Reintegration Anxiety, Measuring ERG Success, Managing and Thriving in a VUCA World.

**Friday, August 21st**

**Inaugural Women’s Summit and Inaugural Federal Summit**
Keynotes: Kiran Ahuja, Director of U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Grace Meng, U.S. Congressperson (NY)

Other Notable Speakers: Lucia Liu, Rock the Boat podcast; Vivian Chen, Board Chair of AAGEN; Eric Won, The Leadership Praxis; Sam Mok, Condor International


Friday, August 27th

Leadership Summit and NAAAP Awards

Keynotes: Kevin Kreider, Entertainer, Bling Empire; Arum Kang, CEO and co-founder, Coffee Meets Bagel

Other Notable Speakers: Danny Lee, Chef/Owner, Mandu; Jeanie Chang, Your Change Provider; Jeff Harry, Performer and Workplace Play consultant

4 Leadership Summit Sessions: How to Be Your Own Boss, Storytelling, Effective Communications, Play Your Way to Ikigai.

NAAAP Awards: NAAAP 100 honoree Padmasree Warrior, CEO and Founder of Fable. NAAAP Pride honoree TBD. NAAAP Inspire honorees Alpa Amin, Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network; Francesca Hong, Wisconsin’s first Asian representative; Tona Dela Rosa, Tony Rosa Speaks.

On each of the days, as an attendee, you’ll be able to network virtually with others, watch any recordings of sessions you missed, and play games with prizes, with winning based on visiting employer booths, spending time in sessions, and meeting others! Some of our prizes include Caesars Entertainment getaway packages, United Airlines no-blackout tickets, Leadership Convention 2022 in DC passes and gala tickets, books from authors at the conference, and much more!

The price for all four days is $99. But it’s an additional $30 off if you are a NAAAP member, partner, or sponsor. And register by July 31 for an additional $40 off early bird discount.

So as a NAAAP member, partner, or sponsor, register at www.leadershipconvention.org by July 31 to pay only $29 for all four days!

What's happening in NAAAP Boston...
AUG 20 / 7 - 8: 30 PM EST

Come n Join WIN for our first in-person event of 2021 as part of our WIN&WINE Series, This will be a networking night for Women Professionals to talk and grow their network in the Boston community. The event is 21+ and ID's will be checked upon arrival.

Location: Harpoon Brewery

Register here

AUG 22 / 12 - 2 PM EST

NAAAP Boston PRIDE presents "Gay* La Moon"
(*And lesbian, bi, trans, nb, gnc, pan, ace, etc.)

Resuming in-person programming, this is our monthly casual social and discussion group for NAAAP PRIDE, where we aim to build a community for AAPI LGBTQ+ professionals.
Location: *Hei La Moon at 88 Beach St, Boston, MA 02111*

Come as you are, and pull up a seat at the table.

**Register here**

---

**AUG 24 / 7 - 8 PM EST**

*Irene Li* (she/hers) opened *Mei Mei Restaurant* in Boston in 2013 and spent the years since driving the industry forward in ethical sourcing and fair and transparent employment practices. She's an Eater Young Gun, Zagat 30 Under 30, and Forbes 30 Under 30 winner, and six-time James Beard Foundation Rising Star Chef semi-finalist.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, she's pivoted her business to serve hospital workers with hot meals and groceries and to provide low cost staples and household essentials to other food industry workers. She co-founded Project Restore Us (*projectrestore.us*) whose mission is to serve working immigrant families. Since June 2020, PRU has delivered over 600,000 pounds of groceries to over 1,500 families.

**Register here**

---

**Talk of the Town...**
Love hiking and the great outdoors? Join NAAAP for a day of environmental conservation and networking at Middlesex Fells Reservation! Volunteers will help the Friends of the Middlesex Fells Reservation organization in dealing with invasive species and cleaning up the shore at Straw Point.

When: August 8, 2021, 9:00AM - 1:00PM  
Where: 49 New S St, Stoneham, MA 02180  
Transportation: Carpool strongly encouraged, pickup from Oak Grove Orange Line MBTA station available. Parking available near Straw Point.

Everyone is welcome to join! Sign up here if interested: tinyurl.com/naaapboston1  
Please reach out to James (james.shin@naaapboston.org) if you have any questions.

Interested in investing in your negotiation, influence, & advocacy skills this fall? Short courses are back! Join a small, diverse cohort of students for five work-schedule-friendly sessions with an MIT professor to build your toolkit of practical negotiation skills. We will be offering two tracks this fall - Asking for More, and Influence, Power & Persuasion! Registration opens August 1, courses begin mid-October 2021. For more information, visiting www.thehumanf.actor/courses or email Rachel at rachel@thehumanf.actor.

Rachel Moore is the founder and lead educator for The Human Factor. Dedicated to making negotiation and advocacy accessible to all, she generously donated her time and skills to lead a workshop for the Scholarship Committee’s very first Youth Leadership Camp.
#StopAsianHate Essay Contest Voting

In light of the Atlanta shooting and spike in hate crimes against Asian-Americans amidst the pandemic, we are deeply disturbed Asian-American young professionals in New York City launching an essay contest for any current high school, undergraduate, and graduate students all across America to civically engage and initiate solutions. Learn more about us at aapistories.org

We're eager to hear your voices and incredible ideas to catalyze positive change. Let's take action to #StopAsianHate together.

The last date for submission is Sep 30, 2021. For more information click here

---

DentaQuest honors 2021 Health Equity Hero Dr. Kadambari Rawal, a geriatric dentist and clinical assistant professor at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Rawal cares for community-dwelling, long-term care older adults in Boston. During the pandemic, Dr. Rawal helped implement teledentistry and on-call emergency oral health care protocols for the provision of essential dental services to at-risk patients. With faculty appointments at BU and Harvard University, Dr. Rawal is dedicated to educating the next generation of dentists in geriatric care.
Learn more about the 2021 Health Equity Heroes.

---

**Book Club!**

**Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World** by Anand Giridharadas.

**Sep 7, 8 pm - 9:30 pm**

Former *New York Times* columnist Anand Giridharadas takes us into the inner sanctums of a new gilded age, where the rich and powerful fight for equality and justice any way they can--except ways that threaten the social order and their position atop it. We see how they rebrand themselves as saviors of the poor; how they lavishly reward "thought leaders" who redefine "change" in winner-friendly ways; and how they constantly seek to do more good, but never less harm. We hear the limousine confessions of a celebrated foundation boss; witness an American president hem and haw about his plutocratic benefactors; and attend a cruise-ship conference where entrepreneurs celebrate their own self-interested magnanimity.

Giridharadas asks hard questions: Why, for example, should our gravest problems be solved by the unelected upper crust instead of the public institutions it erodes by lobbying and dodging taxes? He also points toward an answer: Rather than rely on scraps from the winners, we must take on the grueling democratic work of building more robust, egalitarian institutions and truly changing the world. A call to action for elites and everyday citizens alike.

---

**In the Summer Time...**

What to do in August, check [here](https://boston.naaap.org/onepage/email_campaigns/naaap-boston-august...).
A traditional yogurt-based drink from the Indian Subcontinent. Simple mango lassi is made with fresh yogurt, sweet mangoes, and a touch of cardamom. For a rich and creamy taste, some cream is included. Mango lassi is a fruity variation of the popular classic sweet Lassi – a summer drink made with yogurt, water or milk, sugar, and cardamom. Check the recipe here.

60 seconds with a Change Agent

Please meet Thuc Tran, one of NAAAP Boston Superheros...

I am the Associate Director of Technology at NAAAP Boston, one of the pioneers behind the NAAAP Boston website. I also support events held by NAAAP Boston committees and collaborate to enable new ideas.

Currently, my team is putting in a lot of time revamping and revising our website naapboston.org and planning the development and launch of some new event websites. I am also trying to push some new pages onto the website to help highlight other parts of NAAAP. As a Tech committee lead, I am particularly excited about the new
event website because it will give my team members a great coding and design project experience.

My life outside of NAAAP is to keep working on developing my technical skills in programming. I also spent some time learning French and also know Dragon boating. For Summer 2021, I went to San Diego, Ohio, and DC to meet my parents, uncles, aunts, and sister. This was much-awaited travel for me.

If I have to recommend a restaurant, my pick is Sabor De Brazil out in Allston - I relish Brazilian BBQ.

If I had to pick a power, I would like to have the space-time control powers that Hiro from Heroes had because it gives me the flexibility to change and help the world...

Impressionnant...

---

**Who is hiring? Spread the word...**

Our Corporate partners choose to sponsor NAAAP Boston to reflect their commitment to Diversity & Inclusion in the workplace. Our sponsors would like to highlight these new job opportunities.

Explore our sponsor career pages to learn more about the company values, mission and job openings:

**National Grid**

- [Customer Service Representative - Gas](#)
- [Customer Service Representative - Electric](#)

**Bright Horizons**

- [Consumer Email Program Manager](#)

**All Sponsors' Diversity Job Board** - [click here](#)

---

**Come and Join the NAAAP family...**

Do you have a strong skillset and looking for the right opportunity to serve in a mission-driven non-profit organization? Are you interested in building your leadership skills and
expand your professional network? NAAAP Boston could be the right fit for you! For more information about volunteering, please contact hr@naaapboston.org.

Click here to sign up as a NAAAP volunteer!

Shopping with Amazon!

GIVE A LITTLE.

With every purchase YOU make on Amazon Smile, a portion of your proceeds are donated to the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Boston Scholarship Fund.

Shop smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3168838
and support today's Asian American youth!

Support today's Asian American youth and NAAAP Boston by shopping on Amazon Smile! With every purchase you make, a portion of the proceeds goes to our NAAAP Boston Scholarship Fund, used every year to reward high school seniors with exceptional leadership and high academic achievement.

Make sure to shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3168838 and share this link for everyone to see - your co-workers, friends, family - and tell them how to get amazing deals and generate donations this Prime Day!

#StartWithaSmile #PrimeDay

- Thank You Sponsors! -