



International Leadership Foundation

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The International Leadership Foundation (ILF) is a non-profit organization that promotes the civic awareness, public service, and economic effectiveness of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. Our mission is to develop young leaders in the United States, Asia, and Pacific Rim countries in the fields of public service, entrepreneurship, and international business and politics through a network of business and community leaders.

Since our founding in 2000, ILF has provided scholarships and leadership training for over a thousand select APA college students nation-wide. ILF has a network of national advisory boards and global advisory councils in 15 cities, comprised of professional, civic, business, and community leaders. We help prepare the young generation to become leaders in the public, business, academic, community, and professional fields.

Our programs include: the Civic Fellowship Program, Washington Leadership Program, and International Exchange Program. These programs offer a series of internships, lectures, seminars, and discussions on topics ranging from international business relations to public policy and the legislative process.

The Washington D.C. Civic Fellowship is the nation's most prestigious APA civic leadership development program. Each Fellow participates in a supervised training program, including a public service internship to learn how to network and access government and public policy to help their communities. ILF also sponsors over one hundred additional college students each year for the Washington Leadership Program in conjunction with other leading APA organizations.

The ILF's Young Ambassador Program prepares the next generation of young international leaders to address the global business and political challenges in our ever-changing world. Established in 2009, this program hosts approximately 60 outstanding students from Asia to participate in a unique twelve-day program in Washington D.C. and the Northeast Region of the United States in mid-July. It is comprised of an exciting series of lectures, excursions and discussions on topics ranging from international business relations to public policy and the legislative process.

Every year, ILF hosts an exciting **business and leadership luncheon**, comprised of community development, leadership, and policy discussions and speeches from Members of Congress and other high-ranking officials. The luncheon also includes Business to Business matchmaking and networking events.

ILF also promotes and recognizes exemplary contributions to the APA community by individuals and organizations. Past **Awards Gala** honorees and speakers include the Honorable Norman Mineta, former Secretary of Transportation and Honorary ILF Chairman; the Honorable Elaine Chao, former Secretary of Labor and Honorary ILF Chairwoman; U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell; Senator Mazie Hirono; U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi; Members of Congress Ed Royce, Mike Honda, Judy Chu, Doris Matsui, Ted Lieu, Grace Meng and Amata Radewagen; Chris Lu, Deputy Secretary of Labor; Tina Tchen, Chief of Staff to First Lady Michelle Obama; Ambassador Sichan Siv, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N; Yoshimi Inaba, Executive Chairman of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.; Kanwal Rekhi, Founder of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) organization; international film star Jackie Chan; David Ho, prominent AIDS researcher; Toby Dawson, Olympic medalist and Todd Park, US Chief Technology Officer.