

# Vietnamese American Professional Women Association of Silicon Valley (VAPW)



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Spring 2009 Newsletter

## Message from the President & Officers

Dear Friends

Thank you for all of your support during our 1st Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. The reception was a success and the event would not have been possible without your generous support and participation. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Best wishes,

*Kimberly Pham*, President, Office of County Counsel  
*Mai Phan*, Vice President, Law Offices of Mai Phan  
*Myvan Khuu*, Secretary, San Jose Redevelopment Agency  
*Thao Nguyen*, Treasurer, Comerica Bank

## VAPW Mentorship Program

VAPW is creating a new mentorship program! A cornerstone of the VAPW mission is to affect positive changes by supporting and mentoring young women as they look to enter diverse professional fields.

Vietnamese American females may face different

issues in their personal and professional lives that can be addressed through shared experience and support.

VAPW hopes to lead by example, provide encouragement, advice, and support to our youth and young women.

For more information about this program, please contact Boardmember Laura Phan and Nguyet Dinh.

### How You Can Help:

- Volunteer your time to be a role model today to a youth.
- Encourage young women that you know to join.

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## VAPW Higher Achievement Scholarship



Thoa Hoang, Piedmont Hills, and Thy Vu, James Lick High School

### 09-10 VAPW Higher Achievement Scholarship Recipients

#### **THOA NGUYEN, PIEDMONT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Thoa is active in several different school associations and civic associations, including ASB and VSA. She is a member of Congressman Mike Honda's Student Advisory Committee and an Intern with Councilmember Kansen Chu. She hopes to major in Business Management and one day give back by aiding economic development in Vietnam.

#### **THY VU, JAMES LICK HIGH SCHOOL**

Thy is a senior that has just moved to America when she was 16. Despite the short time period, Thy has made the Honor Roll list at James Lick each year. She participates in the Vietnamese Eucharist Group and the VSA at her school. She hopes to be a pharmacist one day and help other youth achieve their dreams.

Thank you to all VAPW members and community friends that made the very first VAPW Higher Achievement Scholarship Program and Reception a success! This program was created with the help of Comerica Bank through a starting grant of \$3,000. With these funds, VAPW was able to provide two scholarships of \$1,000 for the 09-10 academic year to two well-deserving high school students. Through your generous support and donations, VAPW will be able to continue our scholarship program next year in order to make higher education more accessible to young women.

We received applications from a number of well-rounded candidates with high academic achievements, strong record of commitment to their communities, with great dreams and goals for their future. While VAPW hopes to provide more funds in the future, two young women especially caught our attention this year. Congratulations to Thoa Hoang of Piedmont Hills High School and Thy Vu from James Lick High School!

Our Scholarship Award Reception was intimately held at Hanoi's Kitchen on February 5, 2009. The event included a Raffle Drawing to raise funds for next year's scholarship funds with prizes such as a gift card to Express, a tea set, and a spa gift certificate.

Honorable guests included: Councilmember Kansen Chu & his wife Daisy Chu, Judges Robert Foley and Jacqueline Duong, Danielle Duong, representing Rep. Mike Honda's office, Mike Potter, representing Asm. Joe Coto, Khoa Nguyen, representing Mayor Chuck Reed, and Myvan Khuu, representing Councilmember Madison Nguyen.

For future information about this program, please check our website for the most updated information.

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The Vietnamese American Professional Women Association of Silicon Valley (VAPW) strives to outreach, educate, prepare and engage Vietnamese American professional women in areas of leadership and development, to provide a network of support and promote the professional growth of its members, to mentor and encourage youths in the community to enter professional careers, and to encourage community responsibility and participation.

VAPW members will commit themselves to the highest standards of ethics and professional conduct. The VAPW accomplishes its mission through a variety of activities including guest speaker luncheon series, educational forums, scholarship programs, mentorship programs and participation in other community events.

The VAPW is non-partisan and does not make political endorsements.



VAPW Board of Directors with Scholarship Recipients



Councilmember Kansen Chu, City Hall Reps, and Winners

## Members' Corner

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.vapw.org](http://www.vapw.org)

**VAPW** has received its 501(c)3 tax status. We are officially a non-profit!

**Myvan Khuu** and **Kimberly Pham** both started new positions with the San Jose Rede-

velopment Agency and the Armstrong Law Firm, respectively.

Good luck to both of you on your newest endeavors!

**Evelynn Tran** and her family are expecting another baby!

Congrats to her family!

Mai D. Phan is the 09-10 President of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association. Congrats!

Share your announcements with us at [info@vapw.org](mailto:info@vapw.org).