



ASAG Leadership Board Elections

[Submit your application](#) to serve on the the 2021–2022 ASAG Leadership Board! Any Northwestern University staff member who self-identifies as part of the APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) community is welcome to apply. Open positions include: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary/Historian, Director of Events/Programming, Director of Communications, and Liason.

Deadline to submit your application is Monday, August 2, at 5:00 pm CST. Voting will begin on Monday, August 9, and end Friday, August 20. And the new leadership board will be announced on Monday, August 23. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Tia Ng Groce](#), [Jennifer Mok](#), or [Jenine Ideis](#).

Sincerely,
[The 2020–2021 ASAG Leadership Board](#)

Staff Spotlight

Name: [Eric Wu \(he/him/his\)](#)

Job Description: I am a career pivoter, who spent more than a decade working in the beer industry in strategy and operations. After I started my graduate degree at Northwestern in Learning and Organizational Change, I joined the university staff full time in September in 2020 as a Leadership and Talent Development Specialist with the [WELL Team within HR](#). The portfolio of work that I primarily focus on is in the areas of leadership development programs, performance management, and talent development initiatives.

Tell us about your APIDA identity: I am a son of immigrants from Taiwan and have one younger sister. I identify as Taiwanese-American and culturally both Taiwanese and Chinese. I was born and raised in a suburb of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, so my roots are very much from the South; however I have had the opportunity to live in the Mid-Atlantic (Philadelphia & Baltimore) and Midwest (Milwaukee & Chicago) for both school and work. Having not living among a large APIDA population before moving to Chicago, I have been able to discover new parts of my identity, being actively involved in the Chicagoland Asian community through a non-profit, [Chinese American Service League](#), and a community donor advised fund, [Asian Giving Circle](#).

Favorite Quarantine Hobby: Is wedding planning a hobby? My fiancée and I are getting married in October 2021, and we have been spending a lot of our time planning. Also I have not always been a good cook, but I am willing to try and fail, so I have been trying to make scallion pancakes and roti prata throughout the work from home. I would recommend just watching the numerous youtube videos and experimenting, and also buying a big bag of flour!

Any hidden talents/or a fun fact about yourself: I used to be petrified of public speaking (...I'm still scared of it). At my former company, one of my managers suggested Toastmasters, and at the time I wasn't really liking that idea. Instead, I took an improv class at The Second City, and loved it so much I finished the Improvisation training program over the next 10 months. I also took classes in stand-up comedy. Realizing that I would not make a career out of being an improviser/comedian, I have taken what I learned from that training into my work. So, don't be surprised if I use humor and Yes, And when you're working with me! Ironically, I ended up founding a Toastmasters club at my former company and have been involved in Toastmasters since 2016.

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Upcoming Events

ASAG Virtual Art Gallery
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST
[Submissions due July 30](#)
[Learn More](#)

Love Through Food
Thursday, August 12, 2021
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST
[Submissions due July 30](#)
[Learn More](#)

ASAG Networking Event
Wednesday, August 25 2021
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST
[Register Here](#)

Recommendations

Books

- [Crying in H Mart](#)
by Michelle Zauner

- [Arsenic and Adobo](#)
by Mia P. Manansala

Articles

- [Why a new law requiring Asian American history in schools is so significant](#)

- [Asian American Olympians Share how anti-Asian hate has affected them](#)

Shows

- [Never Have I Ever](#)
now streaming on Netflix

[Any Feedback?](#)

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