Tarrant County Asian-American Chamber of Commerce

2014 ANNUAL BANQUET AWARDS

Saturday, October 25, 2014
Kowloon Seafood Banquet Room
100 W. Pioneer Pkwy. #146 2nd Floor
Arlington, TX 76010
Tarrant County
Asian American Chamber of Commerce

MISSION STATEMENT

The Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce is a coalition of various Asian subcultures, bound by their common interests in addressing common needs of the Asian American community. The TCAACC assumes responsive leadership in promoting business, community growth and development by:

Business Support – Helping to create more Asian businesses while professionally assisting those in need.

Community Education – Educating its business membership and representing their interest to city, county, state, and national legislators.

Economic Development – Pursuing economic programs that strengthens and expands the income potential of business within the trade area.

Civic Responsibility – Promoting programs of a civic, social, and cultural nature designed to strengthen functional and aesthetic values of the Tarrant County Asian community.

Cultural Education – Pursuing a broad range of civic and social activities that promote recognition of Asian culture and interaction with the community at large.
Welcome to Arlington!

Oct. 25, 2014

It is with great pleasure and honor that the City of Arlington and the Arlington City Council extend warm congratulations as you celebrate during this banquet awards celebration.

The City of Arlington recognizes the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce and its role in building understanding and positive relationships with our Asian friends and neighbors around the globe and here in Arlington as we work to build an inclusive community.

We hope you have a wonderful evening and raise not only funds, but also awareness, for your organization as it promotes cultural education, economic development, community growth and civic responsibility.

Once again, I congratulate you on the celebration and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Cluck, M.D.
Mayor
City of Arlington, Texas

October 25, 2014

On behalf of the TCAACC, welcome to the 2014 Asian Gala. Thank you for taking the time to help us honor achievements of our selected awardees in their chosen field of services.

I want to acknowledge the leadership and dedication of the organizers who work behind the scenes for their outstanding contributions to the success of this event.

Our special thanks to our corporate sponsors, community partners and friends for their continued partnership as we celebrate our diversity and culture. We look forward to build community programs and services to grow awareness of the Asian culture and Asian contribution to the North Texas communities.

Congratulations to all the awardees.

We hope you enjoy the program we have prepared tonight.

Sincerely,

Oscar C. Macaraeg
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TCAACC - Chairman
October 25, 2014

Greetings!

As the President of Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce, I'm honored to welcome our distinguished guests, sponsors, partners, members, and friends to our 2014 Annual Banquet Awards.

TCAACC continues to provide support for our members in business, education, and updates on issues that affect their community and businesses. Today, we want to recognize and congratulate our awardees for their leadership and achievements. Continue to be great mentors for the generations to come. We wish you much success in the future.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to our sponsors and partners for their continuing support. We want to thank the committees and volunteers for their generous time and commitment to make this event a success. I hope you all enjoy the evening and thank you for spending your precious time with us!

Sincerely,

Yen Nguyen

Yen Nguyen
President

From Left to Right:
Emma Ramos, Sidd Siddiqui, Peter Dao, Blessie Macaraeg, Linda Parong, Yen Nguyen, Liem Tran, Yousuf Jhangda, Shams Siddiqui, Gopal Rao, Paul Parisot, Andy Nguyen, Merna Parcon, Oscar Macaraeg.
**TCAACC speaker and awardees**

**Trang Dang-Le** at the age of 11, began a journey with her father that brought her to the United States of America from Vietnam. Through hard work and dedication, Trang graduated from high school with honors and earned a full Presidential scholarship to the University of Cincinnati. Trang graduated from the university with honors in 3 years.

After college, Trang opened a restaurant business with her family. When she started a family of her own, it was time for her to step back and raise her daughter as a stay-at-home mom.

When her kids were older, she chose real estate because it offered her the flexibility that she needed to balance her family and her job. To learn more about the real estate industry and the business world, she joined Asian Real Estate Associations of America (AREAAS) and Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce (GDAACC). Being proactive, she quickly assumed leadership positions within those organizations.

In 2012, Trang and a couple partners opened up their own real estate brokerage, DFW Realty. Together they have built a successful and growing company whose goals are to help the community and families realize their dreams of home ownership. In 2014, Trang became the Chairwoman for the Asian American Chamber of Commerce Collin County. This position gave her the opportunity to be more connected with the community and small business owners. When she’s not busy being the community advocate, Trang loves spending time with her family and her dog.

The Business of the Year Award goes to **Mr. Michael Nguyen**, Chairman and CEO of the Arlington based business NXT Solar Energy. Mr. Nguyen co-founded the company in 1992.

NXT Solar Energy provides renewable products worldwide that help reduce energy costs and helps businesses reduce wasteful consumption and eliminate greenhouse gases. NXT Solar Energy provides the most easily accessible, cost-effective and certified NEMR optimization devices. The company has received numerous multimillion dollar contracts to provide renewal energy and greenhouse reduction products worldwide.

Mr. Nguyen is very passionate about the humanitarian work, providing medicine, medical supplies, to hospitals in undeveloped countries. He provides clean drinking water and other products to help with energy efficiency.

The Educator of the Year Award goes to **Dr. Jung-Chih Chiao**, the Janet and Mike Greene Endowed Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of Texas Arlington. He joined the Department of Electrical Engineering as an associate professor in September 2002. He became a professor in 2008, and Jenkins Garrett Professor in 2011. Dr. Chiao has been a board member of the Institutional Research Board at UTA since 2006.

Dr. Chiao received his B.S. degree in the Department of Electrical Engineering at National Taiwan University in 1988. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Department of Electrical Engineering at California Institute of Technology in 1991 and 1995.

In 2014, Dr. Chiao and his research associate garnered international attention for their work in developing tiny windmills; made of a flexible nickel alloy that generates energy on a micro scale. A single grain of rice could hold about 10 of these windmills. The CBS series “Innovation Nation” featured their work this past September.

Dr. Chiao is passionate teacher and innovator and teaches in the Electrical Engineering Department at UTA.
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