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## Commission of Asian & Pacific Islander (CAPI) Affairs and

# Office of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs

## On the Road: CAPI's Sioux City Community Listening Session





DHR's Commission of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs traveled to Sioux City for the 7th Annual Siouxland Asian Festival on June 16 to meet with Northwest Iowa's API community. Commissioners Peggy La and George Sayavong helped to bring this heritage festival to Northwest Iowans. It was also a time to remember former Commissioner Sayavong who dedicated nearly 10 years of public service to the state as a CAPI Commissioner and positively impacted Sioux City through his work counseling youth. A local scholarship was created in his memory.

The next CAPI Community Listening Session will take place concurrently with the 5th Annual Cedar Rapids Asian Fest on July 28. Join us!



# DHR #IowasImmigrants Series API Feature: Matsalyn Brown



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Matsalyn Brown, the executive assistant to Dean Sarah Gardial in the Henry B. Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa, came to the US with her family when she was 7 months old as a...



Matsalyn Brown keeps her Tai Dam culture alive in Iowa Matsalyn Brown, executive assistant to three consecutive deans of the Tippie College of Business, first came to Iowa with her family as part of former Governor Robert now.uiowa.edu Follow us on Twitter @lowaDHR to read the rest of Matsalyn's immigrant story and many others'.

### US CENSUS 2020 - Children

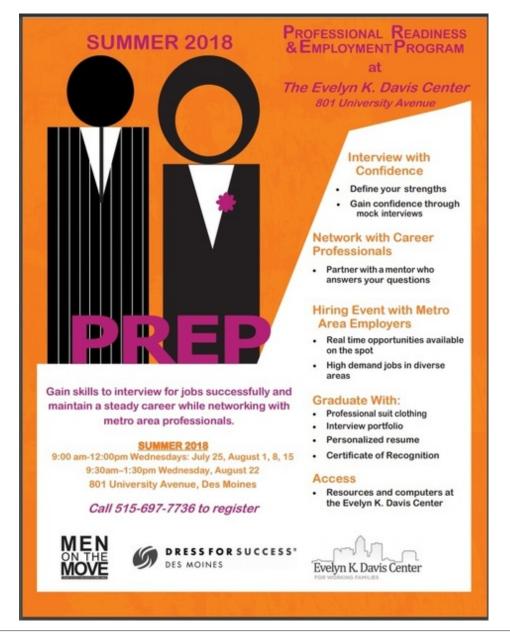
The Annie E. Casey Foundation's <u>2018 KIDS COUNT Data Book</u> - State Trends in Child Well-Being was released on June 28.

**Excerpt**: "Roughly 300 federal programs use census-derived data to allocate more than \$800 billion per year. If kids are missed in the national count, vital programs stand to lose funding — a scenario that would cause the greatest harm to children of color, children in low-income families and children in immigrant families."

#### **EMPLOYMENT**



RACI is a voluntary network of service providers that work together to better serve the needs of the growing refugee population in central lowa.



#### **BUSINESS**

#### Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week, October 14-20, 2018

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA - US Dept. of Commerce) will present a series of 'Powered by MBDA' workshops and seminars at a conference in Austin, Texas that will focus on federal government resources including trade/exports, infrastructure, and federal procurement opportunities. MBDA will also host the MBDA Pavilion where minority entrepreneurs and business owners can obtain one-on-one business counseling and coaching sessions. Learn more about MED Week, conference workshops, and how to nominate a minority business for the National Minority Business Award here: http://bit.ly/2Kslv8Q

#### HEALTHCARE

Mothers With Diabetes Are More Likely To Have Autistic Children - New Study

Excerpt:

"A new study suggests that women who have any form of diabetes while pregnant are at a higher risk of having a child with autism spectrum disorder. This also includes women who had type 2 diabetes their entire life and those who may not have had diabetes prior to their pregnancy but did develop it while carrying their child."

"For women, having diabetes increases their risks of having a heart attack by four times. Women who are African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Latin-American are more likely to have diabetes."

**Study:** Kaiser Permanente Health System - Southern California **Source:** <u>Tech Times</u>

#### **PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

#### **INSTABILITY IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS: A STATUS REPORT**

"The challenges to internal resilience in the Pacific Islands are both structural — in the form of issues arising from population growth, urbanization, land, immigration, health, and gender relations — and particular to the political situation in each Island nation."

Source: Lowry Institute (Australia)

### 2018 IOWA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME HONOREE

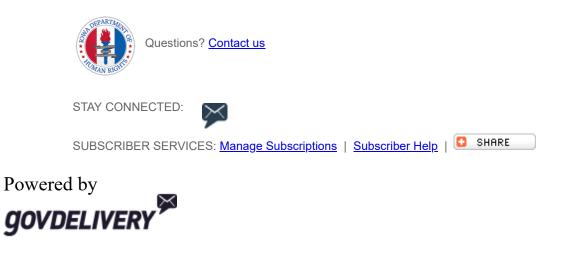


**Dr. Jean Jew** (lowa City): Professor; emeritus faculty at the University of Iowa; researcher; fought a decade-long landmark federal sexual harassment case against the University of Iowa and won; founding member of the Iowa Women's Foundation; mentor; advocate for gender equity and combating sexual harassment in the workplace/academia.

The induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa. The Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women will host a reception immediately following the ceremony. Both the ceremony and the reception are free and open to the public. To learn more about Iowa's Women Hall of Fame and other honorees, please visit the <u>DHR website</u>



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