



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

June 28, 2018

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!

5th Annual
Asian Fest
Flair, Fusion, Flavor

Emcee
Jenny Valliere
Miss Iowa USA 2018

July 28th, 2018 McGrath Amphitheatre, Cedar Rapids

Presented by

Event Schedule

10AM	Opening Ceremony Beginning of Food Sales and Villages Exhibition
11AM	Performances
4PM	Mayor's Proclamation
6PM	Fashion Show
7PM	Cook Down Riverside vs. HyVee, sponsored by Quaker Oats
2-7PM	Kid's Zone
10PM	Closing including Food Sales and Villages Exhibition

Sponsors:

DJ & Photographer
Cobra
3em
5nikrEnvyll
OG Member of @teamreebok1895
Voted 2014 CL Best Atlanta Local DJ
Official DJ of the Atlanta Falcons

DHR #lowasImmigrants 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

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**Follow us on
Twitter
@IowaDHR to
read the rest of
Matsalyn's
immigrant
story and many
others'.**

US CENSUS 2020 - Children

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's [2018 KIDS COUNT Data Book](#) - 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

ARE YOU A REFUGEE OR IMMIGRANT?

If not, you are still welcome to come!

We have WORK for you! Multilingual Career Fair

Employer list :-

1. Kreg Tools
2. Purfoods
3. Refugee Rise
4. Barilla
5. Burke
6. Danfoss
7. Dee Zee Manufacturing
8. Des Moines Public School
9. Erickson Anderson
10. Fairfield Inn
11. G4S
12. Graphic Packaging
13. Hy Vee
14. Loffredo Fresh Produce
15. Lowe's
16. Rees Associate
17. Ross Dress for Less
18. Sam's Club
19. Shine Housekeeping
20. Siegwerk
21. State of Iowa
22. Stay Bridge Hotel
23. Swan Packaging
24. Sysco

Career Fair Preparation Workshops Available at the Following Locations:-

- **Oakridge:**
July 10th 8:30-4:30
Nuer, Swahili, Arabic
- **BRS**
July 10th, 8-4:30
Arabic, Somali, Spanish, Bosnian
- **EMBARC**
Walk-in Hours starting now
Mondays 1-4pm, Fridays 10-1
Karen, Burmese, Karenni
- **LSI**
July 10th, 1-4pm
Tigrinya, Kunama, Nepali, Swahili,
Arabic
- **IowaWORKS**
July 9th, 10-11:30 am (Spanish)
July 10th, 10-11:30 am (English)

**Interpreters will be available
during the fair for the languages
mentioned above!**

When: July 12, 2018
2 pm to 6 pm

Where: Polk County River Place
2309 Euclid Ave (Room 1-1A), DSM IA

Free Parking: Polk County Parking lot

Public Transportation : Bus # 16

This opportunity is offered by RACI.

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



SUMMER 2018

PROFESSIONAL READINESS & EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
at
The Evelyn K. Davis Center
801 University Avenue



PREP

Gain skills to interview for jobs successfully and maintain a steady career while networking with metro area professionals.

SUMMER 2018
9:00 am-12:00pm Wednesdays: July 25, August 1, 8, 15
9:30am-1:30pm Wednesday, August 22
801 University Avenue, Des Moines

Call 515-697-7736 to register

Interview with Confidence

- Define your strengths
- Gain confidence through mock interviews

Network with Career Professionals

- Partner with a mentor who answers your questions

Hiring Event with Metro Area Employers

- Real time opportunities available on the spot
- High demand jobs in diverse areas

Graduate With:

- Professional suit clothing
- Interview portfolio
- Personalized resume
- Certificate of Recognition

Access

- Resources and computers at the Evelyn K. Davis Center

MEN ON THE MOVE

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Evelyn K. Davis Center
FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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: [Tech Times](#)

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 (Iowa 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 [DHR website](#)



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