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



Commission of
Asian & Pacific
Islander Affairs

PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT AT NEXT CAPI MEETING

The Iowa Commission of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs (CAPI) invites the community to attend its next public meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 29 from 9:30 AM to Noon at the Urbandale Public Library located at 3520 - 86th Street, Urbandale, Iowa. All CAPI meetings are open to the public.

As part of its [charge to recommend public policy](#), CAPI is seeking input and feedback from the Asian & Pacific Islander community and those who provide direct services to this population. CAPI Commissioners constructed a five-point, three-year strategic plan of policy areas for policymakers to address. [CAPI welcomes comment on this Strategic Plan](#).

For more information or to submit oral or written comments, please contact Tina Shaw, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Office of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs: tina.shaw@iowa.gov or 1-800-922-8917

2020 US CENSUS

Everyone Should Be Counted, But How?

"The answer to who the decennial census counts is relatively simple—it counts everyone. It's not so simple, though, to answer: How does the census count everyone? The 'who' includes every person who resides in the country. The 'how' deals with what questions are asked and by which methods.

The U.S. Constitution requires that every 'person' be counted. Just how the government goes about that changes from one census to the next. The upcoming 2020 census will be no exception to the rule because it will include both minor and some major changes."

Source: [National Conference of State Legislatures \(NCSL\)](#)

Advocates worry housing issues may lead to an Asian-American census undercount

Obtaining a full count is crucial because census data is used to decide how \$675 billion in federal funds is distributed each year.

Figures from a 2017 report by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) show that homelessness among Asian Americans has been rising: From 2016 to 2017, that group experienced the highest growth in homelessness among all racial groups (44 percent), followed by African-Americans, who saw a 23 percent increase.

Source: [NBC News](#)

ELDERCARE – FREE LEGAL SEMINAR



The Iowa State Bar Association (ISBA) People's Law School will host a free, public event focused on Older Iowan Issues on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the ISBA Headquarters located on 625 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Please contact ISBA People's Law School to register and for additional details: peopleslawschool@iowabar.org or (515) 243-3179.

Event topics will include: power of attorney and living wills, healthcare directives, and disposition of remains. Event attendees may have living will and/or medical power of attorney forms (available at the link provided) notarized at the event, if they choose to bring their completed forms. **FORMS AVAILABLE HERE:** [Living Will](#) and [Combined Living Will and Medical Power of Attorney](#).

SPEAKERS:

Deanna Clingan-Fischer, Ombuds Officer, Iowa State University

Greg Kenyon, Attorney, Bradshaw Law Firm

This is the first public seminar scheduled as part of the "ISBA People's Law School" series. The ISBA will identify other topics of public interest and host similar seminars in the future.

This free event is for the public only. There will be video and audio recording taken during this event, as well as photographs. The ISBA may use the recordings in future publications and presentations, upload them to the ISBA website or present them in other media.

ELDERCARE - Protection Against Medicare Fraud

The [Senior Medicare Patrol program](#) is one worth knowing. As part of the Iowa [Senior Health Insurance Information Program](#) (SHIIP), Senior Medicare Patrol's (SMP) mission is to empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect and report Medicare and health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling and education.

Learn how you can [connect to SMP HERE](#).

Find tips to [protect against Medicare Fraud HERE](#).

People with limited English proficiency may have translation made available via the Language Learners Link.

PHILIPPINE CONSULAR OUTREACH

The National Federation of Filipino American Associations of Iowa (NaFFAA) and World Financial Group will host the Philippine Consulate General for a two-day outreach event in Des Moines.



DESTINATION	DATE	PROCESSING TIME	NO. OF SLOTS FOR PASSPORT APPLICANTS	VENUE	CONTACT PERSON
Des Moines, Iowa	22 Sept. 2018 & 23 Sept. 2018	8:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	180 40 220	World Financial Group Office 3711 – 1/2 , Des Moines, Iowa 50310	Mr. Roel Campos rfcampos@gmail.com 515-490-3293

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

A. For Passport Applications

1. APPLICANTS SHOULD REGISTER PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED CONSULAR SERVICE TO GET AN APPOINTMENT SLOT FOR THAT DAY. NO WALK-IN APPLICANTS WITHOUT PRIOR APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT, APPLICANTS SHOULD SEND AN EMAIL TO THE CONSULATE AT chicagopcg.outreach@gmail.com WITH A COPY OF THEIR PASSPORTS (FOR RENEWAL) OR BIRTH CERTIFICATES (FOR FIRST-TIME APPLICATION);
2. APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO INDICATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THEIR EMAIL:
 - a) COMPLETE NAME OF THE APPLICANT;
 - b) DATE OF BIRTH;
 - c) PLACE OF BIRTH;
 - d) SEX;
 - e) CIVIL STATUS;
 - f) CITIZENSHIP; AND
 - g) LOCATION OF THE CONSULAR OUTREACH.



CONSULAR OUTREACH IN DES MOINES, IOWA

Presented by: Philippine Consulate General Office of Chicago, Illinois |
Hosted by: the National Federation of Filipino American Associations of Iowa (NAFFAA) and
World Financial Group (WFG)

Location:

World Financial Group Office (WFG)
3711 ½ Douglas Avenue (*parking at the back of the building*)
Des Moines, Iowa 50310

Dates:

September 22, 2018, Saturday - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
September 23, 2018, Sunday - 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Consular Services:

1. E-Passport
2. Notarials (Acknowledgement/Authentication),
3. Civil Registry (Report of Birth/Marriage)
4. Dual Citizenship
5. Overseas Voter's Registration

For more information:

Philippine Consulate General Office, Chicago Illinois
www.chicagopcg.com phone: (312) 583-0621

National Federation of Filipino American Associations of Iowa (NAFFAA)
www.naffaaiowa.org

Contact Person

Mr. Roel Campos rffcampos@gmail.com phone: (515) 490-3293

Former CAPI Commissioner Honored

The Iowa International Center will honor Albert Liu and others at its upcoming [Passport to Prosperity Gala](#) on October 13. Honorees were selected among many distinguished immigrants and refugees in Iowa who enrich their communities. Mr. Liu came to live in Iowa in 1994 as an immigrant from China. Since that time, he has served on state and local boards/commissions, committees, and businesses dedicated to building a strong relationship between Iowa and China. He played a key role in preparing Iowa for the 2012 visit to Iowa of Xi Jinping, then Vice President of China. Liu is currently Director of International Business Development with Kent Corporation.



RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS

WORKPLACE SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS
MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | LSI, 3200 University Ave., Des Moines



COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Learn English, math, and basic computer and workplace skills
- Tour businesses in Des Moines
- Get help with job applications and preparation for interviews

COURSE DETAILS

- Classes are free and free childcare is provided for up to 6 children per class
- Class size is limited to 12 students
- Students must be able to read and write numbers, letters, simple words, and phrases (CASAS 180 score - Beginning Literacy/Pre-Beginning)

Contact Dianne Siasoco for more information on enrolling in this class and applying for DHS childcare assistance.

515.271.7473 or 515.259.0551
Dianne.Siasoco@LSIowa.org

www.LSIowa.org

LSI REFUGEE COMMUNITY SERVICES: Refugee Education Programs

Academic Year: 2018-2019

Fall Session #1

Start: August 27, 2018

End: October 18, 2018

Class	Description	Childcare Provided	Days	Time	Classroom
Classes held at LSI: Refugee Services Center, 3200 University, Des Moines, IA					
<i>Welcome English</i>	FOCUS: English and cultural information for newly arrived refugees. ENGLISH LEVEL: Pre-beginner-Beginner START DATE: Monday, August 27 th NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED: Every Monday	Yes	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.	1:00- 3:00 PM	LSI Conference Room
<i>Beginning English</i>	FOCUS: Speaking, listening, reading, and writing practice ENGLISH LEVEL: Beginner START DATE: Monday, August 27 th NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED: August 27 th – Sept. 6 th	Yes	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.	6:00- 8:00 PM	LSI Room 1
<i>Intermediate English</i>	FOCUS: Speaking, listening, reading, and writing practice ENGLISH LEVEL: Intermediate START DATE: Tuesday, August 28 th NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED: August 28 th – Sept. 6 th	Yes	Tues., Thurs.	6:00- 8:00 PM	LSI Conference Room
<i>Weekend English</i>	FOCUS: Speaking, listening, reading, and writing practice ENGLISH LEVEL: Pre-Beginner-Beginner-Intermediate START DATE: Saturday, Sept. 1 st NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED: By appointment only	No	Sat., Sun.	2:00- 4:00	LSI Conference Room
<i>Citizenship</i>	FOCUS: Prepare for the citizenship exam while developing English reading and writing skills. Students must have lived in the U.S. for at least 4 years. ENGLISH LEVEL: Beginner-Intermediate START DATE: Wednesday, August 29 th	No	Wed.	6:00- 8:00 PM	LSI Conference Room
Classes held at satellite locations:					
<i>U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants</i>	FOCUS: English and cultural information for newly arrived refugees. ENGLISH LEVEL: Pre-beginner-Beginner START DATE: Monday, August 27 th NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED: Through USCRI & Catholic Charities	Yes	Mon., Wed.	10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	1200 University Ave. Suite 205, Des Moines, IA
<i>Capitol Hill Lutheran Church</i>	FOCUS: Speaking, listening, reading, and writing practice ENGLISH LEVEL: Pre-Beginner-Beginner-Intermediate START DATE: Monday, August 27 th NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED: August 27 th – Sept. 6 th	Yes	Mon., Thurs.	9:00- 11:00 AM	511 Des Moines St., Des Moines, IA
<i>Goodwill of Central Iowa</i>	FOCUS: Speaking, listening, reading, and writing practice ENGLISH LEVEL: Pre-Beginner-Beginner-Intermediate START DATE: Tuesday, August 28 th NEW STUDENTS ACCEPTED: August 28 th – Sept. 6 th	Yes	Tues., Thurs.	6:00- 8:00 PM	Stoney Point Plaza 5921 SE 14th St., Des Moines, IA

For More Information: Contact Maggie Cave at (515)271-7418 or maggie.cave@lsiowa.org

Contact LSI Refugee Education Supervisor: John Windheuser (515) 271-7322 or John.Windheuser@lsiowa.org



API COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Aug. 31st-Sept. 2nd 2018

- *Cultural Foods
- *Family atmosphere
- *Inflatable Slides for Kids

11am-10pm

4200 Martin Luther
King Jr. Pkwy,
Des Moines, IA 50310



Special Artist:
Tina Vongsouvanh
of Chicago

Live Music by:
Newmoon
Happy Nights
Young Hearts
Phi Hnom
Rohrz
Sy Diamonds Band
Gimibh



This Festival is supported, in part, by the Community Betterment Grant & sponsored by Polk County Supervisor John F. Mauro.



This Festival is supported, in part, by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Cultural Dance Groups:
16 Dao Tai
Lao Natasinh
Lila Lilat
Karenese
Tai Jhan
Rabbine
Cambodian

CULTURE & ART

The Chinese-Born Doctor Who Brought Tofu to America

Dr. Yamei Kin was a scientific prodigy who promoted the Chinese art of living to U.S. audiences. "Kin was something of a celebrity"... "with much fanfare in the press, she had embarked on a tour of China to investigate the culinary uses of tofu, with a headline in the June 10, 1917, edition of The Sunday New York Times Magazine proclaiming, 'Woman Off

to China as Government Agent to Study Soy Bean: Dr. Kin Will Make Report for United States on the Most Useful Food of Her Native Land."

Source: [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

POLICY & RESEARCH

Hmong Studies Journal publishes education issue

The Hmong Studies Journal, a partner of the Hmong Cultural Center, has published a new special issue focusing on contemporary concerns and issues in Hmong American education.

Source: [Asian American Press](#)

Firstborn Asians feel added pressure with family responsibilities

When compared to European Americans, Asian-American firstborns feel the additional burden of being cultural brokers and having to take care of their immigrant parents and young siblings at the same time, says a University of Michigan researcher.

Source: [University of Michigan](#)



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