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September 21, 2009

Dear Current High School Juniors and Seniors:

The Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (APYLP) is pleased to announce that applications for the 20th Annual Leadership Conference for high school students are now available and being accepted. Open to all current 11th and 12th grade California high school students, the four-day conference will take place at your State Capitol in Sacramento, CA on March 25-28, 2010. Fifty (50) students will be chosen to participate at no cost to students or their families. **The deadline to apply is Monday, November 9, 2009, no exceptions.**

Founded in 1990 to build new foundations for effective public service, community leadership, and multicultural citizenship; the APYLP is a volunteer-run, non-profit, non-partisan organization that is supported by the time and money of a broad range of individual donors, corporations, and university sponsors. Students will experience a unique program designed to educate and nurture a new generation of community and political leaders. Alumni are successful in many fields including elected office, policymaking, law, education, medicine, and many other professions.

Students from all experiences and backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Because leadership comes in many forms and is expressed in many ways, GPA and test scores are not part of our application review process. The simple four-page application can be downloaded at our website www.apyyp.org. Note that there are two versions of the application, one that is printable and one that is digital. The printable version must be printed on paper and returned by mail, the digital application can be downloaded at our website and emailed.

This year, the APYLP is celebrating its 20th Anniversary and all high school juniors and seniors in California are invited to become part of a program that will include 1,000 alumni leaders over the past two decades. Apply now!

Sincerely,

Curtis Notsinne ('98 Alumnus)

Vice-President, Recruitment & Participation



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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

September 14, 2009

Dear High School Principals and Counselors:

I am requesting your help in disseminating to your fellow counselors, teachers, and students information about a statewide conference sponsored by the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (APYLP), a nonprofit organization.

The APYLP reaches out to Asian and Pacific Islander youths in California to build on their understanding of what it means to be Asian Pacific Islander American students in today's culturally and ethnically diverse society. The conference offers group workshops on leadership development, cultural identity and awareness, the legislative process, and public speaking skills. Students also participate in mock legislative sessions, learn about higher education opportunities, and take part in various social activities during the conference.

Fifty junior and senior year high students will be selected for the four-day, three-night conference in Sacramento which is scheduled to take place March 25-28, 2010. Through funds raised from private corporations, higher education institutions, professional organizations, and individuals, the APYLP completely covers travel, lodging, and meal expenses for the students selected to participate in its conference.

Please disseminate this information to all interested students. The organization is especially interested in reaching students who have leadership potential, but due to language, economic, cultural or other barriers, have difficulty developing or realizing that potential. Applications must be postmarked no later than **November 9, 2009**.

The support of California educators has been instrumental in the success of the APYLP conferences over the past two decades, and I hope you will continue to support this endeavor. For more information and application forms, view the APYLP Web site at <http://www.apylyp.org>.

Your support for this conference is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack O'Connell".

JACK O'CONNELL

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2010 Leadership Conference for High School Students APPLICATION INFORMATION

CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATION

DATE: March 25 – 28, 2010
LOCATION: Sacramento, CA
DEADLINE: November 9, 2009

APYLP Selection & Outreach Committee
PO Box 22423
Sacramento, CA 95822
website: www.apyyp.org
2010conference@apyyp.org

Background: The annual Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (APYLP) conference provides a select group of 50 Asian and Pacific Islander seniors and juniors from public, private and charter high schools throughout California with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the legislative process, community leadership, and political activism. During the four-day, three-night conference, students will participate in a Mock Legislature at the State Capitol that includes the election of peer legislative leaders, lively debate of current issues through the introduction of legislation, and the lobbying of bills during committee hearings and the Senate floor session. Additionally, small group workshops facilitated by Asian Pacific legislative staff, community activists, and business leaders will assist students in developing their leadership and public speaking skills, enhance their cultural awareness and identity, and explore the richness and diversity of Asian and Pacific Islander communities in California.



Who Should Apply: Although any California junior or senior year high school student may apply, APYLP strongly encourages applications from Asian and Pacific Islander youth who have some leadership experience and especially from students who show leadership potential, but whose participation in programs such as APYLP may have been hindered in the past by economic, geographic, language, or other

factors. The conference program is designed specifically for Asian and Pacific Islander youth to learn more about themselves, issues of importance to their communities, and how to empower their leadership potential through the political process, public service and community service. Participants in past conferences have been representative of the rich cultural, racial, multiracial, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity of Asian and Pacific Islander communities from urban, suburban and rural communities throughout California.

Transportation, Room & Board: There is no cost to students accepted to the high school leadership conference. Through its fundraising efforts and sponsorships, APYLP pays all costs for travel, lodging, meals, and conference materials for all students selected to participate in the conference. The high school program is a supervised activity with volunteer advisors assigned to each student throughout the program.

Instructions for Applicants: The simple four-page application is available in both digital and printable formats. Printable applications can be downloaded at our website and once completed, must be returned by mail only. Digital applications can also be downloaded at our website and must be returned by email only. Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than November 9, 2009, so don't put it off and apply now!

All information and fields on the application must be completed. **Applicants should write thoughtful and informative responses to each question.** The Selection & Outreach Committee will carefully review all applications to select the 50 students and alternates who will be invited to participate in the 2010 high school conference in Sacramento. Student notification will begin on the following date: February 1, 2010.

Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project

PRINTABLE APPLICATION FOR 2010 CONFERENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

March 25-28, 2010, Sacramento, CA

Application Page 1 of 4: About you

Instructions:

- PRINT THIS FORM, complete questions, and return all four pages of this application by MAIL ONLY.
- TYPE or PRINT legibly in blue or black ink only.
- DO NOT STAPLE the application.
- Provide thoughtful written responses only in the - space allowed, and answer all parts of the questions. -
- Additional materials are not allowed and will not be considered.

- This application must be postmarked no later than **November 9, 2009 – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Questions? Visit our website or email us at 2010conference@apylp.org or call us at (916) 508-6030.
- Apply online at: www.apylp.org

APYLP Selection & Outreach Committee
PO Box 22423
Sacramento, CA 9582

Name -
First _____ M.I. _____ Last _____ -

Street Address _____ -

City _____ Zip _____ County _____ -

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ -

Email _____ Website _____ -

Ethnicit(ies)y/National Origin(s) _____ -

Country of Birth _____ Generation (in U.S.) _____ -

Check One -

Female _____ Male _____

Check One

Junior _____ Senior _____

High School _____ Teacher/Counselor _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent or Guardian #1 _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation _____ Highest Education _____

Parent or Guardian #2 _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation _____ Highest Education _____

How did you hear about APYLP? _____

Do you use social networking sites? If so, which ones? _____

Have you attended any similar conferences? If so, which ones? _____

Have you applied to this conference previously? _____

Application Page 2 of 4: More about you
Complete all THREE prompts in the space provided below

I. In 50 words or less, explain YOUR definition of a leader.

II. Briefly describe a few of your most important leadership abilities, experiences and potential. Include school, community service, volunteer activities, and other responsibilities; and why you want to attend APYLP. If you have any paid work experience, include your position(s) held, hours and length of work.

III. What, if any, challenges have you and/or family had to overcome while growing up? -

Application Page 3 of 4: About your future

Essay#1: Answer the following question in the space provided below

What do you hope to be doing in five years? In ten? How do you plan to reach these goals, and what will motivate you along the way?

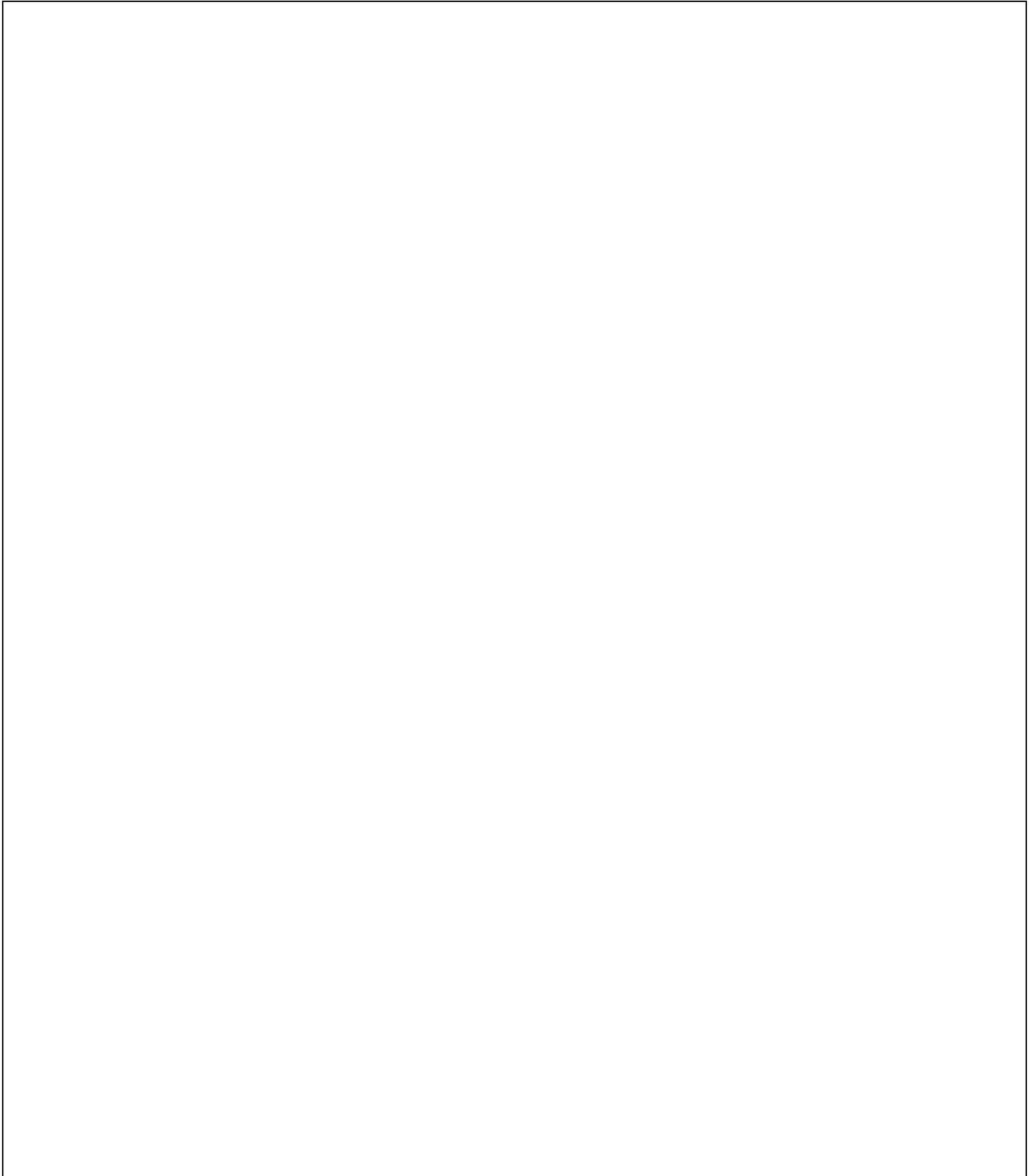
Application Page 4 of 4: About your community

Essay #2: Answer only ONE of the two following questions in the space provided below

Question A: Identify a current or historical person of Asian Pacific Islander ancestry that you consider a leader at the local, state, and/or national level. Why do you think this person is a leader?

OR

Question B: Identify an issue or problem that is important to your community, or in the state of California. Why is it important? What do you believe should be done to address it?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their answer to either Question A or Question B. The box occupies the majority of the page below the questions.