

**AAA Weekly Newsletter – Semester 2 Week 12 – April 17**

*Dear everyone,*

*As the AAA Board is slumbering early tonight (or at least attempting to), we hope that you will be joining us tomorrow bright and early for an exciting day at NYCSAAC. Regardless, enjoy the beautiful weather outside and have a great weekend!*

*In community,  
The AAA Board*

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*We offer this newsletter to inform our general body of events going on and off-campus as sent to us by peer organizations. Any goods or services mentioned in this newsletter are in no way endorsed by the Asian American Alliance Board.*

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1. TAIWAN FESTIVAL DAY

Friday April 17th, 2009  
6-8 PM  
Lerner Party Space

Come to Taiwan Festival Day to experience all the festivals celebrated in Taiwan throughout the year in just one night! Set-up like a Taiwanese night market, the festival will offer a great selection of Taiwanese food and drinks, various night market games and a variety of prizes! Come to one our biggest events of the year for only \$2 at the door!

Co-sponsored by CCSC, ESC, SGA, & APAAM

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## 2. CSC Rice Bowl

CSC Rice Bowl is MOVED UP IN TIME to April 18th, 1pm-4pm. Sign up for Dodgeball and Basketball Teams at

<http://www.columbia-csc.org/rb2009>

It will be located in Riverside Park (Go to riverside park and 116th and enter the park. Walk down to about 112th street and below, you will see basketball courts)

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## 3. 15th Annual RED CARPET PACE INTERCOLLEGIATE KARAOKE CONTEST.

Date: Thursday, April 16th from 7:30-11pm at Pace University

Address: Schimmel Theatre of 1 Pace Plaza (The entrance is on the side of spruce street across city hall)

Directions: Take 4,5,6, J, M, Z, to Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall subway stop

\*\*We have a cocktail reception at 6pm for the first 125 guests

Admission: \$5 per person. Ticket box closes at 8pm.

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## 4. APAAM Events

New York City Asian American Student Conference!

Date: Saturday, April 18th

Location: NYU Kimmel

An annual event, the New York City Asian American Student Conference (NYCAASC) is a collaborative effort between Asian American students from Columbia, NYU, Hunter College, and Fordham. The one-day conference draws together Asian American college and high school students from the city and beyond, to participate in workshops on Asian American identity and issues, to foster dialogue between students from different schools and backgrounds, and to network between schools and organizations for the purpose of creating a cohesive and unified Asian American student population. The conference will also have fun, participatory events, such as a showcase of local musical artists at the end of the night. This will be NYCAASC's third annual conference. The theme this year is ACT: Activate, Challenge, Transform. Register at [www.nycaasc.com](http://www.nycaasc.com)!

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Student Intergroup Mixer - (Jeopardy Style)

Sunday, April 19th

2PM, E477

Dinner will be provided and the winning team will receive a special prize.

Put your thinking caps on and get ready to join APAAM for an Intergroup mixer - Jeopardy style! Test your knowledge and learn about Asian Pacific American Awareness Month and other club organizations.

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Organizing Asian Communities  
Co-sponsored with CAAAV

Date: Monday, April 20th  
Time: 8PM-10PM  
Location: Lerner 502

Discussion on issues of gentrification in New York City, and current CAAAV campaigns against evictions and landlord harassment.

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Asian Pacific American Awareness Month (APAAM) is an annual celebration at Columbia University dedicated to promoting awareness of Asian Pacific American (APA) issues and history among the Columbia student body.

Our theme this month, Beyond Face Value, reflects our desire to transcend popular notions of what it means to be an Asian Pacific American. We seek to challenge norms, traditional narratives, and problematic histories. We will reexamine our rich past so that it may better inform our present and future, while remaining mindful of the diverse experiences of all Asian Pacific Americans.

For more information on APAAM, join our facebook group (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=114349&ref=profile#/group.php?..>) and visit our website at [cuapaam.com](http://cuapaam.com) for details on upcoming events!

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## 5. A Glimpse of China's Future

A Glimpse of China's Future -- Saturday, April 25th at Columbia University  
Global China Connection is proud to present the opportunity to engage social, political, and economic issues concerning China in a globalized world.

We cordially invite you to attend "A Glimpse of China's Future," this year's Global China Connection Annual Conference, to be held at Columbia University on Saturday, April 25th.

The conference aims to foster discourse on policies and trends that dominate the social, business, and legal spheres of modern China. To this end, the conference includes a series of keynote

speeches, topical panels, and networking events featuring distinguished leaders from industry, government, and academia who have intimate experiences with China. This year's conference will host a wide selection of speakers from a variety of disciplines, including Economics Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz, Morgan Stanley and Citibank Veteran Howard Snyder, and Worldwide Orphans Foundation CEO Jane Aronson. For more information and to register, please visit GCC online at [www.globalchinaconnection.com/conference/newyork](http://www.globalchinaconnection.com/conference/newyork) or contact GCC at [conference@globalchinaconnection.com](mailto:conference@globalchinaconnection.com)

The next GCC Conference will be held on July 18th, in Beijing, China. For more information, visit [www.globalchinaconnection.com/conference/beijing](http://www.globalchinaconnection.com/conference/beijing) or contact [beijingconference@globalchinaconnection.com](mailto:beijingconference@globalchinaconnection.com)

GCC is the world's largest US-China student network. GCC has developed chapters at top universities in the United States, Canada, England and China all working to promote cultural awareness and understanding, develop friendship and language exchange, as well as participate in philanthropic projects and community engagement; though most importantly, to develop a network of the top international talent of the 21st century. GCC is currently partnering with other networks and organizations including PKU's International Communication Association, US-China Exchange Association, IMUSE, Givology, Peking Globalist, and others, in an attempt to bring together the various resources and opportunities available to Chinese and Western students, in order to promote the common goals of sustainable development, social entrepreneurship, and international communication.

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## 6. MOCK WEDDING of the YEAR!

YOU are Cordially Invited to the MOCK WEDDING of the YEAR!

The Columbia University Organization of Pakistani Students  
In Collaboration with the NYU Pakistani Students Association  
Proudly Present  
**\*\*HANGAMA 2009\*\***

An afternoon filled with color, music, dance, and food..  
Come celebrate our Annual Mock Pakistani Wedding at Low Steps!

Watch as the Groom from NYU arrives on his WHITE HORSE to wed his Columbia Bride!

WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 19th

WHERE: Columbia University's Low Plaza (W116th and Broadway)

TIME: 3-5 pm

**\*DRESS IN YOUR PAKISTANI BEST!\***

Entertainment throughout the afternoon:

Performances by CU Bhangra, CU RAAS, DHOOM, TAAL, NY Masti, and Your Own OPS!

Enjoy freshly made platters from CHICKEN and RICE (from 53rd and 6th)!

Get delicious Pakistani food, participate in the traditional Pakistani Wedding rituals.. and of course experience a Pakistani Wedding on a beautiful Spring Day!

ALL are welcome!

Watch clips of last year's Hangama <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZj1958w2M>

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## 7. TASTE of MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS

Inside New York, Bacchanal, and the Center for Career Education present:

### TASTE of MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS

Get a “taste” of local flavor at Columbia University’s first-ever charity tasting event! Over 20+ restaurants from the neighborhood will serve an array of hors d’oeuvres, bites, and desserts reflecting their culinary point of view—all to benefit local charities.

Monday, 4/20

3:30-5:00pm

Low Plaza

Tickets: \$5 or 5 canned/boxed food items

On sale at the event, first come first served

Info and participating restaurants at [www.insidenevork.com](http://www.insidenevork.com) and facebook

All proceeds benefiting Community Impact and charities fighting hunger and food insecurity

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## 8. Power Dynamics of International Volunteering Discussion

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Tuesday 4/21 9pm

Wallach Lounge

International volunteering. power? privilege?

"save the world"

What challenges international volunteers?

come discuss: Power Dynamics of International Volunteering

Hosted by ROOTEd, Respecting Ourselves and Others Through Education, a peer-facilitation group that focuses on power and privilege and social identities.

Co-sponsored by African Students Association, Amnesty International, Engineers Without Borders, ASB Pine Ridge South Dakota. Everyone is welcome, and there will be free ice-cream!

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## 9. LSATS, GMATS, GREs and MCATS PREP COURSES ON SALE

### LSATS, GMATS, GREs and MCATS PREP COURSES ON SALE

Looking into grad schools? Look into taking a Princeton Review prep course in Manhattan. Get prepared with Princeton Review's Hyperlearning classroom course. Courses are on sale for \$900 for LSATs, GMATs, and GREs. \$1400 for MCATs.

GMATs           \$1300 -> \$900

GREs             \$1300 -> \$900

LSATs           \$1300 -> \$900

MCATs           \$1900 -> \$1400

Contact [jc2882@columbia.edu](mailto:jc2882@columbia.edu) for information. Only 4 courses left!

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## 10. ROOTEd application

Subject: Great Leadership Opportunity!

Respecting Ourselves and Others Through Education (ROOTEd) is a student-run facilitation group under the Office of Multicultural Affairs that explores identity, power, privilege, and intersectionality in our lives. We are looking for new facilitators to add to the group for the upcoming semester! Are you interested in being challenged and challenging others to examine how your identities work in every-day life? Do you enjoy facilitating discussions and having opportunities to grow as a student leader? Do you want to share your personal experiences of your multi-faceted identities? Do you want to meet people who are eager to talk, share, and listen with you? Do you want to join a student group that emphasizes group and self care, supporting each other, and that aims to create a space where all of your identities are welcome and valued? Apply to become a ROOTEd facilitator today!

Email applications by May 1st to [rooted.soms@gmail.com](mailto:rooted.soms@gmail.com), and interviews are scheduled during Reading Week. See the attached application for more info, or feel free to contact ROOTEd at [rooted.soms@gmail.com](mailto:rooted.soms@gmail.com).

Looking forward to your applications!

With Anticipation,  
The ROOTEd Team

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## 11. 10,000 Votes for \$10,000

Hey guys!

I volunteer at the Charles B. Wang Community Health Center in Chinatown as part of the literacy team. We're a student-led group that promotes early childhood development in New York City's Chinatown through literacy events, book distributions, and book clubs. Our work is especially important because the parents generally are not financially well off and speak very little English so we try to alleviate the disadvantages these children face.

GOOD NEWS! We just found out that our team was selected as one of the 10 finalists from over 100 project submissions in a contest called "Power in Numbers" sponsored by Mountain Dew. The contest awards \$10,000 grants to student-led projects that give back to the community.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! The team with the most votes will be awarded \$10,000 for their cause. You can vote by going to [www.energizeyourcommunity.com](http://www.energizeyourcommunity.com) or checking out our facebook event at <http://www.facebook.com/inbox/?ref=mb#/event.php?eid=86448250733&ref=mf..> You may vote once a day until Wednesday, April 29th at 2:59 EST. It takes less than a minute and can really make a difference.

We are seeking 10,000 votes. That's one dollar for every vote if you do the math. Statistics have demonstrated that children from low-income, vulnerable population families can hear as many as 20 million fewer words than their more affluent peers before the age of 4. Please help us as we work to bridge this gap.

Thanks for your support and REMEMBER TO VOTE! Could you guys also help us spread our message? and tell the members of AAA & APAAM or anyone else who will vote?

Thanks,  
Cindy

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Cindy Luk  
Columbia University '10  
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12. Growth and Development Project: Executive Board Apps Due 4/24!

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GDP is an undergraduate student group whose goal is to promote economic growth and empower individuals in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, through sustainable job growth, expansion of small and medium-sized businesses, and corporate social responsibility. We have run successful events including fair trade product fairs, documentary screenings, social events, and lectures by prominent experts. As a new group with many big ideas on the horizon for future semesters, we will need all the help we can get in running our club!

Are you interested in becoming a vital part of our organization, helping us plan events and moving the group forward? We are having board elections next week, so now is the time to

apply! You can run for any of our positions ranging from President to Organizational Committee Member. Just download the application from our website <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/deltagdp> and submit it by Friday 4/24. Contact us at [deltagdp@columbia.edu](mailto:deltagdp@columbia.edu) with any questions. It's a great way to make economic development a concrete part of your student life, and to get leadership experience!

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