

“

When you face up to bad things in the past, the most important thing is not to allow them to happen today, or in the future, and as storytellers, we must play our part in that”

- Michelle Yeoh (Actress)

”

PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



ZAINAB AJIDELE

Ms Ajidele is a passionate dental hygiene student driven by a strong desire to improve people’s oral health and overall well-being. Pursuing a career in dentistry allows her to combine my interest in healthcare with a love for helping others.

Beyond academic pursuits, Zainab feels privileged to be a part of P-COC, a remarkable non-profit organization dedicated to supporting initiatives that exclusively advance race, color, and ethnicity equity for persons of color, emphasizing cultural expression, fair treatment, advocacy, and education for all. As a staff member, she also appreciates participating in tabling events, where she has the opportunity to engage with people from diverse backgrounds and spread awareness about P-COC’s initiatives.

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS HERITAGE MONTH

During Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, our Nation celebrates the diversity of cultures, breadth of achievement, and remarkable contributions of brave immigrants who, motivated by the promise of possibilities, picked up their lives and found new homes here; of native peoples who have stewarded these lands since time immemorial; and of community leaders shaping a brighter future for us all. Throughout our history, they have represented the bigger story of who we are as Americans and embodied the truth that our diversity is our strength as a Nation.

Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AA and NHPs) represent us at every level of government, including Vice President Kamala Harris, the first Vice President of South Asian descent, and Ambassador Katherine Tai, the first Asian American United States Trade Representative. From historic Oscar-winning performances in film to achievements across business, culture, sports, and civil rights, AA and NHPs have shaped and strengthened the fabric of this Nation.

Despite the immeasurable ways AA and NHPs enrich this country, we continue to see persistent racism, harassment, and hate crimes against these communities. Attacks on Asian American women and elders have left too many families afraid to leave their homes and too many loved ones traumatized. Hate must have no safe harbor in America, and every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

Prominent Asian American Pacific Islanders

Mabel Lee was a suffragist who mobilized the Chinese community in America to support women’s right to vote. Because Chinese immigrants were not considered citizens, the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, which removed voting restrictions on the basis of sex, did not give Mabel the right to vote.

Lee was involved in the suffrage movement throughout college. Her May 1914 essay, “The Meaning of Woman Suffrage,” argued that suffrage for women was necessary to a successful democracy. The extension of democracy (through voting) and “equality of opportunities to women” was, she stated, the hallmarks of true feminism. In 1915, the Women’s Political Union started a Suffrage Shop and invited Lee to give a speech. Covered by the New York Times, her speech “The Submerged Half” urged the Chinese community to promote girls’ education and women’s civic participation.

Yuri Kochiyama was a Japanese American political and civil rights activist. During World War II, the U.S. government forcibly removed her and her family to an incarceration site for Japanese Americans. For fifty years, Kochiyama spoke out about oppressive institutions and injustice in the United States.

Dr. Margaret “Mom” Chung, was the first Chinese American woman to become a physician. She founded one of the first Western medical clinics in San Francisco’s Chinatown in the 1920s. During World War II, she and her widespread network of “adopted” sons, most of them American soldiers, sailors, and airmen who called her “Mom,” became famous



Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/28/a-proclamation-on-asian-american-native-hawaiian-and-pacific-islander-heritage-month-2023/>
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/aapiheritage/people.htm>

RECENT EVENTS

Under the Theme: Bringing Humanness into Humanity featuring the Ethnicity Jazz Swing for Seniors Program

Community Outreach Committee

The P-CoC's Ethnicity Jazz Swing for Seniors Program co-sponsored a nonet concert through a Music Performance Trust Fund to bring a delightful time of jazz music to senior citizens at VISIONS Selis Manor in New York City, which is part of a nonprofit organization for the blind and visually impaired. Feedback from the director included a request for another performance in the future, as both the director and participants truly enjoyed it. Participants reacted to every change in the music, every nuance in a solo, and each mood conveyed by the musicians in their playing

S.A.L.T. Symposium | Initiated and led by High Schoolers

Student Ambassador Leadership Trailblazers Team

Step into the world of student-led innovation and inspiration at the recent Student Ambassador Leadership Team Symposium. Student leaders took the stage to share thought-provoking poems reflecting on lived experiences to enlightening presentations shedding light on lesser-known historical figures and their societal impact. Attendees were treated to discussions on strategies for fostering equity in today's society, leaving them with a renewed sense of purpose and possibility. Witness the magic of this spectacular event through excerpts of short video presentations on P-CoC's website, showcasing the remarkable talents and leadership of our student ambassadors.

Links : <https://www.p-coc.org/media>

UPCOMING EVENT

JUNETEENTH FOOD & FUN FESTIVITY

P-CoC Inc Emancipated Celebration led by the Community Outreach Team

BUY P-COC BRANDED PRODUCTS AND SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Purchase from P-CoC or a sponsor

Make a purchase from our sponsors or from us- **details on our site**, or see us at our tabling events.



Everything African and Custom Tailoring

Massage and Spa

P-CoC Inc presents
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
Live Music, Food, Raffle, Family Fun

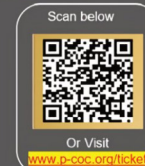
annually
SECOND SUNDAY
from 1 pm - 5 pm
Month of JUNE

location across
Metro-North station
In Hastings On Hudson, NY
www.p-coc.org

Join P-CoC's Juneteenth festivity and more to enjoy exotic culinary delights, assorted music from live bands, family-friendly activities, and the chance to win exciting raffle prizes!
A celebration you don't want to miss!

No Entrance Fee: \$0 Special Pre-Pay Offer:

- Individual Pre-Pay Incentive: \$20
 - ❖ A \$5 Meal Ticket
 - ❖ Double Entry into All Raffle Drawings
- Family Pre-Pay Incentive: \$50
 - ❖ Free toy for kids (while supplies last)
 - ❖ Double Entry into All Raffle Drawings (up to 4 persons)



Send Inquiries to info@p-coc.org

Date & Location:
SECOND SUNDAY OF JUNE | 1 pm - 5 pm
131 Southside Ave., Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706 [Zinsser Commuter Lot]

In the vision of P-CoC Inc. lies a world enriched with a tapestry of ethnicities, where each thread is equally valued and celebrated. At the heart of our work are pillars that guide us in advancing our mission through educational journeys, ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to flourish, unimpeded by barriers of race, color, and ethnicity.

P-CoC Inc Mission

A professional charity society laser-focused on race and color equity for persons of color, supporting ethnicity, cultural expression, fair treatment, and education for all

Contact PR Team at: pcocrelations@pcoc.org